



## ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

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### INTERNATIONAL PRIZE “ANNIBALE MOTTANA” FOR 2026

#### COMPETITION NOTICE

##### **Art. 1 (Nature of the Prize)**

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, with the funds provided by Prof. Annibale Mottana and with the aim of awarding a doctoral researcher who has contributed to the advancement of mineralogical or petrological knowledge in Italy, shall annually announce a competition for a Prize of € 50,000 (*gross of taxes*), reserved for doctoral theses completed in the preceding five years, on research topics concerning determinative Mineralogy and/or Minerosynthesis.

##### **Art. 2 (Eligibility)**

Italian or foreign citizens may compete for the Prize provided that: they are resident in Italy and active at an Italian University, have obtained a Doctorate (*PhD*) on topics concerning determinative Mineralogy and/or Minerosynthesis no more than three years prior to the date of the official competition notice (*the date of award of the Doctorate must not be earlier than 1 January 2022*), and have not yet reached their thirty-fifth birthday (*date of birth must not be earlier than 1 January 1990*). The prescribed requirements must be satisfied as of the deadline for submission of the application for admission to the selection, and the age limit shall be extended by one year for each child born or adopted prior to the application deadline.

##### **Art. 3 (Terms and Conditions for Submission of Applications)**

Applications must be submitted exclusively online, by completing the form available at <https://www.lincai.it/it/Bandi> no later than **30 November 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 30 November 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 copy of the doctoral thesis. The doctoral thesis must be attached in PDF format, respecting the file size limits allowed by the platform (*15 MB*); \*

\* Only in the event that the thesis exceeds the file size limits permitted by the system, a link to the thesis must be provided in a dedicated PDF file to be attached. The link, where the corresponding file (*PDF format only*) is to be uploaded, may be created using cloud service platforms (*e.g., OneDrive, Google Drive, etc.*) and must not include expiration limits or password protection (*it is recommended to verify the link's accessibility in advance before attaching the PDF file containing it*).

**NOTE:** If the link is inactive or inaccessible, the application will not be accepted.

- 3b. Curriculum *vitae et studiorum*, in European format, dated and signed by the candidate.
- 4b. Any publications on topics consistent with the subject of the competition, up to a maximum of ten, published in Italy and/or abroad within five years prior to the deadline of the official competition notice (*2021–2025*). The ten works (*publications*) must be attached individually in PDF format, respecting the file size limits allowed by the platform.
- 5b. A list of all submitted documents (*as referred to in points 1b, 2b, 3b and 4b*), 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.

#### **Art. 4** **(Selection Committee)**

The Prize Committee, appointed by the Presidential Council of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei and composed of five members, shall include the President of the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, who shall serve as President of the Committee, Professors Eleonora Paris (*University of Camerino*) and Giancarlo Della Ventura (*University Roma Tre*), and two Members of the Academy, appointed by Category IV (Geosciences) of the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences from among those affiliated with Section B (*Mineralogy, Petrology and Applications*) of that Category.

Prof. Annibale Mottana, Member of Section B of Category IV (*Geosciences*) of the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, shall participate in the meetings of the Prize Committee without voting rights.

The Prize shall be awarded to a single recipient each year; consequently, it may not be awarded *ex aequo*.

Theses completed under multiple authorship are not eligible for the competition for the Prize.

The Committee shall first evaluate the doctoral thesis submitted by the candidate and, secondly, if deemed appropriate, any of the candidate's publications on topics consistent with the subject of the competition, published in Italy and/or abroad within five years prior to the deadline of the official competition notice (2021–2025).

The Committee's proposal for the award of the Prize, adopted by majority vote, shall be prepared by one member acting as main Responsible and countersigned by all other members, and shall be submitted for approval to the Class of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences and subsequently to the final approval of the Joint Classes of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

If no thesis meets the high standard of quality established at the Committee's inaugural meeting, the Committee may propose not to award the Prize.

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

#### **Art. 5** **(Outcome)**

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

#### **Art. 6** **(Awarding)**

The Prize shall be formally awarded during the Opening Ceremony of the Academic Year 2026-2027, in November 2026.

**Art. 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.

**Art. 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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