

Silvia Giordani: new Recognition for the DCU professor

The professor from Bergamo was appointed Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic on the proposal of Palazzo Chigi. His joy on social media

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Silvia Giordani, full professor and holder of the chair of **Nanomaterials** at Dublin City University (**DCU**), has recently received one of the most prestigious Italian awards: the **Order of Merit of the Italian Republic** (OMRI) with the rank of Officer. The award, conferred by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, is the result of a long academic and scientific career of the highest level. The official ceremony for the conferral of the title, officially conferred on 2 June, will take place on a date to be determined.

The academic path from Italy to DCU

Silvia Giordani is an example of academic and scientific excellence. Graduated from the **Natta Institute** in Bergamo, her career took an international turn after graduating in Chemistry in Milan. Subsequently, he continued his studies with a PhD in Chemistry at the University of **Miami**, in the United States, and then undertook an important postdoctoral research activity at **Trinity College Dublin** (TCD) and the **University of Trieste**.

In 2007 she received the "**President of Ireland Young Researcher Award**", an award that recognized her extraordinary career and allowed her to take on the role of **Research Assistant Professor** at TCD, where she worked until 2013.

Innovation in chemistry: Nano Carbon Materials

In 2013, Silvia Giordani took an important step in her career by founding and directing the **Nano Carbon Materials** research laboratory at the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT). His work has mainly focused on research on nanostructured materials and carbons, key areas in chemical sciences and advanced materials.

From 2020 to 2023, Giordani held a role of great responsibility as **Director of the School of Chemical Sciences** at DCU, a position that allowed her to lead and contribute to the development of chemical sciences in an international context of the highest level.

A passion for research and the support of family and colleagues

Silvia Giordani wanted to dedicate her recognition to the **Order of Merit of the Italian Republic** to her parents and brother, who passed away. The professor expressed, on her social channels, her "*deep sense of gratitude for the support received*" throughout her career, highlighting how this milestone is the result of work shared with colleagues, students and collaborators.

The award is a celebration of his commitment to science, but also of the human support he has received over the years, an element that has played a fundamental role in his professional journey.

The Order of Merit of the Republic

The **Order of Merit of the Italian Republic** is the first of the **Italian national awards** and was established by Law no. 178 of 3 March 1951. This recognition is intended for those who have performed extraordinary merits in the **fields of arts, sciences, economics**, or in activities carried out for **social** and **humanitarian** purposes. It is an award that honors those who, with their commitment, have contributed to improving Italian society, in the civil, military and cultural spheres.

Silvia Giordani's dedication: recognition to those who supported her

In her message on social media, Silvia Giordani also wanted to pay tribute to those who have been close to her, emphasizing how "*the support of colleagues, students, collaborators and friends*" has been fundamental in her professional career. The award, as the professor pointed out, "*is also the result of collective work*", an aspect that represents a profound value in her vision of scientific and academic research.

Recognition of an academic of excellence

The recognition conferred on **Silvia Giordani** by Italy with the **Order of Merit of the Italian Republic** is only the latest in a series of achievements that testify to her commitment to scientific research and the promotion **of nanomaterials science**. With an international career that has seen her work in **Ireland** and **Italy**, Silvia Giordani confirms herself as one of the most important figures in modern chemistry, an example of excellence for new generations of scientists.