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Research Award 2025

The Department of Statistical Sciences of the University of Padova establishes two research awards for young researchers: one reserved for young tenured researchers and one reserved for young non-tenured researchers. The Department's objective is to recognise and incentivise high-quality scientific output among a broad number of young researchers across the various scientific fields of interest of the Department.

The two awards are reserved for those who, during 2025, were affiliated with the Department of Statistical Sciences for at least 6 months. Candidates who were affiliated solely as non-tenured researchers (doctoral students, research grant holders, research fellows, holders of research appointments, postdoctoral appointments, or research contracts) will compete for the Research Award for Young Non-Tenured Researchers. Candidates who were affiliated solely as tenured researchers (RTDA, RTDB, and RTT) will compete for the Research Award for Young Tenured Researchers. Candidates who held different positions — first as non-tenured and then as tenured — will compete for the award corresponding to the predominant role held during their time in the Department.

Each candidate may participate in the selection by submitting a single work, including collaborative works, that has been published or definitively accepted in an internationally circulated journal or book chapter. In order to be considered valid, the publication must exist in print form, or online provided that the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) assigned by the journal can be identified. In the absence of such information, a publication may only be considered if accompanied by a declaration of acceptance from the scientific committee or from the journal's publisher. The submitted work must have been published or accepted in the period January 2025 – December 2025.

Candidates may not submit a work that was previously evaluated in an earlier edition of the competition.

Each prize amounts to € 2,000.00 and a joint award (*ex aequo*) is permitted.

Should the winner be, at the time of publication of the results, affiliated with the University of Padova, the award will be disbursed through the creation of an accounting project for the assigned amount, to be used for research expenses. Such project will have the same deadline as the BIRD 2026 (i.e. 31 December 2027). The tenured recipient undertakes to give a research seminar on the awarded work at the Department of Statistical Sciences.

Should the winner not be, at the time of publication of the results, affiliated with the University of Padova, the award will be disbursed as a fee, subject to the delivery of a series of at least 2 seminars to be held at the Department of Statistical Sciences within a timeframe that allows payment of the award by 31 December 2027. The assigned amount is to be considered gross of withholding taxes borne by the institution and will be paid in a single instalment upon completion of the seminar series.

In the event that the winner is, at the time of publication of the results, affiliated with the University of Padova but has a remaining contract duration of less than 6 months, the award may be paid under the same conditions as those applicable to non-tenured winners.

Winners retain the option to waive the monetary component of the Award while keeping the title. In such case, the unspent funds will be reabsorbed into the BIRD allocation.

The application, addressed to the Head of the Department of Statistical Sciences of the University of Padova and drawn up on plain paper in accordance with the template attached to this call, must be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Directly by the candidate or by an authorised representative bearing written proxy and a photocopy of both the candidate's and the representative's identity document, delivered to the Administrative Secretariat, *Department of Statistical Sciences, Via Cesare Battisti 241, 35121 Padova*, during the following hours: Monday – Friday, 09:00–17:00;
- By post to the address: *University of Padova, Department of Statistical Sciences, Via Cesare Battisti 241, 35121 Padova*;
- By certified electronic mail (PEC) to: dipartimento.stat@pec.unipd.it
 - accompanied by a digital signature affixed to the application and to all documents for which a handwritten signature is required in the traditional (paper) setting;
 - by transmitting a scanned copy of the application bearing a handwritten signature, together with a copy of the ID; all documents for which a handwritten signature would be required in the traditional setting must likewise be transmitted as signed scanned copies. All such copies must be acquired by scanner.

For the electronic submission of documents, static and non-directly-editable formats, free of macros and executable code, must be used — preferably PDF. Finally, it is not necessary to contact the university offices to confirm receipt, nor is it necessary to send any paper copy, as a return receipt is automatically sent by the PEC provider.

