

Best Master Thesis Award 2026

Swiss Systematics Society (SSS)



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The Swiss Systematics Society is committed to supporting young scientists at the beginning of their careers. Each year, we present the **SSS Master Thesis Award** to recognize an outstanding contribution in the field of systematics at the Master's or Bachelor's level.

Eligibility

- Thesis must have been submitted to a Swiss university within two years of the submission deadline.
- Candidates may apply directly or be nominated by their supervisors.
- Applications should include the thesis and, if available, any resulting publications or submitted manuscripts.

Submission deadline: 30 September 2026

Selection process

A jury composed of two members of the SSS board and one external referee will evaluate the submissions. Selection will be based on:

- originality and quality of the research,
- the strength of the systematics component,
- and clarity of presentation.

Award

The winner will receive:

- a cash prize of **CHF 300**,
- a three-year honorary membership with the SSS,
- and the opportunity to present their Master's project at **SSSDay in November 2026**, where the award will be officially conferred.

Apply now!

Submit your application to: swissystematics@gmail.com

Past master prize holders are listed here:

https://swiss-systematics.ch/de/events/past_activities/past_master_prizes