GEMINAE BEST PRACTICES AWARDS

INTRODUCTION

The GEMINAE Best Practices Awards initiative is organized by the UNITA alliance (http://univ-unita.eu/) and aims to promote, enhance and encourage the exchange of best practices developed by UNITA Geminae university partners all over the world. The focus is on all areas of activity related to higher education and research: teaching, training, research, innovation, mobility, multilingualism, campus, green initiatives, socio-economic outreach and learning. The awards will recognize pioneering practices and initiatives that contribute to more effective and dynamic universities in a more and more globalized and connected higher education system. By showcasing these best practices, the UNITA Alliance wants to inspire others to universities to follow and emulate this initiative, and to create greater public recognition of the Geminae universities' practices.

The Geminae Best Practices Awards include up to 6 prizes, granted by the UNITA alliance with the Organizing Committee of the biennial Geminae Conference. In this sense, each edition of the Geminae Best Practices Awards will include universities which are selected from a two year period of evaluation.

THEMATICS

The topics for the awards will be:

1. teaching and learning (such as, use of UCIL (UNITA Collaborative Online Learning) or innovative methods in learning)
2. research and innovation, (such as use of Open Access, Capacity building, Entrepreneurships)
3. multilingualism (courses on IC (Intecomprehension), diffusion of IC in meetings and conferences) and exchanges, (ex. Blended intensive programs, virtual mobilities...)
4. training and social-economic outreach, (such as, internships in rural areas)
5. campus life, green initiatives and commitment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in Higher Education (Ex green mobility, researchers' night)

WHO CAN APPLY?

The applicants must have a formal relationship with the universities of the Geminae network (they should have already summitted the letter of commitment) or EU Alliances.

Applicants could be

- Academic staff or Researcher
- Administrative staff
- Departments, Schools, Research centers/groups,….
- Universities
- Students
- Any mix of the former
- Other EU Alliances

SELECTION CRITERIA

The main selection criteria are based on:

- Institutional development or capacity building resulting from the best practice (max. 20 points);

- Suitability and replication capability in other Universities (max 20 points)

- Effective contribution to improve the functioning of the territories in the ecosystem which the university is a part of (max 20 points)

- The innovative nature of the best practice example (relevant, original, unique approach, etc.) (max 20 points)

- Stakeholders and/or students' engagement (max. 20 points);

CANDIDATURES

Submissions should be sent to one of the **UNITA OFFICES (see contacts at the end)**, detailing the best practice example(s).

The formal application should include the following elements

- Topic
- Title
- University: name and location.
- Data of the contact person (Name/surname Job position Email address Phone number)
- Video presentation: max 5 minutes, horizontal format. Title at the beginning and the applicants' names or applicant's name at the end. Moreover, videos must comply with the following:
  - Legislation on copyright aspects shall be taken into account by the authors.
  - Advertisement is not allowed.
  - If people are visible in the pictures or the video, their consents shall be collected by authors.
  - The images shall respect the dignity of people, groups and entities.
  - The person presenting the images is responsible for complying with all legal requirements. If this person does not have the needed permissions, material will not be accepted.
- Summary of the project: max 1.000 words

Language of submission: Any of the languages of the alliance (Italian, French, Spanish, Rumanian, Portuguese).

The summary should be also provided in English.

Awards

The prizes awarded will consist of a diploma mentioning the example of good practice and their assignment will have an appropriate emphasis in all communication channels of UNITA.

There will be a maximum **6 winning cases**. They will be given the opportunity to present their project in detail to the conference delegates during a special best practice session.

Winners will therefore be notified of the awards in advance before of the conference in order to make arrangements to attend and prepare a power point.

KEY DATES (Assuming that the conference will be sometime in September 2023)

Opening date: February 2023

Closing date: 1st April 2023

Review and selection by Awards Committee: May 2023

Announcement of the awards: June

Prize Ceremony and initiatives presentation   During the Geminae Conference

Selection Committee

The Best practice award is in charge of organizing the evaluation and decide the winners. For the evaluation, if needed, they will propose a selection panel to carry out the technical review.

The proposal of the selection panel will be discussed and voted by the members of an Selection Committee, formed of 6 members and elected every two years by the UNITA Management Committee.

The Award committee could call the candidates for an online discussion about the proposal.

Selection Committee decisions

The selection Committee decisions are final and therefore are unalterable and not subject to any appeal.

Configuration of the Award Committee

- Associate Partners of Geminae - AUF, OEI and AULP.
- A member of the Quality Board -Antonio Serrano
- Vice Rector for internationalization (CHAIR) – Marcella (UNITO)
- One other member of a university not represented in the former.- Andra-Mirona (UVT)
- A Member of the student assembly (if possible)- Pending

Selection panel

Depending on the number of submissions, all the submissions send by the selection committee will be pre-evaluated by a selection panel. They will do a pre-selection to submit a **proposal** of candidates to the Awards Committee. The selection panel will be integrated by independent experts.

DATA PROTECTION-

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The responsible entity is the University of Zaragoza. Contact: Gerente de la Universidad de Zaragoza, Edificio Paraninfo, 1er piso, Plaza de Basilio Paraíso nº 4, 50005- Zaragoza.

If you need some help or information about our data treatment, contact our UNITA Office (unitacontact@unizar.es) or our data protection delegate at: dpd@unizar.es

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The University will communicate the personal data that are indispensable for the management of the initiative.

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More information

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