



We are pleased to launch the annual *Coatings* Award for a Young Investigator. This prize will be given to a young investigator in recognition of her/his excellence in the research field of coatings related scientific research, technology development and policy and management studies.

Nominations will be assessed by an award committee chaired by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Alessandro Lavacchi, and composed of Editorial Board Members.

2017 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Eligibility Criteria:

- A one-page personal statement detailing ground-breaking research and significant contribution to the advancement of the field;
- No more than 5 years since conferral of a PhD degree (by September 2017);
- Two nomination letters from established scientists;
- A two-page CV and an updated publication list.

Notes for the compilation of the application:

The candidates should be nominated by at least two established scientists. Self-nomination is not allowed. The nomination letter should highlight the young scientist's achievements and contribution to the field, preferably confirming his/her capacity to carry out independent research. A minimum font point size of 10 should be used for the preparation of required documents. More information can be found on *Coatings* at: <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/coatings>.

The award will consist of: (1) **2000 CHF** (Swiss Francs); (2) an offer to publish a paper free of charge without a fixed deadline in *Coatings*; (3) an engraved plaque.

The competition for 2017 *Coatings* Young Investigator Award will be opened in September and closed by the end of October 2017. Please send your nominations to the *Coatings* Editorial Office at coatings@mdpi.com by **31 October 2017**.