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## 2023 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD FOR A PHD STUDENT OR RECENTLY QUALIFIED PHD

Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Symmetry* is inviting applications for the *Symmetry* 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. Dr. Sergei D. Odintsov.

### **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 in 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 going 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 *Symmetry* after peer review before the end of 2024.

The applications must be submitted online at: <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/symmetry/awards/2322> before 31 January 2024. The prize will be awarded at the end of April 2024.

