

# Call for applications for the awarding of the “NOEMI. An oasis of agricultural beauty” degree award – Edition No.1/2024

**The Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS**, with the support of Eniac S.p.A. Benefit Corporation, and in collaboration with the **Associazione Alumni dell'Università di Padova**, announces a call for applications for the “NOEMI. Un'oasi di bellezza agricola” (NOEMI. An Oasis of Agricultural Beauty) degree award.

## Objectives and description

The prize aims to recognize the skills and knowledge of talented and deserving young individuals by awarding the best master's dissertation or single-cycle master's dissertation focused on the study and in-depth analysis of the area known as the “Oasis of agricultural beauty,” described further below.

The project should outline on a theoretical level the creation of a community space benefiting the territory in which the Oasis is located, with a focus on implementing a value-enhancement project through the use of advanced technologies.

It is essential that proposals combine technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, with landscape culture, to be understood as the redevelopment and enhancement of the areas situated in densely urbanized settings and along major roadways.

The geographic area of focus for proposed projects is located along SR308, one of the main arteries connecting Padua to Castelfranco Veneto. Due to its size and location, the land is highly visible to vehicles travelling in both directions, making the aesthetic quality of the crops a crucial aspect. A map of the area designated for the Oasis of agricultural beauty is available at the following [link](#).

Candidates should consider the following aspects in their dissertations:

1. Environmental sustainability: agricultural solutions that preserve the land and employ organic methods, without chemical fertilizers and pesticides
2. Enhancement of beauty: agricultural practices that highlight the visual beauty of crops, promoting agriculture that is not only productive, but also aesthetically pleasing
3. Remote management: systems that enable complete remote management of the Oasis, integrating both agriculture and technology.
4. Culture and tradition: recognition of the cultural heritage of local farmers who have historically practiced agriculture inspired by beauty and respect for nature, acting as forerunners of the “natural” cultivation methods now known as organic farmers.

## Conditions for participation in the competition

The award is intended for individuals under 28 years of age as of the publication date of this call. Eligible applicants must have obtained a master's degree or a single-cycle master's degree from the University of Padua in any field between September 1, 2024, and the deadline of this call, and must have worked or be working on a dissertation on the specified topics.

Applicants are also required, at the time of submitting their application, 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, must be completed on plain paper using the form attached to this call (Attachment A) and signed in original, with non-compliance resulting in exclusion from the competition. Applications must be submitted by the deadline of **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**, via the online form available at this [link](#), following one of these two methods:

- signed with a certified digital signature on both the application and all documents requiring a handwritten signature;
  - signed by hand and accompanied by a copy of the applicant's valid ID.
- All documents requiring a handwritten signature must similarly be submitted signed copies. Scanned copies of these documents should be provided.

The following documents must be submitted with the application (Attachment A) via the [online form](#), with failure to include these resulting in exclusion from the competition:

- master's degree or single-cycle master's degree dissertation;
- video presentation of the dissertation project (max. 2.0 minutes);
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- copy of a valid personal identification document.

Applications that do not fully meet the specified requirements will not be considered. The participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these regulations. Submitting false documents and/or providing false information will result in exclusion or, if the award has already been granted, may require repayment. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

## Amount of the award and payment method

N°1 prize of 3,000.00 Euro (three thousand/00) will be awarded, inclusive of all charges to be paid by the organization, will be awarded.

The prize will be paid by the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS.

## Awarding procedure

The prize will be awarded based on the final and binding decision of a Committee consisting of at least 3 members representing the University of Padua, Eniac S.p.A. Benefit Corporation, and the the Associazione degli Amici e Alumni dell'Università di Padova.

The Committee will evaluate applications according to the following criteria:

- alignment with the objectives and themes of the competition;
- feasibility of the project;
- degree of innovation and impact of the project, including the methodology used.

The Committee reserves the right not to award the Prize if, in its sole judgment, no submitted application is deemed worthy. The Committee may also choose to award one or more special recognitions to deserving candidates.

The winner will be notified of the award via email at the address provided in the application. The winner will also be informed of the date of the award ceremony, which they are 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](http://www.amiciunipd.it)

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

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

<https://eniac.it/eniac-charity/>

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, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Enrico Del Sole  
President  
Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS



## REQUEST

to participate in the competition for the awarding of the of the **“NOEMI. Un’oasi di bellezza agricola” (NOEMI. An oasis of agricultural beauty) degree award - 1° Edition 2024**

### 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 the a Master’s degree/Single-cycle Master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_ date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I hereby enclose:

- dissertation or master's degree or single-cycle master's degree;
- video presentation of the dissertation project (max. 2:00 minutes);
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- copy of a valid 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.amiciunipd.it/privacy/>

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Place

Date

Signature