N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector’s Decree n. 336 of July 02, 2014, is legally binding; the English version is provided for information only

Call for Doctoral positions at
the PhD Programme in Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering
30th Cycle

THE RECTOR

Given the Law no. 210 of the 3rd of July, 1998, and in particular, art. 4, as amended by article 19, section 1, of law no. 240 of 30 December 2010;
Given the Ministerial Decree no. 45 of the 8th of February 2013, regarding the rules and procures for the accreditation of doctoral programmes and the criteria for their institution by accredited bodies, in particular art. 3;
Given the Decree by the Prime Minister of the 9th of April, 2001, and subsequent amendments, on the general criteria for uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education;
Given the Statute of the University of Trento issued with Rector’s Decree no. 167 of the 23rd of April, 2012, in particular art. 28;
Given the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes, issued with Rector’s Decree no. 383 of the 4th of July 2013 and subsequent amendments;
Given the proposal made by the Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering;
Given the report of the internal Assessment Committee of the 12nd of December 2013 concerning the requisites of appropriateness proposed by the Doctoral Programmes;
Given the decision by the Academic Senate of the 29th of January 2014;
Considering that, although the accreditation process - which must be granted by the Ministry with the assent of ANVUR - has not yet been completed, the University of Trento, taking into account the time required to allow an international recruitment, has decided not to delay the issuance of the calls and the completion of the selection procedure;

DECREES

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

This call establishes the procedure for the admission to the 30th cycle (Academic Year 2014/2015) of the Doctoral Programme in “Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering” at the University of Trento.

Positions: n. 27
Scholarships: n. 25
Research fellowships¹: n. 1

Deadline for application: August 26, 2014, at 4.00 pm (Italy local time - GMT+2)

The scholarships are funded as follows:
- n. 19 scholarships financed by the University of Trento and the Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering;
- n. 2 scholarships financed by the University of Trento and Fondazione Bruno Kessler (ECT – FBK)

¹ Research fellowships are conferred upon specific eligibility conditions. For further details see the website of the selection.
nr. 1 scholarship financed by the University of Trento and Istituto di Scienza e Tecnologia dei Materiali Ceramici del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (ISTEC-CNR) reserved for the topic “Development of predictive methods for the biomechanical behavior of new porous implants for bone regeneration and osteochondral”;
- n. 1 scholarship financed by Impresa Covi Costruzioni Srl (Taio - TN) and reserved for the topic “A new model for a comprehensive comfort assessment methodology in buildings based on pre and post design procedure”;
- n. 1 scholarship financed by IIT (Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia – Italian Institute of Technology) – Pontedera (PI) and reserved for the topic “Penetration mechanics of plant roots and related inspired robots”;
- n. 1 scholarship financed by Fondazione Bruno Kessler – Center for Materials and Microsystems (FBK– CMM, Trento) and reserved for the topic “Microstructured bio-inspired surfaces”

The research fellowship is funded as follows:
- n. 1 Marie Curie research fellowship financed by CERMAT 2 project reserved for the topic “Optimal forming and sintering of ceramics compounds”.

**Director of the PhD Programme:** prof. Paolo Scardi - Tel. 0461 282670 - 2611 – E-mail: dicamphd@unitn.it

**Website of the Programme:** [http://web.unitn.it/en/dricam](http://web.unitn.it/en/dricam)


**Duration:** Three years

**Official language:** English

**Start of the Academic Year:** November 1, 2014

**Scientific areas:**

AGR/05 Forestry and Silviculture
FIS/06 Physics for Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
ICAR/01 Hydraulics
ICAR/02 Maritime Hydraulic Construction and Hydrology
ICAR/03 Environmental and Health Engineering
ICAR/07 Geotechnics
ICAR/08 Construction Science
ICAR/09 Construction Techniques
ICAR/10 Technical Architecture
ICAR/14 Architectural and Urban Composition
ICAR/17 Design
ICAR/18 History of Architecture
ICAR/19 Restoration work
ICAR/20 Urban Planning
ICAR/21 Urban Studies
ING-IND/11 Environmental Technical Physics
ING-IND/22 Science and Technology of Materials
ING-IND/23 Applied Physical Chemistry
ING-IND/24 Principles of Chemical Engineering
MAT/07 Mathematical Physics
MAT/08 Numerical Analysis
The positions with scholarship or other forms of financial support, including apprenticeship contracts and research grants, may be increased after the publication of this call and before the assessment of qualifications through additional funds from universities, public research institutions and/or qualified private organizations. For this reason, the increase in scholarships may change in parallel with the total number of the available positions. Any extra available positions will be posted solely on the website:

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for doctoral positions are accepted from candidates, regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold an Italian “Laurea Magistrale”, according to the Ministerial Decree no. 270 of the 22nd of October 2004 and subsequent amendments, a university degree of the previous regulations in force, or an equivalent degree obtained abroad (Master’s degree).

