



Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *JMSE*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the 2023 Best PhD Thesis Award. This award is for a PhD student or recently qualified PhD who has produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential.

## 2023 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD WINNER

The award has been granted to:

“Transport of Microplastics in Shore Substrates: Roles of Polymer Characteristics and Environmental Processes”

By Qi Feng, Concordia University, Canada

The winner will receive CHF 800, an electronic certificate and a chance to publish one paper with a CHF 500 discount in *JMSE* after peer review before the end of 2024.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I congratulate the winner on her accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the applicants for submitting their exceptional theses, and thank the Award Committee for voting and helping with this award.

Prof. Dr. Tony Clare  
Editor-in-Chief, *JMSE*