

Physics Doctoral Thesis Award (EDPY Award)**Preamble**

Founded in 2014, the Physics Doctoral Thesis Award (EDPY Award) is given annually to one outstanding doctoral thesis within the EPFL Doctoral Program in Physics, which has produced a highly significant advance in physical sciences.

A nomination for [the EPFL Doctorate Award](#) automatically implies a nomination for the EDPY Award.

Application

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

The nominees whose public defenses 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 EDPY, which should arrive no later than September 30. They must contain:

- ✎ A motivation letter from the PhD advisor-s, clearly stating why the thesis work represents a major advancement in physics, and in which respects it stands out among EDPY theses
- ✎ A CV from the candidate, including a list of publications and scientific presentations (conferences, research institutions, etc.)

Prize

- ✎ The EDPY Award consists of a certificate and a financial recognition of CHF 3'000.-, supported by both EDPY and the School of Basic Sciences (SB).
It is awarded at the SB General Assembly (in December), together with the corresponding prizes in Chemistry and Mathematics.
- ✎ As of 2021, a financial recognition is also given to the second and third laureates, respectively of CHF 1500.- and CHF 500.-, as well as a certificate.
They are awarded at the General Assembly of the Institute of Physics (in December).