



Call for applications for the awarding of no. 2 “Teaching Excellence Awards” for the academic years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

(Approved by the Department Council on 19.11.2025)

Art. 1 – Purpose

A competition is announced for the awarding of:

- n. **1 merit award** for **excellence** in the conduct of teaching activities;
- n. **1 merit award** for **excellence** in the conduct of innovative teaching activities (as defined by [FormID](#)).

The purpose of this call is to **stimulate** and **reward** professors for the **excellence** of their teaching carried out within the following Degree Programmes of the DII (Department of Industrial Engineering):

- Ingegneria Industriale (Industrial Engineering)
- Bioengineering for Personalized Medicine
- Management and Industrial Systems Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mechatronics Engineering

Art. 2 – Amount and method of disbursement of the award

The amount of each prize, made available by the Department to each of the winning professors from 2027 institutional funds, to be destined exclusively for teaching and research activities, is equal to **€ 2,500.00**.

Art. 3 – Recipients of the award

The award is intended for **all professors** of the University of Trento who have carried out teaching activities of at least **6 ECTS** (CFU) during the academic year 2024/2025 or 2025/2026 as **course holders** in the Degree Programmes of the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Trento listed in Art. 1.

The award cannot be attributed to:

- members of the evaluation committee;



- the Head of the Department and the Delegate for Teaching of the DII in the year 2025/2026.

The names of professors not eligible for nomination are listed in Annex A.

Art. 4 – Nomination procedure

All students regularly enrolled in the Degree Programmes referred to in Art. 1 in the a.y. 2024/2025 or 2025/2026 have **the right** to nominate one or more **deserving professors** for the award. It is possible to nominate more than one professor for each Degree Programme. **It is not possible** to nominate professors of teaching activities with fewer than 6 students.

The proposal, complete with the required documentation, must be sent via email to didattica.dii@unitn.it by **May 31, 2026**, with the subject line "*Premio per la didattica 2024/2025 e 2025/2026*". The motivation letter must be sent from the University institutional email address (*name.surname@studenti.unitn.it*). A handwritten signature is not required.

The text of the email must indicate:

- the names of **the proposing students supporting the nomination (at least 4)**, all included in cc with their institutional address, with:
 - Name and Surname;
 - Student ID number (Matricola);
- the **name of the professor** and the **name of the teaching activity** proposed for the award;
- the name of the **Degree Programme** in which the professor's teaching activity took place.

The names of the students submitting the proposal and the students supporting it will not be disclosed to the professors or the evaluation committee, but are used for an administrative check of the validity of the proposal.

The following documentation must be attached to the email in pdf format:

- A **detailed description** of all the **reasons** why the professor has been proposed for the merit award (no more than 5000 words), for example:



- clarity of exposition;
- ability to explain contents;
- general organization of the course;
- availability and preparation of the professor;
- ability to stimulate interest in the subject;
- quality of the teaching material provided;
- particularly original and possibly innovative elements in the conduct of teaching.
- Examples of the **teaching material** provided by the professor, for example:
 - electronic documents;
 - exercises made available to students;
 - audio & video teaching material;
 - innovative teaching material;
 - documentation of exercises/simulations/experiments done in the classroom.

The motivation letter may be drafted according to the template available in Annex B.

Art. 5 – Evaluation Committee and multiplicative factors

The awarding of the prizes is deliberated by the Evaluation Committee, composed of:

- the Coordinators of the Degree Programmes referred to in Art. 1;
- 2 students chosen on a voluntary basis from among the representatives of the CPDS (Joint Student-Teacher Committee);
- 1 external expert belonging to FormID.

The evaluation consists of an overall score **out of 100**. For the courses, the following multiplicative factors are foreseen:

- Typology factor (*a*):
 - For **compulsory** activities: $a = 1.2$;
 - For **elective** activities: $a = 1$;
- Three-year/Master factor (*b*):
 - For activities in the **Bachelor's Degree (LT)**: $b = 1.2$;



- For activities in the **Master's Degree (LM)**: $b = 1$;
- Class size factor (c):
 - For activities with a number of students **greater than 20**: $c = 1.2$;
 - For activities with a number of students **between 6 and 20**: $c = 1$.

The score obtained will then be multiplied by $(a + b + c) / 3$ and capped at **100**. To be eligible for the merit award, a score greater than or equal to **85/100** is required.

Art. 6 – Evaluation criteria for the Teaching Excellence

Award The conferral of the **Teaching Excellence Award** is deliberated based on a ranking formulated by the Evaluation Committee referred to in Art. 5. The Committee will proceed with the assignment of the awards based on an unquestionable assessment of the quality of the teaching of the proposed professors, considering:

- the motivation letter provided by the students according to Art. 4, with a score of **70/100**;
- the quality of the examples of the teaching material presented, with a score of **30/100**.

At the end of the work, the Committee will draw up minutes of the meeting and a ranking of eligible candidates and will name the winners of the award. Furthermore, it is desirable that the Committee's judgment be of a qualitative nature, i.e., including a detailed description of the motivations, in addition to the score.

Art. 7 – Evaluation criteria for the Innovative Teaching

Award The conferral of the **Innovative Teaching Excellence Award** is deliberated based on a ranking formulated by the Evaluation Committee referred to in Art. 5.

The Committee will proceed with the assignment of the awards based on an unquestionable assessment of the quality of the innovative teaching of the proposed professors, considering:



- the motivation letter provided by the students according to Art. 4, with a score of **50/100**;
- relevance or innovativeness of the proposed teaching strategies, as defined by FormID, with **30/100**;
- the quality of the examples of the teaching material, with a score of **20/100**.

At the end of the work, the Committee will draw up minutes of the meeting and a ranking of eligible candidates and will name the winners of the award. Furthermore, it is desirable that the Committee's judgment be of a qualitative nature, i.e., including a detailed description of the motivations, in addition to the score.

Art. 8 – Winners and awarding of prizes

The outcome of the selection will be communicated to the winners via email and published on the Department's website; the prize of € 2,500.00 is made available from institutional funds for the year 2027.

Art. 9 – Personal data processing

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679, the University of Trento is the controller of the personal data provided and guarantees that the same will be used exclusively for the fulfillment of obligations connected to this procedure. The data collected will not be transferred to non-EU countries. The data will be stored for the period necessary for the execution of this procedure and for the fulfillment of all legal obligations.



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Annex A

Names of professors who CANNOT be nominated for the "Teaching Excellence Award" for the academic years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Head of Department: Prof. Alessandro Pegoretti

Delegate for Teaching: Prof. Daniele Fontanelli

Degree Programme Coordinators:

- Prof. Mirko Lobino - Industrial Engineering;
- Prof. Giandomenico Nollo - Bioengineering for Personalized Medicine;
- Prof. Francesco Pilati - Management and Industrial Systems Engineering;
- Prof. Massimo Pellizzari - Materials Engineering;
- Prof. Daniele Bortoluzzi - Mechatronics Engineering.