Call for PhD positions
in the Doctoral Programme in Cognitive and Brain Sciences, 30th cycle

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In accordance with Law n. 210 of 3 July 1998 and in particular Article 4, modified by Art. 19, comma 1 of Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010;
In accordance with the Ministerial Decree of 8 February 2013, n. 45 detailing the rules by which doctoral programmes and courses are accredited and the criteria for the establishment of PhD Programmes on behalf of the governing bodies in particular Art. 3 ("Accreditation of courses and premises");
In accordance with the Decree by the Prime Minister of 9 April 2001, and as amended on the general criteria for uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education;
In accordance with the Charter of the University of Trento issued with Rector’s Decree n. 167 of 23 April 2012, in particular Art. 28;
In accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, issued with Rector’s Decree n. 383 of 4 July, 2013 and subsequently amendments;
In accordance with the proposal submitted by the Center for Mind/Brain Sciences (CIMEC: Centro Interdipartimentale Mente/Cervello);
In accordance with the report of the internal Evaluation Committee of 12 December 2013 on the eligibility requirements of the University's proposed Research Doctoral Programmes;
In accordance with the resolution made by the Academic Senate on 29 January 2014 on the attribution of PhD scholarships to the University's proposed Doctoral Programmes;
In consideration of the fact that the accreditation process, which ought to be granted by the Ministry based upon the consensus of the ANVUR, has not yet concluded, the University of Trento, taking into account the time necessary in order to also allow for recruiting on an international level, considers it appropriate not to delay issuing selection announcements and their relative competitions;

DECREEES

Art. 1 – AIM OF THE SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The University of Trento, with the financial support of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Trento e Rovereto, announces the 30th cycle of the Doctoral Programme in Cognitive and Brain Sciences for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The public selection for 10 doctoraL positions, all assigned grants, is being called.

The grants are financed as follows:
- 7 grants financed by the University of Trento;
- 1 grant financed by the Italian Institute of Technology on the topic “Analysis of brain structural and functional connectivity”;
- 1 grant financed by the Italian Institute of Technology on the topic “Information theoretic approach to study communication among brain regions”;
- 1 grant within the project “WIN2CON - Brain-state dependent perception: finding the windows to consciousness” (ERC Starting Grant 283404) financed by the European Commission and relative to the topic “Predispositions of conscious perception: from correlation to causation.”

Length: three years

Head of School: Prof. Francesco Pavani – Tel. + 39 0464 808617 – Email: phd.cimec@unitn.it

Doctorate website: http://www.unitn.it/drcimec

Competition website: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2692/announcement-selection

Official language: English

Beginning of the academic year: November 1, 2014
Tracks:
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Language, Interaction and Computation

Scientific areas:
- M-PSI/01 General Psychology
- M-PSI/02 Psychobiology and Physiological Psychology
- M-PSI/04 Developmental Psychology and Education
- M-PSI/08 Clinical Psychology
- MED/26 Neurology
- FIS/01 Experimental Physics
- ING-INF/05 Information Processing Systems
- L-LIN/01 Linguistics
- BIO/09 Physiology
- M-FIL/05 Philosophy and Theory of Language

The number of scholarships may be increased by funds from universities, public research institutions or qualified private organizations that become available after the publication of this announcement and before the oral examination. Any increase in the number of available positions resulting from an increase of grants will be posted exclusively on the competition website.

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates regardless of gender, age and nationality, who have an Italian “laurea specialistica (magistrale)” in compliance with Ministerial Decree n. 270 of 22 October 2004, or an equal university degree, or a similar university degree obtained abroad (Master’s degree) deemed eligible by the admissions committee for admission to the doctoral programme.

Applications are also permitted from students who expect to complete their degree by 24 October 2014. In this case applicants must submit the following in their application:
- a certificate of enrolment, examinations taken, and grades obtained (EU citizens with an EU title may submit a self-declaration of the certificate according to the Presidential Decree Art. 46 n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and as amended, by using Annex A);
- a statement from the thesis advisor specifying that the expected date by which the university degree will be obtained is 24 October 2014.

