



ROMA SAPIENZA FOUNDATION

Call for applications

WHS Academic Alliance prize for the best thesis

Art. 1

Number and type of prize

The Academic Alliance of the World Health Summit (WHS) announces the awarding of **one prize for the year 2025**, consisting of a grant of € 5.000,00 (gross of any charges payable by the beneficiary), provided by Roma Sapienza Foundation. The prize is intended to recognize the best specialization thesis or doctoral dissertation in the field of Health Sciences and Research, with particular reference to the topic of global health.

Art. 2

General admission requirements

The call for applications is addressed to early-career candidates who have completed, at one of the Institutions of the WHS Academic Alliance, a formal residency training or a PhD course in health or medical professions, and whose research activity is coherent with the topic of this call and has made a significant contribution to scientific progress within their respective disciplinary field.

Eligible applicants include:

- health/medical professionals who completed formal residency training or PhD course during the last year (i.e., 2024); and
- resident/doctoral candidates who will complete their degree program by the deadline specified in this announcement (January 30, 2026).

Art. 3

Application, presentation methods, assessable qualifications

The deadline for submitting the application is Friday, **January 30, 2026, at 23:59 CET**.

A pre-selection will be carried out by the candidates' home institutions so that only **one candidate per institution** can ultimately compete and apply. The selected candidates must apply by registering at the following link <https://forms.gle/WGW6B85HivF8E91E9> and by completing the online application process.

Candidates must also provide a **valid email address** for future communications and attach the following documentation to his/her application:

1. Application form completed and signed (Attachment A, PDF format renamed as: *Name_Surname_application*);
2. Copy of a valid identity document (PDF format to be renamed as: *Name_Surname_docidentity*);
3. Curriculum vitae et studiorum (PDF format to be renamed as: *Name_Surname_CV*);
4. Certification of PhD degree with the date of graduation and final mark (PDF format, renamed as: *Name_Surname_PhD*) and/or certification of specialization with date of graduation and final mark (PDF format, renamed as: *Name_Surname_specialization*);
5. Copy of the PhD/specialization thesis (PDF format, renamed: *Name_Surname_thesis*);
6. Thesis summary (in English in case the thesis is not in english), including Background, Specific Aims and Methods, Results and Discussion – maximum 3-pages (PDF format, renamed as *Surname_Name_thesis-summary*);
7. Any letters of reference or support (PDF format, renamed as: *Name_Surname_letter*);
8. List of most significant publications (PDF format, renamed as: *Name_Surname_publications*);
9. A comment (in English) of up to two pages outlining the candidate's personal contributions to advancements in health and scientific research. This should reference up to three publications selected from those produced by the candidate. In the comment, candidates should explain how their research addresses global health issues and clearly indicate their specific contributions to each of the referenced publications.

Certifications may also be provided as a self-declaration affidavits (according to art. 47 and art. 19 of D.P.R. n. 445/2000 In Italy) – see Annex B.

The attachments must be provided in a PDF format, with a file size limitation of 10 GB.

Applications received by any means other than the one listed above will **be excluded from the selection process**.



Requirements must be possessed by the stated deadline (January 30, 2026); otherwise, candidates will be excluded from the selection process.

Art. 4

Judging Commission and Award Ceremony

All applications received will be evaluated by an examining board composed of experts in the field of Health Sciences and Medical Research, appointed by Sapienza Foundation and chaired by Prof. Axel R. Pries, current President of the WHS Academic Alliance. All applications will undergo a rigorous peer-review process, including verification of the authenticity of the submitted declarations.

The winner will be selected based on the topic of his/her dissertation (i.e., coherent with the theme of this call for applications), the personal contribution to health progress and scientific research, and the applicant's overall curriculum.

The selection board will take into account:

- the innovativeness of the topic within the discipline of the candidate;
- the high level of research quality;
- international exchange, collaboration, and partnership opportunities.

The outcome will be communicated to the interested parties through publication on the website of Roma Sapienza Foundation (link provided below).

The winner will be announced during the award ceremony at the World Health Summit in Berlin (October 2026), and will be invited to personally accept the prize during the event, if possible. In the event of the winner's withdrawal or renunciation, the prize will be awarded to the next candidate in the ranking.

The winner of the competition will also be notified via the email address indicated in the registration form, and the prize will be paid in a single installment.

Art. 6

Incompatibility

The scholarship is incompatible with other scholarships or awards, provided by the Sapienza Foundation, received in the same year or in previous years, that have the same purpose.

Art. 7**Processing of Personal Data**

The personal data provided by the candidates will be processed exclusively for the purposes of managing the selection procedure.

Art. 8**Final provisions**

For all matters not covered by this announcement, the current Italian legislation shall apply.

This call for applications concerns the awarding for the year 2025 of a grant of € 5,000.00, gross (including the charges payable by the beneficiary), intended for the best postgraduate training (residency) /doctoral dissertation on Health Sciences and Research.

