

## Call for applications for the granting of the degree award

### “LIFELONG LEARNING & LONGEVITY”

The **Associazione Alumni dell’Università di Padova** with the support of Mr. Alessio Baracco hereby announce a competition for the granting of the degree award *Lifelong Learning & Longevity*.

The award aims to recognize the achievements of young people and honor theses that explore the role of education as a driver of social sustainability, with a particular focus on the link between lifelong learning and longevity.

#### Objectives

The Award aims to reward Master's/Single-Cycle Master's theses that analyze how the educational process can support cognitive well-being, professional identity, and social participation throughout the lifespan, and that offer an innovative contribution in the following areas:

- Intergenerational education: a two-way exchange of skills, values, and experiences among young people, adults, and older adults that breaks down stereotypes and strengthens social cohesion.
- Reskilling: a process to enable individuals and organizations to renew their skills, fostering sustainable career transitions and continuous innovation.
- Active Aging: tools, strategies, and attitudes useful for preventing cognitive decline and enhancing cognitive reserve, countering motivational decline and self-exclusion from learning

#### Conditions for participation in the competition

The awards are intended for individuals who, between **1<sup>st</sup> January 2024** and the deadline for this call for applications, have graduated at the University of Padua with a Master's degree or single-cycle Master's degree in any subject and who have worked or are working on a dissertation relevant to the specified topics.

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 Alumni dell’Università di Padova, 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, **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, via the electronic form available at the link

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AssociazioneAlumniDellUniversita%3%A0DegliStudiDiPadova/PremioDiLauraleLIFELONGLEARNINGLONGEVITY> 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, through the electronic form available at the link

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AssociazioneAlumniDellUniversita%3%A0DegliStudiDiPadova/PremioDiLauraleLIFELONGLEARNINGLONGEVITY> failing which the candidate will be excluded from the competition, include the following:

- a copy of the Master's or Single-Cycle Master's dissertation;

- a video presentation the thesis and explaining the reasons for the application (max. 2:30 minutes);
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- copy of a personal identification document.

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**

Two prizes will be awarded, for a total gross amount of € 1.800,00 (one thousand and eight hundred/00), including all expenses borne by the organization, distributed as follows:

- 1 Prize of € 1.000,00 (one thousand/00) for the first-place dissertation;
- 1 Prize of € 800,00 (eight hundred/00) for the second-place dissertation.

The prize will be paid by the Associazione Alumni dell'Università degli Studi di Padova.

#### **Awarding procedure**

The prizes will be awarded according to the unquestionable judgement of a committee composed of at least three members, including one representative of the University of Padua, the supporter Dr. Mr. Baracco Alessio and one representative for the Associazione Alumni dell'Università di Padova.

The Committee will evaluate the applications received according to the following criteria:

- content of the dissertation in relation to its consistency with the themes of the call for applications;
- degree of innovation and impact of the activities carried out on the national and/or international scene;
- economic, social, cultural, and scientific implications and potential applications;
- the quality and effectiveness of the presentation video.

The Committee may consult experts to assess the level of quality, level of innovation, and specific contribution of the candidates.

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

It also reserves the right to award one or more special prizes, independent of the main prize, to dissertations that are considered worthy and/or interesting in the themes and objectives of the call for applications.

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 Associazione Alumni dell'Università di Padova 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 Associazione Alumni dell’Università di Padova, 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.alumniunipd.it/informativa-privacy-completa/>

**General Information**

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

[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 Alumni dell’Università di Padova  
e-mail: [alumni@unipd.it](mailto:alumni@unipd.it)

Padua, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Gianni Dal Pozzo

President

Associazione Alumni dell’Università di Padova  
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**ANNEX A**

**Call for applications for the granting of the degree award  
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To the President of the  
Associazione Alumni dell’Università di Padova

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname and Name

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**REQUEST**

to participate in the competition for the awarding of the **degree award “LIFELONG LEARNING & LONGEVITY”**

**I HEREBY DECLARE**

pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. (Italian Presidential Decree) no. 445/2000

that I have obtained from the University of Padua a Master’s degree/Single-cycle Master's degree in  
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date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_;

that I undertake to promptly communicate any change of permanent or temporary address indicated in the application;

I am aware of and accept all the regulations contained in the call for applications.

I hereby enclose:

- a copy of the Master's or Single-Cycle Master's dissertation;
- a video presentation of the thesis and explaining the reasons for the application (max. 2:30 minutes);
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- copy of a personal identification document.

I am also aware, pursuant to and within the meaning of Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), that the personal data collected will be processed exclusively in the context of the procedure for which this declaration is made, as stated at the following URL:  
<https://www.alumniunipd.it/informativa-privacy-completa/>

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Place Date Signature