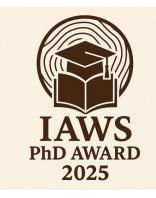# Call for nominations

IAWS recognizes outstanding doctoral research through three award categories

◊ **1st Place** – Medal and a cheque of **USD 1,000**
◊ **2nd Place** – Certificate of Achievement signed by the IAWS President
◊ **3rd Place** – Certificate of Achievement signed by the IAWS President

- **Presentation Opportunity:**
  All awardees will be invited to **present their research** at the **IAWS 60th Anniversary Celebration Event and Symposium**, taking place on June 1–4, 2026, in **Zurich, Switzerland**.

- **Eligibility Criteria—** Nominations are open to candidates who meet the following requirements:

  1. **International PhD Degree** The nominee must have earned their PhD from a university or institution **outside their home country**, in line with IAWS's aim to foster and recognize international academic collaboration.

  2. **Recent Graduation** The PhD thesis/dissertation must have been **defended between August 15, 2024, and August 14, 2025** (i.e., within one year before the submission deadline).

  3. **Relevant Research Field** The nominee's doctoral research must be **directly related to wood science, wood technologies**, or **wood-based bioproducts**.

- **Submission Guidelines:** All nomination materials must be submitted in **English** and include the following:

  1. **Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)**
  The nominee's CV should include:

  - Full name and email address
  - Home country
  - Country where the PhD degree was obtained
  - Title of the PhD thesis/dissertation and date of defense (if applicable)
  - Name, institution, and email address of the PhD supervisor
  - List of published or in-press papers related to the PhD research

  2. **Extended Abstract (1 page):** A concise summary of the PhD thesis/dissertation outlining the main objectives, methods, and key findings.

  3. **Recommendation Letter:** A signed letter from the nominee's PhD supervisor, supporting the nomination and briefly describing the significance of the research.

The nomination documents can be submitted by the nominee student or the student's supervisor. These documents must be sent by email no later than **August 14, 2025**, to the **Academy Board Chair**, Professor Shusheng Pang (shusheng.pang@canterbury.ac.nz), and the **IAWS Secretary**, Professor Rupert Wimmer (rupert.wimmer@boku.ac.at).