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The journal *Applied Sciences* (MDPI, Switzerland, ISSN 2076-3417, [mdpi.com/journal/applsci](https://mdpi.com/journal/applsci)) is inviting applications for the *Applied Sciences* 2021 Best Ph.D. Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to a Ph.D. student who is about to graduate or participate in the graduation thesis. The applications will be assessed by an Evaluation Committee consisting of senior scholars from the *Applied Sciences* Editorial Board.

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- a. The candidate must be a Ph.D. student who is going to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses.
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