

## The third “Ora di scienza!” call for inclusive teaching projects



After the success of the first two calls, which went out in 2020 as part of a drive for inclusive teaching at a time of great difficulty, the Bracco Foundation is now going forward with the 3rd edition of “Ora di scienza!” (‘Science Hour’), a project to bring stimuli and reliable and certified references into the classroom and to encourage the take-up of science in our society. The coronavirus epidemic placed science once again at the front and centre of political and civil debate. Never more than now have schools been focused on science and the world of research. The Bracco Foundation’s educational project aims to: encourage reflection on the importance of STEM subjects and give due weight to research work; stimulate collaborative teaching; make optimal use of the local school system, which, by adopting innovative teaching methodologies, is building new learning paradigms; promote female scientific talent by stimulating new vocations among students and building a virtual representation of the work they produce in class.

“Ora di Scienza!”, a project for middle- and high-school students, cherishes the development of science learning and encourages inclusive teaching through:

- [the "Mind the STEM Gap" manifesto](#) launched in 2021 by the Bracco Foundation to counteract gender stereotypes and encourage the take-up of science studies by girls;
- “Il nostro sguardo” (‘Our gaze’), an initiative from 2020 promoted by the Bracco

Foundation with contributions from women scientists, economists and experts in international politics from the “#100esperte” list;

- the online availability of a store of educational material, often developed by Italian teachers and students

A class or group of students that has availed itself of one or more of the above resources is then invited

- to send in their applications by 20 November 2021.
- to create, by 30 March 2022, a collaborative digital product that addresses one or more of the following topics: *The role of science in times of Covid-19; Science professions; Volunteering in the healthcare sector; Science research in the name of the community; Women and science: moving beyond stereotypes; The history and the making of the Mind the STEM gap Manifesto* (Special Prize).

The winning entries, selected by a jury, will be published by the Bracco Foundation through its channels. The winning classes will receive digital devices useful for distance learning purposes.

For all the details about taking part in the 3rd “Ora di Scienza!” call for projects

Regional school authorities supporting the project:

- [Piedmont](#)
- [Lombardy](#)
- [Latium](#)

“Bracco per la scuola” [*Bracco for schools*] is the name of a programme that aggregates all the activities undertaken by the Bracco Group on behalf of schools, which together constitute a multifaceted and long-lasting commitment to education predicated on preventing drop-outs, promoting a culture of health, encouraging scientific vocations, and promoting historic and cultural knowledge. In 2019, this commitment was formalized as a memorandum of understanding between Fondazione Bracco and the schools authority of the Region of Lombardy.