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.

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