



## **Ambasciata d'Italia a Berna**

### ***“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 Switzerland for his/her outstanding contribution to the advancement of bilateral scientific cooperation in any field of science and technology.
- The nominees should be a resident of the country where they are nominated for the award at least since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- The nominees 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 the Country where they live and work. 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 Switzerland

- Nominee's capacity to keep contacts with the Italian scientific community and corresponding potential for significant, long-term international collaboration
- Promotion of young researchers' 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 during 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 is published on the websites of the Italian Embassy in Bern and of the General Consulate of Italy in Zürich.

Any scientist and scientific institution willing to present a nomination may submit the form herewith enclosed, duly completed, to the following email address: [zurigo.scienza@esteri.it](mailto:zurigo.scienza@esteri.it) **not later than December 10, 2023.**

The following documents shall be attached to the form:

1. Short motivation for awarding this prize (maximum 100 words) signed by the "nominator".
2. List of Nominee's major scientific achievements (maximum 1 page).
3. Nominee's short CV (maximum 2 pages) according to the applicable law in data protection.
4. List of Nominee's most important publications (maximum 1 page).
5. List and short description of Nominee's activities with the Italian scientific community (maximum 1 page)
6. Optional letters of support for the nomination (maximum 2 letters of maximum 1 page each)  
**The letters of support shall be provided by eminent scientists other than the nominator.**

Bern, October 25, 2023