The prize for the "Best scientific production in ICST (Information and Communication Sciences and Technologies) on the Plateau de Saclay" is awarded each year to the research work of doctoral students from the ED STIC of Université Paris-Saclay and from IP Paris doctoral school (from the IDIA and ICE fields) for their excellence. The aim of this prize is to energize and motivate doctoral students by rewarding them and exposing their work to the community, particularly to young researchers starting their thesis.

Each year, between 4 and 8 prizes are awarded, each with a maximum value of 1000 euros. The jury, composed of researchers in the field of ICST from the Plateau de Saclay will award a first prize in ICST from ED STIC and a first prize in ICST from ED IP Paris as well as a set of accessits. The jury reserves the right to reward, via a special jury prize, a scientific production of one or more PhD students carried out during a collaboration between research teams from the University of Paris-Saclay and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris.

This prize is intended to promote all types of scientific production by doctoral students: articles, evaluation campaigns or production of hardware and/or software systems. For each category, a proof of recognition of the work will be required: communication in a journal or conference with a program committee for an article, attested results for an evaluation campaign that may include a publication, demonstration at a conference or other event for a software, etc.

Only work carried out during the thesis is eligible.

The selection criteria taken into account by the jury in designating the winners are in particular the originality of the results, the originality of the field and the methods used, the importance and impact of the results obtained, and of course the quality of the medium used to disseminate the results.

Winners of the previous editions of the prize (known as the ED STIC prizes) cannot be nominated in 2020.

The official presentation of the prizes takes place at the beginning of the academic year, during the welcome meeting of the PhD students of each doctoral school. Candidates undertake, in case of selection, to present their work in a didactic way (accessible to a non-specialist public). On this occasion, the recipients will receive a cheque for an amount ranging from 500 to 1000 euros (1000 euros for the first prize).
Application form

Any research work produced **between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020** and before the date of the defense may be submitted. For communications, the date of acceptance will be considered, for participation in evaluation campaigns the date of submission, for the production of software the date of online publication, for the demonstration of systems the date of acceptance or demonstration.

**The application file must include:**

- A standard form (to be downloaded from the LabEx Digicosme website, https://digicosme.lri.fr) indicating the name(s) of the doctoral student(s) and his/her supervisor(s), the host laboratory, the pole (ED STIC) or domain (ED IP Paris), the type of production, and the thesis start date;

- An access to the production allowing its evaluation and which can include, as an example, one or more of the following elements: pdf file, website link (for experiments, software), demo video (for experiments, software), installation link (for experiments, software);

- An explanatory document (attached to the form) giving all the information enabling the jury to assess the scientific quality of the contribution and its national or international, academic or industrial visibility. For conference or journal articles, this includes at least a copy of the evaluation reports, the acceptance rate (conference) or impact factor (journal). For an evaluation campaign, one expects the ranking obtained and the number of candidates as well as the website describing the campaign and its results. For a software, in addition to the link to the software repository, its number of users and/or downloads.

In case of several authors/contributors, the role and percentage of participation of each should be explicit.

- A letter supporting the application for the thesis prize will be sent directly by email by the thesis director(s) to the co-presidents of the jury (pascale.legall@centralesupelec.fr, alain.denise@universite-paris-saclay.fr, amel.bouzeghoub@telecom-sudparis.eu).

Applications will be submitted on https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=stic20 **by 24 June 2020 at the latest.**

**Important dates**

- Launch date: May 30, 2020
- Application date: between 10 June 2020 and 24 June 2020
- Jury: September 2020
- Dissemination of results: after the jury
- Award ceremony: November 2020 - date to be specified