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DISCLAIMER:

The official and legally binding call for applications is in Italian only. This document cannot be used for legal purposes and is only meant to provide information in English on the call for applications (Decree of the Rector n. 522/2026 of 17/07/2026). Please refer to the official call published on: https://www.uniud.it/it/albo-ufficiale

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Call for applications for the "Communicating Research" Award of the University of Udine

ART. 1 – PREMISES

In May 2016, the University of Udine was awarded the prestigious HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission. This certification attests to the institution's commitment to promoting and implementing the principles of the European Charter for Researchers, ensuring high-quality working conditions, supporting attractive research careers, and guaranteeing open, transparent, and merit-based recruitment processes.

In this context, the University has over time consolidated its commitment through the adoption and implementation of specific Action Plans aimed at the continuous improvement of policies supporting research and researchers.

The year 2026 therefore marks the tenth anniversary of receiving the HR Excellence in Research Award: a significant milestone that the University of Udine intends to highlight and celebrate by organizing the "Communicating Research" Award.

In particular, the Award is dedicated to Early Career Researchers who present their research in a clear, engaging, and accessible manner, including to audiences not experts in the relevant scientific field.

This initiative offers an opportunity to enhance scientific communication skills, make research more accessible and relevant, and contribute to the dissemination of scientific knowledge.

Any terms in this call for application referring to persons in the masculine form shall be understood as referring to all genders.

ART. 2 – PURPOSE

The University of Udine, within the framework of the "Progetto Condiviso" promoted by University of Udine and Fondazione Friuli and of the project "Across – European University for Cross-Border Knowledge Sharing," **promotes an award entitled "Communicating Research," aimed at enhancing participants' ability to effectively disseminate their research activities.**

Through this call for applications, the University seeks to recognize early-career researchers capable of transforming complex scientific content into effective narratives for the general public, thereby strengthening the dialogue between science and society. **This objective will also be pursued through a dissemination event scheduled for 23 October 2026, as part of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the awarding of the HR Excellence in Research Award to the University of Udine, in which the three highest-ranked projects will be featured.**

The aim of the award is to select and reward the best presentations that are able to communicate research in a clear, understandable, engaging, and narrative manner, as well as being relevant to society.

ART. 3 – ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND APPLICATIONS

Participation is open to Early Career Researchers of the University of Udine who have obtained their Master's degree **no more than 10 years prior to the application submission date**. In particular, Early Career Researchers refers to those belonging to the following categories at the time of application:

- PhD Student
- Holder of "assegno di ricerca"
- Researcher [RTD a), RTD b) RTT]
- Holder of "borsa di ricerca"
- Medical resident

- Holder of "contratto di ricerca"
- Holder of "incarico di ricerca"
- Holder of "incarico di ricerca post doc"

Applicants must submit a specific application by completing the form available at the following link. Participation in this call is also subject to the signing of the attached Annex 1, which forms an integral part of this call and must be duly signed and uploaded at the time of completing the application form.

Applications submitted in any other form will not be considered.

The application must include a brief description of the research (max 300 words), a short biography (max 150 words), **and a presentation material to be uploaded, namely a video or a recorded presentation (max 5–7 minutes) of the applicant's research, in a format of their choice.**

The above-metioned material must be designed for a non-specialist audience and must be provided in two languages: simultaneous translation must be provided through Italian–English or English–Italian subtitles.

Applications must be submitted by 12:00 on Monday, 7 September 2026. Applications received after the deadline or submitted by individuals who do not fall within the above-mentioned categories will not be considered.

Participation is on an individual basis; group applications are not permitted.

Submission of an application for participation in the **"Communicating Research" Award** is free of charge and does not entitle applicants to receive the prize or to any form of remuneration and/or reimbursement of expenses.

ART. 4 – SUBJECT OF THE INITIATIVE

The "Communicating Research" Award aims to grant three prizes to the best presentations delivered by participants with reference to their research activities in the following research areas:

- LS – Life Sciences
- PE – Physical Sciences and Engineering

- SH – Social Sciences and Humanities

Accordingly, three winners will be selected, one for each of the above-mentioned areas.

In the event that no application in a given area reaches the minimum score (as set out in Article 6), the Jury shall not award a prize for that area and may decide to allocate two prizes to another area, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in Article 6.

The winning researchers will present their work during the ceremony celebrating the tenth anniversary of the awarding of the HR Excellence in Research Award to the University of Udine, where they will benefit from significant institutional visibility and the opportunity to address a diverse audience. During the same ceremony, **the three winners will be awarded by the Rector with a formal recognition and a cash prize of €1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred euros) gross per winner.**

ART. 5 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE

The call will open on the date of publication of the Decree on the official University notice board and will close at 12:00 on 7th September 2026.

Applicants who have submitted their application by the deadline set out in Article 3 of this call and have uploaded the required materials will be evaluated by a Jury on the basis of the criteria set out in Article 6.

As stated in Article 4, the “Communicating Research” Awards will be conferred during the **ceremony celebrating the tenth anniversary of the awarding of the HR Excellence in Research Award to the University of Udine,** to be held on 23 October 2026.

Participation in the event via remote connection will not be permitted; in the event of failure to attend, the prize will not be awarded.

Participants are required to provide their own IT equipment. The University will not supply participants with equipment or other IT materials (such as, for example, computers, printed materials, external storage devices, etc.), with the exception of the equipment strictly necessary for delivering presentations before the Jury (such as, for example, projection systems). The University shall therefore not be held

liable for any malfunctions due to hardware or software owned by participants.

