

Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Drones*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the *Drones* 2021 PhD Thesis Award. This prize is intended to be granted to a Ph.D. student or a doctor who has produced a highly anticipated academic thesis that shows great potential.

2021 PHD THESIS AWARD

The award has been granted to: "ACTIVE VISION BASED EMBODIED-AI DESIGN FOR NANO-UAV AUTONOMY" By Dr. Nitin J. Sanket, University of Maryland, College Park, USA.

As the winner, he will receive CHF 800 and a certificate.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I congratulate Dr. Nitin J. Sanket on his accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the nominated research groups for their contributions to *Drones* and to thank the Award Committee for voting and helping with the award process.

Prof. Dr. Diego González-Aguilera Editor-in-Chief, *Drones*



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