4th edition of Big Data Talent Awards

Terms and conditions of the call

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1. BIG DATA TALENT AWARDS

The Big Data Congress will be the meeting point for professionals, suppliers and companies that want to develop or are carrying out projects in the field of Big Data & Data Analytics, extracting data value. The Big Data Talent Awards is structured within the Congress and organized by the Center of Excellence in Barcelona Big Data sponsored by Oracle.

1.1. Aim of the award

The Big Data Talent Awards have the objective to recognize the doctoral theses and master or postgraduate final projects related to Big Data and Data Analytics with more socioeconomic impact and with the biggest technological innovation.

1.2. Organization and sponsoring

The 4th edition of the Big Data Talent Awards is organized by the Center of Excellence in Big Data in Barcelona and it is sponsored by Oracle.

1.3. Target

Students that have presented their doctoral thesis or their master or postgraduate final project within the course 2017-18 in catalan universities.

1.4. Categories

The award goes to the projects with an improvement of the technological innovation and with greater socioeconomic impact. There are two categories:

- Category I: master or postgraduate final project
- Category II: doctoral thesis

1.5. Deadline

The call for the proposals will be open until next 28th of September, 2018 at 12h noon.
1.6. *Submitting of the proposals*

The proposals must be submitted by an application form: [https://www.tfaforms.com/4682063](https://www.tfaforms.com/4682063)

**The proposals must include the following information** (maximum 10 pages with Arial 11 and single spaced):

- Email and telephone number
- Name of the project
- Name of the student (with Identification Number)
- Contact address
- Category of the project
- University
- Description and objective of the project
- Challenge solved and technological innovation
- Socioeconomic Impact
- Slides of the Project (optional)

1.7. *Process and judging criteria*

The participation in this call supposes the full acceptance of its regulations.

The process for the evaluation of the projects has two stages:

**Stage I. Finalist selection:**
After the close of the call (28th of September 2018 at 12 noon) a Technical Committee composed of professionals of the Big Data CoE will evaluate the projects according to the following criteria and weighted differently depending on the category of the project:

- **Category I**
  - Originality and creativity
  - Technological innovation
  - Level of definition and maturity of the project
  - Problem that solves or need of covering
  - Competitive advantages, impact and socio-economic benefits

- **Category II**
  - Originality and creativity of the solution
  - Problem that solves or need of covering
  - Level of definition and maturity of the project
  - Results and socio-economic benefits
  - Impact to the scientific community, participation in congresses and publication in journals (impact factor).

After the evaluation and scoring of all projects by the members of the Committee, the Technical Committee will select the 5 **best projects** by category.
Stage II. Winner selection:
The Jury will share the projects selected by the Technical Committee and will make a final selection of the 3 best projects in each category, which will be the finalists of the Big Data Talent Awards, with the application of the same criteria. The Jury will designate 1 winner project for each category.

The organization reserves the right to declare the contest void in one or both of the categories and not to award any prize in the event that the jury considers that none of the projects subject to its evaluation sufficiently meet the requirements set forth in these rules, or with the minimum quality and technical criteria required for this type of project. However, in the event of a single category being declared void, the organization reserves the right to grant a second prize in the other category.

Actions for Finalists
The finalists will receive a communication from October 15th 2018, regarding his nomination as a finalist.

1.8. Jury

The Jury is composed of experts in Big Data public and private sector.

1.9. Awards

Oracle, as a sponsor of the 4th edition of the Big Data Talent Awards, will offer winners a prize of 1.000 € for category I (final master or postgraduate) and 1.500 € for category II (doctoral thesis).

1.10. Winner notification

The awards to the winners of the 4th edition of the Big Data Talent Awards will take place during the third edition of Big Data Congress, to be held on 24th and 25th of October, 2018 in AXA Auditorium in Barcelona.

1.11. Privacy

Due to the confidential nature of the information provided, the organization of this award, the sponsor, the jury and the technical committee guarantee the confidentiality of the identity of the participants and the content of their projects; as well as any information on their current state of use or development without prior approval from stakeholders.

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1 Regarding cash prizes will apply the relevant tax withholdings
Once the project has been selected as a finalist, the organization of this award will make public the details considered public (project name, responsible entity, responsible person, web address, description, purpose and category).

1.12. **Questions**

For any questions or additional information, you can contact the coordinator of the 4th edition of the awards Big Data Talent Awards.

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