

ENI AWARD 2024

Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prize

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Eni is a global energy company operating in a responsible way towards its stakeholders in about sixty-eight countries along the entire value chain. It concretely supports a just energy transition for a net-zero carbon future, with the objective of preserving our planet and promoting an efficient and sustainable access to energy for all, pursuing a fair energy transition with respect to society and world's ecosystems. To this end, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) determined by the UN represent a common target and a guiding reference for managing activities in all those Countries in which it operates. Along this path, Eni has committed to becoming a leading company in the production and sale of decarbonised energy products and fosters several scientific research projects on renewable energy, hydrogen, CCUS, energy efficiency, energy storage and circular economy.

Eni invests in people and their empowerment, recognizing diversity as a key value for human development. From 2008 Eni has been granting the Eni Award, aimed to promote and award scientific research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment. Special care will be devoted to proposals promoting the use of breakthrough, experimental and innovative technologies, processes and tools, enabling a holistic perspective and contributing to the sustainable development goals.

1) Aims

The **Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa** Prize constitutes one of the six sections of the Eni Award, composed by the *Energy Frontiers*, *Advanced Environmental Solutions*, *Energy Transition* and the *Young Researcher of the Year Prizes*, together with the *Recognition at Innovation Eni*.

The purpose of the *Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa* Prize is to help new generations of African researchers to emerge, offering them the opportunity to attend a PhD course in cooperation with prestigious Italian universities and research institutes and supporting their research and innovation on the various scientific topics promoted by Eni Award.

2) Object of the Prizes

Candidates must own a Master's degree or any equivalent - according to the European system - academic qualification, granting access to a PhD course in an Italian university. The theses must have been defended at an African University during the same year of the annual Official Announcement, or in the precedent year.

The Prize is awarded to students born in or after the year 1993.

The Prize is reserved to students graduated in an African university and of African citizenship, coming from one of the African countries listed in the *World Population Prospects: The 2022 Revision*, compiled by the United Nations¹.

The thesis and the *curriculum vitae* - which will prevail in the evaluation of the candidate - must be submitted together with a research proposal in connection with the Eni Award main topics and highlighting the potential benefits of the proposal in a country, in an African region or in the whole African continent. The main topics covered by the Eni Award are: development of a sustainable and resilient nature within a continuously changing climate scenario, through the enhancement of nature-based solutions, and the preservation and restoration of natural capital, in order to accelerate the transition towards circular economy, bio-economy and environmentally sustainable business models, accordingly with the “One Health - Planetary Health” perspective; renewable energy and energy storage; new H₂ production technologies (blue, green and turquoise H₂); capture, utilization and sequestration of carbon dioxide as well as energy efficiency as a bridge to the decarbonization of the energy system.

The research proposal must explicit topics, methodologies and disciplinary areas suitable for the realization of the submitted project. The information provided by the candidate in the research proposal will be used in order to identify PhD courses as coherent as possible with it.

3) The Prizes

Each of the four winners will be awarded with a prize consisting in: i) a customized plaque, ii) a scholarship for the attendance of a 3 years PhD course to be conducted in Italy, in an Italian university² with a solid reputation on the above-mentioned topics iii) the indivisible sum of € 5,000 (five thousand Euros), which will be paid once the PhD scholarship has been formally accepted (within the terms that will be notified) and enrollment procedures have been completed, and iv) direct provision and delivery of a) travel tickets roundtrip, b) transfers and c) board and lodging expenses, for which Eni will be in charge of the direct organization and the coverage of costs incurred by Eni, in order for the winners to participate to the Prize-Giving Ceremony with a maximum of one accompanying person for up to 2 overnight stays.

Where authorized within the PhD course framework, it will be possible to carry out a research period outside Italy. It will be also allowed to propose a non-Italian thesis advisor, collaborating with the Italian university hosting the student. The PhD scholarship will be provided to attend a PhD course belonging to 40th PhD cycle (XL cycle, A.A. 2024/2025) for 36 months. Any delays, breaches or excuses by the winner will determine the prize expiration, without the possibility to convert into cash the prize or to defer the scholarship to PhD courses not belonging to 40th PhD cycle.

The Prizes will be assigned to the winning candidates, proclaimed by the Organizing Committee within July 2024.

An Official Prize-Giving Ceremony³ to award the winning candidate will be held in Italy during the second semester of the year following the publication of the Official Announcement.

