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2021 BEST PH.D. THESIS AWARD FOR PHD STUDENTS

Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Forests* (ISSN 1999-4907, <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/forests>) is inviting applications for the *Forests* 2021 Best Ph.D. Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to two Ph.D. students who are about to graduate or participate in a graduation thesis. The applications will be assessed by an Evaluation Committee led by the Editors-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Timothy A. Martin.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The candidate must be a Ph.D. student who is going to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses.
- The Ph.D. thesis must be original work.
- The Ph.D. thesis must be defended between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021.
- Applicants are required to submit the following documents:
 - An executive summary of the Ph.D. thesis in English, of around 3000 words;
 - A letter from the Ph.D. 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 Ph.D. thesis;
 - A scanned copy of the Ph.D. diploma (or certificate of studying at a school or research institute as a Ph.D. 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 Ph.D. thesis;
- Strength of the recommendation letter;
- Anticipated academic potential;
- Originality and impact of the research.

Prizes:

- Bonus (CHF 500);
- Certificate;
- An offer to publish a featured paper in *Forests* with a 50% discount on the article processing charge (APC) before the end of 2023.

How to apply?

Please submit your application online.

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

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

