



**CLEAN SKY ACADEMY AWARD  
FOR THE BEST PhD THESIS  
IN APPLIED SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING  
FOR AERONAUTICS**

***The Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking is pleased to announce the fourth edition of the Award to distinguish young scientists who have recently completed a PhD thesis in scientific fields related to Aeronautics.***

**The Award** aims to highlight outstanding achievements of scientists and researchers at the start of their careers.

**Award Rules and Procedures**

**1) Selection**

An Open Call is launched, with the closing date on **March 1st, 2019, 5:00 PM.**

The Jury of independent experts (the Clean Sky Academy PhD Award Committee) will select a shortlist of at least three candidates to be invited to the Aerodays Conference, May 27-30, 2019, Bucharest, Romania, for the Award Ceremony.

The evaluation criteria will be based on the Horizon 2020 criteria for scientific & technological excellence and for impact.

**2) Eligibility**

Candidates may be PhD students or PhD graduates who have submitted their PhD theses on a topic related in part or in full to any area of the Clean Sky (2) Programme (a Call for Proposal project or a work package area / project in the Clean Sky or Clean Sky 2 programmes).

Candidates should have submitted their thesis no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

The PhD thesis must have been approved at a University or a Research Organization in the European Union or in Countries associated to Horizon 2020.

The candidates are required to submit the application form (see template attached).



The PhD Thesis may be written in any of the European Union official languages. Candidates are required to submit a copy of at least 1 relevant peer-reviewed publication (journal paper, conference paper, etc.) written in English.

**The application form template has to be completed in English.**

Applications should be submitted electronically to [phd-award@cleansky.eu](mailto:phd-award@cleansky.eu) and must include:

- the application form template duly completed
- an electronic copy of the thesis (PDF)
- a copy of at least one relevant peer-reviewed publication

Candidates / theses who have participated to previous editions of the Clean Sky PhD Award are no longer eligible.

**3) Financial Support**

Travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses incurred by the shortlisted candidates to attend the Award Ceremony at Aerodays in Bucharest, Romania will be reimbursed by Clean Sky.

Prior to participation, the selected candidates are expected to present travel and accommodation plans to Clean Sky for approval.

**4) Prizes**

The winner and second / third place entries will receive an Award, an Award Certificate, and a free entrance ticket to the Paris Air Show Le Bourget 2019.

**5) Key Dates**

**March 1, 2019– 5PM-** Deadline for submission of Application Packages as pdf files to the CS PhD Award Committee Chairman: [phd-award@cleansky.eu](mailto:phd-award@cleansky.eu)

**April 15, 2019-** Decision of Jury - Selected candidates (3) will be informed.

**May 27-30, 2019 –** Aerodays 2019 Award Ceremony for the best PhD, Bucharest.

The application form template is available [here](#)