Degrees with a scientific profile will be preferred.

Applications are also accepted from students expecting to complete their degree by October 31, 2014; in such case applicants must attach the following documents:
- a certificate of enrolment with a list of the exams successfully passed and marks obtained in each examination;
- a statement released by their thesis supervisor declaring that the student will obtain the degree by October 31, 2014.

For EU citizens the two above-mentioned documents may be substituted by a self-certification, as required by art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, with exams taken, the corresponding grade and the expected date for the graduation examination, prepared using the Annex A only for titles that have been achieved at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union.

Admission to the Doctoral Programme for successful candidates who have not graduated yet will be “conditional” and the applicant will have to submit to the “Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione – Polo Collina” (via email to: dottorati-collina@unitn.it) by November 7, 2014, on penalty of exclusion, the degree certificate (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of the 28th of December 2000 and subsequent amendments, EU citizens may deliver a self-declaration using Annex A only for titles that will be achieved at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union).

Art. 3 – UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATION AWARDED ABROAD

Foreign Academic Degrees (Master’s degree) must be comparable to the “Laurea Magistrale” in terms of duration and level. Based on this principle, the Admissions Committee will decide on their eligibility.

Applicants who have a foreign academic degree that has not been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree yet (Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica/vecchio ordinamento) will be considered as requesting for equivalence in their application. In this case, it is necessary to submit the following documents:
- the degree certificate complete with examinations taken and corresponding grades (transcripts). EU citizens can deliver a self-declaration, according to Article 46 of the Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, by using Annex A only for titles that have been achieved at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union;
- the English translation of the degree certificate, if in a different language, with examinations taken and the corresponding grades, signed under the applicant’s own responsibility. The English translation is needed to allow the Admissions Committee evaluating the applicant’s eligibility for the selection process;

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any other documentation considered as useful for the eligibility evaluation of the degree provided to participate in the selection process (i.e. Diploma Supplement⁴ or Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco⁵).

Admitted candidates holding an academic degree obtained outside Italy must submit to the Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione Polo Collina (email dottorati-collina@unitn.it) by no later than January 10, 2015:
- the "Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco" (DV – Declaration of Values) along with their degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained, translated and authenticated by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative in the country where the degree was issued⁶. The Dichiarazione di Valore must state that the degree is valid, in the country where it was issued, and enables the candidate to enroll in an academic course equivalent to a PhD Programme (third level of higher education according to the Bologna process);
- or, alternatively to the Dichiarazione di Valore, the Diploma Supplement in English, according to the model developed by the European Commission, by the European Council and by the UNESCO/CEPES.

Lack of such documents may result in the exclusion from the Doctoral Programme.

Art. 4 – THE DOCTORATE PROGRAMME

The PhD Programme in Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering is articulated into four curricula:

1) Civil and Environmental Engineering

2) Mechanics, Materials, Chemistry and Energy

3) Modelling and Simulation

4) Architecture and Planning, Landscape

The specific research subjects proposed for the present 30th cycle will be published on the Programme website http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1954/announcement-of-selection. These subjects can be taken as reference for the research project to be enclosed with the application (see art. 5).

Training programme
During the three-year course the training programme provides for many differentiated activities, with greater attendance of classes during the first and second year.

The Doctoral programme adds up to 180 credits, 150 recognized for the research activities and 30 for educational activities.

Research credits are awarded by completing the dissertation, whereas educational credits can be obtained by attending:
- courses of the Manifesto of Studies;
- courses taken at other institutions;
- schools, workshops and seminars organized by the PhD Programme or by other institutions.

Such activities must be certified, based on the attendance and achievement of specific educational objectives.

