

Call for Nominations: IAWS 2026 PhD Thesis/Dissertation Awards

The International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS) invites nominations for its 2026 PhD Thesis/Dissertation Awards, which honour exemplary collaborative doctoral research in wood science, wood technologies, and wood-based materials. Nominations must be submitted by 15 September 2026.

Award structure

- Three awards will be conferred: First, Second, and Third Prize. All recipients will receive certificates signed by the President of IAWS.
- All of the prize recipients will additionally be eligible for financial support of up to USD 1,000 each (amount determined by travel costs/distance) to attend an international conference in 2027 at which IAWS is involved in conference organization and/or sponsorship.

Eligibility criteria

- The candidate must have been awarded a PhD by an institution located in a country other than the candidate's country of origin, thereby demonstrating international collaboration.
- The PhD defence must have occurred within the one year preceding the nomination deadline (i.e., between 15 September 2025 and 14 September 2026, inclusive).
- The doctoral research must be in the fields of wood science, wood technologies, or wood-based materials.

Submission requirements (all documents in English)

1. Curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages), including:
 - Candidate's full name and email address
 - Candidate's country of origin
 - Country where the PhD degree was awarded
 - Title of the PhD thesis and date of defence (if applicable)
 - Name, institutional affiliation, and email address of the supervisor
 - List of publications and/or in-press manuscripts related to the PhD research
2. Extended abstract of the PhD thesis/dissertation (maximum 1 page).
3. Letter of recommendation from the candidate's supervisor.

Nominators and submission

- Nominations may be submitted by the candidate or by the candidate's supervisor.
- Complete nomination packages should be emailed to both:
 - Professor Shusheng Pang, IAWS Academy Board Chair
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 - Professor Rupert Wimmer, IAWS Secretary
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For inquiries regarding eligibility or submission, please contact Prof. Pang.