Ambasciata d'Italia ad Atene

"Science, She Says!"

Purpose

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) is willing to establish the *"Science, She Says! Award"* to recognize an outstanding junior female scientist who has remarkably contributed to the advancement of science and technology, while performing her research in one of the following regions:

Africa and the Middle East

Asia and the Pacific

Europe

Central and South America and the Caribbean

North America

One candidate will be selected for each of the five regions, the determining factor being the place of work in the last 2 years. Italian researchers are not eligible for this prize.

The third edition of the Award will take place during the Italian Scientific Attachés Conference, to be held in 2025 at a date and place to be announced. All fields of science and technology will be considered. The award will consist of an engraved medal and a diploma to be presented at the Conference. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will cover travel and accommodation expenses.

Eligibility

- The *"Science She, Says! Award"* is assigned to an outstanding female scientist for her contribution to the advancement of bilateral scientific cooperation in any field of science and technology, through their activity in one of the regions mentioned above (for Greece, candidates will be eligible for Europe):
- The nominee should be resident in the country where she is nominated for the award, at least since January 1st 2023.
- The nomination should be submitted by an eminent scientist who is holding a leading position in a Scientific Academy, University, Research Institute or S&T Department of the

Government of the **country** in which the nominee is working. Self-nominations are not eligible, nor are nominations from immediate family members. Teams are not eligible for the nomination. Qualified nominators may be:

➢ Heads of University or Scientific Institutions,

➢ Members of Academies of Science,

➢ Holders of Research Chairs,

➢ Full professors,

- The nominee should be an established scientist with an excellent academic and/or scientific career and a recognized track record of research achievements. She should have joint publications in high impact journals and/or should have developed technologies supported by international patents, Research activities within multilateral organizations hosted in one of the regions mentioned above (for Greece, candidates will be eligible for Europe) will be considered as well.
- Age limit: up to 40 years old at the time of 6 June 2025.

Evaluation Criteria and Mode of Selection

Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- The scientific impact of the nominee's work and research
- Relevance of the nominee's work to Italy's bilateral S&T cooperation with one the regions mentioned above (for Greece, candidates will be eligible for Europe)
- Promotion of young researchers' mobility (incoming/outgoing) to foster the creation of bilateral research teams
- Nominee's contribution to creative/innovative collaboration models
- Nominee's capacity to create/improve contacts with the Italian research community and potential long-term collaborations.

The Award Committee, chaired by the Head of Office IX of the Directorate General for Country Promotion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, will be composed by the Presidents and/or Representatives of the major Italian Research and Academic Institutions.

The *"Science, She Says!" Award* will be presented next year during a Ceremony to be held during the Conference of Italian Scientific and Scientific Attachés at 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 Embassy of Italy in Athens.

Any scientist and institution willing to present a nomination may submit the format herewith enclosed, duly completed, to the following email address: ambasciata.atene@esteri.it