FAQ

1) What exactly do we need to do, what are the details and the schedule?

a) The Third Mission/Societal Impact Prize will be assigned to an interdisciplinary group for Third Mission/Societal Impact activities. Each group will be composed of four participants, among students, PhD students and researchers (see Call, art. 3). Groups will be mainly composed of students and there will not be accepted groups with more than one researcher. The call is based on bottom-up approach, asking the group to deliver activities based on knowledge transfer, competencies transfer, or results transfer to a non-academic public in the local territories (Palermo, Agrigento, Trapani, Caltanissetta - Sicily).

b) The Public engagement should be explained in quantitative and qualitative indicators as it is required in the application form.

c) The initiatives submitted for application may have a variable duration and may have been implemented between 01/01/2022 and the call deadline 03/06/2024.

d) The group should also provide a video to show their public engagement activities and what they have transferred to a non-academic public with their divulgation actions. The winner projects and videos will be presented during a university public event (to be defined) with UniPa Rector Prof. Massimo Midiri and Governance representatives.

2) Could you please provide further details about the purpose and objectives of these prizes?

See answers a, b, c.
3) How can students and researchers from our institution participate in this call for applications?

e) As a bottom-up approach you have to submit the proposal with other 3 UNIPA members (indicated in art. 3) studying at least two different disciplines according to the main ERC sectors. I.e. if you are a student of Social Sciences and Humanities you should collaborate with some of Physical Sciences and Engineering and/or Life Sciences to deliver Third Mission Activities with an interdisciplinary approach.

4) What specific criteria will be used to evaluate the submissions?

f) See Call, art. 6 – Selection and exclusion criteria

- Originality and innovation (maximum score 10);
- Interdisciplinary nature of the initiative (maximum score 10);
- Ability to reach a diverse audience outside the University (maximum score 10);
- Involvement of civil and/or business society (maximum score 10);
- Integration of the digital and/or environmental component (maximum score 10).

The Rector will evaluate the applications taking into account the informative quality of the video and will indicate the proposals worthy of the Third Mission/Societal Impact Prize.

g) Initiatives carried out in violation of the Copyright Law and/or the Industrial Property Code and/or the legislation referred to in GDPR 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) will not be taken into consideration and will therefore be excluded.

5) Are there any guidelines or requirements that applicants need to adhere to?

See answers e, g, h.

h) You must explicitly refer to at least one of the UNO Sustainable Development Goals indicated in the 2030 Agenda. Please find some bibliography links:
https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/
https://www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/comunicazione/agenda-2030-per-lo-sviluppo-sostenibile/

i) In the case of use of University spaces and resources, the initiatives must be supervised by a structured University professor, mentioned in the application as supervisor;

See also answers e and g.
6) Is the video obligatory?
   j) The production of a video is strongly recommended as projects will be evaluated for their communicative effectiveness (see art. 5).

7) What about the duration or other characteristics of the video?
   k) It should be as short as possible (ideally no more than two minutes) and have a communicative intent (something similar to an advertising spot).

8) When will the award ceremony take place?
   l) It will take place at a date to be determined, in any case by December 2024.

9) When winners are proclaimed, shall they be still enrolled in a course?
   m) They need be enrolled for the current AY, no matter when they graduate (i.e. they may graduate before the award ceremony).

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