Overall, the objective of the PhD Programme is training a professional figure with a comprehensive background in engineering, applicable to research and technology areas, and relevant to both in research centers and industry.

⁴ The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international “transparency” and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ds_en.htm

⁵ Further information about DV at http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=176

⁶ If the above mentioned Dichiarazione di Valore is not ready within the deadline, a document proving that the request of release has already been submitted to the diplomatic representative; in such case the candidate must submit the Dichiarazione di Valore at the earliest convenience.
Among the aims of the PhD Programme, developed by different research and educational activities, the main one is supporting students to reach a complete maturity and autonomy in planning, programming, developing and reporting their research activity.

The doctoral title can be conferred to students who have produced relevant and original scientific results proved in their final dissertation. For any further information please see the Executive Regulations and the Manifesto of studies of the PhD Programme [link](http://web.unitn.it/en/dricam).

To be admitted to the second and third year, students are required to pass an oral examination, with an English presentation on the research activity developed. The presentation is public and it should be held in front of a commission of 2 or 3 members of the Doctorate Committee appointed by the Executive Committee. By the date established for the presentation, Doctoral students must deliver to the PhD secretariat their updated Doctoral Record, comprehensive of all the activities done and the total credits obtained. The Doctoral Committee, on the basis of the Doctoral Record, the supervisor evaluation and the Committee evaluation, approves the official admission to the following year.

Failure to be admitted to the following year implies the exclusion from the PhD Programme and forfeiture of the scholarship. By the end of the PhD course doctoral students enrolled in the 3rd year must apply for being admitted to the final exam. The admission to the final exam is a public presentation, held in front of a commission of 2 or 3 members of the Doctorate Committee appointed by the Executive Committee. Before the admission to the final exam Doctoral students must deliver to the PhD secretariat their updated Doctoral Record, including all the activities done and the total credits obtained. The Doctoral Committee, on the basis of the admission to the final Exam Committee and the supervisor evaluation about the presented Doctoral thesis and Doctoral Record, officially deliberates upon the admission to the final exam of the Students, together with a judgment on the candidate research and studies achievements. Only in case of positive evaluation on the thesis and the scientific production by the Doctorate Committee, the candidate will be admitted to the final exam. In any case, the admission to the final exam is strictly connected to an adequate scientific production.

For doctoral students admitted to the final exam, the Doctorate Committee appoints 2 or more examiners (also called “referees”) that will give an evaluation of the Doctoral thesis before the final exam. The doctoral candidates will have to send a copy of their thesis to the referees appointed by the Doctorate Committee. The judgement of the Doctorate Committee, together with the supervisor and the referees evaluation about the Doctoral thesis, will be attached to the Doctoral Thesis submitted to the Final Exam Committee at least 30 days before the final exam date.

Art. 5 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application must be submitted online, following these two steps:

1) Registration on the University’s website at [http://www.unitn.it/en/account](http://www.unitn.it/en/account) by entering the information requested. If the registration has been correctly submitted, within a maximum of 2 working days the applicant will receive a username and password by email, necessary to enter UNITN’s online services;

2) Filling out the application[7], complete with the requested attachments in electronic format, available at [http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott](http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott)

The application shall be subject to the payment of an application fee - non-refundable - amounting to € 15 to be paid by credit card or other means, according to the instructions given in the appropriate section of the Application online.

The application must be completed and submitted by 4.00 pm Italian time of August 26, 2014. Please, make sure you have received the email notifying the correct closure of the Application online.

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[7] The candidate can chose either Italian or English to fill in the application
Candidates are strongly recommended not to wait until the last days before the deadline for submitting their application.

The University is takes no responsibility for any malfunctions due to technical problems, overloaded communication lines and/or application system or for the loss of communication due to incorrectly written addresses reported by the candidate or due to the late notification of any change of the contact address indicated in the application, not for any errors attributable to acts of third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

The online application is considered as a self-declaration of personal data and qualifications declared with full legal effect.

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant submitting a correct and complete application. Applications not submitted using the online procedure specified in this article, incomplete applications and applications lacking the mandatory attachments, included the payment receipt, will not be considered as valid.

All applicants are conditionally admitted to the selection procedure upon verification admission requirements fulfillments.

The University of Trento is entitled to verify the documents delivered, according to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree no. 445 of December 28, 2000. The University can at any time, even after enrollment and upon justified reasons, decide for the exclusion of applicants lacking the requirements specified in the present call.

