



Ambasciata d'Italia in Vienna

“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”

Purpose

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) instituted the *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* in the year 2018 to recognize an Italian eminent scientist who, in performing his/her research abroad, has made a remarkable contribution to the advancement of science and technology, thus improving Italy’s S&T relations with foreign countries and with International Organizations.

The award will be assigned during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference in Italy to be held in Rome in 2019. All fields of science and technology are included under this award. The award consists of an engraved medal and a certificate of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Eligibility

- The *“Italian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Award”* is granted to Italian scientists who have given an outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology and in the field of the advancement of scientific cooperation, through their activity in one of the following countries:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Great Britain, India, Israel, Lithuania, Mexico, The Netherlands, Republic of Korea, the Republic of Singapore, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, USA and Vietnam.

- The nominee should be resident in the country where they are nominated for the award, at least since January 1st 2016.
- A nomination should be provided 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.
- The nominee should be an established research leader with an excellent academic and/or scientific career with recognized track record of research achievements. She/he should

have joint publications in high impact journals and/or should have invented technologies supported by international patents, in collaboration with the scientists from the above-mentioned Countries in which she/he lives and works. Research in multilateral organizations hosted in the above-mentioned Countries will be considered as well.

- At the time of publication of this notice, the nominee shall be a Senior Researcher (PhD, 10 years from graduation).

The award will be granted without any restriction of sex, race or religion.

Evaluation Criteria and Mode of Selection

Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The scientific impact of the applicant's work and research
- Relevance of the applicant's work to Italy's S&T cooperation with the above-mentioned Countries
- Potential for significant, long-term collaboration
- Potential to broaden the collaboration to a wider, institutional level
- Applicant's contribution to creative/innovative collaboration models
- Applicant's efficient and innovative use of research infrastructures
- Applicant's capacity to keep contacts with the Italian research community¹

The Award Committee, chaired by the Director for Innovation and Research of the Directorate General for Cultural and Economic Promotion and Innovation of MAECI, Mr Fabrizio Nicoletti, will be composed by Presidents of the major Italian Research and Academic Institutions.

The winner of the *Italian Bilateral Cooperation Award* will be awarded during a Ceremony at the MAECI in 2019 at the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the Minister of Education, University and Research.

How to Apply (researchers resident in Austria)

The Call for Nomination will be published on the website of the Italian Embassy in Vienna (www.ambvienna.esteri.it) and the Italian Cultural Institute in Vienna (www.iicvienna.esteri.it).

Any scientist and institution willing to present a nomination may submit the form herewith enclosed to the following email address: **commerciale.vienna@esteri.it**

¹ i.e. promotion of young researchers mobility (incoming/outgoing); building bilateral research teams