**Woodruff Thesis Prize 2024**Application Proforma

The Woodruff Thesis prize is awarded annually by the Thin Films and Surfaces Group of the Institute of Physics for the best PhD thesis in the stated year. The value of the prize is £250 and was established to encourage and recognise high quality research and scientific writing in the field of thin films and surfaces.

Nominations must be made using the following form and submitted to the Chair of the group, Dr Karen Syres, [ksyres@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:ksyres@uclan.ac.uk), at any time before the closing date of 30th April 2025. In addition to the application form, an electronic copy of the thesis should be submitted (preferably in pdf format).

The qualifying period is the calendar year 2024 during which time the thesis must have been successfully examined for a PhD (theses originally submitted in 2023 are therefore eligible if the viva date was during 2024). The final version of the thesis, including any corrections, must have been submitted before the closing date. Please note, non-TFSG/non-IOP members can be nominated for the prize provided they are nominated by an IOP member.

**1. Student details**

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| Name of candidate |  |
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**2. Nominating supervisor details**

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**3. Thesis details**

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| Thesis title |  |
| Date submitted |  |
| Date of viva |  |
| Has this thesis been nominated for any other PhD thesis prizes? Please specify. |  |
| Summary of thesis (increase size of box as needed up to one page max). |  |
| Briefly mention up to three key highlights that make your thesis prominent in thin films and/or surface science. |  |
| Publications arising directly from the work contained in the thesis (please state if published, submitted or in-preparation) |  |
| Supporting statement from supervisor (increase size of box as needed up to one page max) |  |