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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 4 THIRD MISSION/SOCIETAL IMPACT PRIZES
TO STUDENTS, PHD STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
PALERMO – FIRST EDITION – AY 2023/2024**

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO the *Statute* of the University of Palermo, issued with Rectoral Decree no. 2589 of 03.06.2022;

[...]

HAVING REGARD TO the *Regulation on the protection of personal data* in implementation of *EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR)* as well as of the Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30.06.2003 *Personal data protection code* –Rectoral Decree no. 4019 of 18.11.2019;

[...]

HAVING REGARD TO the action programme defined in the *2030 Agenda for sustainable development*, signed by the governments of the 193 Member Countries of the United Nations, setting out the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

[...]

Art. 1 – Aims and objectives

The University of Palermo (hereinafter UniPa) intends to confer four prizes to the best interdisciplinary initiatives in the field of *Third Mission/Societal Impact* institutional activities.

The projects and the initiatives, carried out by students and researchers at UniPa, are meant to generate an impact in the sector of public engagement (hereinafter "PE").

PE, as defined by ANVUR (Italy's National Agency for the Evaluation of University and Research), is "any set of activities organised institutionally by the university or by its non-profit structures, with educational, cultural and societal development value and aimed at a non-academic audience".



As a consequence, this call intends to enhance the students and researchers' capabilities of generating social innovation through the valorisation and transfer of knowledge and the cooperation with the cultural and economic stakeholders in the territory.

UniPa will award four prizes worth € 2.500 each (tax included) to as many groups of students and researchers, better defined in art. 3. Each prize will be divided equally among the group participants.

Art. 2 - Characteristics of PE initiatives

- They will have an interdisciplinary nature intended to implement activities for the promotion of knowledge in the cultural, scientific, anthropological and environmental fields. In order to guarantee interdisciplinarity, each group will choose at least two ERC Panels (https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-03/ERC_panel_structure_2024_calls.pdf);
- they will explicitly refer to at least one of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) reported in the UN 2030 Agenda;
- if using university spaces and resources, they will be supervised by a university professor, in the project proposal referred to as supervisor;
- they will indicate the target beneficiaries (e.g. lower or upper high school students, university students, teachers, other non-academic users: general public, third sector associations, etc.) and describe the quantitative and/or qualitative indicators needed to measure their impact.
- they may have a variable duration and may have been carried out between 01/01/2022 and the new call deadline **29/06/2024**.

Initiatives taking into consideration digital transition and/or environmental sustainability will be particularly appreciated.

Art. 3 – Target beneficiaries

Prizes will be awarded to four groups, each composed of four participants belonging to the following categories, according to the participation conditions referred to in art. 4:

- students registered for first-level courses¹ in the AY 2023/2024;
- students registered for second-level courses² in the AY 2023/2024;

¹ "Laurea triennale".

² "Laurea magistrale".



- students registered for single-cycle degree courses³ in the AY 2023/2024
- students registered for PhD programmes⁴ in the AY 2023/2024;
- fixed-term researchers (L.140, type "A")⁵

Each group will be mainly composed of students, if needed supported by only one researcher. There will not be accepted applications submitted by groups of only researchers or mainly made up of them.

Groups will choose at least two disciplines among the ERC panels (*Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences and Humanities*).

Art. 4 –Submission of applications: conditions and deadline

Applications for participation must be submitted, exclusively online, within 60 days after the publication in the official university register, by filling in the form available at the link <https://forms.office.com/e/cfccxpDuun>, after logging in with the personal UniPA account credentials (name.surname@you.unipa.it).

The form will be filled in by all the group participants according to the following instructions:

- the group representative will complete all sections (1-6), attaching the following documents:
 - project proposal;
 - supporting materials;
 - *no. 1 attachment*: information on personal data processing and release for the publication of images from each person captured on videos and/or photographs;
 - *no. 2 attachment*: permission and release for the publication of photographs, videos and posters reproducing legally protected works and/or products from public or private owners.
- The rest of the participants will only fill in sections 1-3.

Art. 5 – Selection and evaluation process

The evaluation process will be divided into two phases:

³ "Laurea a ciclo unico".

⁴ "Dottorato di ricerca".

⁵ "Legge 30 dicembre 2010, n. 240, "Norme in materia di organizzazione delle università, di personale accademico e reclutamento, nonché delega al Governo per incentivare la qualità e l'efficienza del sistema Universitario", art. 24, comma 3, lettera "a". <https://www.normattiva.it/uri-res/N2Ls?urn:nir:stato:legge:2010-12-30:240~art5-com3>



1. A commission of expert evaluators in the field of third mission/societal or scientific impact, appointed by the Rector, will assign a score according to the criteria indicated in the next article.

The commission will be composed of at least three components, chosen by the Rector among the structured professors and the administrative staff.

Only the proposals reaching the minimum score of 30 will be admitted to the next phase.

2. The selected proposals will be eventually evaluated by the Rector.

Art. 6 – Selection and exclusion criteria

During phase 1, the proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- originality and innovativeness (maximum score 10);
- interdisciplinary character of the initiative (maximum score 10);
- capability of reaching a diversified audience external to the university (maximum score 10);
- capability of involving civil and/or entrepreneurial society (maximum score 10);
- Integration of digital and/or environmental aspects (maximum score 10);

In phase 2 the Rector will evaluate the proposals taking into account the communicative effectiveness of the videos and will indicate the projects worthy of the *Third Mission/Societal Impact Prize*.

Initiatives carried out in violation of the *Copyright Law* and/or *The industrial Property Code* and/or the legislation referred to in the *General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679* will be excluded.

Art. 7 – Award ceremony

All materials produced by each group will be exposed during the ceremony and the finalists' videos will be projected. All participants will receive a participation certificate.

Art. 8 – Responsibility

Each participant is responsible for the content of his /her own work.

Art. 9 – Person responsible for the procedure and for information



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Pursuant to art. 5, L. no. 241, 7th August 1990, the person responsible of the procedure is Patrizia Marcella Scalisi (tel no. + 39 092 23890780 - patriziamarcella.scalisi@unipa.it)

Art. 10 – Data processing

Personal data processing is governed by the *EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR)* and by the national current legislation. Candidates' personal data and documents will be processed exclusively for the management and dissemination activities relating to the present call, both electronically and manually, as defined in the information on personal data processing⁶.

⁶ <https://www.unipa.it/privacy/informativa/informativa-sul-trattamento-dei-dati---studenti/index.html>