

Notice of competition for the Innovation for neurodivergence Award 2nd Edition – 2025

ARTICLE 1

FOREWORD AND PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Award is the result of a collaboration between *the Zaccai Foundation for Augmented Intelligence* (Intelligence++TM) and the *Imprendi Foundation – School of Entrepreneurship*.

The Zaccai Foundation seeks to develop, stimulate, and exploit technological, educational, and organizational innovation to enable and empower people with intellectual disabilities, their families, and their communities to improve the quality of life, increase independence, productivity, reduce costs and benefit society.

The Imprendi Foundation – School of Entrepreneurship promotes the launch of projects to stimulate new entrepreneurship and the birth and growth of new technology-based businesses.

ARTICLE 2

RECIPIENTS

The Award is intended for researchers working in Italian universities and research centers without nationality constraints, who have developed innovative solutions to improve the quality of life of people with intellectual disabilities, their families, and/or their community.

The prize can be awarded to an already established startup or to the reference body for the working group (University Department, University Research Center, Independent Research Center) to continue the project presented.

ARTICLE 3

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECTS

By way of example, the disorders studied to identify needs and find innovative solutions can be learning disorders, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, etc.

Candidates must submit an innovation/entrepreneurship project in which the following are highlighted:

- the issue intended to be solved and the size of the issue
- the solution developed
- the impact of the solution with its beneficiaries and their number
- the technologies adopted/developed
- the stage of development of the project
- the partnerships that may have been developed for the implementation of the project
- economic and financial evaluations of the possibilities of carrying out the project
- the members of the working group
- any start-up already started or being started and/or the Business Plan

ARTICLE 4

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

To participate in the Prize, you must:

A - Draw up a text document of no more than 7,000 characters including spaces. In addition to the text, it is recommended that data, tables, photos, and/or drawings, etc. be included. The file format must be PDF.

B - Draw up 15 PowerPoint slides with the same contents of the text document. The file format must be PDF.

(All material submitted for evaluation purposes is confidential and not subject to disclosure)

C - Fill in and sign the application form attached to this announcement.

D - Undertake to produce a report on the use of the Award's cash contributions within 12 months from the date of communication of the results.

The application must be signed and submitted by: Team Leader or Principal Investigator of the working group.

Participants can have Italian, European or non-European nationality.

The application, with the related project sheet, must be sent to the following address:

intelligence.award@gmail.com

All documentation must be submitted by **August 31, 2025**.

ARTICLE 5

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The two Foundations promoting the Award identify an Evaluation Commission made up of at least 5 members including teachers, entrepreneurs, and experts in neurodivergence and technological innovation.

The Commission shall, at its sole discretion, identify the winners according to the categories referred to in Article 6.

Projects will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and originality of the project
- Impact of the proposed solutions
- Project Development Stage
- Technical feasibility of the project
- Economic feasibility of the project
- Degree of completeness of the project presented
- Partnerships activated

ARTICLE 6

AWARDS

The total amount of the prizes is **€ 22.000,00** divided as follows:

1st place: € 15.000,00

2nd place: € 5.000,00

3rd place: € 2.000,00

In addition, up to a maximum of 5 mentions of merit will be awarded.

The winners can also resubmit their project, evolved, in subsequent editions of the Award.

ARTICLE 7

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS

The winners of the awards will be announced in **October 2025**.

The winners of the awards and mentions of merit will also appear on the websites of both promoting Foundations:

(www.foundationforaugmentedintelligence.com) and (www.imprendi.org)

Winners must provide an additional and shorter video summary of their project to be included on websites and press conferences.

ARTICLE 8

INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The ownership of the projects presented lies with the subjects who have contributed to their development and who are invited to protect it, where deemed appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Property Code (Legislative Decree No. 30 of 10 February 2005, as amended) and the Law on the Protection of Copyright (Law No. 633 of 22 April 1941, Legislative Decree of 16 March 2006, No. 140 and subsequent amendments).

ARTICLE 9

PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

In accordance with the provisions of EU Regulation 679/2016 on the "protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data" (GDPR), it should be noted that:

- the data will not be used for purposes other than those of the organization of the Prize.
- the data acquired will be processed by its own staff and by authorized natural persons as members of the Evaluation Committees referred to in art. 5 of these Regulations.
- The data will be collected, used and processed manually, electronically and electronically according to principles of correctness, lawfulness and transparency.
- the data acquired for the purpose of participating in the Award will be kept for 3 years.