

Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Horticulturae* is inviting applications for the Best PhD Thesis Award. This prize will be awarded to a PhD student or doctor who has produced a highly anticipated academic potential thesis. The applications will be assessed by an evaluation committee led by Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Luigi De Bellis.

## **Eligibility and Requirements:**

(a) The candidate must be a PhD student or a doctor who has produced a highly anticipated academic potential thesis.

- (b) The PhD thesis must be their original work.
- (c) The PhD thesis must be defended in 2022.
- (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 the 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 (or certificate of studying at a school or research institute as a PhD 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 PhD thesis;
- Strength of the recommendation letter;
- Anticipated academic potential;
- Originality and impact of the research.

## Prizes:

- Bonus (CHF 800);
- Certificate;
- Offer to publish a featured paper in *Horticulturae* with the article processing charge (APC) waived before the end of 2023.

The application deadline is 31 Dec 2022. The winner will be announced on the *Horticulturae* website by the end of March 2023.

The applications must be submitted online.

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

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