



## Ambasciata d'Italia Vienna

### *“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 2024 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 Austria, for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of bilateral scientific cooperation in any field of science and technology.
- The nominee should be resident or should have a permanent address in Austria at least since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- The nominee should be an independent scientist with 3-7 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 Austria. Research activities within multilateral organizations are also eligible.
- Age limit: maximum 35 years of age 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 Austria
- Nominee's capacity to keep contacts with the Italian scientific community and corresponding potential for significant, long-term international collaboration
- Promotion of young researcher's 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 2024 at 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 Vienna ([ambvienna.esteri.it](http://ambvienna.esteri.it)), the Italian Cultural Institute in Vienna ([iicvienna.esteri.it](http://iicvienna.esteri.it)) and the Italian Trade Agency ICE ([www.icewien.at](http://www.icewien.at) and [www.ice.it/it/mercati/austria](http://www.ice.it/it/mercati/austria)).

Any scientist and scientific institution willing to present a nomination may submit the form herewith enclosed, duly completed, to the following email address: [vienna.scienza@esteri.it](mailto:vienna.scienza@esteri.it)