Applications must be received no later than 5 June 2026, failing which the candidate will be excluded from the competition. The envelope containing the documentation must bear the exact name of the competition. In the application, drawn up on plain paper, the candidate must declare, under their own responsibility:

- i. surname and first name, place and date of birth, citizenship, tax identification number (codice fiscale), residential address and elected address for competition purposes, landline and mobile telephone number, e-mail address;
- ii. their current position, specifying — in the case of candidates based abroad — whether this is equivalent to a fixed-term researcher position or to a non-tenured position (e.g. research fellow, grant holder, or doctoral student);
- iii. that they were affiliated with, or worked at, the Department of Statistical Sciences for at least 6 months during the period January 2025 – December 2025, and that the submitted work was published (or that an acceptance letter for publication was received) during that period;
- iv. that they undertake to promptly communicate any change of residential address or contact details indicated in the application;
- v. that they are aware of all the provisions contained in this call for applications.

The application must be accompanied, failing which the candidate will be excluded from evaluation, by the following documentation:

- i. the research work submitted in the form required by this call;
- ii. a copy of an identity document (only for those who do not submit the application in person or send it by post);
- iii. a supplementary document of between 50 and 250 words describing the content of the submitted work, indicating its elements of innovation and its potential impact on the scientific community, also with reference to its place within the candidate's scientific trajectory;

The evaluation committee will be appointed by the Head of the Department and will be composed of the Department's scientific committee, excluding members who are in a conflict of interest because they are co-authors of one of the works submitted for evaluation, or because they are supervisors or scientific referees of the applicants in the case of doctoral students or research fellows; excluded members may be replaced on the proposal of the Head of the Department.

The evaluation committee will assess the publications on the basis of the following criteria:

a) Quality of the publication: assignment of a score from 3 to 5 points based on the classification of publications developed by the Department's scientific committee for the allocation of basic research funds (DOR-R). The SJR values to be used are those for 2022.

SCORE	CLASSIFICATION
5	TIER I
4	TIER II
3	TIER III (non-tenured candidates only)

Works ranked below Tier III will be excluded from evaluation for candidates applying for the Research Award reserved for non-tenured researchers. Works ranked below Tier II will be excluded from evaluation for candidates applying for the Research Award reserved for tenured researchers.

b) Candidate's contribution to the work: assignment of a score from 0 to 2 based on the following guidelines:

SCORE	
2	Single-authored article by the candidate.

1	Article with multiple authors.
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c) Comparative evaluation of the submitted works by the committee. Originality, innovation, and methodological rigour of the contributions, their potential impact on the relevant scientific community, the candidates' contribution, and the quality of the publication venue will be subject to evaluation. Up to 3 points.

Each candidate's final score will be the sum of the scores obtained in criteria a, b, and c.

The merit ranking will be drawn up on the basis of the scores obtained by the candidates.

Each award will be assigned to the candidate, or — in the case of a tie — to the candidates ranked first.

Pursuant to Art. 4 of Law 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedure and the right of access to administrative documents), the Responsible Officer for the administrative procedure is Dr. Stefano Davide Leone, Administrative Secretary of the Department.

Candidates are entitled to exercise the right of access to the documents of the competition procedure in accordance with the procedures set out in the Presidential Decree of 12 April 2006, no. 184 (Regulation on access to administrative documents pursuant to Chapter V of Law 241/90). With reference to the provisions of Legislative Decree 30 June 2003, no. 196 "Personal Data Protection Code", concerning the protection of individuals and other parties with regard to the processing of personal data and, in particular, to the provisions of Art. 13, personal data provided by candidates will be collected at the University of Padova for the purposes of managing the competition and will be processed, including by automated means. Submission of such data is mandatory for the assessment of eligibility requirements, failing which the candidate will be excluded from the competition. The information provided may only be communicated to public authorities directly involved in the candidates' university position or in the conduct of the competition. Data subjects are entitled to the rights set out in Arts. 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the aforementioned Legislative Decree, including the right of access to data concerning them, as well as complementary rights including the right to rectify, update, complete, or delete data that is erroneous, incomplete, or collected in a manner not in compliance with the law, as well as the right to object to its processing on legitimate grounds. These rights may be exercised against the University of Padova – Via VIII Febbraio 1848, no. 2, as the data controller.

This call for applications and its attachments are available on the website of the Department of Statistical Sciences: <http://www.stat.unipd.it/bandi>.

Further information and detailed provisions may be requested directly from the Administrative Secretariat, Department of Statistical Sciences, Via Cesare Battisti 241, 35121 Padova, (tel. 049 827 4125 – 049 827 4167 – email: ricerca@stat.unipd.it)

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Head of the Department

Prof. Giovanna Capizzi