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Notice of competition for the

Doctoral Dissertation Award in

Artificial Intelligence in Entrepreneurship and

Management (AIEM)

First Edition - 2024

FOREWORD

The award is designed by the Management and Entrepreneurship research group of the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Padua, and updated by the same group in its content and modalities.

The same research group provides the funds for the award.

The award is issued on an annual basis.

Art. 1 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is to encourage studies and research in the field of new technologies, and especially artificial intelligence, to support decision-making and operational processes in the field of management and entrepreneurship.

Art. 2 - RECIPIENTS

Recipients of the award are PhD with Doctoral Theses presented and defended in the period between January 1, 2023 and the expiration date of this announcement.

Applicants may be citizens of Italy, a European or Non-European country.

Art. 3 - THEMES

Doctoral dissertations may address the relationship and impact of Artificial Intelligence on Entrepreneurship and Management and in particular, by way of example, on:

- decision-making processes
- predictive analytics
- productivity improvements
- performance analysis and improvement
- new management methodologies
- functional integration and optimization of operations
- human resource management
- organizational changes
- innovation processes
- investment processes

- risk management
- sustainability
- business ethics
- employment impacts and new jobs
- business creation

The thesis may be interdisciplinary in nature and must make an independent and original contribution within the scope of the topics listed above, with scientific and/or applicative impacts on businesses or other public or private organizations.

Art. 4 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The application for participation in the competition, addressed to the Director of the Department of Industrial Engineering and drawn up according to the form attached to this notice,

- must be sent by e-mail, no later than **1:00 p.m. of 31 May, 2024**, to the following address:
direzione.dii@unipd.it.
- Static, non-directly modifiable formats, free of macro-instructions or executable codes (PDF format) must be used.
- The subject of the e-mail message should be marked with the words "Doctoral Dissertation Award (AIEM) 2024".

In the application for participation in the competition the candidate must declare under his/her own responsibility:

1. surname and first name, place and date of birth, citizenship, social security number, residence, the address elected for the purposes of the competition (specifying postcode, telephone number and e-mail);
2. that he/she has defended, between January 1, 2023 and the expiration date of the announcement, a doctoral thesis, indicating the name of the University;
3. to promptly notify any change of residence or address indicated in the application form;
4. to be aware of all the rules contained in the call for applications.

The application must be accompanied by the following documents:

- curriculum vitae of the candidate, with particular reference to continuity of research, qualifications, including PhD, specializations, publications and awards obtained;
- description, in English (not exceeding 6,000 characters spaces excluded) of the Doctoral Thesis,

the personal contribution made by the candidate, the relevant results obtained, and any scientific and applicative impact;

- the Doctoral Dissertation (in English) in .pdf format.
- copy of a valid personal identification document.

Applications that do not fully meet the required conditions will not be considered.

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of this notice. Falsification of documents and/or false declarations shall result in exclusion from the competition or the right to recourse in the case of a prize already awarded.

Art. 5 - EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES

The evaluation of the applications will be entrusted to a committee of professors who are experts on the topics mentioned in Article 3 ("themes") consisting of 3 members.

Professors from Italian and foreign universities may be members of the commission.

The commission is appointed by the Director of the Department.

The committee, at its sole discretion, will identify the winner, and up to a maximum of 4 candidates with merit mention.

The ex-ante evaluation criteria are as follows:

- candidate's curriculum (continuity of research, titles, publications and awards achieved, projects carried out);
- original contribution of the candidate to the research carried out in the Doctoral Dissertation;
- degree of innovation and impact of the activity carried out at national and international level.

The Commission reserves the right not to award prizes if, in its sole discretion, no submitted application is deemed meritorious.

Art. 6 - PRIZES

The award for Doctoral Thesis on Artificial Intelligence in Entrepreneurship and Management (AIEM) for the 2024 edition is set at € 5,000.00 (gross amount).

In addition, up to a maximum of 4 candidate(s) with certificate of merit will be awarded.

Art. 7 - PROCLAMATION OF THE WINNERS

The winner of the award and candidates with certificates of merit will be announced by 30 September 2024.

The winners will be notified of the awarding of the prize and certificates of merit by e-mail, at the address indicated in the application for the announcement.

Art. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE MANAGER

Pursuant to Art. 4 of Law 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents), Prof. Fabrizio Dughiero, Director of the Department of Industrial Engineering, is appointed as Administrative Procedure Manager.

Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the acts of the competition procedure in accordance with the procedures set out in the "Regulations for the implementation of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 and subsequent amendments and additions regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents of the University of Padua" Decree Rep. 1105/2014 of 23/04/2014.

Art. 9 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

With reference to the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003, "Code for the protection of personal data", concerning the protection of persons and other subjects with regard to the processing of personal data and, in particular, to the provisions of art. 13, the personal data provided by candidates will be collected at the University of Padua for the purposes of managing the competition and will also be processed in automated form.

The provision of such data is compulsory for the purposes of assessing the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the competition.

The information provided may be communicated only to public administrations directly concerned with the university position of the candidates or with the running of the competition.

Interested parties are entitled to the rights set out in Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the aforementioned Legislative Decree, which include the right to access the data concerning them, as well as certain complementary rights, including the right to rectify, update, complete or delete any data that is erroneous, incomplete or collected in terms that do not comply with the law, as well as the right to oppose its processing for legitimate reasons.

These rights may be asserted against the University of Padua - Via VIII Febbraio, 1848 n. 2, the data controller.

Art. 10 GENERAL INFORMATION

This notice of competition with the facsimile for the application form is available on the University of Padua website <http://www.unipd.it/premi-studio-laureati> and on the website of the Department of Industrial Engineering <http://www.dii.unipd.it> under the heading “Bandi”.

Further information and detailed regulations can be requested directly from the Department of Industrial Engineering (Tel. 049 8277558 - 7577 - e-mail: direzione.dii@unipd.it)

Attached to this notice:

- Application Form

Padua, 26 February 2024

The Head of Department
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