Embassy of Italy
London
Scientific Office

Italy Made Me Awards - 2025

Call for Applications

The Embassy of Italy in London invites early-career Italian researchers across the United Kingdom to submit applications for its annual research award programme *"Italy Made Me"* (2025 edition).

The awards will be presented to Italian researchers operating in the United Kingdom who received part of their education in Italy, in recognition of innovative research carried out in one of the three European Research Council (ERC) domains:

- Life Sciences (LS)
- Physical and Engineering Sciences (PE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SH)

The Embassy of Italy in London coordinates this initiative in collaboration with the Association of Italian Scientists in the United Kingdom (AISUK) and with the support of other organisations and institutions in Italy and the UK.

The awards will be presented by the Italian Ambassador to the UK by the end of 2025.

Admission Criteria

Candidates must:

- Possess a valid Italian passport or identity card.
- Have obtained a secondary education diploma and/or a degree in Italy[1].
- Have defended their PhD thesis within the last 3 years, *or* be current PhD students, *or* have obtained their *laurea* or equivalent degree in the past five years.
- Be a registered member of an academic or cultural association of Italians in the UK[2].

Submission Procedure

Candidates must send a description of the research they have carried out at an academic institution in the United Kingdom, along with a signed copy of the attached declaration signed by both the candidate and their supervisor (PI) attesting that the results presented for the award are the product of work conducted primarily by the candidate. In the event of a research project conducted in more than one country, only the activities that took place in the UK will be evaluated. The application form can be filled in in either Italian or English.

All entry forms must be submitted in a single PDF document to the following email address: londra.scienza@esteri.it.

The deadline for applications is set at 00.00 (midnight) on 15/08/2025.

Candidates should ensure that they meet all the criteria and follow all the instructions contained in this document to ensure that their application is accepted. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

[1] Please provide grades obtained.
[2] Please provide name and website/email address of the association in the application form.

Award Selection Process

The evaluation of the applications will be coordinated by the Embassy of Italy in London in partnership with AISUK, with the collaboration of members of the Scientific Board of the Embassy and the help of external experts, if necessary.

Recipients of the awards will be selected primarily on the basis of the quality and significance of the research presented. Other criteria, such as publications or other awards that candidates may have received in the course of their career, will also be taken into consideration. Applications will be assessed within the context of the relevant ERC domain and will be reviewed independently by at least three reviewers.

The selected candidates will receive a certificate from the Ambassador during a formal ceremony at the Italian Embassy in London. Their names will be published on the Embassy's website.