IEEE PES SA Chapter

Call for submissions – Best Thesis Award 2026

The IEEE PES South Australia Chapter is excited to announce the call for submissions for the **Best Thesis Student Award** for outstanding undergraduate thesis in the field of Power and Energy.

As endorsed by IEEE PES South Australia Chapter with a **$250 cash prize and certificate**.

Eligibility criteria:

- An applicant *must* be an *IEEE PES Student Member*.
- The thesis must be completed and submitted during the final year of the student's undergraduate degree.
- The thesis topic should be relevant to the *Power and Energy* field.

Nomination and submission process:

Eligible students from Flinders University and Adelaide University, are invited to submit their thesis for consideration.

Submissions to the *Thesis Selection Committee* to be received by **November 28, 2026**.

Key Dates:

Submission date	November 28, 2026
Winner announced	January 15, 2027

The award will be presented during the IEEE PES South Australia Chapter AGM.

Selection process:

The winner will be selected by the IEEE PES South Australia Chapter committee, including the Chair, Secretary and Senior Executive Members of the IEEE PES South Australia Chapter, in accordance with the criteria set out on the next page.

For more information, please contact the IEEE PES SA Chapter Secretary lui.cirocco@adelaide.edu.au .

With South Australia being a world leader in the energy transition we encourage all eligible students to apply and showcase their innovative work in Power and Energy!

Selection Criteria for the IEEE Student Prize

All thesis submissions will be assessed based on the following five criteria:

- Novelty
- Potential Commercial Value
- Technical Merit
- Theoretical Value
- Thesis Presentation

1. Novelty

Pertains to the degree of novelty in the implementation of an idea (or ideas) in the submitted student's thesis project.

2. Potential Commercial Value

The submitted student's thesis project suitability for immediate development and marketing.

3. Technical Merit

The submitted student’s thesis project's fundamental value regardless of present commercial potential will be evaluated with respect to its system-level and/or its physics-level significance.

4. Theoretical Value

An assessment of the included theory, together with the significance of theoretical aspects of the project in the submitted student's thesis project.

5. Thesis Presentation

How well the submitted student’s thesis project is presented will also be evaluated.