

Knowledge Click

The center for knowledge transfer and valorization specialized in student-research and PhD-research in the non-profit and profit domain and supporting student-entrepreneurship

Intro:

Tilburg University is rooted in the following fields:

- Economics
- Business Administration
- Law
- Social Sciences
- Humanities and Theology

The field in which Tilburg University operates is of direct relevance to contemporary social issues. Our faculties and scientific institutes are actively involved in making their knowledge and expertise available to businesses and organizations through initiatives aimed at collaboration, knowledge transfer and valorization of scientific knowledge.

Science and practice are linked in Knowledge Click, the center for knowledge transfer and valorization. The center mediates in assignments between Tilburg University on the one hand and profit and non-profit organizations on the other.

Results 2011:

Almost 470 research requests were carried out, 25% in non-profit domain.

56 students are supported in their activities to start as an entrepreneur

social relevance is the red thread throughout our work

Methods:

There is a permanent staff of 6 people as well as 16 student mediators contracted by the university for 8 hours a week. They are the representatives of the four university faculties: economics, law, social sciences, and humanities - theology. These people build a bridge for knowledge transfer and valorization between university and society: as mediator between clients of Knowledge Click - the external civil society - and as scientific researcher and representative of the academic knowledge.

Knowledge Click enables students to explore the civil society and to serve and use their academic knowledge for questions as relevant to society. In addition, the knowledge transfer offers also a surplus value to their academic education and entrepreneurship.

The students make a link between scientific knowledge and questions from the civil society. The student mediator takes care for the contact between the questioning organization and the researcher. Under supervision of a scientific researcher of the university the student researcher will make a report to be published by Knowledge Click. The theme of his bachelor's or master's thesis is related to a research question from a municipality, a NGO, a SME or a partner in the civil society.

- What is the question?
- What is the relation between the research fields of Tilburg University?
- In what way can we take care for a well-founded answer?
- In what way can we valorize the knowledge in the society?

This process of intake, process coordination and publishing results for a non-academic audience is leading for the people in the center: valorization of knowledge.

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