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CALL FOR DOCTORAL AWARD **DPG Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research**

With the initiative and contribution of the Department of General Psychology (DPG) of the University of Padua, approved by the Department Council resolution of 18.04.2024, a competition is announced for the following research awards.

- 2 awards, each amounting to €1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred euros), inclusive of all charges borne by the institution, will be granted to PhD graduates of the 37th cycle of Doctoral Courses at the University of Padua who had a supervisor affiliated with the DPG, whose scientific journey has been particularly significant, solid, and impactful in the field of Psychology research.
- 2 awards, each amounting to €1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred euros), inclusive of all charges borne by the Institution, will be awarded to PhD graduates enrolled in the 38th cycle of Doctoral Courses at the University of Padua who had a supervisor affiliated with the DPG, whose scientific journey has been particularly significant, solid, and impactful in the field of Psychology research. To be eligible for participation in this call for applications, candidates must have completed, as a minimum requirement, the three-year programme of their degree course and have been admitted to the evaluation of their final thesis.

The awards will be conferred after the winners present their doctoral research at the DPG in the form of a seminar in English open to the scientific community by 31/11/2026. The seminar must be held in person. In case of withdrawal, the award may be assigned to the next candidate in the ranking.

PhD graduates of the 37th and 38th cycles of Doctoral Courses at the University of Padua, who had a supervisor affiliated with the DPG, may apply for the award.

Applications must be submitted or received by the strict deadline of **June 20, 2026, at 1:00 PM** via email to ricerca.dpg@unipd.it by sending the required dated and signed documentation.

The candidate must include the subject line: **“DPG Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research”** and the reference cycle (37th or 38th) in the email.

Candidates will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of the message and materials.

For electronic submission of documentation, static and non-editable formats without macros or executable codes, preferably PDF/A, should be used. The total file size, including body and attachments, must not exceed 50 MB. Applications received after the above deadline, for any reason, will not be considered.

In the application, the candidate must declare under their responsibility:

- Personal details, date and place of birth, tax code, citizenship, residence, and postal address for competition purposes (including postal code and phone number);

- with reference to the 37th cycle, to hold a PhD degree awarded within one of the Doctoral Programmes of the University of Padua, having had a DPG-affiliated supervisor during the doctoral programme;
- with reference to the 38th cycle, as a minimum requirement, to have completed the three-year duration of the relevant Doctoral Programme and to have been admitted to the evaluation of the final thesis, having had a DPG-affiliated supervisor during the doctoral programme;
- Authorization for the DPG to use the provided data for this announcement;
- Awareness of all the rules contained in the competition notice.

The application must be accompanied by:

1. A support letter signed by the PhD supervisor who approved the thesis (the supervisor must have been affiliated with the DPG during the candidate's supervision period). The letter should not exceed 2 pages and should detail: a. Description of the work done with the PhD candidate, degree of autonomy, originality, methodological rigor, critical capacity, and scientific maturity; b. Distinctive aspects of the doctoral project conducted; c. Reasons why the candidate is deemed particularly deserving of the award. Each supervisor may present a maximum of one support letter per cycle.
2. An Extended Abstract in English of the doctoral thesis (max 3 pages, including bibliography) expressed in a non-technical form, aimed at an interdisciplinary audience, and focused on theoretical aspects, project rationale, methods, main results and their interpretation, and theoretical and practical implications.
3. A self-presentation and self-application letter (max 1 page), in English, centered on aspects that make the application particularly relevant, the main implications of the doctoral project and its results, and the personal and scientific achievements attained.
4. A publication considered the best representation of the research conducted during the candidate's doctoral studies. In choosing this publication, the candidate should not only consider bibliometric criteria but also focus on their role in the work, the connection between the publication and the doctoral research, scientific-methodological rigor, originality, and the impact of the research on the scientific community and beyond.

A committee appointed by the DPG will evaluate the applications and create two rankings, one for each cycle, from which the two winners for each cycle will be identified.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. Support letter from the PhD supervisor who approved the thesis: MAX 20 POINTS
2. Extended Abstract: MAX 40 POINTS
3. Self-presentation and self-application letter: MAX 20 POINTS
4. Most representative publication of the doctoral work: MAX 20 POINTS

The committee will create a ranking, identifying the winners and making the results public.

Candidates ranked in the top two positions for each cycle will be invited to present their doctoral research at the DPG in the form of a seminar in English open to the scientific community by 31/11/2026, under penalty of forfeiting the award. In case of withdrawal or failure to present, the award may be assigned to the next ranked PhD graduate.

The competition notice and the application form template are available on the website <http://dpg.unipd.it/>

Further information can be requested at: ricerca.dpg@unipd.it.

This call is also translated into English for dissemination purposes only; for all legal purposes, exclusively the Italian version shall prevail.

Padova,

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