



ENI AWARD 2027

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 (2026), or in the precedent year (2025). In order to be eligible, the Candidate shall defend her/his thesis by December 31st, 2026¹.

Applicants shall be under thirty-two (32) years of age or reaching the age of thirty-two (32) during the year of publication of the Official Announcement, i.e. born in or after the year 1994.

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 two (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 2027.

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 accepted.

Candidates who have participated in previous editions of the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize may apply for the current edition, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements set out in Article 2.

The **deadline for submission of the complete candidature package for the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize falls on November 20th, 2026 no later than 5pm CET (Central European Time).**

In order to submit application, the Candidate shall also declare that they have read and are aware of the “Eni Code of Ethics” and of the ECG Policy “Anti-Corruption” adopted by Eni, available on the website www.eni.com (Governance section), and that they share 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 (hereinafter referred to as the “contact person”) will provide upon opening the Candidate’s personal account on the web platform. Access to the private area must be requested from the Secretariat at the following address: eniaward@feem.it, by sending

¹ If the date of the thesis defense falls after the deadline established by the Official Announcement but no later than December 31st 2026, the Candidature shall be admitted. In such cases, submission of the PhD degree certificate by the Candidate is mandatory as soon as it becomes available, and in any case no later than 31 January 2027 or the Candidature will be rejected.

an e-mail expressing the intention to apply for the *Young Researcher of the Year* Prize and indicating: family name/surname, given name, date of birth, name of the Thesis Affiliation and year of thesis defense. Once access has been granted, the Candidate will be able to directly upload their application documents. Such documents can alternatively be sent by the Candidate to their contact person, who will proceed to the upload on their behalf, after a check of formal correctness and completeness.

Hereby the list of documents mandatorily 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**, including a list of the Candidate's publications (or in process of being published), and /or patents and/or patent applications, if any. Mandatory publications² derived from the PhD thesis (at least one (1), maximum five (5), as per Chapter 2 of the CV Form) shall also be provided in .pdf format. Such publications must be submitted in the same numerical order in which they are listed in the CV;
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 their research.

An application is considered complete only if it includes all the above-mentioned documents.

Please note that, once the application documents have been uploaded to the private area of the Eni Award platform for the first time, any subsequent revisions must be sent by e-mail to the contact person, who will update the relevant documents on the platform.

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.

Upon submission of all application documents, a file entitled **Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, containing the main details of the candidature, will be made available to each Candidate. The Candidate shall duly review and sign such file and send it by e-mail to the contact person by no later than the deadline established in this Official Announcement.

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.

² If no peer-reviewed publication is available (e.g. in case of restricted access thesis), please motivate the reason (e.g. patent filing under evaluation or ongoing; restrictions by funding company) directly into the CV form dedicated paragraph.

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 2027.

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 them 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.

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