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Call for nominations EFCE Excellence Award in Fluid Separations 2026

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) is pleased to present the call for nominations for the **2026 EFCE Excellence Award in Fluid Separations**. This quadrennial award recognises a PhD thesis of a researcher or engineer which demonstrates an outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in fluid separations.

The award is generously sponsored by **Evonik Operations GmbH**.



The award comprises a certificate, the sum of 1500 Euros, a travel grant of up to 500 Euros, and a fee waiver to attend the International Conference on Distillation & Absorption 2026 (D&A 2026) to be held in Salzburg, Austria, from 30 August to 2 September 2026, where the award will be presented.

Nominations may be submitted by any PhD supervisor at a PhD-awarding institution in an EFCE member country or by a member of an EFCE member society. The PhD thesis nominated must address a topic relevant to the field of **Fluid Separations**, such as distillation, absorption, extraction, membrane separation, chromatographic separation and similar, of any operating scale. Both theoretical and experimental work will be considered, as will work considering both chemical- and bio-separations. Only PhD theses published between 1 January 2022, and 31 January 2026 are eligible for nomination.

Closing date for nominations: **9 February 2026**

Note to nominees: A nominee whose nomination is accepted will be informed by e-mail and requested to submit a summary in English (maximum 10 pages) of the nominated thesis. Deadline: 1 March 2026

Further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, etc. can be obtained from the EFCE website at <http://www.efce.info/ExcellenceAwardFluidSeparations.html>.

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