

ENI AWARD 2018

Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa Prize

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Eni is one of the most important, vertically integrated energy companies in the world. It operates in the oil, natural gas, electricity production, engineering, construction and petrochemical products sectors. It is constantly working to build a future where everyone can access energy resources efficiently and sustainably. Eni is also involved in several scientific research projects on renewable energies, particularly in the major areas of biofuels and solar energy. Operating in about eighty-five countries in a responsible way towards its stakeholders, Eni invests in people and their empowerment, and it takes part to development through the integration of social, environmental and cultural issues in the growth process, in full respect of rights and diversities. From 2008 Eni has been offering the Eni Award, aimed to promote and award research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment.

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 Transition, Energy Frontiers, Advanced Environmental Solutions* 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 1987.

The Prize is reserved to students graduated in an African university or of African citizenship, coming from one of the 58 African countries listed in the *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision*, compiled by the United Nations¹.

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, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Réunion, Rwanda, Saint Helena, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Western Sahara, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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 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 two winners will be awarded with a customized plaque and a scholarship for the attendance of a 3 years PhD course to be conducted in Italy, in an Italian university or research institute with a solid reputation on the above-mentioned topics. 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 or research institute hosting the student.

The Prizes will be assigned to the winning candidates, proclaimed by the Organizing Committee within June 2018.

4) Application procedures and deadlines

Applications for the *Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa* must be presented and 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 24, 2017 before and no later than 5 p.m. CET - Central European Time. Please note that, after 5 p.m. CET of November, 10, 2017, the Scientific Secretariat won't create new accounts, in order to provide the most suitable assistance to the already registered Candidatures, within the deadline. Two weeks after the November 24 deadline, the Scientific Secretariat will provide the Candidates with formal confirmation, by email, for the acceptance of their Candidature.

The Candidature application forms are available on the website: https://www.eni.com/enipedia/it_IT/modello-di-business/premi-e-riconoscimenti/bando-eni-award-2018.page, and must be sent as follows:

1. The **Candidature Proposal**, the **Summary of the Thesis**, the **CV** and the **Research Proposal** will have to be uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area. The access to the private area must be requested to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat (eniaward@feem.it) that will provide an account for the procedure.
2. A **copy of the Thesis in electronic form** as well as **possible recognitions, certificates, letters of reference, list of publications and the related publications** must be sent by e-mail to the following address: repository-eniaward@feem.it.
3. The Candidate will have the possibility to provide a **self-made video** of no more than 3 minutes describing the main aspects and applications of his/her research proposal. Such presentations will be sent as indicated during the Candidature's registration process and will be accepted in the following formats: .MOV, .MPEG4, .AVI, .FLV.

Following the formal registration of the Candidature Proposal, a file named *Summary of the Candidature Proposal*, containing the main data of the application 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 to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat by fax (+39 0248197724) or email (eniaward@feem.it) before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

4) 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 2018.

5) 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/enipedia/it_IT/modello-di-business/premi-e-riconoscimenti/bando-eni-award-2018.page.

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