



ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

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PRIZE OF THE MINISTER OF CULTURE FOR 2026

REGULATIONS

Article 1 (Nature of the Prize)

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei annually awards the Prize of the Minister of Culture.

The Prize, which is indivisible, shall be awarded in alternate years by the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences and by the Class of Moral, Historical and Philological Sciences, for works or discoveries by Italian scholars.

For the year 2026, the Prize, amounting to €10,000 (gross of applicable taxes), shall be awarded in the fields of Astronomy, Geodesy, and Geophysics.

Article 2 (Terms and Conditions for Submission of Nominations)

Admission to the competition shall take place either through nomination by one or more Members of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei or by submission of a specific application.

In the absence of nominations or applications, the Committee shall not be authorised to award the Prize.

Article 3

(Terms and Conditions for Submission of Nominations)

Nominations, preferably accompanied by a brief profile of the candidate, a curriculum vitae, comprehensive supporting statements and a list of publications, must be submitted exclusively to the email address ufficio.premi@lincei.it, by **6 p.m. on 31 October 2025** (the date and time of dispatch of the email shall serve as proof of compliance with the deadline). Should the deadline coincide with an Italian public holiday, the term shall be extended to 6 p.m. on the first subsequent working day. Nominations submitted to other email addresses, even if pertaining to the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, shall not be accepted.

Article 4

(Terms and Conditions for Submission of Applications)

Applications must be submitted exclusively online, by completing the form available at <https://www.lincei.it/it/Bandi>, no later than 31 October 2025.

Applications that are incomplete, irregular, or submitted using methods and/or within timeframes other than those set forth in this notice shall be deemed invalid.

No forms of submission or delivery of applications other than completing the above-mentioned online form shall be permitted.

Access to the procedure for completing the online application form shall be granted through the credentials issued during the registration process.

The application must be submitted no later than 6 p.m. on 31 October 2025. Should the deadline fall on an Italian public holiday, it shall be extended to 6 p.m. on the first subsequent working day.

Should the candidate complete the online form multiple times, only the last application submitted within the deadline shall be taken into consideration.

The date of submission of the application shall be certified by the electronic system. Upon expiry of the deadline, the system will no longer permit submission of applications but will only allow to view and print previously submitted applications.

In the application candidates must declare, under their own responsibility and pursuant to Presidential Decree of 28 December 2000, No. 445, as subsequently amended:

- 1a. Place of residence.
- 2a. Full address, including postal code, telephone number, and email address, to which all communications relating to the competition should be sent, with a commitment to promptly notify any subsequent changes.
- 3a. Awareness of the criminal penalties provided for under Article 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, in cases of falsification of documents and false declarations.
- 4a. Consent to the processing of personal data for the purposes and in the manner provided for by Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as subsequently amended, and by EU Regulation No. 2016/679.

Candidates must attach the following documents (exclusively in PDF format) to their application:

- 1b. A copy of an identity document.
- 2b. A maximum of ten works, either printed or manuscript, accompanied by a corresponding list indicating the title, author, and year of publication. Printed works must not bear a publication date earlier than 2016. Manuscripts must be signed by the author of the work. The ten works (printed or manuscript) must be submitted individually, each as a separate PDF file, observing the size limits imposed by the platform (15 MB per file).
- 3b. Curriculum vitae et studiorum, in European format, dated and signed by the candidate.
- 4b. A tabulated list of all submitted documents (as referred to in points 1b, 2b and 3b), dated and signed by the candidate.

Failure to submit the documents referred to in points 1b), 2b) and 3b) of this article shall constitute grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

Any exclusion from the selection shall be communicated to the parties concerned by means of a reasoned decision.

Article 5 **(Selection Committee)**

The Committee responsible for awarding the Prize shall consist of the President of the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, who shall serve as Chair, and four Lincei Members from the said Class, of whom at least two must be National Members, selected in such a way that at least three belong to the relevant Category. The Committee may co-opt up to two additional members, should it deem this appropriate.

The Prize may not be awarded *ex aequo*.

Members who submit nominations shall not be eligible to serve on the Committee.

The Prize may not be awarded to a Member of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

The recommendation of the Committee regarding the awarding of the Prize shall be submitted for approval to the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences and, subsequently, for final approval to the Joint Classes of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

Should the Prize not be awarded, it shall automatically be re-advertised for the following year.

Article 6
(Outcome of the competition)

The outcome of the competition shall be published on the official website of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (www.lincei.it).

The Prize shall be formally proclaimed during the Ceremonial Assembly marking the close of the academic year, in June 2026.

Article 7
(Processing of Personal Data)

The personal data of the candidates shall be processed by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei exclusively for the purposes of managing the present procedure and any subsequent procedures relating to the awarding of the prize, in compliance with Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as subsequently amended, and with EU Regulation No. 2016/679.

Article 8
(Reference)

This notice and the online form for submitting applications to the selection procedure are available on the website of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei: <https://www.lincei.it/it/Bandi>.

For further information please contact:

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THE PRESIDENT

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