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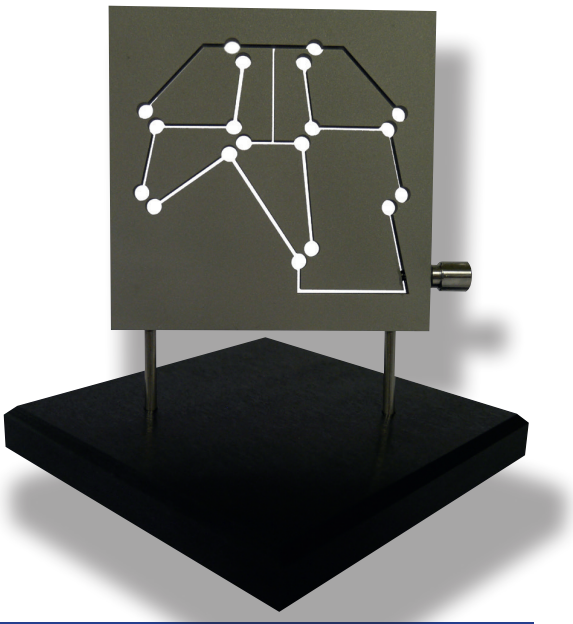


The Wim van der Hoek Award is an annual prize awarded to the student with the best graduation project in the field of mechanical engineering. In 2025 the prize will be awarded for the 20th time.

Who will you recommend for the **Wim van der Hoek Award 2025**?

Recommend your best graduate before September 5, 2025

We are requesting technical universities and colleges in the Netherlands and Flanders to submit their students' graduation reports before 5 September. An expert jury assesses the reports and selects the nominees from them; In the evening (September 22, 29 and October 6) these nominees give a presentation to the jury via Teams, who then chooses a winner based on presentation and report. The winner will be announced on November 13 at the Precision Fair.

The winner will receive 250 euros, an original trophy and a framed certificate. The other nominees will receive a certificate. All nominees may submit an abstract for the DSPE Conference 2027 and if awarded the opportunity to give a lecture or display a poster (with or without demonstration), participate in the DSPE Conference 2027 free of charge (date September 22 and 23 2027).

Background

The prize is intended to bring greater attention to the area of design in mechanical engineering. The name of the prize refers to Emeritus Professor Wim van der Hoek, who from 1962 to 1985 laid the foundations for the unique Dutch method of design in mechanical engineering at TU Eindhoven.

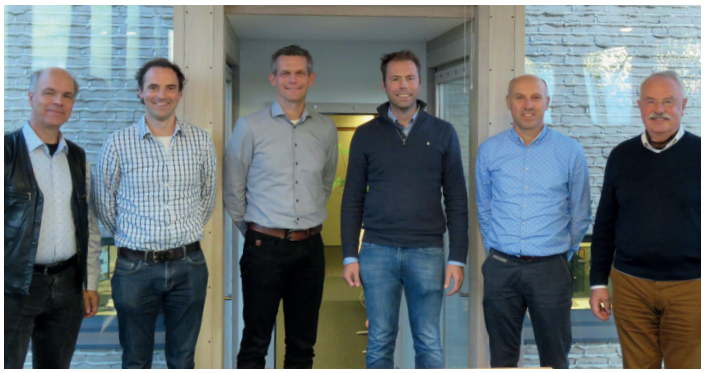
Criteria

Graduation reports from the academic year 2024/2025 may be submitted if the graduation date is between 1 Augustus 2024 and 31 July 2025.

When assessing the graduation reports, the quality of the design, substantiation and innovativeness of the chosen solutions are the criteria, as well as the possibility to serve as an example in the book Construction Principles. Candidates must be nominated by the graduation supervisor, graduation teacher or lecturer/professor

Sponsors

The trophy has been manufactured by Leiden Instrument Makers School LiS; the prize money is offered by Dutch Society for Precision Engineering.



The jury

The 2025 jury consists of: Chairman Jos Gunsing (MaromeTech), Johan Vervoort (Vervos), Marc Vermeulen (ASML), Maurice Teuwen (JPE), Hans Steijaert (Vanderlande Industries) Wouter Vogelesang (VH Consult).

WIM VAN DER HOEK AWARD

Who will you recommend for the **Wim van der Hoek Award 2025**?



The trophy is shaped after the so-called parallel-slit mechanism. When the screw on the lower-right is turned the mechanism will move allowed by the elastic hinges. The geometry has been chosen such that the 2 edges of the parallel-slit (middle upper position) will move in parallel very accurately. This principle is applied in many sorts of precision equipment and products.

Submission before 5 September
Please send the following information about the nominee to **info@dspe.nl**:

1. Digital copy of their graduation report
2. Profile of the nominee, including a description of his/her skills and personality (max. 250 words).
3. Personal emailaddress and phonenumber of the nominee.
4. Passport photo in colour of the nominee.

Please explain clearly what we may and may not mention in DSPE's communications. Points 2 and 4 are used for announcing the nominee through various communication channels.

After the assessment of the nomination by the jury, you will receive a message whether you are among the nominees.

At www.dspe.nl you can read more about previous winners and what the jury is looking for.

Presentation
The ceremony for the Wim van der Hoek Design Engineer Prize 2025 will take place on Thursday, 13 November 2025, at 16:15 on the last day of the Precisiebeurs Precision Fair in the Brabanthallen Den Bosch. The nominees, their parents, supervisors and fellow students are cordially invited. In the afternoon at 11:30 we invite the nominees and their graduation supervisors and the jury at the stand of the DSPE for a lunch together. You will receive a personal invitation in October.



The winner of the Wim van der Hoek award 2024
Jan - Pieter Rijstenbil TU/e.

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