According to Italian Law No. 104/92, Article 20 and to Italian Law No. 68/99, Article 16 (1), applicants with special needs or affected by learning disabilities are expected to indicate explicitly in their application whether they require special assistance or extra time during the selection. Under Legislative Decree 196/03, all information in this respect will be kept confidential.

**MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more mandatory attachments will result in the exclusion from the selection):

1) Identity document: a photocopy of the applicant’s ID (for EU citizens) or passport, specifically the pages with photo, personal data, number of the ID document, place and date of issue, and expiry date.

2) Degree certificate:
   - **Applicants with an Italian degree:** a self-declaration (by using Annex A), according to Article 46 of the Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, stating the possession of a degree (see Article 2 of this call), “Classe di Laurea”, awarding date, issuing University, final grade, examinations taken and grades obtained.
   - **Applicants with a foreign qualification:** copy of the degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained or equivalent certification, stated in Article 3 of this call. If the qualification has not been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree, the applicant must also submit a translation into English (if in a different language other than Italian or English), of the degree certificate accompanied by a list of the examinations taken and grades obtained. Such translation must be undersigned by the applicant, under his/her own responsibility in order to enable the Admissions Committee to declare the degree’s equivalence for the sole purpose of being admitted to this selection. In order to facilitate the evaluation of the equivalence, it is highly recommended that students with foreign qualifications submit a Diploma Supplement or the Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco, if available.
   - **Applicants who expect to be awarded their degree by October 31, 2014 and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection:**

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8 See at http://hubmiur.pubblica.istruzione.it/web/universita/offerta-formativa/classi-di-laurea-magistrale
9 For details regarding the equivalence visit http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=134
10 The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international “transparency” and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ds_en.htm
• a certificate of enrolment with a list of the exams successfully passed and marks obtained in each examination
• a statement by their thesis supervisor stating that the student will obtain the degree by October 31, 2014.

For EU citizens the two above-mentioned documents may be substituted by a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, with exams taken, the corresponding grade and the expected date for the graduation examination, prepared using the Annex A only for titles achieved at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union.

3) Extended Abstract (2 pages) of the Master’s thesis


5) description of the research proposal and statement of purpose (max. 3 pages). The topic on the research proposal must fall within one of the 4 specialization of the Course (see art. 4). A list of research topics, that can be useful as a reference for the project, will be published on the website: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1954/announcement-of-selection. Each candidate can submit only one proposal that, however, is not binding.

6) The document “Signed acceptance document” in pdf format automatically generated by the online application: it must be printed, dated, signed and uploaded in the specific section “Upload of Signed acceptance Document” of the application online.

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- List of research outputs;
- any certificates attesting the knowledge of foreign languages;
- any other documents useful to assess the research skills of the applicant (prizes, scholarships, post-graduate research and work activity, etc.)
- one or max. 2 reference letters in English or Italian by experts from Universities or National/International Research Institutions in the PhD areas of research.

The Reference letters should contain the following information:
  1. How long the referee has been knowing the candidate.
  2. On which occasion the referee met the candidate.
  3. The candidate’s strengths and weaknesses.
  4. A brief description of the scientific contribution made by the candidate during study/work project group.
  5. An evaluation of the candidate in relation to others students
  6. A judgement on the candidate’s level of English knowledge.

Only documents in English or Italian will be taken into consideration for the selection by the Admissions Committee.

Once the section of the application relative to the referees has been completed and saved by the candidate, the system automatically sends, within 24 hours, a notification email to the referees containing the instructions and modalities of transmission.

It is strongly recommended that applicants verify with their Referees that they have sent the Academic Reference Letters no later than 2nd of September 2014.

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11 The omission of these letters will not exclude the candidate from the selection procedure.
If, subsequent to the submission of the online application, the applicant is required to add further information, the missing documents must be sent by email to ateneo@unitn.it at the University's offices no later than 4:00 pm (Italian time) on 26 August 2014. In the subject of the e-mail the applicant must indicate the: "Application ID number - candidate's Family name and Name - Doctoral Programme in Civil Environmental and Mechanical Engineering – Cycle 30th- Integrazione domanda". Please note that further documentation sent by other means will not be accepted.

