

Best PhD Thesis Award

Institut Polytechnique de Paris

The Institut Polytechnique de Paris will award annually three prizes to the students who have produced the best PhD thesis and made the most outstanding contributions in one of the following fields: Physics; Biology and Chemistry; Information, Communications, Electronics; Computer Science, Data, and Artificial Intelligence; Engineering, Mechanics, and Energetics; Economics, Management, and Social Sciences; and Mathematics.

Eligibility

All theses defended during January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, in a laboratory member of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) (in one of the two doctoral schools - ED IP Paris or EDMH, with an IP Paris diploma) from all the fields of research mentioned below are eligible for the “IP Paris Best PhD Thesis Award”.

Application

The application must contain:

- A pro forma application (the link will be announced soon).

And a single **pdf file** including:

- Applicant’s CV
- An Executive Summary of the PhD thesis, of no more than 5 pages, highlighting the contribution and the novelty of the research work and the impact of the research work measured in terms of dissemination of the PhD outputs into the scientific community.
- An electronic copy of the PhD thesis.
- The reports from the thesis defense (i.e., comprising both the two reports submitted by the rapporteurs before the defense and the defense report)
- A letter from their main PhD supervisor and from the PhD co-supervisor (if applicable) recommending the candidate for consideration for this award. This letter should explain why the candidate should receive this award. This should address the contribution of the thesis and not just repeat the information in the thesis summary.

Furthermore:

- Between one and three letters of recommendation from experts in their field (outside their thesis committee) recommending the candidate for the prize are required.

Each candidate will be able to choose a main field and if the thesis is interdisciplinary, a secondary field may be chosen.

Important Dates

- Application Site Opening: 15th of January 2022
- Deadline of Submission: 25th of February, 2022
- Submission of letters of recommendation: between 26th of February and 15th of March 2022
- PhD Thesis Award Committee: End of May-Beginning of June 2022
- Dissemination of results: after the jury
- Award ceremony: July 2022 - date to be specified (during the PhD Graduation Ceremony)

The Awards

Each year, 3 prizes are awarded: Best Thesis Prize (5000 euros), 2nd Prize (3000 euros), and 3rd Prize (2000 euros). Changes can appear if there are ties.

The official award ceremony takes place during the doctoral graduation ceremony.

During this event, the finalists will be invited to present their research work.