



SAMG Best Student Thesis Award 2026

Call for proposals

WE WANT YOU!

Are you writing a **Bachelor-, Master or Semester thesis** at a Swiss university or university of applied sciences in the field of **additive manufacturing**?

In 2026, the Swissmem industry sector Swiss Additive Manufacturing Group (SAMG) is offering for the third time the “**SAMG Award**” for outstanding Bachelor’s or Master’s theses on any aspect of additive manufacturing.



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The award comes with prize money of **CHF 1,500** (1st prize), **CHF 1,000** (2nd prize) and **CHF 500** (3rd prize).

The call is aimed at prospective graduates from Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences who submit their written thesis on an industry-related topic in the field of additive manufacturing **between September 2025 and August 2026**.

Swissmem’s SAMG industry sector looks forward to your application and wishes you every success with your thesis!

Take advantage of this opportunity, because innovation deserves to be rewarded!




Ralf Schindel
President SAMG



Dr Adriaan Spierings
Head of SAMG industry sector

General information

Theses submitted for the award must have a strong industrial connection. The solutions and results developed should have the potential for implementation in industry. These may address aspects along the entire value chain of additive manufacturing:



Topics relating to new business models that are made possible by additive manufacturing are also welcome.

“Best Thesis Award 2026 – Additive Manufacturing”

Swissmem Swiss Additive Manufacturing Group (SAMG) industry sector

Registration

Please register by **September, 18th 2026** at the latest by using the QR code to get to the award and registration website. For registration you need the following information:

- Full thesis, incl. Abstract*
- Management Summary and description of the industry relevance: max. 1 page
- Name of the university of applied sciences/university, institution
- Thesis supervisor (*incl. salutation & title*)
- Evaluation documents and final grade incl. signature of supervisor
- Applicant's contact details incl. private e-mail / tel. **
- Applicant's short CV



* If a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) is necessary, please inform the organizer!

Expert panel

The expert panel consists of representatives from the Swiss research ecosystem as well as industry representatives from Swissmem's SAMG industry sector.

- Martin Hofer, *CEO of Feramic AG*
- Dr Maxim Konter, *Chief Engineer Materials and Processing, GE*
- Nicoals Bouduban, *CEO Swiss m4m*
- Prof. Dr. Matthias Höbel, *FHNW*
- Dr. Daniel Omidvarkarjan, *FH-Ost*

Evaluation criteria

The jury evaluates the thesis submitted on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Innovative content, new ideas, solution approach (independent comprehensibility of the thesis)
2. Scientific content, derivations, quality of research/sources, own contribution
3. Quality of written work submitted, succinctness, explanation of complex issues
4. Potential for industrialization (linking theory and practice)
5. Final grade for thesis
 - Criteria 1 & 4: Weighting 2x
 - Criteria 2 & 3: Weighting 1x
 - Criterion 5: Weighting ½x

Award ceremony

The “Best Thesis Award in Additive Manufacturing” will be presented at the SAMG Annual General Meeting most probably on November 4th or 5th 2026. All members of Swissmem's SAMG industry sector, as well as the participants and supervisors, will be invited to this event. The finalists will present their thesis to the event attendees (*max. 10 min*).

Organizer

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Disclaimer

All documentation submitted will only be made available to the Jury members and treated confidential. The presentation will be made available to the members and other interested parties.

At no point is the expert panel obliged to give reasons for its decisions on the eligibility and evaluation of theses. The panel's decision is final. Audio, image and video recordings may be made during the event. These will be processed, stored and publicly disseminated.