



APPLICATION FOR THE DIPHILOS DISSERTATION PRIZE, 2024-2025 ROUND

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

June 15, 2026

The Association for Coroplastic Studies (ACoSt) is pleased announce the 2024-2025 round of The Diphilos Dissertation Prize. The name Diphilos is known from signatures and monograms found on late Hellenistic and early Roman terracotta figurines from Myrina in Asia Minor. It is believed that Diphilos may have been the proprietor of a coroplast's workshop that eventually was active over several generations.

The Diphilos Dissertation Prize is a biennial monetary award of €1000 that is granted to a recent Ph.D student for an accepted dissertation that focuses on coroplastic material from the ancient Mediterranean or Near Eastern worlds from the Neolithic period through late antiquity. It is understood that the submitted dissertation must be outstanding in making a significant contribution to coroplastic research. This Prize is awarded in support of the eventual publication of the dissertation, so the successful applicant must submit a financial report within two years of the receipt of The Prize detailing how the funds were used in support of the publication of the work, such as a publication subvention for open access. The submitted dissertation cannot already have been published.

Dissertations to be considered for The Diphilos Dissertation Prize for the 2024-2025 round must be submitted within two years of acceptance by the relevant university, and applicants must be members of the Association for Coroplastic Studies at the time of application for the Prize. The Diphilos Dissertation Prize will be awarded every two years, contingent upon the availability of funds and a successful application. For this current round of The Prize only dissertations that have been accepted in 2024 and 2025 will be considered.

The application process

Application for The Diphilos Dissertation Prize constitutes a two-step process. The first step, which must be completed by June 15, 2026, consists of a submission of a 550-word summary of the dissertation in either English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish and up to 20 illustrations, as well as the defense report or equivalent documentation from the applicant's university that the dissertation has been accepted. A cover sheet, available at the end of this document, is required that includes the applicant's name, address, university affiliation, title of the dissertation, and date of acceptance. From all submissions 10 applicants will be invited to take part in the second step.

The second step comprises a more detailed review of the 10 semi-final applications. This includes, for each applicant, the submission of the completed dissertation, whatever its language, the defense report, and detailed plans for the eventual publication of the dissertation. At each step the applications are peer reviewed by a committee comprising knowledgeable researchers recognized for their work in the appropriate subject matter, whose responsibility is to make the final recommendation on the awarding of The Diphilos Dissertation Prize.

The winner of The Diphilos Dissertation Prize will be announced on or about September 15, 2026.

Applications must be submitted digitally to coroplasticstudies@gmail.com with the words "Diphilos Dissertation Prize Application" in the subject field.



COVER SHEET FOR THE DIPHILOS DISSERTATION PRIZE

Applicants must be members of the Association for Coroplastic Studies at the submission of this application. To become a member visit terracottastudies.org/membership

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Please fill out this sheet and submit it with your application to coroplasticstudies@gmail.com Address your questions to coroplasticstudies@gmail.com and write Diphilos Prize in the subject line.

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Email
Title of the dissertation
University or Institution
Date of acceptance of the dissertation
Date of submission of this application
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