

Dear colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Water*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the *Water* 2021 Best Ph.D. Thesis Award. This prize was granted to a doctor, who has produced a highly anticipated academic potential thesis.

The award has been granted to:

"Innovative nitrogen conversion to enhance wastewater and sludge management" by Zhiyao Wang, The University of Queensland, Australia.

The winner will receive 800 CHF, a certificate, and a chance to publish a paper in *Water* in 2022.

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On behalf of the evaluation committee, I would like to congratulate the winner on his accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the nominated research groups of the abovementioned exceptional thesis for their contributions to *Water*, and thank the award committee for voting and helping with this award.

Prof. Dr. Jean-Luc PROBST Editor-in-Chief, *Water*