Art. 6 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

The admission to the Doctoral Course is decided upon the evaluation of the Admissions Committee of the candidate’s expertise, based on his/her knowledge and scientific research attitude with specific focus on the curriculum chosen in the Application online.

The qualifications assessments by the Admissions Committee is made through the evaluation of the following documents (sent with the online application system):
- degree certificate and previous university curriculum of the candidate;
- any other document useful to evaluate the applicant’s scientific research attitude (statement of purpose, research proposal, thesis abstract, scientific publications, prizes, grants, study and research activities, etc.).

The Admissions Committee can assign each candidate a total score of 100 as follows:
- 30 for the assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae;
- 70 for the assessment of research proposal and statement of purpose.

Applicants who are interested in applying also for additional scholarship under a specific research subject must specify it in the online procedure. Competences on the specific subjects of the reserved scholarships or fellowships – only for candidates that have asked for them in the online procedure - will be assessed during the evaluation process by the Admissions Committee.

The Admission Committee may contact the applicant for an in-depth interview or a video-interview concerning the material submitted. This interview will not entail additional points. Interviews will be held from 3rd to 10th September 2014. Candidates are requested to insert a valid Skype address in the online application in order to be contacted.

At the end of the evaluation procedures the Committee will draw up the final ranking according to the grades obtained by the candidates, those who have reached a total minimum score of 60/100 will be short listed.

The assessment of qualifications will take place at the Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering, Via Mesiano, 77 – 38123 TRENTO according to the following schedule:
- assessment of qualifications: starting on the 3rd of September 2014;

The results of the selection will be published on the website, with the ID of the application as a reference. It is therefore recommended that candidates keep the ID to check their results.

Art. 7 - ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Admissions Committee is appointed by the Rector upon advice of the Doctoral Committee. It will consist of at least three members chosen among Italian and foreign professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include up to two experts, who may be foreign, from public and private research institutes.

At the end of the selection procedure the Admissions Committee will draw up the ranking list based on the scores obtained by the candidates. The final ranking list will be published on the website:
The published announcement is considered as the legal fulfillment related to the public notification. Successful applicants will not receive any personal communications about the outcome of the selection.

Art. 8 - ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION

Applicants will be admitted to the Doctoral Programme according to their final ranking until all available positions have been filled.

In case of equally ranking candidates, the student’s economic situation will be evaluated for the purpose of assigning a scholarship, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of the 9th of April 2001 and subsequent amendments. For places without a scholarship, the younger candidate shall be given priority.

If a successful applicant withdraws before the beginning of the course (November 1, 2014), the next applicant on the short-list will be offered the place. The latter must submit his/her acceptance of the position within 8 days starting from the next day after the communication from the Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione- Polo Collina.

If a successful applicant withdraws or is excluded during the first three months of the first year of the course, the Doctoral Committee may decide to fill the vacant place with the next available candidate on the ranking.

According to art. 20, paragraph 3 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes, no more than 4 supernumerary candidates may be admitted without scholarship from the University, after passing the selection procedure, if they fall under one of the following types:

a) short-listed applicants from non-EU countries who have been awarded any kind of scholarship (i.e. by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Government from which the candidate comes from, or International Institutions);

b) short-listed applicants from a country with a specific intergovernmental agreement with Italy, on the basis of a bilateral agreement between the University of Trento and the foreign university, with no obligatory financial burden for the University of Trento.

c) holders of research fellowships (Assegno di ricerca) already awarded at the start date of the Doctoral Programme, after verification of the appropriateness of the research topic by the Doctoral Committee;

d) civil servants or under public law regime. Admission is subject to the passing of the selection procedure and placement on leave under Article 2 of the Law of 13 August 1984 no. 476 and subsequent amendments.

Public employees who have already obtained the title of Doctor of Philosophy, or civil servants who have been enrolled in the doctorate for at least one academic year, benefiting from a leave regardless of the research scientific area, are not entitled to special leave with or without scholarship.

Admitted applicants must send the acceptance of the position using the form downloadable at http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1928/enrollment-1-2-3-year to:

“Università degli Studi di Trento – Direzione Didattica e Servizi agli Studenti
Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione Polo Collina, Via Sommarive 14
38123 Povo – Trento – ITALIA
Email: dottorati-collina@unitn.it

within 8 days starting from the next day of the publication of the final ranking on the website. The receipt of payment of the provincial tax for the right to university study (TDS), and of the duty stamp must be attached to the application.