The announcement will be included in the internal collection of the Foundation's calls and made available electronically on the website www.fondazionesapienza.uniroma1.it

Rome, November 24, 2025

ROMA SAPIENZA FOUNDATION
THE PRESIDENT
Signed Prof. Eugenio Gaudio

Information on the processing of personal data pursuant to Legislative Decree 196/2003

and the GDPR 2016/679.

The personal data you provide are processed in accordance with the provisions of the Legislative Decree 196/2003 of the Personal Data Protection Code, hereinafter the Privacy Code, and of the EU Regulation 2016/679 concerning the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data, as well as the free circulation of such data and which repeals Directive 95/46 / EC (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter GDPR).

Pursuant to art. 13 of Legislative Decree 196/2003 and art. 13 of EU regulation 2016/679, the following information is provided:

- the personal data referred to you will be collected and in any case processed in compliance with the principles of correctness, lawfulness and protection of confidentiality, using IT methods and exclusively for the purpose of processing the personal data declared in the application and communicated to the Roma Sapienza Foundation. The processing is aimed at carrying out the institutional functions defined in Regulation (EU) no. 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, of the Delegated Regulation (EU) no. 640/2014 of the Commission. The data acquired in execution of this information will be used exclusively for the purposes relating to the administrative procedure (s) for which they are communicated;
- the provision of your data and the related processing are mandatory in relation to the purposes described above; it follows that any refusal to provide them will result in non-admission to the insolvency procedure;
- The contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) are fondazionesapienza@uniroma1.it, P.le Aldo Moro 5, 00185 Rome;
- The Data Controller of personal data is the pro tempore president of the Roma Sapienza Foundation, legal representative of the institution. The Delegate and Data Processing Manager is the Secretariat of the Roma Sapienza Foundation;
- the data will be processed exclusively by persons appointed and responsible for the Data Controller or Manager, authorized and instructed to do so, adopting all those technical and organizational measures appropriate to protect the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests that are recognized by law as of interested party;
- personal data are kept for ten years from the date of signing the application for admission;
- personal data will in no way be transferred to a non-European third country, or communicated to third parties outside the cases provided for by the legislation in force, or automated decision-making processes including profiling.

You can exercise the rights provided for by art. 7 of Legislative Decree 196/2003 and by art. from 15 to 22 of EU regulation 679/2016, such as: confirmation of the existence or otherwise of your personal data and their making available in an intelligible form; have knowledge of the purposes on which the treatment is based; obtain the cancellation, transformation into anonymous form or the limitation or blocking of data processed in violation of the law, as well as the updating, correction or, if there is interest, the integration of data; oppose, for legitimate reasons, the processing itself, by contacting the Data Controller, the Data Protection Officer (DPO) or the Data Processor, through the above contacts or the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority.

Attachment A

Fac simile

Application for **the WHS Academic Alliance prize for the best thesis**, for the year 2025, with a grant of € 5.000,00, gross of charges payable by the beneficiary, (provided by Roma Sapienza Foundation), addressed to the best postgraduate training (residency) /doctoral dissertation about Health Sciences and Research.

To the President of the
ROMA SAPIENZA FOUNDATION
Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5
00185 ROME

The undersigned, (NAME and SURNAME)
... born in on
..... and resident in
Street/Square, tax code.....
telephone and / or mobile phone number
e-mail
address to which I wish to receive communications

submits an application for the award for the year 2025 of a prize of 5.000,00 euros on “the best postgraduate training (residency) /doctoral dissertation about Health Sciences and Research”.

referred to in the notice of November 24, 2025, prot. n. 0000221, rep. n. 39/2025, expiring on January 30, 2026

For the purposes of the competition, the undersigned elects his / her address in:

Street..... n



City province

Landline phone

Mobile phone

e-mail address

undertaking to promptly communicate any changes.

The undersigned, aware that the release of false or incomplete declarations is a criminal offense, declares under his/her own responsibility:

1. to be acitizen;
2. to have obtained the certification of PhD degree in at the Faculty of ofUniversity ofwith the vote of , in the academic year having discussed the thesis by title
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.....;
3. not to be in a situation of incompatibility, referred to in Articles 2 and 6 of the above cited call

Place and date.....

Signature

Annex B

DECLARATION OF CONFORMING COPY

(art. 46, Presidential Decree 445 of 28 December 2000)

The undersigned born in
.....on the/...../....., and resident in
....., prov., inStreet..... n.....
....., having taken note of the provisions of art. 76 of the Presidential Decree 28/12/2000
n. 445 (*)

DECLARES**

that the copy of the document, publication or title indicated and attached below conforms to the
original:

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Pursuant to Law 675/96, he is informed and authorizes the collection of data for the ongoing
administrative procedure.

Place and date.....

(full and legible signature)

(*)D.P.R. 445/2000, art. 76, 1st paragraph: "Whoever makes false statements, forms false documents or uses them in the cases provided for by this consolidated act is punished in accordance with the penal code and the special laws on the matter".

(**) Presidential Decree 445/2000, art. 76, 2nd paragraph: "The production of a document containing data that no longer corresponds to the truth is equivalent to the use of a false document".