



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

WP2 - 2.5.3

UNITA prizes for Bachelor and Master dissertations on the theme of "European Citizenship"

Within the framework of the European alliance UNITA Universitas Montium, the University of Brescia organizes a competition for students who have written a dissertation on the theme of European citizenship.

The name UNITA evokes the commitment of ten universities (Università degli studi di Torino, Università degli studi di Brescia, Universidad de Zaragoza, Universidad Pública de Navarra, Université Savoie-Mont Blanc, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Transilvania University of Brasov, Universidade da Beira Interior, Politecnico Guarda), and two associated partners (Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale and Université nationale Yuriy Fedkovych de Chernivtsi) to a closer integration of their academic activities. The Latin subtitle Universitas Montium emphasizes the commonalities of the UNITA universities: Romance languages and the commitment to promote linguistic diversity on the one hand, and their proximity to mountain areas on the other hand.

One of the guidelines of the project is to strengthen the European identity by understanding both its past and recent developments in fields such as Law, History, Sociology, Economy, Management and Political Sciences. In this context, a call for Prizes for Bachelor's and Master's degree dissertation of Awards for End-of-Degree and End-of-Master Projects presented by students from UNITA Universities and that are related to the aforementioned subject has been launched. The call and awarding of this call will be governed by the bases detailed below:

1. The objective is to contribute to the improvement of the understanding of European identity and citizenship, and to select the best dissertations on these topics.
2. Dissertations must focus on European topics and on any kind of relationship between Europe and the territories of the UNITA universities, across a variety of disciplines.
3. Dissertations must be accompanied by an abstract (3000 characters max.). The abstract must highlight how the dissertation fits to the call and is related to European citizenship, identity and values.



4. Each UNITA partner university organizes its own competition. The composition of the jury in charge of awarding the prizes in the UNIBS is included in the appendix to this call. The UNIBS jury will meet in October 2026 and choose 1 thesis among those submitted for each Modality (see point 5.).

5. Students of Bachelor's degree (Modality I) or Master's degree (Modality II) from UNITA Universities who have defended their thesis during the last three academic years (2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026) will be able to present their thesis. The student must apply in the university where he or she defended his or her thesis. A candidate from the previous academic years who would have already been awarded the prize cannot apply again.

The written work and summary must be sent in PDF format by September 20th, 2026, by the latest, to the following addresses: unita.office@unibs.it and matteo.frau@unibs.it. It must be submitted in the language of the university organizing the competition (or in English).

6. The juries responsible for awarding the prize at each university will use the following evaluation grid:

- I. **Relevance of the title** of the dissertation (clear and concise writing, relevance to the issue defined by the call);
- II. **Structure** (introduction; table of contents, conclusions and bibliography);
- III. **Style** (writing, graphic illustrations, abstract in Romance language and English);
- IV. **Content** (thinking about concepts, proper use of theories and notions and bibliography, use of citations and sources);
- V. **Empirical research** (multidisciplinary approach, relevance of findings, originality of the research).

7. In the event that the jury considers that the presented works do not meet the minimum quality requirements or do not maintain the expected relationship with the proposed themes, one or both modalities may be left without a prize. In such a situation, the prize money can be accumulated and applied to the remaining entries. In all cases, the jury will have the ability to make the decisions it deems most appropriate and its decisions will be final.

8. The selected work for Bachelor Level will receive a prize of 200 € (tax-inclusive) and a certificate. The selected work for Master Level will receive a prize of 400 € (tax-inclusive) and a certificate. In addition, the selected works will be published on the website and on the UNITA social networks.



9. The works awarded in this call will be made available to UNITA, which may use them for information and awareness-raising purposes, as well as to defend the objectives of the project, always quoting the author's name.

Appendix: Composition of Juries

Each jury is composed of at least three members, from the university organizing the competition, from different fields of study. In case of conflict of interest of one of the members of the jury, the university will have to propose another member to take the place of the person concerned by this situation. The composition of UNIBS jury is as follows:

Prof. Marco Castellani - Full Professor of Economic Sociology
Prof. Carlotta Coccoli - Associate Professor of Architectural Restoration
Prof. Francesca Romanin Jacur - Associate Professor of International Law

