

EMS PhD Thesis Prize (2023)

Rules

1. The EMS PhD Thesis Prize will be awarded for an outstanding PhD thesis in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, mathematical physics or statistics.
2. Normally, the EMS PhD Thesis Prize will be awarded biennially, but an award may be withheld if no eligible work of sufficient merit has been published.
3. The prize will be £500.
4. The deadline for date of the PhD viva for the previous award cycle was 19/1/2021. In order to allow some flexibility we will accept nominations for PhD vivas since 1st December 2020 which were not nominated in the previous award cycle.
5. The PhD thesis must be submitted to a Scottish university.
6. A candidate cannot be a trustee of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society nor have previously been awarded an EMS PhD Thesis prize.
7. The prize(s) will be awarded by the Society's General Committee, which shall set up a Prize Committee to advise it.
8. The Convener of the Prize Committee shall normally be the President. Its members will normally be chosen from Scottish Universities, with due consideration being made for academic breadth, geographical spread, gender balance, and other aspects of equality, diversity and inclusion. No-one eligible for a prize may serve on the Prize Committee.
9. The General Committee may waive any of the above rules in special circumstances.

Conventions

1. As a first step, all members of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society are invited to make confidential nominations for the prize accompanied by a short (approx. 150 words) supporting statement.
2. Members of the Prize Committee are entitled to make nominations and the Prize Committee is responsible for ensuring that no strong candidate is overlooked.
3. Those making nominations are asked to assist in obtaining a nomination letter from the Head of Department where the PhD was obtained presenting the case for the academic excellence of the research contained in the PhD thesis. The nomination letter **must** include a URL where the thesis can be downloaded **without any restrictions** and should indicate the date of the viva. The names and contact details of a referee should also be provided, this would normally be the external examiner.
4. The Prize Committee screens the nominations and makes a preliminary list of candidates for further consideration. After references are obtained the Prize Committee makes a final recommendation.

5. The General Committee has decided that the value of the prize to be awarded should be £500. Exceptionally, it is possible to award two prizes each of the full amount if the Prize Committee wishes to make such a recommendation.
6. Note that in Rule 4, PhD viva refers to the viva on the basis of which the award of the degree of PhD was recommended.
7. The Society's trustees are the members of its General Committee.
8. When possible, award of the prize(s) is made at the Annual General Meeting.