

Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Children* (MDPI, Switzerland, ISSN 2227-9067, mdpi.com/journal/ children) is inviting applications for the *Children* 2021 Best PHD Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to a PhD 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 *Children* Editorial Board.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- a. The candidate must be a PhD student who is going to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses.
- b. The PhD thesis must be original work.
- c. The PhD thesis must be defended between 1 January, 2020 and 31 December, 2021.
- d. Applicants are required to submit the following documents:
- An executive summary of the PhD thesis in English, of around 3000 words;
- A letter from 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.

## 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

- One winner;
- Bonus (800 CHF);
- Certificate;
- Offer to publish a featured paper in *Children* with the article processing charge (APC) waived before the end of 2022.

The winner will be announced on the journal website in May 2022.

## How to apply?

Please submit your application online.

The application deadline is 31 March 2022. The winner will be announced on the *Children* website by the end of May 2022.

Please feel free to contact us at children@mdpi.com with any questions.



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