

Young Talents Award of the Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca with the sponsorship of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei - 2026 Edition

1. Background

The University of Milan-Bicocca establishes, with the sponsorship of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, the Young Talents Award intended for researchers under 37 years of age who hold type A or B research grants, research contracts, post-doctoral positions, research assignments, RTDA, RTDB, RTT, RU, or Research Technologist. The Award aims to recognize the quality, originality and impact of the scientific production of researchers and encourage their training through international mobility actions. The Young Talents Award is a multidisciplinary award that recognizes the results obtained in all the scientific/cultural areas in which the University is active. The prizes are awarded with reference to the CUN areas or their groupings into thematic areas:

Ambito tematico	Descrizione (AREE CUN)
Ambito 1	AREA – 01 - MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCES + AREA – 09 - INDUSTRIAL AND INFORMATION ENGINEERING
Ambito 2	AREA – 02 - PHYSICAL SCIENCES
Ambito 3	AREA – 03 - CHEMICAL SCIENCES + AREA – 04 - EARTH SCIENCES
Ambito 4	AREA – 05 - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES + AREA – 07 - AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCES
Ambito 5	AREA – 06 - MEDICAL SCIENCES AND NEUROSCIENCES
Ambito 6	AREA - 11 - HISTORICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, PEDAGOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Ambito 7	AREA - 12 - LEGAL SCIENCES + AREA - 13 - ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS
Ambito 8	AREA - 10 - ANTIQUITY, LITERATURE AND HISTORICAL-ARTISTIC SCIENCES + AREA – 14 - POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

2. Awarding of the prize for each thematic area

- For each thematic area, a First Prize (contribution of 5000 Euros), a Second prize (contribution of 2000 Euros) and two Third Prizes (contribution of 1000 Euros each) will be awarded. If the number of applications presented in a thematic area is equal to or less than 10, only one Third prize will be awarded. The grants can be used to support research activities (participation in schools, conferences, short stays, international events, provided they are formative and strictly related to research activities; purchase of equipment or consumables; etc.).
- The contribution must be used within the two years following the assignment and will be managed by the Service Center to which the researcher belongs.
- In order to take advantage of the funds, researchers must be on duty at the University.

- In the case of winners of a Research Fellowship (Assegnisti di Ricerca), the person responsible for the funds and their correct use is the Director of the Department.

Responsible of the procedure is Dr Teresa Gallicchio, Head of Grant Office e Tender. Audit procedures can be established randomly to verify the correct use of funds.

3. Participation requirements

All holders of Type A or B Research Grants, research contracts, post-doctoral positions, RTDA, RTDB, RTT, RU positions, and Research Technologists employed at the University of Milan-Bicocca as of the call deadline are eligible to apply. Applicants must be under 37 years of age on the deadline date. Candidates must not have reached the age of 37 on the deadline date of the call. The above-specified eligibility period can be extended beyond 37 years of age in the event of adequately documented career interruptions, occurred within the deadline for submitting applications, and resulting from:

- maternity breaks*
The time limit set by the notice is increased by 18 months for each child. If the candidate is able to document a longer total maternity leave, the eligibility period will be extended by a period equal to the documented leave or leaves taken before the candidate's 37th birthday. The condition of maternity must be documented through the birth certificate of the child;
 - breaks due to paternity*
the time limit set by the notice is increased by the actual amount of paternity leave taken before reaching 37 years of age. The condition of paternity must be documented through the child's birth certificate;
 - long-term illnesses (over 90 days)*
the time limit set by the notice is increased by the actual amount of leave taken before reaching the age of 37, for each applicable occurred event;
- First prize winners of previous editions cannot apply. The winners of the 2nd or 3rd prize can re-submit the application but at least 2 of the 3 publications submitted (see below) must be different from those of the previous applications.

4. Selection criteria and procedures

- The results of the research will be evaluated based on the best three products indicated by the candidate and present in the IRIS database (scientific publications, patents, conference communications, monographs, etc.). For each product, the candidate must highlight the individual contribution to the research.
- The selection of the winners will be carried out by a special multidisciplinary Selection Committee composed of members of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei or national experts in order to cover all CUN areas (or their aggregations) on which the prizes are distributed. The Committee will evaluate the impact, originality and individual contribution of the products presented. At the end of the selection procedure, the Committee will release the list of winners.
- The members of the Committee will sign a declaration stating the absence of conflicts of interest with the candidates.

5. Submission of applications

- Researchers who meet the requirements can submit their candidature for the Award by **01/06/2026**, using the online form on the UNIMIB website prepared by the Grant Office by providing in a **single pdf file**:
 1. short curriculum vitae indicating the area to which the application refers as indicated in the attached table (max 1 page);
 2. list of three selected products with indication of the individual contribution (max 1 page);
 3. pdf of the three selected products;
 4. in the case of products with multiple authors, a letter from a senior co-author or the scientific tutor certifying the candidate's individual contribution;
 5. any other elements useful for the evaluation (max 1 page).
- The submission of incomplete or non-compliant documentation (e.g. presentation of CVs that exceeds one page) will result in automatic exclusion from the procedure.

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