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The journal *Genes* (MDPI, Switzerland, ISSN 2073-4425, https://www.mdpi.com/journal/genes) is inviting applications for the *Genes* 2022 Best Ph.D. Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to a PhD student who is about to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses in the field of genes. Applications will be assessed by an Evaluation Committee consisting of senior scholars from the *Genes* Editorial Board.

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– The candidate must be a PhD student who is going to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defenses.
– The PhD thesis must be original work.
– The PhD thesis must be defended between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.

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– An executive summary of the PhD thesis in English, of around 3000 words;
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– Quality of the resume and publications;
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– Novelty of the candidate's PhD thesis;
– Strength of the recommendation letter;
– Anticipated academic potential;
– Originality and impact of the research.

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