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## NOMINATION WINDOW FOR KHYENTSE FOUNDATION AWARD OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2018

*Nominations for the KF Award for Outstanding PhD Dissertations in Buddhist Studies, Europe accepted Until December 31, 2018*

(San Francisco, Oct. 1, 2018) -- Nominations for the KF Award for Outstanding Dissertations in Buddhist Studies, Europe will be accepted from October 1 through December 31, 2018. Accredited institutions that offer PhD programs in Buddhist Studies or Religious Studies in Europe, including the UK, are invited to nominate one dissertation that was submitted and/or examined in the academic years 2016-17 or 2017-18.

The \$8,000 award is presented by Khyentse Foundation every two years to the best PhD dissertation in the field of Buddhist Studies. In alternate years, the award goes to the best PhD dissertation in Asia. The dissertation must be based on original research in the relevant primary language or languages, available in English, and it should significantly advance our understanding of the subject or Buddhist scriptures studied.

Nominations must include four separate documents:

- **Letter of recommendation** by a member of the faculty and/or the chair of the department or institution
- **Summary** of the dissertation in English (not more than 2 pages)
- **One representative chapter** of the dissertation
- **Full contact details** for the department and for the author of the dissertation

These documents should be submitted by email to [dissertations@khyentsefoundation.org](mailto:dissertations@khyentsefoundation.org).

A five-person committee will select three dissertations to be read in their entirety by all committee members. The result of the competition will be announced by June 30, 2019.

Past winners of the award include Dr. Chao Tung-Ming of National Taiwan University (2014); Dr. Jens Wilhelm Borgland of University of Oslo and Dr. David Higgins of the University of Lausanne (2015); Mao Yufan of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2016); Christopher V. Jones of St Peter's College, Oxford University (2017); and Wenli Fan of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2018).

If circumstances permit, the recipient of the award will be invited to give a lecture based on his or her dissertation at an institution selected by Khyentse Foundation.

“Strengthening Buddhist studies at the university level is critical for the survival of Buddhism in the world. Academic Buddhist study is the insurance for Buddhist study and practice in the future.”

—Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche, Khyentse Foundation board chair

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