N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector’s Decree n. 289 of May 30, 2014, is legally binding; the English version is provided for information only

Call for Doctoral positions at
the Doctoral Programme in “Biomolecular Sciences”
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 30th 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 Centre for Integrative Biology (CIBIO);
Given the report of the Internal Assessment Committee of the 12th of December 2013;
Given the decision by the Academic Senate of the 29th of January 2014 concerning PhD Scholarships for PhD Programmes of the University of Trento;
Considering that, although the accreditation procedure which must be granted by the Ministry with the assent of ANVUR has not been completed yet, 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 “Biomolecular Sciences” at the University of Trento.

Positions: n. 9
Scholarships: n. 7

Deadline for application: hrs. 16:00 (GMT +2) of September 4th, 2014

Head: prof. Paolo Macchi - Tel. + 39 0461 285302 - email: phd.boscia@unitn.it

Website of the Programme: http://web.unitn.it/en/drbs


Duration: three years

Official language: English

Start of the Academic Year: November 1, 2014

Scientific Areas:
BIO/06 Comparative Anatomy and Cytology
BIO/07 Ecology
BIO/09 Physiology
BIO/10 Biochemistry
BIO/11 Molecular Biology
BIO/12 Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology
BIO/13 Applied Biology
BIO/14 Pharmacology
BIO/18 Genetics
BIO/19 Microbiology
CHIM/01 Analytical Chemistry
CHIM/03 General and Inorganic Chemistry
CHIM/06 Organic Chemistry
CHIM/10 Food Chemistry
FIS/01 Experimental Physics
FIS/07 Applied Physics
INF/01 Informatics
ING-INF/05 Data Processing Systems
MED/04 General Medical Pathology

Research areas:

1. Biochemistry
2. Bioinformatics
3. Computational Biology
4. Systems Biology
5. Developmental Biology
6. Molecular and Cellular Biology
7. Synthetic Biology
8. Structural Biology
9. Organic Chemistry
10. Genetics
11. Cancer Genomics
12. Microbial Genomics
13. Lipidomics and Biomembranes
14. Metabolomics and Metabolic Imaging
15. Nanobiotechnology
16. Neurobiology
17. Molecular Vaccinology
18. Molecular Virology

The scholarships are funded as follows:

n. 4 scholarships financed by the University of Trento on research topics to be carried out at the laboratories of CIBIO – Centre for Integrative Biology (http://web.unitn.it/en/cibio);

Principal investigator: Dr. Shereff S. Mansy

n. 1 scholarship financed by CIBIO – Centre for Integrative Biology in collaboration with Novartis Vaccines (Siena) that requires specific competence assessed during the oral examination and reserved for the topic: “Analysis of cell mediated immunity induced by vaccination with bacterial Outer Membrane Vesicles”. Bacterial Outer Membrane Vesicles are gaining growing interest as vaccine platform for their unique adjuvanticity properties. However, the mechanisms of induction of antibody and cell-mediated immune responses have not yet been investigated in details.
The main purpose of this project is to investigate the induction of antibodies, CD4+ T cells and CD8+ T cells in mice immunized with OMVs engineered with model antigens. In particular, it will be investigated how the
compartmentalization of model antigens within the vesicles (external side of the vesicle membrane, internal side of the vesicle membrane, vesicle lumen) affect the immune responses both in qualitative and quantitative terms. The candidate must hold a Master’s degree in one of the following topics: Chemistry, Medicine, Biology, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biotechnology, Pharmacy. Preferably, the candidate should have carried out his/her thesis in Immunology and Vaccinology research areas.

Principal investigator: Prof. Alessandro Quattrone

n. 1 scholarship financed by The Microsoft Research –University of Trento Centre for Computational and Systems Biology (COSBI), that requires specific competence assessed during the oral examination and reserved for the topic: “Modeling of human neurodegenerative diseases from multi-source data to investigate the pathophysiology of the diseases and the role of metabolism”

In this project the candidate will build algorithmic and network based model of the molecular events associated with neurodegenerative diseases pathophysiological process, including the potential association with metabolic disorders, relying on experimental data and public domain data. This study will help in understanding the molecular pathways altered in the disease and investigating the role of metabolic alteration in disease development and progression. The design and realization of the study will be done at COSBI (see http://www.cosbi.eu). Preferred skills: A master’s degree in Bioinformatics, Systems Biology or closely related disciplines with knowledge in data manipulation procedures is preferred. Some experience in neuroscience will be a plus.

Principal investigator: Dr. Laura Caberlotto

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). Any degree in a scientific area will be given preferential status.

Applications are also accepted from students expecting to complete their degree by October 23, 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 23, 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 October 31, 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 level¹. Pursuant to this principle, the Admissions Committee will deliberate on their eligibility.

