



ENI AWARD 2026

Young Researcher of the Year Prize *Energy and Environment*

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Eni is a global energy company operating in a responsible way towards its stakeholders in more than sixty countries along the entire value chain. Eni concretely supports a just energy transition for a net-zero carbon future, with the objective of preserving our planet and promoting an efficient and sustainable access to energy for all, respecting society and world's ecosystems. To this end, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) determined by the UN represent a target and a guiding reference for managing its business and its activities in all those Countries in which it operates. Along this path, Eni has committed to becoming a leading company in the production and sale of decarbonised energy products and fosters several scientific research projects on renewable energy, hydrogen, CCUS, energy efficiency, energy storage and circular economy.

Eni invests in people and their empowerment, recognizing diversity as a key value for human development. From 2008 Eni has been granting the Eni Award, aimed to promote and reward scientific research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment. Special care will be devoted to applications promoting the use of breakthrough, experimental and innovative technologies, processes and tools, enabling a holistic perspective in research and contributing to the sustainable development goals.

1) Aims

The **Young Researcher of the Year** Prize constitutes one of the six sections of the Eni Award, composed of the *Advanced Environmental Solutions*, *Energy Transition*, *Energy Frontiers*, *Young Talents from Africa* Prizes and *"Eni for Innovation" Recognition*.

The purpose of the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize is to valorize new generations of researchers and their innovations, aimed to foster a **net-zero carbon** future, **decarbonizing** the energy system, preserving **natural capital** and promoting an efficient and sustainable **access to energy**, according to SDGs.

2) Object of the Prizes and eligibility criteria

The Prizes are awarded to two PhD research theses, defended in Italian universities, concerning topics promoted by Eni Award, related to energy and environment, such as: carbon capture, utilization and storage; energy efficiency; renewable energies; energy storage; energy management; green chemistry; nature-based

solutions; natural resources preservation and sustainable use; biodiversity protection; ecosystem restoration; environmental remediation.

The theses must have been defended at an Italian university during the same year of the annual Official Announcement (2025), or in the precedent year (2024). In order to be eligible, the Candidate shall defend her/his thesis by December 31st, 2025¹.

Applicants shall be under thirty-two (32) years old or celebrating their 32nd birthday in the year of publication of the Official Announcement, i.e. born in or after the year 1993.

3) The Prizes

Each of the two winners will be awarded with a prize consisting in: i) a customized plaque, ii) an indivisible sum of €25,000 (Twenty-five thousand Euros) and iii) direct provision by Eni of a) travel tickets roundtrip, b) transfers and c) board and lodging expenses for up to 2 overnight stays, for the winners and maximum one accompanying person in order to participate to the Prize-Giving Ceremony.

The Prize will be assigned to the winning Candidates, proclaimed by the Organizing Committee within July 2026.

An Official Prize-Giving Ceremony to award the winning Candidate will be held in Italy tentatively during the second semester of the year following the publication of the Official Announcement.

4) Application procedures and deadlines

Applications for the *Young Researcher of the Year* shall be guaranteed by Professors, Directors of Department or Institute, Faculty Deans, Chancellors of universities, polytechnic universities or research centers operating in Italy in the specific – or similar – fields for which the Prize is awarded. Please note that the Guarantor can be a person different than the Thesis Tutor.

Applications without the above-mentioned guarantee will not be considered.

The same Candidature may be re-submitted if is still eligible according to the requirements provided by art.2.

The deadline for the presentation of the Candidatures to the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize falls on **November 14th, 2025 no later than midnight (12 am) CET (Central European Time)**.

In order to submit application, the Candidate shall also declare that she/he has read and is aware of the “Eni Code of Ethics” and of the “Anti-Corruption Management System Guideline” adopted by Eni, available on the website www.eni.com (Governance section), and that she/he shares the principles contained therein and undertakes to ensure full compliance with them.

Application information is available on the website: <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html>. To participate, it is necessary to use the editable version of the application forms which the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat contact person (from now on: contact person) will provide upon opening the Candidate’s personal account on the web platform. The access to the private area must be requested to the Secretariat and once obtained it will allow the Candidate to directly upload her/his application documents. Such documents can alternatively be sent by the Candidate to her/his contact person,

¹ If the date of the thesis defense is fixed after the deadline established by the Official Announcement but no later than December 31st 2025, the Candidature is admitted and the provision of the related Certificate by the Candidate is mandatory.

who will proceed to the upload on her/his behalf, after a check of formal correctness and completeness. Hereby the list of documents requested for the application:

1. The **Application Form** reporting a short summary of the PhD thesis and of the results obtained. A during the PhD Thesis. The Application Form includes also a dedicated section to the Guarantor that shall be compiled by the Guarantor herself/himself.
2. The **CV Form**, which also includes a chapter for the mandatory and optional publications. A copy of such publications (in .pdf files) shall be sent by e-mail to the contact person's address or to eniaward@feem.it.
3. A **copy of the Thesis in .pdf format**. Please note that in the aforementioned Application Form the Candidate shall indicate if the thesis has been placed on restricted access.
4. A **short presentation of maximum two (2) slides** describing the main aspects and applications of her/his research. mailto:
5. Furthermore, the Candidate can also provide by e-mail to the contact person a **self-made video** of no more than 3 minutes to better describe her/his work.in the following formats: .MOV, .MPEG4, .AVI, .FLV. The submission of the aforementioned video is strongly recommended, even if it is not mandatory.
6. Following the safe receipt of all the application's documents, a file named **Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, containing the main data of the Candidature, will be provided to each Candidate. The aforesaid file must be duly checked and signed by the Candidate as well as by her/his Guarantor and sent by e-mail to the contact person or to eniaward@feem.it before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

Please note that, after the first upload of the application material on the Candidates private area of the Eni Award platform, any new version of the Candidature documents shall be sent by e-mail to the contact person, who will update the application material onto the platform.

The formal confirmation of the acceptance of the Candidature will be sent by email by the Secretariat after the receipt of the properly **signed Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, as provided by art. 4.6.

Please finally note that Eni Award Scientific Secretariat and the Eni Award Scientific Commission are subject to a duty of Confidentiality with regards to any documents and data submitted by the Candidate.

5) Selection of the Candidatures

The Eni Award Scientific Commission shall examine and select the work of the Candidates that have been accepted and shall present the names of the chosen winners of the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize to the Eni Award Organizing Committee by May 2026.

6) Regulations

The Eni Award and this Official Announcement are submitted to the Eni Award Regulations, approved by the Organizing Committee. The text is available on the website: <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html>.

7) Contact details

The Candidate will be assigned a contact person of the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat, who will assist her/him during the whole application process. The Candidate may send all documents and communications to this contact person's email address.

The official address of the Secretariat is: eniaward@feem.it.

The Secretariat headquarters are located at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Corso Magenta 63, 20123, Milan.

8) Privacy and Personal Data Protection

Eni will process personal data supplied in the context of the Eni Award as an independent data controller, in full compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("GDPR"). In application of Article 12(1) GDPR, Eni provides an adequate privacy notice (Annex 1 of the Eni Award Regulations). Further information is available in the Eni Award Regulations.

Rome, 23 July 2025