



## PhD Programme in International Studies

### Call 2017-18 for 6 Scholarships (3 years) - Summary

The PhD Programme in International Studies is characterized by a strong **interdisciplinary** approach in the disciplines at the core of international studies (mainly economics, law, sociology, and politics) as well as specific training in the main discipline chosen for the PhD thesis.

The Call 2017-18 is for: **5 PhD student scholarships, funded by the University of Trento**  
**1 funded by European Academy of Research (EURAC) Bolzano**

Particular emphasis will be given to projects related to one of the research areas of the School of International Studies (see link <http://www.sis.unitn.it/159/research-at-the-sis> ) or to the topic-specific scholarship listed below.

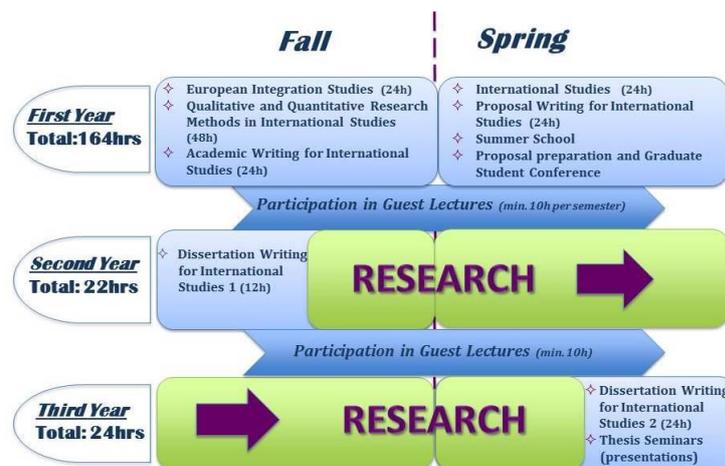
Within the 33<sup>rd</sup> cycle, besides the general strand of interest of the School of International Studies in '[Integration and disintegration of the European Union](#)', particular emphasis will be given to research projects on the following subjects:

- [Technology, Revolution in Military Affairs \(RMA\), and International Politics](#)
- [Bargaining, voting and power in European decision-making processes](#)
- ['Complex' commerce: disputed areas, embargos and sanctions](#)
- [Cross-Border Co-operation, Sub-National Entities and Multi-Level Governance](#) – (funded by the European Academy of Bolzano - EURAC Research)

For further information on issues and topics treated, see the [list of faculty members' research interests](#).

*The following guide summarizes the application procedures in the [Full Call Reference](#);  
for full and detailed information: see corresponding articles (in brackets).*

#### PhD Programme: Coursework and Research Activity (Art. 2)



The PhD Programme in International Studies is a **full time activity** for the 3-year duration of the scholarship. **Courses are mandatory** and are held during the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters** (1<sup>st</sup> year), the **3<sup>rd</sup> semester** (2<sup>nd</sup> year), and the **6<sup>th</sup> semester** (3<sup>rd</sup> year). During the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> semesters**, PhD students spend a period abroad for research and study. Guest lectures and seminars complete the programme.

#### Who can apply? (Art. 3)

Candidates who hold a **Laurea Magistrale**/Master's Degree in one of the core disciplines of International Studies (mainly, but not limited to, Law, Economics, Political Science and Sociology, Humanities, History and Philosophy).

**Foreign qualifications** must be **equivalent** in terms of level (Master's degree), contents (core disciplines) and duration, and must give access to an academic course equivalent to the PhD in the country where the degree was issued. The Admissions Committee will decide upon their equivalence and admissibility. Candidates who expect to be awarded their degrees after the deadline, but by 31 July 2017, may apply (see details in [Full Call](#)).

## Application online (Art. 4)

- **Register** using the link <http://www.unitn.it/en/account> to obtain a username and password for accessing the UniTRENTO reserved area. Up to 2 working days may be necessary to obtain these credentials;
- **Apply** using the link <http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>.

Materials can be saved at an intermediate stage before submitting the application.

### **Mandatory (1-6):**

1. **Passport or any EU national ID;**
2. **Certificates regarding academic career** (Master's Diploma; list of examinations, and related marks);
3. **CV / Resumé** in English;
4. **Research proposal** in English. Maximum length 4 pages – 2000 words, including abstract (max 150 words); an additional bibliography might be attached.  
Please check research interests of faculty and try to indicate a potential PhD supervisor to be chosen from among the [PhD Programme teaching staff](#);
5. **Statement of purpose** (max. 1 page – 500 words) outlining the reasons for applying to this programme;
6. **International certificate attesting to knowledge of the English language at C1<sup>1</sup> level or higher;**

In addition, the following documents may be submitted as **complementary attachments**:

7. a list of scientific publications;
8. a list of other qualifications related to International Studies, such as summer schools, specialized training, international examinations demonstrating preparation for doctoral study (e.g., GRE);
9. any other documents which demonstrate the candidates' skills related to International Studies;
10. reference letters (maximum 2) in English or Italian, to be uploaded on line by the referee.

## Selection Process (Art. 5)

**Participation in the selection process is subject to payment of a non-reimbursable fee of €15.00.**

The selection is based on:

- an **assessment of qualifications** provided in the online application (basis for a shortlist for interviews);
- an **interview** – for shortlisted candidates only.

The interview (in English) will focus on the research project proposal and on the candidate's motivation.

### **Calendar:**

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| Deadline for applications            | <b>16 May 2017, 16:00 Italian time</b>  |
| Assessment of qualifications         | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> week of June 2017</b> |
| Interview for shortlisted candidates | <b>last week of June 2017</b>           |

## Admission to the PhD Programme and Acceptance of offer (Art. 7)

All candidates will be ranked according to their scores in the assessment, based upon applications and interviews. Successful candidates will be admitted to the PhD Programme according to their position in the final ranking list until all available places are filled.

If a selected candidate declines, the next one on the list may be admitted.

Provided that the assessment is positive, the Admissions Committee may also admit one additional candidate, in case of him/her having a scholarship or grant by other entities (only for non-Italian citizens!).

Selected candidates are required to enrol **within 8 days** after being notified of their admission.

Conditions for acceptance are available at: <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2696/enrolment-and-extension>.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are paid every two months in advance; the annual amount of the scholarship is € 13.638,47, gross of possible taxes due by the PhD student, as foreseen by current Italian legislation.

PhD scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships of any nature, apart from those assigned by Italian or foreign institutions, which may support the PhD student's research activities abroad.

The amount of the scholarship will be increased by 50% during study periods abroad. Interruptions in the attendance of the School longer than 30 days entail the suspension of scholarship payments.

## Rights and Duties of PhD Students

PhD students are considered as autonomous researchers and required to actively participate in all activities. Their activities are annually evaluated by the PhD Programme Committee regarding access to the subsequent year. Supplementary teaching activities and any other working activities are subject to prior authorization.

This is an executive summary of the information and requirements that are detailed in the full **Call for Application available at:** <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1946/announcement-of-selection>  
**Contact: PhD Office International Studies** [phd@sis.unitn.it](mailto:phd@sis.unitn.it) Homepage: <http://web.unitn.it/en/drsis>

<sup>1</sup> These certificates and tests are acceptable proof if they have been issued within the last five years: IELTS minimum band score of 7 on each of the 4 modules of the academic version; Cambridge CAE (minimum grade B) or CPE; TOEFL IBT minimum score of 110; Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic minimum score 76.