Applicants who have a foreign academic degree that has not been officially recognized as equivalent² to an Italian degree (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 may 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 acquired 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 purpose of 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 for evaluating the eligibility of the degree provided, in order to participate in the selection process (i.e. Diploma Supplement³ or Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco⁴).

Candidates admitted to the Programme 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) 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 issued. The DV 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, if the above mentioned DV 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 DV at the earliest convenience;
- or, alternatively to the DV, 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 DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The PhD in Biomolecular Sciences is characterized by a programme that enables students to acquire high-level skills in different research areas, encouraging the development of scientific and technological progress in innovative areas that require interdisciplinary approaches.

The teaching and research programmes of the Doctorate aim at promoting cooperation with other Italian and foreign universities.


Art. 5 – TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMME IN COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

The teaching offer of the PhD in Biomolecular Sciences also includes the new transdisciplinary programme in Computational Biology with the aim of providing PhD students not only skills in Biomolecular Sciences but also complementary skills in Computational Biology. The Programme offers specialized courses in multiple areas of bioinformatics and computational biology to enhance interactions and communication across

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¹ Italian: [http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html](http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html), English: [http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/new-degrees.html](http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/new-degrees.html)
³ 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/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm)
disciplines. For further details on the programme as well as on the admission procedure see:

Art. 6 – APPLICATION

Applying for the Doctoral Programme requires an online application process, and involves two stages:

1) Registering on the University’s website at 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, which will be required in order to use the UNITN’s online services;

2) Filling out the application\textsuperscript{5}, complete with the requested attachments in electronic format, available at http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott

The application is subject to the payment of an application fee - non-refundable - amounting to Euro 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 September 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time. The administration strongly recommends that candidates ensure that they have received the notification email confirming the definitive completion of the application procedure.

Candidates are advised not to wait until the last days prior to the deadline for submitting their application. The University assumes no liability for any malfunctions due to technical problems, overloading of the communication lines and application system or for the loss of documents due to incorrectly written addresses by the candidate or late notification of change of address indicated in the application, not for any errors attributable to acts of third parts, to 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 to submit 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 valid.

All applicants are admitted to the selection procedure conditionally upon verification that they fulfill the admission requirements.

The University of Trento is entitled to verify the documents delivered pursuant 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 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 expiring date.

2) Copy of the 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

\textsuperscript{5} The candidate has the option of filling out the application in either Italian or English.
call), the “Classe di Laurea”6, the awarding date, the issuing University, the final grade, the examinations taken and grades obtained.

- Applicants with a foreign qualification:
  - a copy of the degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained or equivalent certificate, according to Article 3 of this call. If the qualification has not been officially recognized as equivalent7 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 Supplement8 or the Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco, if available.
  - Applicants who expect to be awarded their degree by October 23, 2014 and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection:
    - a certificate of enrolment with a list of the exams successfully passed and marks obtained in each examination
    - a statement by their thesis supervisor declaring that the student will obtain the degree by October 23, 2014.

For EU citizens the two above-mentioned documents may be substituted by a self-declaration, 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.

3) Curriculum vitae et studiorum in English;

4) Summary of the degree thesis written in English explaining the reasons for the choice of the subject, the research methodology and the results obtained (max 3000 characters excluding spaces);

5) A letter of motivation written in English describing the applicant’s motivations for pursuing the PhD programme in Biomolecular Sciences at the University of Trento (max 3000 characters excluding spaces);

6) English language certification establishing a minimum level of B1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)9. The following exceptions are accepted:
   - if the candidate is a native English speaker or attended a Bachelor’s or Master’s level course taught entirely in English, a self-declaration is sufficient.
   - if the candidate studied or carried out research abroad for 6-months minimum in a country where the knowledge of English is required, a certification by the institution where the candidate carried out the activity, stating the level of English obtained, is sufficient (EU may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union);
   - if the candidate passed one or more English language exams at level B1 during Bachelor or Master’s degree, a certificate by the university stating the level of English obtained is sufficient (EU

8 Con Diploma Supplement si intende un documento allegato ad un diploma di formazione superiore con la finalità di migliorare la “trasparenza” internazionale e facilitare il riconoscimento accademico e professionale dei titoli conseguiti (diplomi, lauree, certificati etc.). Il Diploma Supplement deve essere emanato dalla stessa istituzione che ha rilasciato il titolo. Ulteriori dettagli sul sito: http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/diploma-supplement_en.htm
may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union).

7) 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.

8) Only for those interested in the Transdisciplinary programme in Computational Biology (see art. 5): an additional letter of motivation in English in which are specified the reasons for undertaking the secondary programme in Computational Biology.