In this case admission is “conditional” and applicants must submit the degree certificate to the Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione – Polo Città (by fax: +39 0461 282191 or by email dottoraticitta@unitn.it) no later than 31 October 2014. Failure to provide the certificate by this date will lead to forfeiture of grant and position. EU citizens may present a self-certification (by using Annex A) of the degree certificate according to the Presidential Decree Art. 46 n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and as amended.

Art. 3 – FOREIGN UNIVERSITY DEGREES

Foreign university degrees must be comparable with the Laurea Magistrale title (Master Degree) in terms of duration, level and academic field. Based on this principle, the Admissions committee deliberates on their eligibility. Applicants with a foreign university degree that has not yet been officially recognised equivalent ¹ to an Italian degree must submit a request for equivalence in their application. In this case, it is necessary to submit the following documents:
- the degree certificate complete with exams taken and corresponding grades (transcripts). EU citizens with an EU title may do so by providing a self-certification, according to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28.12.2000 and as amended, by using Annex A;
- the English translation of the degree certificate, if in a different language, with exams taken and corresponding grades (transcript), signed under the applicant's own responsibility. The purpose of

¹ Further information available here (in English) http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=134, and here (in Italian) http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=113
the English translation is solely that of allowing the Admissions Committee to evaluate the applicant’s eligibility for the selection process.

- any other documentation considered useful in order to evaluate eligibility of the degree provided in order to participate in the selection process (i.e. Diploma Supplement or Statement of validity [“Dichiarazione di valore in loco”], etc.).

By 9 January 2015 admitted candidates who did not obtain an university degree in Italy will have to submit the following to the Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione-Polo Città (Fax +39 0461 282191, email: dottorati-citta@unitn.it)

- the Statement of validity (“Dichiarazione di valore in loco”) along with the degree certificate with exams taken and grades obtained (transcript), translated and legalized by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative in the country where the degree was issued. The statement of validity has to declare that the degree is valid in the country where it was issued in order to enrol in an academic course equivalent to a PhD programme (third level of higher level education based on the Bologna Process – European Higher Education Area);

- or, alternatively to the Statement of validity, the Diploma Supplement in English, prepared according to the model developed by the European Commission, by the European Council and by the UNESCO/CEPES.

In the absence of these documents may lead to exclusion from the doctorate programme.

Art. 4 – THE DOCTORATE PROGRAMME

The educational programme takes advantage of the strengths of the Center for Mind/Brain Sciences (CIMeC), namely the multi-disciplinary nature of the Center and of its faculty and the availability of cutting edge research Laboratories.

The doctorate programme offers a multidisciplinary education that allows doctoral students to acquire skills in specific areas of fundamental and applied research. The programme encourages professional development in innovative and experimental fields that span different scientific areas.

Doctoral students are expected to play an active role in their education by taking part in seminars, workshops and training courses. An integral part of this training is the research-based thesis.

The areas and relative research topics activated are as follows:

**ANIMAL COGNITION**
Space, number, object, and social cognition in non-human animals
Brain asymmetry in fish and reptiles
Perceptual illusions in fish

**COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE**
Information theoretic approach to study communication among brain regions

**DEVELOPMENT**
Behavioral and neural correlates of spatial cognition in children and nonhuman animals

**LANGUAGE**
Cognitive linguistics

**LEARNING/MOTIVATION**
The impact of reward on perception, attention and memory

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2 The Diploma Supplement is a document attached to the diploma (degrees, certificates, diplomas, etc.), which aim is to improve its international “transparency” and to facilitate its academic and professional recognition. The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that granted the title. Further details are available on the webpage [http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm).


