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A “Finmeccanica Professorship” at Stanford

Innovation, research and the promotion of merit are some of the areas where Finmeccanica excels. It was with these objectives in mind that Finmeccanica in 1989 established the Finmeccanica Faculty Scholar Fund at the universities of Stanford (California), MIT (Massachusetts) and Carnegie Mellon (Pennsylvania). The beneficiaries of the fund are selected every two years by a committee.

On the occasion of the prize-giving ceremony for the Finmeccanica Innovation Awards that will take place tomorrow in L'Aquila (Italy), Finmeccanica will turn the fund established at Leland Stanford Junior University into an Endowed Professorship, the highest honour that a faculty member can receive. The official name will be "The Finmeccanica Provostial Professorship Fund" and the title of Finmeccanica Professor will be reserved for the departments of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Economics and Management. This type of professorship is awarded only to those at the very top of their academic field and who have made a significant and continuous contribution to human understanding.

This initiative confirms Finmeccanica's focus on collaborating with the academic world and with research institutes in general, as part of its strong drive towards innovation and internationalism.