



EFCE Excellence Award in Drying and Freeze-drying

The EFCE presents a biennial Excellence Award to recognise a PhD thesis published in the preceding three-year period, which demonstrates an outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in drying and freeze-drying. This document describes how this award series will operate and the rules and procedures governing nomination and selection of candidates.

The award will comprise:

- A plaque/certificate
- A cash award of €1500
- A travel grant (not exceeding €500) to attend the European Conference on Drying, where the award will be presented

The award will be presented during a Plenary of the biennial Eurodrying Symposium.

The first EFCE Excellence Award in Drying & Freeze-drying will be presented at the 7th European Drying Conference (conference website: <http://www.eurodrying2019.com>) to be held in Torino on 10-12 July 2019. PhD theses published between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2018 may be nominated for evaluation, with a closing date of

31 MARCH 2019.

Eligibility

- The award is presented to researchers or engineers in the early stage of their careers, who have made excellent contributions to Drying & Freeze-drying in the process industries.
- Nominations may be submitted by
 - PhD supervisors at a PhD-awarding institution in an EFCE member country, or
 - Members of a national or regional member association of EFCE
- Self-nominations are excluded
- No more than **one** nomination can be submitted by the same person
- The nominated PhD must address a topic relevant to the field of Drying & Freeze-drying.
- The nominated PhD thesis must have been published (or deposited in national libraries) during the three calendar years preceding the closing date for nominations.
- The nominated PhD thesis must have been completed and published (or deposited) and the PhD degree examined and awarded.

Nomination procedure, supporting documentation and closing date

- **Nominations should be submitted** via the online submission tool. More details can be found at <https://efce.info/ExcellenceAwardDrying.html>
- **Supporting documentation:** nominations should be submitted as a single package and **must** contain the following information:
 - Name, address and CV of nominee
 - Name and address of nominator
 - Title of the publication
 - Date work commenced
 - Two letters of recommendation (no more than two pages each), from two independent referees outlining the key contribution to drying and freeze-drying and stating clearly why the contribution is considered to be truly outstanding and thus deserving the Excellence Award.
 - An extended abstract in English (maximum 10 pages) containing the following information must be included:
 - summary,
 - problem addressed,
 - state of the art,
 - key innovations,
 - applications, implementations and results,
 - references.
 - Upon request a copy of the thesis, as published
- **Deadline:** nominations must be submitted to reach the Excellence Award Committee no later than March 31st of the year before the 7th European Symposium on Drying. *Late nominations will be rejected.*

Publication of selected work

The successful candidate will be invited to make a presentation at the European Symposium at which the Award is presented. The presentation will be published in the proceedings of the Symposium.