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Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Polymers* is inviting applications for the *Polymers* 2023 Best PhD Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to a PhD student or recently qualified PhD who has produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential. The applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee led by the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Alexander Böker.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- The candidate must be a PhD student or recently qualified PhD who has produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential;
- The PhD thesis must be their original work;
- The PhD thesis must be defended between 1 January 2023 and 31 October 2023.

Required Application Documents:

- An executive summary of the PhD thesis in English of around 3000 words;
- A letter from the PhD supervisor recommending the candidate for consideration for this award;
- The candidate's CV, including a list of publications connected with the thesis;
- An electronic copy of the PhD thesis;
- A scanned copy of the PhD diploma (or certificate of studying at a school or research institute as a PhD student preparing to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses).

Selection Criteria:

- Quality of resume and publications;
- Relevance of the candidate and research description;
- Novelty of the candidate's PhD thesis;
- Strength of the recommendation letter;
- Anticipated academic potential;
- Originality and impact of the research.

Prizes:

- Bonus (CHF 800);
- Certificate;
- Offer to publish one paper free of charge in *Polymers* after peer review before the end of 2024.

The application deadline is 10 November 2023. The winner will be announced on the *Polymers* website by the end of January 2024.

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