



Fondazione **Zegna**

## ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP 10<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

*Trivero, July 17, 2023* – The ethical vision of our founder Ermenegildo Zegna - contributing to a better future for the community, the environment and future generations - continues to inspire the Zegna's family mission and actions towards social responsibility more than 100 years on.

Established in 2014, the Ermenegildo Zegna Founder's Scholarship today celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> edition. A renewed commitment for another 15 years out of the total 25 years of the project.

With an annual subsidy of up to 1 million euros, the program enables students selected from over 20 top Italian universities to study at leading centers of learning abroad, thereby feeding a virtuous circuit of knowledge and skills that will actively contribute to the development of our country once the scholars return home.

In these first 10 years of the project, 425 scholarships have been awarded. In the 2023-24 edition, 71 students will go to universities including Harvard, Columbia and UCLA in the USA, Oxford, Cambridge and the London School of Economics in the UK, the College of Europe in Belgium, the Max Planck Institute in Germany, ETH in Switzerland, Adelaide University in Australia, and Keio University in Japan.

On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the program, Fondazione held a gathering in Trivero's Oasi Zegna with the presence of Fondazione Zegna's President and the members of the Scholarship.

The event also brought together members of the EZ Scholarship community to celebrate this important milestone for the project and offer them an opportunity to discover Zegna's values and place of origin. Starting with a visit to the Wool Mill (founded in 1910 and still going strong), the tour also included the archives and exhibition facilities at Casa Zegna, and various sports amenities in Oasi Zegna.

But the meeting in Trivero was above all a unique chance for more than 170 alumni of the program to get together and extend the network of acquaintances, strengthen their sense of community and set the stage for future interaction on professional and academic levels. And also, to get to know various generations of the Zegna family.

Just as Ermenegildo Zegna placed his wool mill at the center of an ecosystem in which individuals, society and the environment were bound together in positive and sustainably reciprocal interdependence, we are now creating connections and dialog and producing shared values at the local and international levels. The energy that has sustained our efforts to date remains undiminished and keeps us on our path towards a better tomorrow.

### **ABOUT FONDAZIONE ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA | FOSTERING A BETTER FUTURE**

*Fondazione Ermenegildo Zegna is committed to fostering a better future for the next generations. Inspired by the spirit of giving back to the community that guided our founder from 1910 on, the Foundation was set up by the third generation of the family in 2000 to further their philanthropic legacy. Following his vision and the progressive road he travelled, quality and dedication to work may live in harmony with protection of the natural environment, social wellbeing and cultural development.*

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