4 If the Declaration of Value above has not yet been issued by the date indicated, a document ought to be provided proving that the request has been submitted to the diplomatic office. As soon as it is made available, the original Declaration of Value must be given to the University Office mentioned above.
Addictive behavior, attention and visual plasticity
Perceptual learning: the role of endogenous reward
Perceptual learning: the role of affective and informative feedback
Perceptual learning: transfer vs. specificity

**NEUROIMAGING METHODS AND ANALYSIS**
Architecture of gray and white matter
Functional magnetic resonance imaging methods and analysis
Multimodal neuroimaging
Real-time neuroimaging
Functional connectivity of resting-state processes
Dynamic activity during the resting state
Analysis of brain structural and functional connectivity

**PERCEPTION AND ACTION**
Electrophysiological correlates of visual object individuation
Attention and aging
Neural representations of objects and scenes
Perceptual learning
Visual perception and attention
Statistical learning and prediction
Visual cognition, attention and eye-movements
Neural mechanisms of perceptual decision-making and categorization
Action planning and action observation
Goal-directed actions and motor decisions
Construction of perceptual space-time
Mechanisms of shared attention
Functional alignment of attentional maps in the human brain
Crossmodal plasticity in blind individuals
Visual imagery and hemianopia
Predispositions of conscious perception: from correlation to causation
Experimental phenomenology
Neural encoding and temporal dynamics of action representations

**THINKING**
Inductive and probabilistic reasoning
Medical and legal decision making
Decision biases

The research projects proposed for the 30th cycle of the Doctorate, along with related researchers are listed at the following weblink: [http://www.unitn.it/en/drcimec/intro](http://www.unitn.it/en/drcimec/intro). The topics listed there can be used as reference for the research project in your application (see Art. 5).

Courses are in English.

Further details regarding the Student Handbook and study plan, the internal regulation, admission to the second and third year and title conferral, can be found in the on-line at [http://www.unitn.it/en/drcimec](http://www.unitn.it/en/drcimec).

**Art. 5 – APPLICATION**
Applying for the PhD programme is done by completing the online process, and involves two phases:
1) register on the University’s website at [http://www.unitn.it/account](http://www.unitn.it/account). Within a maximum of 2 business days applicants receive a username and password by email which contains the credentials needed in order to utilize the UNITN’s online services;
2) fill out the application, complete with the attachments in electronic format, available on [http://www.unitn.it/apply/dott](http://www.unitn.it/apply/dott).

Note that the application must be definitely and positively closed by 4:00 p.m. Italian time of 13 May.
2014. Administration highly recommends that candidates make sure to have received the notification email confirming the definitive closure of the application.

Candidates are invited to not wait until the last few days before the deadline for the submission of the application. The University assumes no liability for any malfunctions due to technical problems and/or overloading of the communication line, and/or systems application or for the loss of documents related to incorrect address information entered by the candidate or late notification of change of address indicated in the application, nor for any errors attributable to the acts of third parties, to unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

The application is to be considered by law a self-declaration of the personal data and qualifications declared. Applications not submitted using the online procedure specified in this Article, comma 1, incomplete and irregular applications, and applications lacking the compulsory attachments will not be considered valid. All applicants are admitted to the selection conditionally upon ascertaining that they fulfil the admission requirements.

The University of Trento has the right to verify the documents delivered pursuant to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree n. 445 of the 28.12.2000. For justified reasons the Doctoral Programme has the right to exclude from this selection applicants who fail to fulfill the requirements necessary for the competition.

According to Italian Law n. 104/92, Art. 20 and to Italian Law n. 68/99, Art. 16 (1), applicants with special needs are expected to indicate explicitly in their application whether they require special assistance or extra time during the examinations. Under Legislative Decree 196/03, all information will be kept confidential.

The candidate can apply for only one of the 2 tracks activated by the programme.

**COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more compulsory attachments results in expulsion from the selection)

1. **Identity document (ID):**
   - A copy of the identity card (for EU citizens) or of the passport (pages with photo, personal data, place and time of issue of the document, expiration date of the document);

2. **Copy of the university degree:**
   - **applicants with an Italian degree:**
     - a self-declaration *by using Annex A*, according to the Presidential Decree Article 46 n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and later amendments, stating:
       - the possession of the degree (see Art. 2),
       - conferral date,
       - issuing University,
       - final grade,
       - examinations taken and grades obtained.
   - **applicants with a foreign degree:**
     - the degree certificate complete with exams taken and corresponding grades (transcripts). EU citizens with an EU title may do so by providing a self-certification, according to Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and as amended, by using Annex A;
     - translation of the degree certificate into English, if in a different language other than Italian, accompanied by a list of the examinations taken and grades obtained, undersigned by the applicant, under his/her own responsibility. The certificate is required to enable the Admissions Committee to declare the degree’s equivalence for the sole purpose of being admitted to the competition.
     - any other documentation considered useful in order to evaluate the eligibility of the degree for the purpose of taking part of the competition (Diploma Supplement or Statement of validity, etc.).
   - **applicants who expect to complete their degree by 24 October 2014 and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection:**

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5 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.

4. **Anonymous Research Statement** (form is downloadable from the online application) that consists in **Part A** – Motivation Letter; **Part B** – Statement of Research Interest, and **Part C** – Research Project Proposal. The aim of the research project proposal is such that the applicant may demonstrate his/her ability to express and evaluate hypotheses. Only one Research Statement is allowed per candidate.

5. **An English language certificate** proving a minimum level of CEFR B2[^6], if the candidate is not English mother tongue or if the candidate did not attend a High School, Bachelor’s or Master’s level course entirely in English. Advanced knowledge of the English language is a fundamental prerequisite in order to be admitted to the programme. In the absence of an applicable certificate, a statement[^7] issued by an organization proving that the candidate held work activities and/or training attesting an advanced use of the English language in order to carry out the tasks given and the period the candidate was at the organization.

6. **A document named “Signed acceptance document” in pdf format** (automatically generated in the online application): this document gets printed, signed and then uploaded in the specific section “Upload of the Signed acceptance document” of the online application.

**OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**
- other titles, such as international tests (i.e. GRE or equivalent);
- other documentation useful to attest the candidate’s research skills and abilities (documentation pertaining to awards, academic activity and post-degree research, etc.
- Up to two **Academic Reference Forms[^8]** filled out by experts structured as University staff or in national or international research organizations. Within 24 hours of completing and saving the online **Referees** section, the online application system sends an email directly to **Referees** chosen by the applicant with the attached form, and instructions on how to fill it out and email it to the University. It is highly recommended that applicants verify that their **Referees** send the **Academic Reference Forms** no later than 20 May 2014.

Should candidates wish to add further documentation to the application after having already submitted the application, they may do so by the deadline of the selection announcement emailing ateneo@unitn.it. In this case, the **subject line should say:** Application ID - Candidate’s Last Name and Name – Doctoral Course in Cognitive and Brain Sciences 30th cycle - “integrazione domanda”. Further documentation sent by other means will not be accepted.

**Art. 6 –SELECTION**

The selection exams are intended to assess the applicant’s preparation and aptitude towards scientific research with specific reference to the track chosen.

The selection takes place as follows:
- evaluation of the qualifications presented by the candidate in the application (described above in Art. 5) on the basis of criteria established at the beginning of the selection process by the admissions committee;

[^6]: IELTS minimum score 5.5; Cambridge First Certificate: grade A or B (o CAE o CPE) Cambridge BEC Vantage, Cambridge ILEC B2 (or higher); TOEFL IBT: minimum score 93.
[^7]: EU citizens may do so by providing a self-certification, according to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments
[^8]: In case the two reference forms are not available the candidate will not be excluded by the selection procedure.
an oral examination in English intended to assess the basic knowledge, the aptitude of the candidate, and the Research Statement submitted. Active and passive English language skills of the candidate will also be verified.

Candidates who intend to compete for a topic-specific grant will be evaluated on the knowledge of the specific subject matter(s) concerning the topic-specific grant. Candidates who wish to be eligible also for a topic-specific grant added after the selection announcement is published must make an explicit request to the Admissions Committee before the oral examination, at the time of being identified. In such case the oral exam will include an evaluation of the candidate’s knowledge on the specific subject matter(s) concerning the additional topic-specific grant.

