Control & Automation Doctoral Dissertation Prize

An award of £500 will be given to a recently graduated PhD student to recognise their research excellence in the field of Control & Automation.

Criteria
The award is open to all relevant PhD students who were awarded their PhD in the general area of Control and Automation, at a UK university, between 1st October 2015 up to 30 September 2017.

Nominations and how to apply
Nominations must be received by the advertised closing date, using the downloadable form - https://communities.theiet.org/communities/files/56/13157. Nominations may be made by anybody, including the student and must be supported by letters from three to five referees – further details given on the form. The nominee should write a personal statement, which clearly points out the contribution of the thesis, of less than 1000 words.

Judging
In awarding the prize, the judging panel will take into account both the dissertation and the statements of the referees and the nominee. The award will be made based on the quality of the dissertation only, and will not be made based on any other contributions made by the nominee outside of the dissertation. Decisions will be regarded as final and no further correspondence relating to the allocation of the award can be entered into after the decision has been announced. The judging panel reserves the right not to make an award.

What do our winners say about the award?

"I am very pleased and honoured to receive this prestigious award. During my Ph.D studies, I had the opportunity to work on a very challenging topic that demanded a lot of hard work and well-articulated thoughts. I am glad that the results obtained were published in a number of journals in different disciplines such as Automatic Control and Industrial Electronics, corroborating the theoretical and practical advantages that were proposed in the thesis. The IET Doctoral Dissertation Award represents an invigorating experience that remind me the merits obtained from an open mind and hard work and also encourage me to always pursue the highest standards in my scientific career".


"I am delighted and honoured to receive the 2016 IET Control & Automation Ph.D. Award. During my Ph.D. studies I always worked to connect theoretical results with applications. I found that many control theoretical results can benefit other research fields, such as the ones of power systems and power electronics. This award is an incentive to continue pursuing a research direction in which theory and practice have equal importance."

Giordano Scarciotti, 2016 winner.