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POLIBA PhD Day 2026

“Best PhD Pitch XXXIX Cycle” and “Best Poster”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Art. 1 – Purpose of the call

The Doctoral School of the Polytechnic University of Bari promotes PoliBa PhD Day 2026, a day dedicated to enhancing doctoral research, scientific communication and networking among doctoral candidates, faculty members, companies, public administrations and stakeholders. The “Best PhD Pitch – XXXIX Cycle” and “Best Poster” competitions are launched within the event.

Art. 2 – Date and venue of the event

The event will take place on **17 December 2026** at the “Attilio Alto” Conference Hall of Polytechnic University of Bari.

Art. 3 – Eligible participants

1. Best PhD Pitch – XXXIX Cycle: doctoral candidates duly enrolled in the XXXIX cycle of the PhD Programmes of Politecnico di Bari.
2. Best Poster: doctoral candidates duly enrolled in any of the active cycles of the PhD Programmes of Politecnico di Bari.

Art. 4 – Application procedure and deadline

Applications must be submitted exclusively by completing the registration form and the abstract form available on the webpage <https://www.poliba.it/it/phd-day-2026> by 23:59 on 20 November 2026.

Art. 5 – Materials for the Pitch Session

1. If more than 20 applications are received, the pre-selection procedure provided for in the Rules shall apply. The applicants selected for the final stage will be notified on 1 December 2026.
2. Candidates admitted to the final stage must submit the final version of their slides (PPTX) to the Doctoral School Secretariat (segreteriaascudo@poliba.it) by 23:59 on 11 December 2026.
3. The pitch shall have a maximum duration of 3 minutes. Slides must be prepared using the official format available on the webpage <https://www.poliba.it/it/phd-day-2026>.

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Art. 6 – Materials for the Poster Session

1. If more than 100 applications are received, the pre-selection procedure provided for in the Rules shall apply. The applicants selected for the final stage will be notified on 1 December 2026.
2. Candidates admitted to the final stage must submit the final version of their poster (PDF) to the Doctoral School Secretariat (segreteriaascudo@poliba.it) by 23:59 on 11 December 2026.
3. Posters must be prepared using the official Ao portrait format available on the webpage <https://www.poliba.it/it/phd-day-2026>. Poster printing shall be the responsibility of the candidate.

Art. 7 – Evaluation

The Committee shall evaluate the works according to the criteria set out in the PoliBa PhD Day 2026 Rules.

Art. 8 – Awards

The following awards are provided:

- a single “Best PhD Pitch – XXXIX Cycle” Award: an official certificate and a cash prize of 1.000,00 € (one thousand euros).
- two “Best Poster” Awards: an official certificate and a cash prize of 500,00 € (five hundred euros) each.

Payment of the awards is subject to the availability of resources and to the Polytechnic University of Bari administrative and accounting procedures. Should additional funds become available, further candidates may be awarded.

Art. 9 – Results and award ceremony

The results of the competitions shall be announced during the final session of PoliBa PhD Day 2026 and may be published through the institutional channels of Politecnico di Bari and of the Doctoral School.

Art. 10 – Data processing and communication

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with applicable law and with the privacy notice provided to candidates. Photos, videos and materials from the event may be used for institutional communication in accordance with Politecnico di Bari procedures and any required releases.

Art. 11 – Contact person and information

For further information, please contact the Doctoral School Secretariat at segreteriaascudo@poliba.it



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Art. 12 – Referral

For anything not expressly provided for in this call, reference is made to the PoliBa PhD Day 2026 Rules and to the provisions in force at Polytechnic University of Bari.

Approved by the Board of the Doctoral School on 01/10/2026.

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