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ISA Doctoral Prize

Prize for PhD students at the University of Bologna (a.y. 2023-2024) for interdisciplinary research

The *mission* of the Institute of Advanced Studies (henceforth ISA) is to promote contacts and cooperation between Italian and international scholars by providing spaces for dialogue. ISA carries out scientific dissemination activities by creating multi- and interdisciplinary exchange platforms and encourages the development of innovative projects by young researchers in line with the University Strategic Plan for 2022-2027 (objectives 20, 21, 23 and 34). Within this framework, in a.y. 2022-2023 the ISA Scientific Council established an annual ISA Doctoral Prize (henceforth ISA DP) consisting in a financial contribution for the research activities of PhD students at the University of Bologna.

For the academic year 2023-2024, the ISA DP consists of **10 prizes worth EUR 2,000** each, to be invested in research-related activities. The prizes above will be awarded to **10 PhD students from all subject areas regularly enrolled in the second year of a PhD programme at the University of Bologna (38th cycle)**.

Art. 1 - Application procedure

The prize is awarded to the candidates who successfully pass a selection procedure which involves the drafting of an abstract in Italian or English corresponding to a standard A4 page of 2500 characters (including spaces). **The content of the *abstract* should emphasise the potential interdisciplinary spin-offs of the candidate's PhD project and the impact of the research on civil society at all levels and in all possible forms.**

The abstract should contain in the heading the name and surname of the PhD candidate, the name of the PhD programme, the title of the PhD thesis, and the name and surname of the supervisor.

The PhD candidate will accompany the text with five keywords that effectively represent the interdisciplinary content of the doctoral project.

The following will be grounds for exclusion from the selection: failure to comply with the number of characters; writing the text brief in a language other than English; absence of keywords and the heading information abovementioned.

Interested PhD students should send their abstracts with the above information directly to the email address of the Head (direttrice.isa@unibo.it) and cc to the ISA administrative office (segreteria.isa@unibo.it) by **1 October 2024**.

Art. 2 - Selection procedure

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The selection will take place in two stages: initially, the ISA Scientific Council will identify all the projects deserving attention and meeting the criteria set out in Article 1 and will publish the list of selected projects on the ISA website ([ISA - Institute of Advanced Studies \(unibo.it\)](https://www.unibo.it/isa)); then, the PhD students in charge of the interdisciplinary projects selected after the first evaluation phase will be invited to present them at Palazzo Marchesini to the ISA Scientific Council and to the Visiting Fellows involved in ISA activities for the current semester. Presentations will take place **on November 8, 2024**, and should be considered an integral part of the evaluation process, while the awarding of the prize and subsequent transfer to the winners will take place by **November 15, 2024**.

Art. 3 – Awarding the prize

The prize will be transferred to the Department where the PhD programme is based as a fund for each PhD student who is awarded the ISA DP. Without prejudice to the founding principles of the ISA DP, this fund will be managed by the Department for the benefit of the PhD student in accordance with the Regulations. Prize funds may only be used for expenses relating to the PhD student's training and research activities, after submitting an explicit request to the Department.

Art. 4 - Expenditure constraints and reporting

Within one year of being awarded the prize, each winner shall send to the ISA Administrative Office a brief report, digitally signed by the relevant PhD Programme Director, certifying that the sum has been used for research activities relating to the project selected by the Scientific Council (e.g. co-financing publications, support for participation in conferences, financing other scientific products connected or functional to the PhD student's research).

The PhD student undertakes to cite the ISA contribution, and specifically the ISA DP, in the acknowledgements featuring in any publication, conference abstract or other scientific product created as a result of the ISA DP and in the final version of the PhD thesis.

Art. 5 – Renouncing the prize

In the event of the winner(s) renouncing the prize, the total or residual amount of the ISA DP will be returned to the ISA.

Art.6 - Returning the Prize for non-use

If the ISA DP amount is not spent within one year of its being awarded, the remainder or the entire amount must be returned to the ISA.

PROCEDURE SUPERVISOR

The Procedure Supervisor is Dr. Michela Dalla Vite, manager at the Institute for Higher Studies: michela.dallavite@unibo.it

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Candidates are entitled to **exercise** their right to access the selection proceedings as foreseen by the regulations in force. Please send your request to segreteria.isa@unibo.it

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