CSChE Best PhD Dissertation Award

Terms of Reference
This award recognizes and outstanding Canadian doctoral dissertation that contributes to the advancement of the field of chemical engineering. The nominated dissertation must be from the calendar year prior to when the award is given.

Deadline
March 1st of every year

Award
First and second prizes – plaques. The awardees will be invited to give a keynote presentation at the Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference.

Eligibility
• The dissertation work must have been completed in a graduate chemical engineering program of a Canadian university.
• The nominated dissertation must be from the calendar year prior to when the award is given, i.e., the date printed on the dissertation cover page must be from the prior year.
• The nominee must be a member of the CSChE.

The nomination package must include:
• Nomination letter by the nominator (maximum 3 pages)
  The nomination letter should include a concise statement describing the student’s theoretical as well as practical contributions made in the work. This is particularly important for manuscript-based dissertations where multiple authors may have contributed to the work.
• Curriculum vitae, in which the nominee’s research contributions are listed (maximum 2 pages)
• Dissertation synopsis – abstract (maximum 2 pages)

Submission of Nomination
Nominations for CSChE Awards are submitted electronically through ScholarOne.
• A PhD supervisor is limited to a single nomination per year. Self-nominations by students will not be accepted.
• Nominations for this award are valid for one year only.

Evaluation Criteria
Nominations will be evaluated based on the following:

i. Scientific and technical quality of the research;
ii. Contributions to the advancement of chemical engineering;
iii. Originality of the research; and
iv. Clarity of presentation.
Selection Committee

- CSChE Awards Director as Chair of the Committee
- Student Affairs Director
- Publications Director
- One other representative from the CSChE Board of Directors

*Note:* The award shall be presented annually unless the Selection Committee considers that no suitable candidate has been nominated.

List of Recipients

2020 Winners

First place: Nadia Shardt, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Second place: Nariman Yousefi, McGill University, Montréal, QC