

## EDMX Schweizerischer Verband für Materialwissenschaft und Technologie Award

### Preamble

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Founded in 2023, the SVMT PhD Award is given annually to one outstanding doctoral thesis within the EPFL Doctoral Program in Materials Science and Engineering, which made a significant contribution to materials science.

A nomination to the EDMX [Thesis Distinction 8%](#) automatically implies a nomination to the SVMT Award.

### Application

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Applications are first selected by the thesis jury during the oral examination (private defense), where it is unanimously agreed that the work satisfies the standards of excellence defined in the first paragraph above.

The nominees whose oral thesis exams take place between 01.10.xx to 30.09.xx (*following year*) are considered for the award of a given calendar year.

The thesis advisors submit the applications to EDMX, which should arrive no later than September 30. They must contain:

- 🔗 A motivation letter from the PhD Thesis Director, clearly stating why the thesis work represents a major advancement in materials, and in which respects it stands out among EDMX theses
- 🔗 A CV from the candidate, including a list of publications.

The evaluation criteria for the SVMT PhD Award are the following:

- 🔗 Scientific excellence based on the novelty and scientific depth of the thesis in the field of material science.
- 🔗 Impact of the work (papers/patents) published within the framework of the PhD thesis within the material science field.
- 🔗 Creativity and uniqueness of the taken experimental approach or concepts introduced.
- 🔗 Clarity of the written document and the illustrations.

### Prize

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- 🔗 The SVMT PhD Award consists of a certificate and a financial recognition of CHF 1'000.-.  
It is awarded at the EDMX Research Day.