

# Call for applications for the granting of the merit award dedicated to the memory of Maria Paola Belloni - Edition n. 10/2026

## Overview

The **Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS** in collaboration with the **Associazione Alumni dell'Università degli Studi di Padova**, with the support of the **Regazzo Family**, hereby announce a competition for the granting of the merit award dedicated to the memory of the Dr. Maria Paola Belloni, passed away in February 2015. She was the President of the Data Medica Padova SpA and Vice President of the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova. Maria Paola Belloni was an enlightened entrepreneur in the medical field of laboratory medicine, diagnostic imaging, occupational medicine and training in the bio-medical sector, a passionate supporter of collaborative projects between the University and the business world in favor of graduates, scholars, students, and researchers of the University of Padua.

## Conditions for participation in the competition

The award is reserved for women and men who have obtained a degree from the University of Padua in one of the master's degree courses, single-cycle master's degree courses related to the Schools of Medicine and Surgery or Sciences of the University of Padua, or in one of the PhD courses at the University of Padua.

Eligible applicants must be **under 38 years of age** as of the publication date of this call (if mothers subtract one year from their age for each child and attach a birth certificate for each child to their application). Their contributions should have demonstrated a commitment to high quality and innovation, and significantly enhanced the positive reputation of the University and its academic excellence.

These requirements should be supported, in addition to the curriculum vitae, by research papers containing substantial contributions, including with an interdisciplinary perspective, to the advancement of research in the medical/biomedical/pharmaceutical field and/or projects in the medical/biomedical/pharmaceutical field to which the candidates have contributed in an independent and original manner, resulting in scientific and/or practical outcomes recognized at least at a national level.

At the same time as submitting their application, candidates are required to register their profile free of charge on the Alumni Association of the University of Padua portal, using the online form available at [www.alumniunipd.it/member-register/](http://www.alumniunipd.it/member-register/)

## Application procedure and deadlines

The application to participate in the competition, addressed to the President of the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS, written on plain paper according to the form attached to this call for applications (Annex A) and signed in original, must be sent by the closing date to **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026** via the electronic form available at the link

<https://www.cognitofoms.com/AssociazioneAlumniDellUniversitaDegliStudiDiPadova/PremioDiMeritoMariaPaolaBelloniDecimaEdizione2026>

using one of the following methods:

- signed with a certified digital signature affixed to the application and to all documents requiring a handwritten signature in a traditional environment;
- signed by hand and accompanied by a copy of the signatory's identity document. All documents requiring a handwritten signature in a traditional environment must also be in the form of signed copies. Copies of these documents must be scanned.

The documents to be submitted together with the application, failing which the candidate will be excluded from the competition, via the electronic form available at the link

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include the following:

- curriculum vitae et studiorum, with particular emphasis on continuity of research, qualifications, including PhDs, specializations, publications, awards received, certification of examinations taken and corresponding grades;
- description of the most significant medical/biomedical/pharmaceutical research and/or projects developed, with particular emphasis on objectives, personal contributions and resulting outcomes and impact. In particular, preference will be given to candidates whose work may yield positive outcomes in terms of cultural, social and human enrichment of the community, as well as new employment and/or entrepreneurial opportunities stemming from the implementation of the research/project's objectives, even in fields beyond their immediate domain. The description must not exceed 6000 characters, excluding spaces;
- copies of publications, works, and project documents. All files must be collected and attached in a single compressed archive in .zip format;
- copy of a personal identification document;
- birth certificate of the child, if applicable.

Applications that do not fully meet the required conditions will not be considered. The participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these regulations.

Any falsification of documents and/or misrepresentation will result in disqualification from the competition or a right of recourse in the event of an award being granted.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

### **Amount of the award and payment method**

The gross amount of the award is Euro **5.000,00** (five thousand/00), including all expenses to be paid by the Institution, and will be paid by the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS.

### **Awarding procedure**

The prizes will be awarded according to the unquestionable judgement of a committee composed of at least three members.

The Committee may consult experts and/or carry out bibliometric/bibliographic research in order to determine the level of quality and innovation and the specific contribution of the candidates.

The evaluation criteria are summarized below:

- curriculum vitae et studiorum (continuity of research, qualifications, publications and awards obtained, projects carried out);
- the candidate's contribution to the research and projects carried out;

- degree of innovation and impact of the activities carried out on the national and/or international scene
- scientific, cultural, social and economic impacts and potential developments in the context of the research/projects carried out.

The Committee reserves the right not to award the prize if, at its sole discretion, none of the applications submitted merits recognition.

The winner will be notified of the award by email at the address provided in the application form and, if applicable, of the date of the award ceremony, which he/she will be required to attend.

### **Person in charge of the administrative procedure**

Pursuant to article 4 of Law 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedure and right of access to administrative documents), the administrative manager of the Association of the Friends of the University of Padua ETS is appointed as the person in charge of the administrative procedure.

Candidates may exercise their right of access to the application documents according to the provisions of Italian Presidential Decree No. 184 of 12 April 2006 (Regulation governing access to administrative documents pursuant to Chapter V of Law 241/90).

### **Processing of personal data**

Personal data collected for the purposes set out in this call for applications is processed in compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 679 of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

The "Data Controller" is the Association of the Friends of the University of Padua ETS, with registered office in Via 8 Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padua, Italy.

The full privacy policy is available from the Data Controller or at <https://www.amiciunipd.it/privacy/>.

### **General Information**

This call for applications will be available on the following websites:

[www.amiciunipd.it](http://www.amiciunipd.it)

[www.alumniunipd.it](http://www.alumniunipd.it)

[www.unipd.it/premi-studio-laureati](http://www.unipd.it/premi-studio-laureati)

Further information and detailed regulations can be obtained directly from the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS, e-mail: [amiciunipd@unipd.it](mailto:amiciunipd@unipd.it)

Padua, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Enrico Del Sole  
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