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Swiss Nanotechnology PhD Award

The Swiss Micro- and Nanotechnology Network is offering **four prizes** each of 2'000 CHF for **excellent scientific first-author publications** in the field of **Nanotechnology** and **Nanoscience** published by **PhD students** in 2025/2026 sponsored by:



The prizes will be awarded at the Swiss Nanoconvention 2026 which will take place as a session of the MNE 2026 conference ([MNE 2026 – Micro-Nano Engineering 2026, Interlaken, Switzerland](#))

Requirements:

The work should have been conducted at a Swiss university or research institute and written up in an English manuscript. This manuscript must have been appeared (at least) online in a peer-reviewed journal in 2025 through Jun 2026.

The application must include:

- 1) A nomination letter by the PhD advisor (not longer than one page)
- 2) A curriculum vitae of the PhD student including a list of activities & publications (not longer than 2 pages)
- 3) A short summary stating the importance of the work (max ½ page)
- 4) A pdf copy of the manuscript of the published work

All pdf-files of 1) through 4) must be **merged into a single pdf** that takes the name of the PhD student. This **single pdf document** must be **submitted** by email at the latest by **15.08.2026** to the following address:

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Communication of the prize:

The prize winners will be introduced on the website of the Swiss Micro- and Nanotechnology Network and the award will be handed over by a representative of the sponsor companies at the Swiss Nanoconvention 2026, which will take place on September 24th, 2026, as part of the MNE Conference in Interlaken.