

Re-UNITA call for proposals: Support to "open access" publications

The European Alliance UNITA aims to promote a better integration of academic activities on a European scale.

More specifically, the Research for UNITA (Re-Unita) project aims to structure research within the alliance, in particular by allowing the pooling of resources and knowledge.

Thus, the project supports the "Open Science" approach and the wide dissemination of scientific research results, being them publications, datasets, protocols, methods.

This call aims to promote open access scientific publications within UNITA universities, and to support the best practices adopted by researchers in this area.

This is a country-based competition and each University of the Alliance can assign 3 grants (1.800 euros each) to cover expenses for future Open Access publications, provided that:

- the future publication must be in a full Open Access journal (see DOAJ, Directory of Open Access journals, <https://doaj.org/>).
- hybrid models, i.e. paid Open Access articles in subscription based journals are not admitted, as in Horizon Europe Grant Agreement.
- the acceptance of the article for publication must incur before August 2024 (end of Re-UNITA project).

Eligibility criteria to apply

This call is opened exclusively to the UniTo community (professors, researchers, doctoral students and research technicians).

In order to be selected for the prize, researchers should submit an article:

- published between 1/01/2021 and 30/6/2023;
- deposited in an Open Access repository (IRIS-AperTO, HAL, Zenodo ...) according to the publishers' copyright rules (see SHERPA-RoMEO <https://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>);
- belonged to one of the three scientific fields covered by the Alliance, namely: Renewable Energies, Circular Economy, Cultural Heritage.

Application procedure and deadlines

Applications should be sent by filling the form available at this link:

<https://forms.gle/eP8xWL639SBKy7GQ8> until **31/01/2024**.

The Jury will examine the applications and select the winners by **29/02/2024**.

Evaluation criteria and jury composition

Applications will not be evaluated according to the Impact factor of the journal (or similar ranking tools) nor the h-index of the authors, according to the COARA Agreement (<https://coara.eu/>) and the Horizon Europe Grant Agreement.

The common criteria, are:

- Date of depositing in the Open repository (upon publication, after months/years...)
- Availability of underpinning datasets in an Open repository
- Availability of any documentation in an Open repository
- Relevance for United Nations SDGs
- Impact on society
- Excellence and innovative nature of publications

The Jury is composed by:

- Maela Manzoni, professor at Department of Drug Science and Technology
- Marcello Baricco, professor at Department of Chemistry
- Vito Messina, professor at Department of historical studies
- Elena Giglia, Open Science Unit
- Gabriela Cavaglià, Research Valorization and Impact and Public Engagement Unit