

Call for applications for the granting of the merit award dedicated to the memory of Professor Giancarlo Zotti - Edition n. 4/2026

The **Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS**, with the support of the **Zotti Family** and **Kauri Holding S.p.A.**, under the patronage of the **Department of Medicine** and in collaboration with the **Associazione Alumni dell'Università di Padova**, announces a competition for the awarding of a merit prize dedicated to the memory of **Prof. Giancarlo Zotti**, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 84.

Prof. Giancarlo Zotti, born in Ariano Polesine in 1926, was an Alumnus of the University of Padua, where he graduated in Medicine and Surgery and, later, in Philosophy. He served for ten years as Adjunct Professor in the Postgraduate Course in Internal Medicine. He was Head of the Medical Division at the Civil Hospital of Padova, President of the Heads of Departments Board of the Padova University Hospital, and President of the Medical Association of Padova. He also served as a member of the Padova City Council from 1982 to 1987, and as President of the City Council of Palazzo Moroni from 2001 to 2004.

Requirements for participation in the competition

On the 100th anniversary of Prof. Zotti's birth and with the aim of honoring his memory, the prize is reserved for individuals who have obtained a degree from the University of Padova in one of the Master's Degree Programs or single-cycle Master's Degree Programs related to the School of Medicine and Surgery, or in one of the PhD courses at University of Padova.

Eligible applicants must be under 38 years of age as of the publication date of this call. Applicants who are mothers may deduct 18 months from their age for each child, provided that a birth certificate for each child is attached to the 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 on topics related to gender differences in the treatment of metabolic diseases associated with cardiovascular risk.

These research works must make a substantial contribution, including from an interdisciplinary perspective, to the advancement of research in the field of internal medicine, to which the candidates have contributed independently and creatively, achieving scientific and/or practical results recognized at least at the national level.

At the same time as submitting their application, candidates are required to register their profile free of charge on the Associazione Alumni dell'Università di Padova portal, using the online form available 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 **November 30th, 2026** via the electronic form available at the link

<https://www.cognitofoms.com/AssociazioneAlumniDellUniversitaDegliStudiDiPadova/PremioDiMeritoGiancarloZottiQuartaEdizione2026> 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

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/AssociazioneAlumniDellUniversitàDegliStudiDiPadova/PremioDiMeritoGiancarloZottiQuartaEdizione2026> include the following:

- curriculum vitae et studiorum, with particular emphasis on continuity of research, qualifications, including PhDs, specializations, publications and awards received;
- description of the most significant 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;
- copy of the 2026 ISEE certificate, which must not contain any omissions or discrepancies.

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

N. 2 awards will be granted, each amounting to Euro 2.500,00 (two thousand five hundred/00) gross, 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 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.

In the event of a tie score, preference will be given to the candidate with the lower ISEE value.

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

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 Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova 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 Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova 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

www.alumniunipd.it

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

Padua, May 13th 2026

Enrico Del Sole
Presidente

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