The Admissions Committee has an overall score of 120 points available, partitioned in the following way:

- 60 points for the qualifications assessment;
- 60 points for the oral examination.

In order to be admitted to the oral examination candidates must obtain a minimum score of 36/60 from the qualifications assessment.

The list of candidates admitted to the oral examination will be published, after the qualifications assessment, on the competition’s website.

Instructions pertaining to the date, time and location of the oral examination will be published at least 20 days before they take place on the competition’s website.

In order to take the oral examination candidates must present a valid photo ID. The oral examination is considered passed with a minimum score of 36/60.

Candidates residing abroad or can provide proof that they are unable to physically attend the oral examination may take the exam by phone or videoconference at a University/Embassy/Consulate in the country where they are residing, following consent by the admissions committee. In this case, the applicant will have to declare this when filling out the online application in the “Offsite Oral Examination” section, and follow these instructions:

- by 25 June 2014 the applicant must fill out the “Offsite oral examination form” (available at the competition’s webpage), including the contact information of the person in the University/Embassy/Consulate who will identify the candidate just before the oral exam and email it to phd.cimec@unitn.it.
- The possibility to conduct the oral examination according to the information provided in the form is subject to Admissions committee approval after having verified its technical feasibility. Verification thereof will occur on 24 and 25 June 2014, during which time the candidates will be contacted by the Programme Administrator. To this end candidates are forewarned to be in contact via email on these two days.

The Admissions committee will ascertain that the necessary conditions are satisfied in order to guarantee that the oral examinations are carried out according to regulations (verification of candidate’s identity and fairness of the interviews).

Art. 7 – ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Upon hearing the Doctoral Programme Committee the Rector appoints the Admissions Committee. It consists of at least three members chosen among Italian and foreign tenured professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include up to two experts, also foreign, from public and private national and international research organizations.

The Committee draws up a merit-based ranking according to the scores obtained by the applicants after the qualifications assessment and the oral examination. The candidate’s final ranking is posted on the competition’s website.

By publishing the ranking list, notification concerning the selection results is considered fulfilled. Applicants admitted to the Programme will not receive personal announcements.

Art. 8 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME
Applicants will be admitted to the Doctorate according to their rank in the final score list and until all available and eligible positions have been filled. In case of equally ranked candidates, the student’s economic situation will be evaluated in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers (D.P.C.M.) of 9 April 2001 as amended. For positions without a scholarship, the younger candidate shall be given priority. If an eligible applicant withdraws or is excluded in the first three-month term of the first year, the Doctoral Programme Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with another candidate next in rank in the final score list. This candidate must accept the offer within 8 days from the day after having received the notice from the Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione – Polo Città.

According to Art. 20, § 3 of the University Regulations for Doctorates of Research, the Admissions committee may admit up to 5 supernumerary positions without a scholarship of the University of Trento, if such candidates coincide with one of the following cases:

a) eligible applicants from non-E.U. countries who have been awarded any kind of scholarship (e.g. by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Government the candidate comes from, or International institutions);

b) eligible 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 to the University of Trento);

c) eligible applicants who are research grant holders at the start date of the PhD programme, after verification by the Doctoral Programme Committee of the adequacy of the research topic with the doctoral programme;

d) eligible applicants who are public employees or under public law regime. Admission is subject to the passing of the exam and being placed on-leave or special leave under Art. 2 of the Law of 13 August 1984 n. 476, as amended.

Art. 9 – ENROLMENT

Within 8 business days from when the final ranking list is published eligible applicants who are admitted to the programme send or hand in the hard-copy of their enrolment (available for download at the competition’s website) application to the following address:

Università degli Studi di Trento
Divisione Supporto Corsi di Dottorato e Alta Formazione - Polo Città
Via Verdi, 26 – 38122 Trento (ITALIA)
Email dottoirati-citta@unitn.it – fax +39-0461-282191

Where applicable, the payment receipt of the provincial tax for the right to education (TDS) must be attached to the application, along with the stamp duty.

