

KEY STEPS

of the BiR&D Master of Science Thesis Programme 2011

February 2011 Call launch	Pre-launch at raising awareness event, followed by effective launch via website www.birdbelgium.com
March– May 2011 Projects preparation by students and supervisors	A period of 12 weeks is foreseen to allow the students of the different faculties and possibly universities to prepare the proposals together with their supervisors.
31st of May, 2011 Submission deadline	The submissions can be done only in electronic version pdf version to the website www.birdbelgium.com , signed by coordinating professor, deadline 31 May 2011.
June – July 2011 Jury deliberation process	The jury takes 4 to 6 weeks to select the maximum six projects. The exact timing respects the faculty specifics. The coordinator of the participating teams will be notified on the jury decision through email by the BiR&D secretariat, followed by a contact from the project follow-up leader, member of BiR&D..
July – Nov 2011 Start of the selected project, and first payment	Exact timing respects the university specifics. Payment of the first allocation (50% of total grant), after check of the effective start-up by BiR&D follow-up team.
Feb-March 2012 Midterm review and second payment	Progress review by a BiR&D follow-up team with the students and university supervisors, followed by second payment.
July – Sept 2012 Submission of the finished theses	Submission of the written theses, after being released by the faculties, in electronic form to the same confidential part of www.birdbelgium.com by the coordinating professor. It is understood that a thesis can take two years to complete
Sept – Nov 2012 Evaluation of submitted Theses and selection Awards	A jury composed of representatives from the BiR&D member companies will evaluate the submitted Master of Science Theses and select the Awards winners.
Early 2013 Master of Science Thesis Award ceremony	Master of Science Thesis Award ceremony in Belgium in presence of dignitaries and representatives of Universities and BiR&D-members.