¹ Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Réunion, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saint Helena, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Western Sahara, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

² XL PhD cycle as per the regulations of the selected Italian universities.

³ The participation in the Official Prize-Giving Ceremony is independent from the enrollment in the PhD course.

4) Application procedures and deadlines

Applications for the *Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa* must be guaranteed by Professors, Directors of Department, Faculty Deans and Chancellors of universities and polytechnic universities, or by researchers of research institutes operating in the specific - or similar - fields for which the Prize is awarded.

Self-candidatures **will not** be considered.

The deadline for the presentation of the candidatures to the *Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa* falls on **November 24th, 2023**.

In order to submit application, the Candidate must declare that he/she has read and is aware of the "Eni Code of Ethics" and of the "Anti-Corruption Management System Guideline" adopted by Eni, available on www.eni.com website, and that he/she undertakes to comply with the principles contained therein.

Please note that, after the first upload of the application material on the Candidates private area of the Eni Award platform, any new version of the candidature documents shall be sent by e-mail to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat, which will update the application material onto the platform.

The formal confirmation of the acceptance of the Candidature will be sent by email by the Secretariat after the receipt of the properly signed **Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, as provided by art. 4.4.

The Candidature application forms are available on the website: <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html> and must be sent as follows:

1. The **Application Form** and the **CV Form are compulsory** and shall either be uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area or be sent to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat by e-mail to the following address: eniaward@feem.it. The access to the private area must be requested to the Secretariat that will provide an account for the procedure.
2. A **copy of the thesis in electronic form shall either be compulsorily uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area or sent by e-mail** to the same aforementioned address.
3. The Candidate can also optionally either **upload on the private area or send** to the same e-mail address a **short presentation of maximum two (2) slides**, describing the main aspects and applications of his/her Proposal-Research. Furthermore, the Candidate can also provide a **self-made video** of no more than 3 minutes to better describe his/her work in the following formats: .MOV, .MPEG4, .AVI, .FLV. The submission of the afore-mentioned video is strongly recommended, even if it is not mandatory.
4. Following the safe receipt of all the application's documents, a file named **Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, containing the main data of the candidature and the Completion Code, will be provided to each candidate. The aforesaid file must be duly checked and signed by the Candidate as well as by his/her Guarantor and sent by email (eniaward@feem.it) or, alternatively, by fax to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

5) Selection of the Candidatures

The Eni Award Scientific Commission shall examine and select the work of the Candidates that have been accepted and shall present the names of the chosen winners of the *Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prizes* to the Eni Award Organizing Committee by May 2024.

6) Regulations

The Eni Award and this Official Announcement are submitted to the Eni Award Regulations, approved by the Organizing Committee. The text is available on the website: <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html> .

7) Contact details

The Eni Award Scientific Secretariat is located at:

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PRIVACY NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EU REGULATION 2016/679

Pursuant to 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 ("**GDPR**"), Eni S.p.A. provides you ("**Candidate**") with the following information about the processing of your personal data carried out in relation to (i) the participation in the initiative called "**Premio Eni Award**" ("**Initiative**"), organized and financed by Eni S.p.A.; (ii) the procedure carried out after the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative.

[This privacy notice also concerns the processing of personal data of the "Guarantors" (as defined in the Eni Award notice of competition), which will be communicated to Eni S.p.A. by the Candidates during the application procedure to the Initiative, limited in relation to the awards "Young Researcher of the Year" and "Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa".]

1. Data controller

The data controller is Eni S.p.A. with registered office in Rome, Piazzale Enrico Mattei, 1, 00144 ("**Controller**" oppure "**Company**").

2. Data protection officer

The Company has appointed a data protection officer ("**DPO**") which can be contacted at the following e-mail address: dpo@eni.com.

3. Categories of personal data

The Controller will process the following Data Subject's personal data ("**Personal Data**"):

- name (data processed also with reference to the Guarantors);
- surname (data processed also with reference to the Guarantors);
- curriculum vitae;
- e-mail address (data processed also with reference to the Guarantors);
- identification documents (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner);
- video presentation of the candidate (data processed only with reference to the "Young Researcher of the Year" and "Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa" awards);
- phone number (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner);
- biography (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner);
- photographs (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner);
- payment data (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner);
- tax certificates (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner);
- master's degree certificate; certificate attesting university exams taken and the relative marks; English language certificate (data processed only if the Candidate is selected as winner of "Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa" award).