Please note that the total amount of TDS + duty stamp must be paid only by bank transfer following the instruction at: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1931/education-tax-tds-and-revenue-stamp. On this page you can also check if you can be exempted from TDS.
Short-listed applicants who do not submit their acceptance **within 8 days** starting from the next day of the publication of the ranking on the website: [http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1954/announcement-of-selection](http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1954/announcement-of-selection) will lose their right to enroll and their places will be offered to the next candidates on the ranking.

Candidates who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request, by submission of appropriate documentation proving their status, such admission always **within 8 days** starting form the next day of the publication of the ranking list. Supernumerary admission is disposed within the limit of four (4) positions following the order of the final ranking.

**Art. 9 – REGISTRATION**

The official registration in the course, limited to short-listed candidates who have accepted the place with the procedures set out in the preceding article, will automatically be formalized as soon as the process of accreditation from the Ministry of Education, University and Research will be completed. In case of non-accreditation, candidates who have accepted the place will receive a timely notification via email and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.

**Art. 10 – SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

a) Scholarships are assigned on the basis of the ranking of applicants drawn up by the Admissions Committee, on request of the applicant. The candidate who has been awarded a scholarship on a specific topic, must accept the offer, as scholarships not related to a specific topic are considered as a secondary choice.

In case the candidate refuses the scholarship, it will be offered to the next candidate in the ranking; in the case of a scholarship on a specific topic, it will be offered to the next successful candidate on the ranking having obtained the eligibility for that specific subject.

The gross amount of the Ministerial Scholarship is Euro 13,638.47 per year\(^{13}\). Scholarships are normally paid bi-monthly in advance, with the exception of undue payments in case the student is expelled or suspended and the first installment of the calendar year (January-February), which is paid at the end of January.

The scholarship can not be combined with other grants, except those awarded by national or foreign scientific institutes for periods spent abroad that are deemed useful for the research activities of the student. The scholarship will be increased by 50% for research periods spent abroad that are authorized by the Director of the Doctoral Programme or by the Doctoral Committee, for periods lasting minimum 1 month and maximum 18 months.

From the second year of the course each student is provided with a budget for research activity not less than 10% of the ministerial scholarship.

The scholarship is conferred for the entire duration of the Doctoral Programme, conditional upon a positive evaluation of the Doctoral Committee at the end of each study year. Failure to attend the Programme for over **thirty days** will result in suspension of the scholarship.

If during the year a student decides not to continue his/her studies, he or she forfeits the right to use the scholarship. Those who have already benefited, even partly, of an Italian doctoral scholarship cannot be granted another one.


**Art. 11 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

\(^{13}\) At the date of publication of the present call, Italian law (art. 2, par.26 of Law 335/95 and subsequent modifications) states that scholarships are subject to pension fund contributions (INPS) starting from 01/01/2013, of 20% or 27,72%, of which 1/3 will be charged to the candidate.
The admission to the Doctoral Programme implies the full-time exclusive engagement of the PhD student. Students enrolled in the Doctoral Programme must attend the programmes, seminars, lessons and teaching units, carry out research and study activities on a full-time basis in the structures designated for these purposes and submit a report on the research work done to the Doctoral Programme Committee at the end of each year of study.

Students participating in a co-tutorship programme are obliged to carry out study and research activities in compliance with the agreement established with the foreign university.

The Doctoral Programme Committee may decide to exclude PhD students from the Doctoral Programme with the resulting forfeiture of the study fellowship in the following cases:

a) insufficient marks in the possible evaluation exams in itinere during the 3 years of the Programme;

b) negative opinion given by the Doctoral Programme Committee regarding admission to the successive year of study; in this case, the Doctoral Programme Committee will verify achievement of the results required for the current year as well as the assiduousness and commitment demonstrated by the student in the research work done;

c) the student accepts employment contracts without authorization by the Doctoral Programme Committee;

d) unexcused and extended absences.

Doctoral students awarded a scholarship financed by external bodies and related to a specific research activity must carry out that specific activity.

For the entire duration of the Doctoral Programme, doctoral students are insured by the University against accidents and civil liability that may occur in circumstances pertaining to the Doctoral Programme.

