

BESIII PhD Thesis Award Policy

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BESIII PhD Thesis Award:

“BESIII PhD Thesis Award” is designed for students who have distinguished themselves by performing outstanding contributions to BESIII in the related areas (physics analysis, software, computing, hardware, etc.) in the context of a Ph.D. thesis.

- **Criteria:** The theses are judged on their content, originality, clarity of writing, and impact within BESIII in general and can be written on any BESIII-related work (physics analysis, software, computing, hardware, etc.)

- **Language:** The theses should be written preferentially in English. If the thesis is written in another language, the application should also include additional material (Internal notes/publications/presentations/posters ...) written in English.

- **Award:** Up to maximum 3 prizes will be awarded each year. The winner will receive a certificate and an opportunity to present their research work in a plenary session of the BESIII Winter Collaboration meeting.

- **Nominations:** The nominations for the Thesis Award are invited from PhD advisors or senior scientists with PhD supervisor qualification of the home institute of the PhD. The nomination should be sent to the chair of the committee via email, including all the documents enclosed (zip file), with the subject “BESIII PhD Thesis Award: NN”, where NN is the name of the candidate.

The following material should be included:

- (1) A letter of recommendation from the PhD advisor or a senior scientist of the home institute (the candidate PhD report can be added if existing);
- (2) A letter of recommendation from a senior scientist who is not from the home institute of the PhD and knows very well on the thesis work;
- (3) A web link to an electronic copy of the thesis; If the thesis is not written in English: a link to a zip file containing the additional materials written in English;
- (4) A two-page summary of the thesis in English;
- (5) A CV with a list of contributions to BESIII, internal notes or publications related to the thesis and presentations given by the candidate in BESIII internal meetings, as well as academic workshops and conferences.

BESIII PhD Thesis Award Committee:

- **Composition:** The committee is composed by **seven** people representing the various areas of BESIII activities and with various scientific seniorities: **one from IHEP, three from other Chinese institutions, and three from institutions outside China.** The committee members and chair are appointed by the executive board (EB) and ratified by the Institutional Board (IB). The chair of the committee organizes the activities inside the committee.

- **Terms:** The terms of committee members are three years and renewable (maximum six years). For the initial members, two members will have one-year terms, three members (including the chair) will have two year terms, and two members will have three year terms.

Responsibility: The responsibility is to **develop the implementation rules**, select and decide the awardees of the PhD Thesis Award based on their outstanding contributions to BESIII in the different areas (physics analysis, software, computing, hardware, etc.) in the context of a PhD thesis.

- **Calls and timing:** The yearly call for nominations will be sent out to the whole BESIII Collaboration via email in August in each year. The deadline for the nomination request is Sep. 30. The PhD theses should be completed during Oct. 1st in the last year and Sep. 30 of the year. The awardees for the PhD Thesis Award will be announced at the BESIII Winter Collaboration meeting of the year.

- **No good candidates:** In case no suitable or enough candidates have been identified by the committee members, the committee may decide no available awardee for a particular year.

- **A web page and communication:** Information of the composition and responsibility of the committee will be publicized in the BESIII web page, which is yearly updated with the list of the awardees. The prize winners will be advertised broadly inside and outside the BESIII Collaboration.

- **Diversity and gender issues:** The members of the committee should be aware about diversity issues and unconsciously bias, and should consider equality of the applicants from different countries, subjects and genders.