

## **"Antonio Moroni" award for abroad stays by Italian researchers in the environmental sciences sector.**

To remember professor Antonio Moroni of the University of Parma, founding member of the Italian Society of Ecology and one of the founding fathers of the discipline in Italy, prizes are set up to finance stays **between three and six months** in qualified foreign research centres, both public and private, in the field of **Theoretical and applied ecology**. The maximum funding is **4000** euros, due to the travel and accommodation expenses foreseen by the candidates. The prizes will be awarded to candidates of Italian or European Union nationality (as long as they reside in Italy), preferably for **post-doctoral or post-master research activities**.

Given the current health situation in the world, the award can be enjoyed starting from January 1, 2022 and until July 31, 2023.

### **How to be eligible for the awards:**

#### *Art. 1 - Application form*

Those wishing to participate in the prizes must send by e-mail to the addresses by **6 pm on 2 October 2021** [anna.fano@unife.it](mailto:anna.fano@unife.it) and [marino.gatto@polimi.it](mailto:marino.gatto@polimi.it), an **application form** accompanied by name, surname, postal and e-mail addresses, telephone, and a single pdf **file containing the following documentation**:

- Curriculum vitae of no more than five single-spaced pages with a list of titles and publications (containing the specific bibliographic references)
- Research project of no more than three single-spaced pages, in which the congruence of the project with the themes of the award is highlighted
- Cost estimate in which travel, and subsistence expenses are highlighted separately
- Declaration of possessing Italian or EU citizenship residing in Italy

The contents of the documentation will not be published or disclosed in any way.

Suitable candidates (see article 4 below) must produce a letter of acceptance of the candidate from the host research institution or laboratory, signed by the director of the institution or by the laboratory manager, during the interview.

#### *Art. 2 - Characteristics of the candidates*

Persons holding a role within public or private entities cannot participate in the awards. The possession of a PhD or a second level post-graduate master's degree in disciplines related to the

themes of the award is a preferential title. Those who have already won an award for stays abroad from the Italian Society of Ecology are excluded.

**Candidates for the award must be registered as young members in the Italian Society of Ecology.**

*Art. 3- Other sources of financing*

In the event that the candidate uses other sources of funding, he must give notice in the application.

*Art. 4 - Judging Commission*

The prizes will be awarded by a commission unified with the one of Luigi and Francesca Brusarosco prize, made up of a member of the Brusarosco family and the president of the Italian Society of Ecology (or his delegate). The commission, on the basis of the applications received, will draw up a first list of suitable candidates who will undergo an interview with the commission electronically. The final judgment of the commission, based both on the documentation of the candidates and on the interview, is unquestionable.

*Art. 5 - Use of the prize*

The prizes will be awarded during the annual congress of the Italian Society of Ecology. The start of the stay abroad must occur within the first half of 2022, under penalty of forfeiture, except for particularly serious reasons or scientific needs.

*Art. 6 - Final report*

The assignees, within 30 days of the end of the period of stay abroad, must send a written report on the research carried out to the award secretariat and a pdf file containing the same report to the email addresses listed above. The length of the report should be approximately between 30 and 40 single-spaced pages. In addition, the assignees will present the results of their research in the subsequent congress of the Italian Society of Ecology according to modalities to be agreed from time to time.