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HAVING REGARD to the Statute of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia;
HAVING REGARD to the University Regulations for administration, finance and accounting;
HAVING REGARD to Law 240/2010 on the organisation of universities, academic and university staff;
HAVING REGARD to the resolution of the Board of the PhD Course in Food Science, Technology and Biotechnology (STEBA) of 29 May 2026
HAVING REGARD to the resolution of the Board of the Department of Life Sciences of 16/07/2026;

DECREES

ART. 1 – Establishment of the Prize

This procedure announces the 2026 edition of the Stanca Prize, named in memory of Prof. Michele Stanca, to whom it is intended to recognize the great scientific and human contribution given to the PhD Course in Agri-Food Sciences, Technologies and Biotechnologies.

The Department of Life Sciences announces a selection for the awarding of 3 prizes for scientific productivity worth € 1,100.00 (one thousand one hundred euros), € 800.00 (eight hundred euros) and € 550.00 (five hundred and fifty euros) gross university, respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, as part of the PhD Course in Agri-food Science, Technology and Biotechnology (formerly Scienze, Tecnologie e Biotecnologie Agro-alimentari, STEBA).

ART. 2 – Criteria

Students of the STEBA PhD course (Agri-food Science, Technology and Biotechnology, formerly Agri-food Science, Technology and Biotechnology) of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia enrolled in the XXXIX and XL cycle (second and third year) can compete.

The award is aimed at STEBA doctoral students who demonstrate the highest levels of scientific productivity, based on publications in international scientific journals indexed in Scopus.

In particular:

1. each publication submitted by the PhD student as first author (or in another position, but with a declaration of *equal contribution*) or as a corresponding author, will be considered with a score equal to the percentile (Scopus data) of the scientific journal in which the article was published;
2. any publication submitted in which the PhD student appears as the author, but does not fall within the cases referred to in point a) above, will be considered with a score equal to one third of the percentile (Scopus data) of the scientific journal in which the article was published;
3. PhD students attending the second year of the course who will be winners of the prizes awarded under this call will have the opportunity to participate for the following year but submitting, under penalty of exclusion, only the publications that have not already been evaluated the previous year;
4. in the articles submitted, under penalty of exclusion, the affiliation of the PhD student must include the Department of Life Sciences of UNIMORE;
5. Based on the date of online publication, only publications made in the years related to the attendance of the PhD course will be considered valid.

ART. 3 – Application and deadline

The application for participation in the award, drawn up on plain paper, according to the exemplary scheme in attachment no. 1, must be sent exclusively **by email to the address: direttore.scienzevita@unimore.it, and for information to the Course Coordinator (fabio.licciardello@unimore.it) by the peremptory deadline of 04/09/2026. Applications received after the aforementioned deadline will not be considered.**

The candidate must attach to the application form:

1. electronic informed copy of a valid identity document;
2. release to the processing of personal data referred to in Annex no. 2, in .pdf format;
3. List of publications to be evaluated;

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4. A copy in .pdf format of each publication to be evaluated.

ART. 4 – Scientific Committee

The examination of applications for the award of the prize is referred to a Scientific Committee composed of:

1. Prof. Fabio Licciardello, Coordinator of the STEBA PhD Course;
2. Prof. Luisa Antonella Volpelli, Secretary of the STEBA Doctoral Course;
3. Prof. Alessandro Ulrici, member of the Board of the STEBA Course.

The awarding of each prize will take place on the basis of a ranking drawn up on the basis of scores obtained by adding the percentile of each publication submitted as defined in Article 2 of this announcement.

Only candidates who exceed an overall score greater than 60 will be awarded.

Each prize may not be awarded, or may be awarded ex aequo to deserving candidates of the course and cycle to which they belong, in which case it being understood that the amount of the prize will be divided equally among the winners. The judgment of the scientific committee is final.

ART. 5 – Compatibility

The award is compatible with other scholarships, prizes or study grants, including scholarships provided by the Regions and Regional Authorities for the right to university education to which the candidate belongs.

ART. 6 – Publication

This Notice is published on the website of the Department of Life Sciences in the Notices section.

The merit ranking will be approved by Decree of the Director of the Department, will be communicated by e-mail by the Coordinator of the STEBA PhD Course to all PhD students who have applied for the award, and published on the web page of the Department of Life Sciences. Any dispute that may arise on this announcement will be resolved unquestionably by the Scientific Committee. The Prize will be provided by the University, in compliance with current tax and social security regulations.

ART. 7 – Revocation, restitution, assessment

The prize may be revoked (and, if collected, must be returned) in the event that the student has incurred disciplinary sanctions ordered by decree of the Rector.

If no applications have been submitted by the deadline or the Scientific Committee meeting to evaluate the applications received considers that there are no competitors who meet the requirements set out in the announcement, the prize may be re-announced.

The Scientific Committee may also propose the attribution of a particular mention related to the assignment of further prizes if it also deems other competitors suitable but not assignees deserving of recognition.

ART. 8 – Processing of personal data and access to the documents of the proceedings

For the information on the processing of candidates' personal data, reference is made to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), "on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data".

Candidates have the right to exercise the right of access to the documents of the competition procedure in accordance with the procedures provided for by law.

ART. 9 – Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the administrative procedure, pursuant to art. 5 paragraph 1 of Law no. 241/90 and subsequent amendments, is identified as the Administrative Manager of the Department of Life Sciences, Dr. Maria Cristina Notarsanto (amministrazione.dsv@unimore.it).

ART. 10 – Final rules

For anything not specified in this announcement, the laws and regulations in force regarding university scholarships and awards apply.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES
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