

Doctoral program in Mechanics

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DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD IN MECHANICS

The Doctoral Thesis Award in Mechanics is awarded yearly for one outstanding PhD thesis written by an EDME PhD student. The prize is organized and awarded by EDME.

Art. 1 – Description

The prize is awarded to the author of the most outstanding PhD thesis in the research field of Mechanics. Top PhD theses are nominated for the prize at the conclusion of the PhD private defense (oral exam). The EDME Commission members act as jury and evaluate the nominees and select the best PhD thesis. To be considered for the award, the private defense of the PhD thesis must have taken place during the period of May 1st of the previous year to April 30st of the year when the prize is awarded.

Art. 2 – Process

The candidates are nominated for an award by the jury at the oral exam. The nomination for any award leads to a nomination for the EDME Award. This nomination is indicated in the official record (PV) of the oral exam. The following documents will be considered by the jury:

- The link to the complete thesis
- The abstract of the thesis
- The Curriculum vitae (CV) and publication list of the nominee
- A recommendation letter written by the supervisor

The selection procedure and the financial management of the award are organized by EDME. The votes and deliberations of the award jury are confidential.

Art. 3 – The Award

The award consists of a certificate and a financial recognition of CHF 1000.-, funded by the doctoral program in mechanics (EDME).

The award is attributed once a year to a single winner and presented to that person at the annual Mechanics Day.

Art. 4 – The Jury

The EDME commission members act as award jury. The program director acts as Chairman.

A jury member cannot attribute a vote to a student whom he/she supervised. The Chairman is responsible for the jury organization. Decisions are taken by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall prevail. The jury's decision cannot be appealed.

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