

## **SPARC PhD Prize**

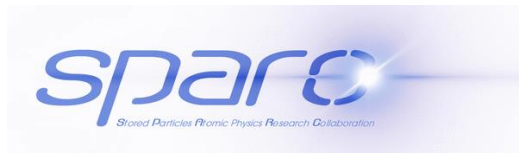
To encourage and motivate the young scientists to participate in the SPARC research program, we establish a yearly SPARC award for the best PhD thesis compiled in the frame of the SPARC collaboration.

### **Eligibility**

- The SPARC PhD Prize is open to students who successfully completed their PhD theses related to the SPARC experimental or theoretical program.
- At the time of submission of nomination for the prize, no more than two years may have elapsed since the date of PhD defence.
- The candidate has to be available to attend the SPARC collaboration workshop at the year of nomination.

### **Nomination Procedure**

- Applicants are nominated by their PhD supervisor.
- Nominations must be submitted per email to the Chair of the Selection Committee and must consist of:
  - A letter of nomination from the PhD supervisor in which the impact of the nominated work for SPARC program is described. Letter should not exceed one A4 page.
  - The CV of the nominee, including full list of publications.
  - An electronic copy of the PhD diploma with the date of the defence. (If for whatever reason it is not possible, another confirmation of when the defence was held must be provided.)
  - An electronic copy of the PhD thesis.
  - If the PhD thesis is written in a language other than English, a short summary of its main results (in English, maximum half a page) should be presented together with an electronic copy of the thesis.



## **Selection procedure**

- After the nomination deadline, which will be defined in each year depending on the dates of SPARC collaboration meeting, the Chair of the Selection Committee will send all nominations to the SPARC board members.
- The SPARC board members will be asked to select three candidates based on the documents available and to rank them. The ranked lists from the board members are to be sent to Chair of the Selection Committee no later than four weeks before the beginning of the SPARC collaboration meeting.
- Should a nominee be from the same group as a member of the SPARC board, this member will automatically be excluded from the final assessment (for this particular nominee).
- Based on the opinions of the SPARC board members the Chair of the Selection Committee together with Spokesperson and both Deputies should define a prizewinner. The decision has to be communicated to the SPARC board before the beginning of the collaboration meeting and has to be announced in the next *SPARC News Letters* edition.
- One SPARC PhD Prize will be awarded each year.

## **Awarding of the prize**

- The prize will be awarded every year during the SPARC collaboration meeting.
- The prizewinner will be asked to make a presentation about her/his work at the special session of the SPARC collaboration meeting.