



Ambasciata d'Italia a Malta

“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”

Purpose

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) established the *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* to recognize the work of an Italian experienced scientist who has remarkably contributed to the advancement of science and technology (S&T) while performing his/her research abroad, thus improving Italy’s S&T relations with foreign countries and International Organizations.

The award will be presented during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference to be held in 2025 at a date and place to be announced. All fields of science and technology are included under this award. The award consists of an engraved medal and a diploma signed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Eligibility requirements

- The *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* is assigned to an Italian scientist presently active in (Malta), for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of bilateral scientific cooperation in any field of science and technology.
- The nominees should be a resident of the country where they are nominated for the award at least since January 1st, 2020.
- The nomination should be submitted by an eminent scientist who is holding a leading position in a Scientific Academy, University, Research Institute or S&T Department of the Government of the **country** in which the nominee is working. Self-nominations are not eligible, nor are nominations from immediate family members. Teams are not eligible for the nomination. Qualified nominators may be:
 - Heads of University or Scientific Institutions
 - Members of Academies of Science
 - Holders of Research Chairs
 - Full professors

- The nominee should be an independent scientist with almost 10 years of experience since completion of their PhD degree, holding a very good scientific track record and carrying out top level research activities in collaboration with foreign scientists active in the Country where they live and work. Research activities within multilateral organizations are also eligible.
- Age limit: up to 65 years old at the time of publication of this notice

Evaluation Criteria and Selection Procedures

Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific impact of the work presented
- Relevance of the nominee's work for Italian S&T cooperation with Malta
- Nominee's capacity to keep contacts with the Italian scientific community and corresponding potential for significant, long-term international collaboration
- Promotion of young researchers' mobility to and from Italy as a mean to foster the establishment of bilateral research teams
- Nominee's contribution to creative/innovative collaboration models

The Award Committee, chaired by the Head of Office IX of the Directorate General for Country Promotion at MAECI, will be composed by the Presidents and/or Representatives of the major Italian Research and Academic Institutions.

The *Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award* will be presented in 2025 during a Ceremony to be held during the Conference of Italian Scientific Attachés in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

How to Apply

The Call for Nominations will be published on the websites of the Italian Embassy in Malta

Any scientist and scientific institution willing to present a nomination may submit the form herewith enclosed, duly completed, to the following email address: amb.lavalletta@esteri.it

Nomination Form

Nominee

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

Nominator

Name:

Institution:

Present Position:

Postal address:

Email address:

Please send the form to the Italian Embassy of Italy in Malta by the January 15th, together with the following attachments in .pdf file:

1. Short motivation for awarding this prize (maximum 100 words) signed by the “nominator”.
2. Nominee’s major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page).
3. Nominee’s short CV (maximum 2 pages) according to the applicable law in data protection.
4. List of Nominee’s most important publications (maximum 1 page).
5. Nominee’s activities with the Italian scientific community (maximum 1 page)
6. Optional letters of support for the nomination (maximum 2 letters of maximum 1 page each)

The letters of support shall be provided by eminent scientists other than the nominator.

All information provided will be treated according to the Italian Law (Legge 196/2003 and Regolamento UE 2016/679)

Attached 1_TO BE SIGNED BY EACH APPLICANTS

Information on the protection of individuals with reference to the processing of personal data (General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, art. 13)

The processing of personal data required for the purpose of participating in the “Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award” will conform to the principles of lawfulness, correctness and transparency in order to protect the fundamental rights and freedom of individuals.

To this purpose, the following information is provided:

1. The Data Controller is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of the Italian Republic which, in this specific case, operates via Office IX DGSP – tel. 0039 0636913619; + contatti SEDE).
2. For inquiries or complaints, interested parties are entitled to address the MAECI data protection officer / DPO [responsabile protezione dati / RPD] (mailing address: Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione internazionale, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 ROMA, telephone: 0039 06 36911 (switchboard), email: rpd@esteri.it, certified email [pec]: rpd@cert.esteri.it).
3. The personal data requested are needed to participate in the selection procedure of the present the call. The processing of recipients’ personal data is meant exclusively for the purposes of the selection procedure for the award of the prize “Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award”.
4. The legal bases applicable are: the “Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award” selection procedure; the Italian legislation on administrative transparency; the applicant’s consent; the EU Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679). The applications will be dismissed in the following cases:
 - No data are provided, or
 - the applicant’s consent is withdrawn
5. Data processing, performed by especially appointed personnel, will be carried out by manual and automated modalities exclusively for the purposes of the present selection procedure.
6. Personal data provided will be exclusively processed by persons responsible for the selection procedure, whose interest is legitimate according to Italian law, or to whom such data is owed by legal requirements. The recipient’s CV and name will be released to the press.
7. Personal data of the prize recipients shall be retained indefinitely for documentation. The remaining applicants’ personal data shall be retained for a maximum of 10 years after the award ceremony.
8. Applicants may request access to their personal data as well as their correction. Within the limits established by current legislation and without prejudice to any consequences on the outcome of the selection procedure, applicants may also request the cancellation of such data, as well as limitations of – or opposition to - data processing. In such cases, applicants must submit a specific request to the MAECI data protection officer (see art. 1).

9. If you believe your rights have been violated, a complaint may be addressed to the MAECI DPO (see art. 2.). Alternatively, you may contact the Italian Data Supervisory Authority [Garante per la Protezione dei Dati personali] (mailing address: Piazza Venezia, 11 00187 ROMA, telephone: 0039 06 696771 (switchboard), email: protocollo@gpdp.it, certified email: protocollo@pec.gpdp.it)

Date and Place

Signature