Call for Nominations

EDAA Outstanding Dissertations Award 2027

In recognition of the importance of university research to the advancement of design, automation and test, and to encourage young researchers to work in the field, EDAA has established an award for outstanding Ph.D. dissertations in 4 categories:

Topic 1 – New directions in systems design methods and tools, simulation and validation, embedded software design and optimization for embedded, cyber-physical, secure and learning systems.

Topic 2 – New directions in system-on-chip platforms co-design, novel architectures for future computing in design flows, and power management.

Topic 3 – New directions in logic, physical design and CAD for analog/mixed-signal, nano-scale and emerging technologies (such as quantum-, neuromorphic- or biological computing).

Topic 4 – New directions in safety, reliability, security-aware hardware design, validation and test

In each category, one award can be given. Each award consists of a 1000 € prize and certificate. The awards will be presented at the DATE 2027 conference, where the awardees must be present.
Eligibility: all Ph.D. dissertations which have been **defended in the last 2 years before the submission deadline**. The **total reporting time should not be more than 6 years since the start of the PhD** that should clearly be stated in the applicant CV.

Nominations shall be submitted electronically and shall contain, **in a single file (PDF)**:

- an indication of the category (one only),
- an extended statement explaining the outstanding contributions of the thesis,
- the PhD Thesis, preferably in English – a PhD thesis which is written in a language other than English must be accompanied by sufficient published material in English so that the committee can judge the contributions and quality of the PhD work,
- a CV and a list of related publications,
- at least 3 reference letters of experts in the respective fields in support of the nomination, with at least one reference letter from a different university.

Awardees must be present at DATE 2027 to receive the Award.

Deadline for nominations is **December 13th, 2026 at 23:59:00 (AOE)**.

The nominations must be submitted electronically, exclusively in PDF format, through the following URL address: **http://www.edaa.com/awards**

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