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Dear colleagues,

The journal *Crystals* (MDPI, Switzerland, ISSN 2073-4352, <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/crystals>) is inviting applications for the *Crystals* 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 defense. The applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee consisting of senior scholars from the *Crystals* Editorial Board.

Eligibility Requirements:

- a. The candidate must be a Ph.D. student who is going to graduate or participate in graduation thesis defense.
- b. The Ph.D. thesis must be original work.
- c. The Ph.D. thesis must be defended between 1 September, 2020, and 31 August, 2021.
- d. 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.

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.
- Offer to publish a featured paper in *Crystals* with the article processing charge (APC) waived before the end of 30 June 2022.

The winners will be announced on the journal website in September 2021.

How to apply?

- Please submit your application online.

The application deadline is 1 September. The winner will be announced on the *Crystals* website by the end of September 2021.

Please feel free to contact us at crystals@mdpi.com if you have any questions.

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