

2026 Dissertation Award Submission Guidelines

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About the Dissertation Award

The Flux Society is committed to investing in the scientific and professional development of its trainees. To this end, we are pleased to announce the Flux Student Dissertation Award. The purpose of this honor is to recognize an exceptional dissertation by one of the Societies trainee members.

Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Originality of the work
- Excellence of the work
- Significance of the work
- Rigorousness of the work
- Commitment and promise to the field
- Engagement in science communication and outreach
- Efforts to foster open science
- Advocacy for diversity and inclusion

Eligibility

Thesis defense for eligible scientists must have occurred in the year of the conference or the year before. Self-nominations are also welcome. **Note:** It is only possible to be nominated once for this award.

Award Submission Deadlines

Award submission open: January 5, 2026

Award submission close: February 27, 2026

How to Submit

You do not have to be a member of Flux to nominate or to be nominated for the 2026 Dissertation Award. If selected, the nominee will be required to become a member of Flux. All award nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee.

Application Materials

- **Nomination Letter:** The nomination letter must clearly explain how the nominee fulfills all the specified criteria. The letter should be no longer than two pages, using Arial font, size 11, and single spacing.
- **Three papers:** Include three papers that should be emphasized in the evaluation (preprints and unpublished manuscripts are also accepted).
- **Nominee's CV**