

Dissertation Prize 2027

Call for applications

The Swiss Society of Sport Science (4S) biannually awards the 4S Dissertation Prize to support early-career researchers. Selected finalists will present their work in a 3-minute session (i.e., My Diss in 180 seconds) at the 18th Annual 4S Conference in Basel 2027.



Eligibility

Sports science dissertations (cumulative or monograph) accepted between 16 November 2024 and 15 November 2026 at a Swiss university or completed abroad by a Swiss citizen.

Assessment

Submission of an abstract focusing on clear and compelling argument regarding the scientific and/or social relevance. The abstracts must exclusively refer to the dissertation already assessed by the official referees.

Authors of selected submissions will give a concise presentation of their work at the 18th Annual 4S Conference, focusing on its scientific and/or social impact and supported visually by a graphical abstract.

Prizes

1st = CHF 1'500; 2nd = CHF 1'000; 3rd = CHF 500

Application

The following documents must accompany the application:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Eligibility declaration + copy of the dissertation approval
3. Statement from the advisor explaining why this dissertation is outstanding (max. 300 words)
4. Dissertation
5. Abstract (max. 1500 words without references)

Email all documents to Dr. Michael Wälchli at michael.waelchli@unifr.ch
4S Board Member for promotion of early-stage researchers

Deadline: 15 November 2026