ART. 6 – JURY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of the submitted materials by the Jury shall take place after the deadline of this call.

The Jury shall be appointed at a later stage and shall be composed of at least one representative for each scientific area of the University of Udine, at least one expert in communication, and at least one representative from a partner university of the Across project and one representative from Fondazione Friuli.

The composition of the Jury shall be published through the same channels.

The Jury shall assess the participants' materials with full autonomy and discretion, on the basis of the following criteria:

- **clarity of communication** (up to a maximum of 20 points)
- **ability to engage the audience** (up to a maximum of 20 points)
- social **impact** and relevance (up to a maximum of 20 points)
- originality of the **communication approach** (up to a maximum of 20 points)
- **quality of the multimedia materials** (up to a maximum of 20 points)

The maximum overall score is 100 points. Proposals obtaining a score equal to or above 60 points shall be deemed eligible for the award.

For each category, the winner shall be the participant who has obtained the highest score. In the event of a tie, priority shall be given to the participant who has achieved the highest score in the "ability to engage the audience" criterion; in the event of a further tie, the younger participant shall be selected.

The decision of the Jury shall be final.

ART. 7 – WARRANTIES

By participating in the Award, each participant warrants that the submitted material, in terms of content and any audio-visual support used:

I. is an original work of the participant;
II. does not contain any trademark, logo, or other element protected by industrial property rights or copyright owned by third parties, or, where such third-party rights exist, that the Participant has previously obtained all necessary authorizations and licenses from the relevant rights holder;
III. does not infringe any other third-party rights, including, but not limited to, patents, trade secrets, rights arising from confidentiality agreements or licenses, privacy rights, or any other legally protected right;
IV. is not subject to any contractual obligation with third parties;
V. does not contain any defamatory content, offensive statements, or any other content that may harm the name, honor, or reputation of the University or of any other natural or legal person;
VI. does not constitute a violation of applicable laws and does not contain content that encourages unlawful behavior.

By signing the attached Annex 1, applicants undertake, among other things, to indemnify and hold harmless the University from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the use of the submitted materials. Declarations made for the purposes of participation are subject to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 (Italian Decree on administrative documentation). In the event of false statements, the penalties provided for under Article 76 shall apply, as well as the forfeiture of benefits pursuant to Article 75.

The submitted materials may be used by the University for institutional purposes related to communication, dissemination, and promotion. Furthermore, participants undertake to comply with rules of proper conduct, in full respect of all participants in the Award.

ART. 8 – PERSONAL DATA

The University shall process participants' personal data exclusively for the purpose of managing the initiative related to the Award, in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, as well as with the applicable provisions issued by the Italian Data Protection Authority.

The processing of personal data, including the storage of records, shall be carried out in paper form or by means of electronic tools. The University of Udine makes available the privacy notice for this category of data subjects at the following link.

ART. 9 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Participants shall retain, in accordance with applicable laws, copyright and exclusive rights over their presentations. Presentations delivered by participants shall be public, and neither the Jury nor the audience shall be subject to any confidentiality obligations.

ART. 10 – LIABILITY AND FORCE MAJEURE

The University reserves the right to exclude participants from the Award in the event of a breach of the provisions of this call. By registering, participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University from any liability for any damage or loss of any kind.

ART. 11 – PARTICIPANTS OBLIGATIONS

Participation in the initiative entails the full and unconditional acceptance by participants of all the provisions set out in this call.

Participants who fail to comply with the provisions of this call, as well as those who, through fraudulent or unauthorized actions, hinder and/or attempt to alter the proper functioning of the award mechanism or, in any case, compromise the successful outcome of the entire initiative, shall be excluded from the Award.

ART. 12 – PUBLICITY

This call shall be published on the Official University Notice Board and on the webpage dedicated to the European Charter, and notice thereof shall be given through the University's institutional media and social channels.

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ANNEX 1

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RECORDING OF MULTIMEDIA MATERIAL AND THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The undersigned, _____, born in _____ on (dd/mm/yyyy) _____.

In relation to my application to the call for applications for the "Communicating Research" Award of the University of Udine

AUTHORIZES

as a data subject pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, the processing of their personal data for purposes of documentation, guidance, teaching, research, dissemination, and promotion, as further described in the privacy notice.

AUTHORIZES

as a data subject portrayed, pursuant to Law No. 633/1941, hereby grants, free of charge and without time limits, consent to the photographing, audio-visual recording, and multimedia recording of their image and/or voice, as well as their statements, for purposes of documentation, guidance, teaching, research, dissemination, and promotion, as further described in the privacy notice.

AUTHORIZES

the University of Udine to use the submitted material for the purposes of participation in the call for applications for the "Communicating Research" Award, as well as for publication and dissemination on the University's institutional platforms. Any other use of such material, whether free of charge or for commercial purposes, is excluded.

Furthermore, being aware of the criminal penalties referred to in Article 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended, in the event of false statements, as well as the forfeiture of any benefits obtained on the basis of untruthful declarations pursuant to Article 75

of the aforementioned Decree, under my own responsibility and for the purposes and effects of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, as amended,

DECLARES AND WARRANTS

that, as provided for in Article 7 of the call, of which this Annex forms an integral part, **the submitted material is my original work and does not infringe any third-party rights.**

I assume full responsibility for the above and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University from any claims, damages, or disputes arising from the material submitted for participation in the call.

Udine, (day) _____

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Signature