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Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards 2019

The “Oscars” of Education: four weeks left to apply

London, 7th August 2019: As students become ever-more-concerned with the relationship between their educational investment and employability outcomes, and as the debate over institutional teaching quality intensifies, the Wharton School of Business and QS Quacquarelli Symonds are offering Italian university faculty and edtech companies \$50,000 in funding for an outstanding educational initiative.

[The Reimagine Education Awards](#) – the ‘Oscars’ of Education – are designed to identify and reward educators and entrepreneurs whose work is improving graduate employability, teaching delivery, and learning outcomes. Now in their sixth year, the Awards are again anticipating in excess of 1000 applications from innovators in over 30 nations.



The program offers [16 Category Awards](#) in addition to its Global Education Award, Global EdTech Award, and Global Employability Award. These include:

- The inaugural Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning prize, for an outstanding project at the intersection of AI and education;
- The inaugural Best Distributed/Online Learning Program Award, open to the numerous universities that are increasing access to education via online courses;
- Best University-Employer Partnership;
- Nurturing Employability

Nunzio Quacquarelli, CEO of QS and co-founder of Reimagine Education, said: “QS’s mission has always been to support international education and improved employability outcomes, and we believe that this award program offers universities across the world additional incentive to empower successful student careers, to increase international access to their most outstanding programs, and to place pedagogical innovation at the heart of their curricula.”

Previous Italian award winners have made these imperatives manifest in their successful submissions. They include:

- **Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca** : *“Enhancing Curiosity through Music”* - A new approach to music that combines elements of piano concert, lecture, interactive teaching and theatrical performance, putting the listener at the center of an exciting process of discovery and growth.
- **University of Trento** *“Augmented Lectures: When Scientists Meet Artists”* - What happens when a scientist and an artist meet and turn scientific storytelling into an artistic endeavour? In other words, what happens when high level science communication meets the realms of poetry, of theatre, of music, of video, of figurative arts? What common ground can be found? Science contains the seeds of art because it deals with exploration and the creation of new ideas. That is what this program explores by creating the opportunity for scientists to meet artists and generate the proper conditions for them to work together.
- **LUISS Guido Carli** *“Students’ Training and Development Opportunities: A New Leadership for the Future”* - This project seeks to provide a wide range of training opportunities driven by the combination of soft skills and personal awareness based on three core values: Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability. Every student, helped by their personal tutor, can choose suitable training opportunities, creating a bespoke CV according to their wish. www.luiss.edu

The Awards have previously been contested by world-leading educational institutions including Harvard Medical School, Imperial College London, Johns Hopkins University, and the National University of Singapore; and by some of the world’s most noteworthy private educational providers, including edX, Duolingo, and Coursera. This year’s competition has remained highly competitive, with applications received from edX, the UK’s National Health Service, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Stanford University.

QS and The Wharton School warmly invite all Italian educators and edtech entrepreneurs to apply **free of charge** for the 2019 Awards.

The call for submissions will remain open until **Thursday 15th of September 2019 at 23:59 GMT**.

Those wishing to learn more about the Awards prior to applying should contact Serena Ricci, Reimagine Education Competition Manager, at serena@qs.com.

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