



Embassy of Italy
London
Scientific Office

Italy Made Me Awards 2026

Call for Applications

The Embassy of Italy in London invites candidates to apply for the *Italy Made Me Awards* for research 2026

The initiative, patronised and coordinated by the Embassy, is run in collaboration with the Association of Italian Scientists in the United Kingdom (AISUK) and the support of other Italian and British organisations.

The prizes are awarded to Italian early-career researchers working in the UK who completed at least part of their training in Italy. They recognise achievements in the following fields, as defined by the European Research Council (ERC):

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

The prizes consist of money, provided by generous sponsors of the initiative, and will be **assigned by the end of 2026**. On the occasion of a ceremony that will be held at the Embassy, the Italian Ambassador will award **also an official certificate**.

Admission Criteria

Candidates are required to:

- Possess a valid Italian passport or identity card;
- Have obtained a secondary education diploma and/or a degree in Italy¹;
- 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 5 years;
- Be a registered member of an academic or cultural association of Italians in the UK².

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 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 15/08/2026.

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.