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The journal *Catalysts* (MDPI, Switzerland, ISSN 2073-4344, mdpi.com/journal/catalysts) is inviting applications for the *Catalysts* 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 *Catalysts* Editorial Board.

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 March 2021 and 31 December 2021;
- Applicants are required to submit the following documents:
 - a. An executive summary of the Ph.D. thesis in English, of around 3000 words;
 - b. A letter from Ph.D. supervisor recommending the candidate for consideration for this award;
 - c. The candidate's CV, including a list of publications connected with the thesis;
 - d. An electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis;
 - e. 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 (800 CHF);
- Certificate;
- Offer to publish a featured paper in *Catalysts* with the article processing charge (APC) waived before the end of 2022.

How to apply?

- Please submit your application online.
- The application deadline is 31 January 2022. The winner will be announced on the *Catalysts* website by the end of April 2022.
- Please feel free to contact us at catalysts@mdpi.com with any questions.

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