Eligible applicants admitted to the programme who do not send their enrolment within 8 days from when the final ranking list is published lose their right to enroll and their position will be offered to the next ranked eligible candidate. Even candidates who intend to be admitted as supernumerary shall submit appropriate documentation proving their status, enrollment in the above reserved position within 8 days from when the final ranking list is published. Supernumerary registration is established within the limits of the number of positions listed in Art. 8 according to the final ranking list.

Doctoral programme enrolment will automatically be formalized as soon as the process of accreditation from the Ministry of Education, University and Research is completed.

Art. 10 – GRANTS

Grants are assigned based on the general ranking of applicants drawn up by the Admissions Committee, upon request of the applicant.
Successful applicants of topic-specific grants must accept the grant they are offered given that grants of general topics are considered of lower preference.

In case a candidate declines the grant, it will be offered to the next candidate in the ranking; in case the grant is associated to a specific topic, candidates next in ranking must have also obtained the eligibility for that specific topic.

The gross amount of the scholarship is Euro 13,638.47\(^9\). Grants are normally paid bi-monthly in advance, with the exception of undue payments in case the student is expelled or suspended, and except the first payment of the solar year (January – February) which gets paid at the end of January.

Grants cannot be combined with other scholarships, except those awarded by national or foreign scientific institutes deemed appropriate for the research activities carried out by the doctoral student.

The scholarship will be increased by 50% for research periods of at least 1 month and at most 18 months spent abroad, but only if this is authorized by the Head of the Programme or the Doctoral Programme Committee.

Starting from the beginning of the second year each PhD students is allotted a budget for research activity no less than 10% of the amount of the ministerial scholarship.

Grants are awarded for the entire duration of the programme, depending on annual confirmation by the Doctoral Programme Committee of the results achieved each year by the doctoral students.

A doctoral student’s failure to attend the programme for over thirty days will lead to grant suspension.

If a doctoral student choses to withdraw before the end of the programme, the candidate loses his/her right to perceive the remaining amount of the scholarship.

Those who have already been awarded an Italian PhD scholarship, cannot be granted another one of the same title.

**Art. 11– DOCTORAL STUDENT RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

Admission to the Doctoral programme entails an exclusive, full-time commitment. Doctoral students are obligated to attend the Doctoral Programme's courses, seminars, exercises, and academic modules, to continuously carry out study and research activities within the premises dedicated to such activities, and to gives a report on their research activity at the end of each year to the Doctoral Programme Committee. As an example of the training and evaluations of the Doctoral programme one may consult the 2013-2014 Student Handbook at the webpage [http://www.unitn.it/en/drcimec/10045/introduction](http://www.unitn.it/en/drcimec/10045/introduction).

Doctoral students involved in a co-tutelle project also have the obligation of following the study and research plan as detailed in the agreement with the foreign university.

The Doctoral School Committee might decide, with an explicit justification, to exclude a student from the School and the consequent forfeit of the study grant in the case of:

- a) insufficient results in the evaluation assessments during the Doctoral Programme
- b) negative judgement of the Doctoral Programme Committee concerning admission to the following year of the course; the Doctoral Programme Committee, to this end, verifies the achievements of the expected results for the year conducted as well as the diligence and hard work demonstrated by the student in his/her research activity;
- c) occasional work contracts without authorization from the Doctoral Programme Committee;
- d) unjustified and prolonged absences or prolonged unavailability.

Non-UNITN scholarships that entail specific research activity, bind the scholarship winner to the to conduct research in that specific area.

Throughout the duration of the doctorate, the University guarantees insurance coverage for accidents and civil responsibility, limited to the activities concerning the Doctoral programme.

