

# Award Rules

## Article 1

### *Establishment of the Award*

1. In keeping with its ongoing commitment towards cultivating an internationalized leadership and to fostering transatlantic relations, *Aspen Institute Italia*<sup>1</sup> hereby establishes an annual award that will honor a research contribution in the field of natural, theoretical, or applied sciences, and which is the product of collaborative efforts between scientists and/or research organizations of Italy and the United States.
2. The Award builds on the commitment of *Aspen Institute Italia* towards organizing initiatives and events exploring issues relating to scientific culture and technological innovation, with a special focus on their relevance to Italy.
3. The initiative shall be known as the “*Aspen Institute Italia Award for scientific research and collaboration between Italy and the United States*”.

## Article 2

### *Aim and nature of the Award*

The aim of the Award is to raise the profile of collaboration between Italy and the United States in the field of scientific research in the natural sciences and its applications, by:

- awarding a monetary prize of EUR 40,000 gross for the research contribution judged to be the winning entry; and
- publicizing the winning research contribution by presenting the Award at an *Aspen Institute Italia* event and promoting news of the same through the media.

The Award will not be granted where none of the entries are deemed by the Award committee, whose decision thereon shall be final, to meet the Award aims and the level of merit that the Award seeks to recognize.

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### **Article 3**

#### ***Entry requirements***

1. The Award shall be granted to the research contribution that is deemed by the Award committee, whose decision thereon shall be final and not open to review, to be the best of the entries, which must:
  - a) pertain to the natural, theoretical, or applied sciences;
  - b) have been jointly produced by scientists and/or research organizations, whether public or private, hailing exclusively or prevalently from Italy and the United States of America;
  - c) have been recently produced;
  - d) have been published, in English or Italian, even if in the form of an abstract, after the date specified in the Call for Award Entries by scientific journals that have subjected the research to a peer review process.

### **Article 4**

#### ***Governance of the Award***

1. The Chairman of the Institute, in the capacity of Chairman of the Award committee, shall appoint and dismiss members of the committee.
2. The Award committee is charged with approving and amending these Rules, promoting initiatives that facilitate the correct and efficacious conduct of the Award, selecting candidates, and determining, as final arbiter, the Award-winning research contribution, declaring the result and conferring the Award on the winners. The Award committee shall be entitled to avail itself of third parties in carrying out its assessments.

### **Article 5**

#### ***Key dates and presentation of the Award***

1. The Call for Award Entries (to be issued in English and Italian) shall be published by September 15 each year on the website of *Aspen Institute Italia* ([www.aspeninstitute.it](http://www.aspeninstitute.it)).
2. Entries must be submitted by the deadline of 18:00 CET (Central European Time) on the next following January 31.
3. The Award committee shall decide the winner of the Award by the following March 15.
4. The Award shall be presented in the year following the publication of the relevant Call for Award Entries, at an event to be chosen by Aspen Institute Italia.