



SIDRA Annual Award for PhD Theses in Systems and Control Engineering

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- SIDRA establishes an annual Award in recognition of the best PhD Theses defended in the area of Systems and Control Engineering at an Italian University.
- The Theses will be evaluated by a Committee consisting of renowned experts in the field. The members of the Committee will be nominated by the SIDRA directory board every year.
- The Committee will evaluate the Theses received after the call according to their technical and scientific relevance (both in absolute terms and relative to the subjects). The criteria for the award are: originality of scientific content, innovation, clarity of exposition and author's research autonomy.
- The Committee will grant a maximum of two Awards per year. Each Award consists of a diploma and of a prize of 1,000 Euros given to the winners during the annual SIDRA meeting to be held in September.
- For the 2026 Award the Committee will consider PhD Theses defended in the period **June 1st, 2025 - May 31, 2026**.
- The winners will be notified by the end of July 2026 and are expected to present the winning thesis at the SIDRA annual conference *automatica.it*, that will take place in Parma from 2 till 4 September 2026.

After successful completion of the final PhD defense, the candidates may apply for the Award by providing the following documentation to SIDRA:

1. Copy of the final version of the Thesis
2. Copy of the final assessment by the local Doctorate Committee after completion of the PhD program
3. An abstract of the Thesis summarizing its innovative aspects, main results, theoretical contributions, and possible applications (maximum 2 page A4, format pdf, line spacing 1.5, character size 12)
4. A recommendation letter from the thesis Advisor of the candidate assessing:
 - a. the value of the dissertation in terms of its scientific relevance, and
 - b. underlining the reasons why the thesis deserves the award
5. Application form
(Application form_PhD Award_2026.pdf, Application form_PhD Award_2026.docx)

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All material has to be submitted as a unique .zip file named as LastnameFirstname.zip at the address: <http://www.automatica.it/phdsubmit> before **June 15, 2026, h. 24:00 CET**.

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