



# *Leonardo Award 2020*

## *Humanities and Science Award*

### *for Early Career Researchers/Scholars*

#### Call for Applications

The Leonardo da Vinci Society and the Italian Scientists and Scholars of North America Foundation (ISSNAF) Bay Area Chapter are seeking applications for the *Leonardo Award 2020*. This award was established in 2019 on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci's death to recognize the outstanding contributions of Italian/Italian American early career researchers/scholars working in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Scientists and scholars conducting research in any field of science and technology or arts and humanities (including the social sciences) are encouraged to apply. Multiple awards will be granted.

The winners will be presented with an award certificate and a \$1,000 prize at The Leonardo da Vinci Gala in April 2020.

ISSNAF is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote scientific, academic, and technological cooperation amongst Italian researchers and scholars active in North America and the world of research, academia, and industry in Italy. The Bay Area Chapter of ISSNAF was established in 2017 to connect the talented pool of Italian researchers and scholars based in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, and to offer them opportunities and support.

The Leonardo da Vinci Society is a cultural organization based in San Francisco. The Society organizes presentations and other events that highlight the importance of Italian history and culture, and the importance of Italian contributions to American life. Membership is open to all who love Italy and wish to learn more about this wonderful country. Most events take place in San Francisco and guests are welcome.

Leonardo Society events are free to members, invited guests, and registered attendees.

### **How to apply**

Applicants must submit a self-nomination by email to: [bayarea@issnaf.org](mailto:bayarea@issnaf.org). Only one entry is allowed.

The application must include the following items:

- Curriculum Vitae with publications and relevant experience.
- A 1,000 word (maximum) statement that describes the significance and impact of the applicant's research and, possibly, the connection with Leonardo da Vinci's legacy. The statement should be written for an audience with general knowledge in the applicant's field of interest, but not an expert in the specific subject.

### **Selection criteria**

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a judging panel composed of renowned scientists and scholars, based on the applicant's accomplishments and research impact. Applicants who demonstrate a reasonable connection between their research interests or perspectives and the life and work of Da Vinci will be given special consideration.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- received a doctoral or equivalent degree on or after January 1, 2010;
- have performed or are performing the work described in the statement;
- are currently affiliated with an institution located in the San Francisco Bay Area (including Santa Cruz, Davis, etc.);
- are at least 21 years old;
- are Italian or have an Italian family background.

### **Important dates**

Applications are due **March 1, 2020**.

Winners will be informed by April 1, 2020.

The awards will be presented during the Leonardo da Vinci Society Gala in April 2020.

For any question contact [bayarea@issnaf.org](mailto:bayarea@issnaf.org)