4. Purposes of personal data processing

a. Processing based on legal obligations which the Controller is subject to

Personal Data will be processed:

- for the compliance with legal obligations related to the Candidates' participation in the Initiative and in the procedure following the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative;
- for accomplishing a request addressed by the competent administrative or judicial authority;

The processing of Personal Data for the aforementioned purposes is based on (i) the laws applicable to the Initiative and any situations related to it; (ii) requests addressed by public authorities (article 6, paragraph 1, letter c) GDPR).

This processing is necessary in relation to the participation in the Initiative as well as to the procedure carried out after the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative.

b. Processing based on the execution of the Initiative's competition notice

Personal Data will be processed for:

- the economic and administrative management of the Candidates' participation in the Initiative as well as in the procedure following the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative.
- sending communications regarding the Candidates' participation in the Initiative and in the procedure following the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative (processing limited to Candidates' personal data).

The processing of Personal Data for the aforementioned purposes is based on the execution of the Initiative's competition notice (article 6, paragraph 1, letter b) GDPR).

This processing is necessary in relation to the participation in the Initiative as well as to the procedure carried out after the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative.

c. Processing based on the Controller's legitimate interest

Personal Data will be processed:

- for carrying out internal audits;
- in case of non-recurring mergers, sales or transfers of business units, in order to allow the necessary due diligence activities; Personal Data will be processed in aggregate/anonymous form as much as possible;
- in order to ascertain, exercise or defend Controller's (or Eni Group companies') rights in court.

The processing of Personal Data for the aforementioned purposes is based on the Controller's legitimate interest (art. 6, par. 1, lett. f) GDPR) to (i) verify and ensure the compliance of the Company's actions with applicable regulations and policies; (ii) perform business activities; (iii) defend its rights.

d. Processing based on Data Subject's consent

With reference to the "video presentation of the candidate" and the "photographs" listed at paragraph 3, the processing will be performed for the administrative management of the Candidates' participation in the Initiative and in the procedure following the potential winning of the awards provided by the Initiative, prior Candidate's consent (article 6, paragraph 1, letter a), GDPR – processing limited to Candidates' personal data).

5. Processing methods

Personal Data will be processed with automated and/or manual means by the Controller's personnel, who has been specifically instructed on the methods and purposes of processing.

6. Recipients of personal data

Personal Data may be communicated to third parties listed below:

- public authorities;
- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei;
- Eni Group's companies;
- third-party service providers;
- press.

With reference to the communication of Personal Data, such recipients may operate, as appropriate, as data processors (and in this case they will receive appropriate instructions from the Controller) or as independent data controllers. The communication of Personal Data will include only such data which is necessary for the pursuit of data processing purposes described at paragraph 4.

7. Personal data transfer outside the European Economic Area (EEA)

Should it is necessary for the pursuit of the purposes described at article 4, Personal Data may be transferred outside the EEA. Whenever Personal Data is transferred outside the EEA and, in particular, to States that are not issued by an adequacy decision of the European Commission, the transfer will take place exclusively (i) by signing of the standard contractual clauses adopted by the European Commission and the adoption of any further technical and

organizational measures to ensure a protection level of personal data equal to the one guaranteed within the EEA or (ii) in the presence of one of the conditions referred to in art. 49 GDPR.

8. Data Retention

Personal Data will be stored into the Controller's paper and/or digital archives and protected by appropriate security measures for a period of time not exceeding what is necessary for the pursuit of the purposes for which Personal Data were collected and then they will be deleted. In any case, Personal Data may be stored for a later period in the event of any litigation, requests from the competent authorities or where this is provided for in accordance with applicable law.

9. Data Subject's rights

Candidates and Guarantors, as data subjects, are granted the following rights as set out by article 15 and following of GDPR:

- a) right to access,
- b) right to rectification;
- c) right to erasure;
- d) right to restriction of processing;
- e) right to data portability;
- f) right to object;
- g) right to withdraw the consent.

Data Subject may exercise those rights by sending an e-mail to the DPO (dpo@eni.com). Without prejudice to any other administrative or judicial recourse, data subjects may also lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority in case of a violation of GDPR by the Controller.