



Città accessibili a tutto

2026 AWARD FOR DEGREE THESIS (BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S) AND RESEARCH-STUDIES

Since 2016, INU (National Institute of Urban Planning), together with leading organizations, has been involved in the Accessible Cities for All Community. In 2020, it established the Accessible Cities for All Award, which is awarded through an INU-URBIT (Urbanistica Italiana srl) competition.

This seventh edition is open to innovative work on universal accessibility and social inclusion carried out in Italy or abroad between April 1, 2024, and October 5, 2026, in the context of undergraduate, graduate, and master's theses, as well as research and studies in any discipline, both in Italy and abroad.

The € 10,000 prize fund is supported by: the Genoa Chamber of Commerce, the CRA (Regional Accessibility Center) - Tuscany Region, and the Human Habitat Foundation.

Collaborators on the Award include: CNR (National Research Council), CERPA Italia ETS, GUDesign Network, and Urbanistica Informazioni.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2026

The INU (National Institute of Urban Planning) and URBIT (Urbanistica Italiana srl), with the support of the Genoa Chamber of Commerce, CRA (Regional Accessibility Center) -Tuscany Region, and the Human Habitat Foundation, and in collaboration with the CNR (National Research Council), CERPA Italia ETS, GUDesign Network, and Urbanistica Informazioni, have established the 2026 "Accessible Cities for All" Award. The award recognizes innovative undergraduate, graduate, and master's theses, as well as research and studies on the issues of universal accessibility and social inclusion within any discipline, both in Italy and abroad.

Since 2016, the "Accessible Cities for All" project has highlighted the importance of building an accessibility system where the goal goes beyond the rationale of a single intervention to overcome barriers, aiming for a broader goal of overall quality. This approach is frequently reiterated in the Guidelines published at <http://atlantecittaccessibili.inu.it/>. Within the broader concept of accessibility and inclusion for all, which considers the limitations imposed on people's autonomy resulting from physical, sensorial, perceptive, intellectual, gender, but also cultural, social, health, economic, and environmental barriers, the central themes of the 2026 call for proposals primarily concern:

- a. **accessibility system:** the 360° accessibility system for cultural heritage sectors (cultural buildings and spaces, hospitality facilities, tourism, integrated mobility infrastructure, vitality of commerce and services in urban and regional areas, policies and plans for regeneration and redevelopment);
- b. **environmental design:** the design of the living environment as Human Habitat Design, as a paradigm of a new multidimensional approach to accompanying and supporting the quality of life of vulnerable people and families with disabilities, in relation to their daily living environment;
- c. **communication and services:** communication, information, and integrated services for living with urban management systems;
- d. **innovative solutions,** including technologies that support greater independence and improved well-being and safety in people's living environments. Solutions applied to the design of services and equipment for services (transportation, mobility infrastructure, etc.), buildings (domestic spaces, public and/or public buildings, etc.), and urban environments (roads, public parks, multipurpose spaces, etc.).

The Call is open to works completed in Italy or abroad, in any scientific discipline, between April 1, 2024, and October 5, 2026, excluding works presented in previous editions of the INU "Accessible Cities for All" Award.



The 2026 Award will be awarded following the evaluations of a Committee established by the promoter after the call deadline, which will prioritize consistency with the central themes of the call and the innovative nature of the works.

The Bachelor's degree theses deemed most worthy by the Jury will be awarded publication in the PDF journal "Urbanistica Informazioni" (ISSN 0392-5005).

The Master's degree theses and research and studies deemed most worthy by the Jury will be awarded with book vouchers and/or digital devices up to the total prize amount of € 10,000.

The award ceremony will take place during Urbanpromo, which will be held between November 10 and 13, 2026, at the CR Firenze Innovation Center in Florence.

The submitted works, deemed consistent by the Jury, will subsequently be published in a Special Issue of "Urbanistica Informazioni" (PDF) (ISSN 0392-5005). The 2024 edition can be downloaded free of charge at the following link: <https://www.inuedizioni.com/it/prodotti/rivista/n-321-special-issue-urbanistica-informazioni-maggio-giugno-2025#>.

Applications to participate in the Call must be submitted in digital format to iginio.rossi49@gmail.com no later than October 5, 2026, using only the editable format provided. Only one proposal per candidate is permitted.

The call and the format are published in <https://urbanpromo.it/info-en/award-citta-accessibili-a-tutte-2026/>

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