According to Art. 2 first paragraph of Law n. 476, 13 August 1984 as amended, Italian public sector employees admitted to the Doctoral programme may request a leave of absence to study without salary and may apply for a study grant, where applicable, for the duration of the programme. In the case that the employee is admitted to the Doctoral course and declines the grant or is not awarded any grant, he/she may continue to receive salary, social security and pension from the public administration. Should the employee

\(^{9}\text{At the date of publication of the present selection announcement, Italian law (art. 2, paragraph 26 of Law 335/95 and subsequent modifications) states that as of 01/01/2014, scholarships are subject to pension fund contributions (INPS), equal to 22\% or 28.72\%, 1/3 of which will be charged to the candidate.}\)
choose to end the work relationship during the two years following conferral of the Doctoral title, he/she is obliged to return all payments received for the duration of the Doctoral course.

Art. 12 – DOCTORAL TITLE CONFERRAL
The title of Doctor of Research in “Cognitive and Brain Sciences” – Ph.D., conferred by the Rector, is granted to students who pass the final exam (PhD defense) that takes place at the end of the Doctorate. The final exam Judgement Committee is nominated by the Rector after consultation with the Doctoral Programme Committee and according to the University Regulations for Doctorates of Research. The certificate stating the award of the title is issued upon the condition that the student submits the thesis to the University’s public Institutional Archive, where its conservation and public availability are guaranteed. The university is lawfully responsible for depositing the thesis in the National Libraries of Rome and Florence.

Art. 13 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF RESEARCH FINDINGS AND PUBLICATIONS
Without prejudice to the Italian legislation on copyright (Legislative Decree no. 633/1941 and as amended) the usage of results derived from research conducted by doctoral students funded by external bodies may be subject to limitations due to specific financing agreements which eligible applicants will be made aware of at the time of receiving the scholarship.

Art. 14 – PERSONAL DATA
The University of Trento, in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 "Italian Personal Data Protection Code", may use applicants’ personal data only for the purpose of selection procedures and for institutional reasons. In observance of the above-mentioned legislative decree, participation in the selection requires the applicant to give the University of Trento permission 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, with offices in via Calepina, 14 – 38122 Trento.

Art. 15 - NORME DI RIFERIMENTO
For matters not covered by this selection announcement refer to art. 4 of Law n. 210 of 03.07.1998 as amended in Art. 19, paragraph 1, of the Law of 30 December 2010, n. 240, to the Ministerial Decree no. 45 of 08.02.2013, to the University Regulations on Doctorates of Research of the University of Trento issued with the Rector's Decree n. 383 of 4 July 2013 as amended and to the Internal Regulations of the Doctorate in Cognitive and Brain Sciences approved by the CIMeC's Board on 26 September 2013.

For the Rector
Head of Academic and Student Services
Dott. Paolo Zanei

10 For further details you are invited to review the above-cited Law.
ANNEX A
Declaration substituting
DEGREE CERTIFICATE
(Article 46 - letters l, m, n - D.P.R. 28 December 2000, No. 445)

The undersigned __________________________________________

Place of birth (city+country) ________________________________ date of birth , __________________

Official postal address (street, number, zip code, city, country) _______________________________________

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Mob. ____________________________ e – mail ______________________________________________

aware of the penal sanctions pursuant to Article 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28.12.2000 for falsifying documents and making mendacous declarations

DECLARIES

A) TO HAVE GRADUATED (click the corresponding box):

Type of degree

☐ MA/MSc

☐ BA (4 years)

☐ BSc (4 years)

Degree title:______________________________________________________________

on _____/_____/_____ University of __________________________________ Country__________________

with mark _____________out of _____________

AND TO HAVE PASSED THE FOLLOWING EXAMS (fill out the following section C, obligatory in either case A) or B)

Alternately:

B) TO HAVE NOT YET GRADUATED and to be aware that admission to the Doctorate is conditional upon submitting the degree certificates by the date cited in the announcement.

Graduating in: ________________________________________________________________

University of: ______________________________________________________ Country: _____________

Expected graduation date: ______________________________________________________

AND TO HAVE PASSED THE FOLLOWING EXAMS (fill out the following section C, obligatory in either case A) or B)

SECTION C: List of exams taken (marks and dates mandatory):

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