According to art. 2, paragraph 1 of the Law 476 issued on the 13th of August 1984 and subsequent amendments, a public service employee admitted to the Doctoral Programme may request unpaid leave for reasons of study for the whole duration of the doctoral course and may benefit from the scholarship, if the required conditions are met. In the case of admission to a doctorate course without a scholarship, or if the candidate has declined the scholarship, the employee on leave may benefit from the economic remuneration and social insurance and retirement benefits enjoyed by the public administration where he/she is employed. Should the employee terminate the contract in public administration in the two years succeeding his/her having obtained the doctoral degree, the amounts paid during the course of the doctoral studies will be claimed back.\textsuperscript{14} Public employees that have already been awarded a PhD or that have been enrolled in a Doctoral programme for at least one academic year, using unpaid leave according to law 476, have no more rights to obtain unpaid leave, with or without scholarship.

\textbf{Art. 12 – DOCTORAL DEGREE AWARD}

The doctoral degree, or Ph.D., conferred by the Rector, is awarded when students pass the final examination at the end of the Doctoral Programme.

The Examination Committee will be nominated by the Rector, upon advice of the Doctoral Committee and in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes.

The issue of the degree certificate is conditional upon the candidate uploading the University open access archive with a copy of his/her final thesis. The University archives will ensure public accessibility and the proper conservation of the thesis. The University will provide the National Libraries in Rome and Florence with a copy of the thesis, as required by Italian law.

\textbf{Art. 13 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS}

Referring to copyright protection (D.lgs. 633/1941 and subsequent amendments) the use of results obtained during the research activities in the Doctoral Programme, carried out with scholarships supported by an external authority may receive restrictions due to financial agreements of which the Doctoral Students will be informed at the moment of the assignment of the scholarship.

\textsuperscript{14} For further information refer to the mentioned law.
Art. 14 – PERSONAL DATA

The University of Trento, abiding by Legislative Decree 196/2003 and subsequent amendments, shall use the personal data of the candidates only for the purpose of the selection procedures and for institutional reasons. Participation in the present selection entails, in observance of the above-mentioned law, that the applicant allows the University of Trento to publish his/her personal data concerning the results of the selection procedure on the University website. Data are treated by the University of Trento, via Calepina, 14 – 38122 Trento (Italy).

Art. 15 – REFERRAL RULE

For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998 as amended by Article 19, paragraph 1, of the Law of 30.12.2010, n. 240, to Ministerial Decree no. 45 of 08.02.2013 and to the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes issued with the Rector's Decree no. 383 of 04.07.2013 and subsequent amendments.

On behalf of
The Rector

The Head of Education and Student Services
Dott. Paolo Zanei
ANNEX A
Declaration substituting

DEGREE CERTIFICATE
(Art. 46 - lettera l, m, n - D.P.R. 28 dicembre 2000, n. 445)

The undersigned___________________________________________________

Place of birth (city+country) ___________________________________________
date of birth __________________________

Official residence (street, number, zip code, city, country) ___________________________

Mobile ___________________________ e – mail _______________________________________

aware of the penal sanctions pursuant to Art. 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 for falsifying
documents and making mendacious declarations

DECLARES

A) To have graduated in: __________________________________________

Graduation Date: _____________________________

with mark _____________out of ____________

Type of degree: □ Master’s degree/Laurea Magistrale
□ Other (specify) ____________________________________

University of: ____________________________________

City and Country: ______________________________________

and to have passed the following exams (fill in the subsequent Part C, mandatory)

OR ALTERNATIVELY

B) To have not graduated yet, and to be aware that admission to the PhD Programme is conditional
upon the presentation of the degree certificate by the scheduled date in the call.

Currently studying (subject) __________________________________________

Type of degree: □ Master’s degree □ Other (specify) ______________________

At the University of: _____________________________ Country: ________________

Expected date for final degree defense: _________________________________

and to have passed the following exams (fill in the subsequent Part C, mandatory)

Part C: list of examinations passed and registered at the above mentioned University (all data are mandatory):

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<th>Course title</th>
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This declaration is exempt from stamp duties, pursuant to Art. 37 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000.

*The present declaration does not require authentication of the signature nor the signature should be affixed in the presence of the person assigned to receive the document. If sent, the signatory should add a copy of his own identification document to the present certificate.