

Call for applications for the granting of the degree award dedicated to the memory of Matteo Cazzola– Edition No.3/2025

Overview

The Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS and the Associazione Alumni dell'Università di Padova, in collaboration with **Pietro Fiorentini S.p.A.** and under the patronage of the **School of Engineering** and the **School of Science of the University of Padua**, hereby announce a competition for the granting of **three study awards** dedicated to the memory of **Matteo Cazzola**.

Matteo Cazzola, Energy Manager at «Pietro Fiorentini S.p.A.» in Arcugnano (VI), graduated in Energy Engineering from the University of Padova and held an MBA from CUOA. He passed away on March 31, 2023, at the age of 35 due to an avalanche while on vacation with a group of climbers in Norway.

Matteo was a manager specializing in projects aimed at reducing energy waste in the industrial sector and developing hydrogen as a clean energy source. He had a strong passion for issues related to climate change, renewable energy, and environmental protection.

Objectives

With the intention of perpetuating the memory of Matteo Cazzola and keeping his memory alive, the awards aim to recognise and reward master's dissertation works concerning innovative engineering projects aimed at developing or investigating innovative solutions to enhance the value of natural resources, decarbonization, and environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

The proposals have to demonstrate to provide an original contribution in the following area: energy transition and renewable sources, particularly biogas, biomethane, and hydrogen, with a focus on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and in comparison to solutions that use the same energy carrier or other established energy carriers, including technologies for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) and systems for mitigating climate-altering emissions.

Conditions for participation in the competition

The award is intended for individuals who have obtained a Master's degree, a Single-Cycle Master's degree from the School of Engineering or from the School of Science of the University of Padua between June 1, 2024 and the deadline of this call. Eligible applicants must have worked or be working on a dissertation related to the topic and objective outlined in the call.

Candidates who have participated in previous editions of the award are not eligible to apply.

Applicants are also required, at the time of submitting their application, to register their profile free of charge on the Alumni Association of the University of Padua portal, using the online form available at www.alumniunipd.it/member-register.

Application procedure and deadlines

The application to participate in the competition, addressed to the President of the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS, written on plain paper according to

the form attached to this call for applications (Annex A) and signed in original must be sent by the closing date, **March 20th, 2026**. Non-compliance will result in exclusion from the competition. The application must be submitted via the electronic form available at this [link](#), using one of the following methods:

- signed with a certified digital signature affixed to the application and to all documents requiring a handwritten signature in a traditional environment;
- signed by hand and accompanied by a copy of the signatory's identity document. All documents requiring a handwritten signature in a traditional environment must also be in the form of signed copies. Copies of these documents must be scanned.

The following documents must be submitted along with the application via the online form at this [link](#), non-compliance will result in exclusion from the competition:

- master's degree or single-cycle master's degree dissertation;
- video presentation of the dissertation project (max. 2:30 minutes);
- curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- copy of a valid personal identification document.

Applications that do not fully meet the required conditions will not be considered. By submitting an application, candidates accept the terms and conditions of this competition in full.

Any falsification of documents or submission of false information will result in disqualification from the competition or, if the award has already been granted, may require repayment.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Amount of the award and payment method

Three prizes will be awarded, with a total gross amount of €5,000 (five thousand/00), including all charges to be paid by the organization. The prizes will be paid by the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS and distributed as follows:

- 1 prize of €2,500 (two thousand five hundred/00) for the 1st place dissertation
- 1 prize of €1,500 (one thousand five hundred/00) for the 2nd place dissertation
- 1 prize of €1,000 (one thousand/00) for the 3rd place dissertation

Awarding procedure

The prizes will be granted based on the final and binding decision of a Committee composed of at least five members, including two representatives of the University of Padua, one representative for the Associazioni Amici e Alumni dell'Università di Padova, two representatives of Pietro Fiorentini S.p.A.

The Committee will evaluate the submitted applications based on the following criteria:

- content of the dissertation in relation to its consistency with the themes of the call for applications;
- degree of innovation and impact of the activities carried out on the national and/or international scene;
- scientific, cultural, social and economic impacts;
- interest and potential business applications;
- presentation video of the thesis;
- curriculum vitae et studiorum.

In addition, the Committee reserves the right to award one or more special prizes.



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The winner will be notified of the award by email at the address provided in the application form and, if applicable, of the date of the award ceremony, which he/she will be required to attend.

Person in charge of the administrative procedure

Pursuant to article 4 of Law 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedure and right of access to administrative documents), the administrative manager of the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS is appointed as the person in charge of the administrative procedure.

Candidates may exercise their right of access to the application documents according to the provisions of Italian Presidential Decree No. 184 of 12 April 2006 (Regulation governing access to administrative documents pursuant to Chapter V of Law 241/90).

Processing of personal data

Personal data collected for the purposes set out in this call for applications is processed in compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 679 of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

The "Data Controller" is the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS, with registered office in Via 8 Febbraio, 2 - 35122 Padua, Italy.

The full privacy policy is available from the Data Controller or at <https://www.amiciunipd.it/privacy/>

General Information

This call for applications will be available on the following websites:

www.amiciunipd.it

www.alumniunipd.it

www.unipd.it/premi-studio-laureati

www.fiorentini.com/it

Further information and detailed regulations can be obtained directly from the Associazione degli Amici dell'Università di Padova ETS, e-mail: amiciunipd@unipd.it

Padua, November 10th, 2025

Enrico Del Sole

President

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