In the application the candidate must also indicate two choices among the 18 proposed research areas and specify the order of preference; this choice is not binding.

The candidates interested in one or more of the reserved scholarships must express an interest in the Application online. The suitability of the candidates for these scholarships will be evaluated during the oral examination.

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- List of research outputs;
- Any additional qualifications, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);
- Any additional qualifications useful for assessing the applicant’s attitude towards research;
- A brief research project in English (maximum 3 pages, 1000 words) within the areas of research of the PhD Program in Biomolecular Sciences;
- Up to two reference letters\(^{16}\) in English or Italian, by experts in the fields of the PhD Programme working at universities or national and international research institutions;

**Notice:** only the reference letters that meet the following requirements will be evaluated:

- must be in PDF format;
- must be written on letterhead;
- must include the signature and the contact details of the referee;
- must bear a date more recent than January 1st 2012.

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

The University will accept any additional documents to the submitted application if sent by email to ateneo@unitn.it (Subject: “Application ID number- candidate's Surname and Name- Doctorate in Biomolecular Sciences – 30th cycle - Integrazione domanda”) within September 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time. Additional documents submitted by different means will be disregarded.

**Art. 7 – SELECTION**

The selection process for admission to the PhD Program in Biomolecular Sciences consists of:

- an evaluation of titles assessing the qualifications of the candidate according to Art. 6 of this announcement, on the basis of parameters established previously by the Admissions Committee;
- an oral examination in English

The Admissions Committee can assign each candidate a total score of 200 as follows:

- 0 – 110 points for the assessment of qualification;
- 0 – 90 points for the oral examination.

Candidates obtaining a minimum score of 70/110 for the assessment of qualifications will be admitted to the oral examination. At least 20 days before the oral examination, the date, time and location of the oral examination will be published on the following webpage: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1961/announcement-

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\(^{16}\)The letters of reference are strongly recommended. However, the omission of these letters will not exclude the candidate from the selection procedure.
of-selection: In the same webpage will be published the list of candidates admitted for oral examination as soon as possible.

In order to be allowed to oral examination the candidate must provide a valid ID/passport with photo.

The oral examination, which is conducted in English, is intended to ascertain the candidate's knowledge and her/his aptitude for research. The interview will focus on the research carried out by the candidate during the thesis, the contribution to any scientific publications and on general questions designed to determine the candidate's knowledge.

For applicants who indicate an interest in competing for reserved topics, the oral examination includes an assessment of the competence on the specific subjects.

For applicants who indicate an interest in applying for the transdisciplinary programme in Computational Biology, the oral examination includes an assessment of the competence on the specific subject of the programme.

The oral examination is successfully passed with a minimum of 50/90 point score. The selection is considered passed with a minimum total score of 120/200. **Notice:** The results of the selection - interim and final - will be posted on the website with the ID of the application. It is therefore recommended that candidates keep their ID so to check their results.

Applicants residing or domiciled abroad, or otherwise unable to participate to the interview in person due to justifiable reasons, may ask the Admissions Committee at the time of filling the application online, to conduct the oral examination by video-conference. In the case of admission to the oral examination, the candidate must send an e-mail to phd.bioscie@unitn.it, within 5 days from the date of publication of the outcome of the assessment of qualifications, specifying the address of a Research Institute, University, Italian Embassy or Italian Consulate where the interview will take place together with the name of an officer who can identify Him/her before the interview. To do this the applicant will have to use the form available at: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1961/announcement-of-selection.

The possibility of using this procedure is subject to the approval of the Admissions Committee after verification of technical feasibility. The Committee shall verify that all the regularity requirements are fulfilled during the examination (verifying the candidate's identity and the accuracy of the interview).

**Art. 8 - ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

The Admissions Committee is appointed by the Rector upon advice of the Doctoral Committee. It will consist of three members chosen among Italian and foreign professor-s and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include up to two experts, who may be Italian or foreign, chosen from public and private research institutes. In the case of candidates for the interdisciplinay programme in Computational Biology, the Committee will include an expert in that field.

At the end of the selection procedure the Admissions Committee will draw up the ranking of candidates based on the scores obtained both in the assessment of qualification and in the oral examination. The final ranking of the candidates will be solely posted on the website: http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1961/announcement-of-selection

**Notification is considered as delivered through the announcement of the short-list.**

Successful applicants will not receive personal communications of their results.

**Art. 9 - 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 “Divisioine 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 2 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) Italian 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.

Italian 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
Divisioine 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.11

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 will lose their right to enroll and their places will be offered to the next candidates on the ranking list.

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 from the next day of the publication of the ranking list. Supernumerary admission is disposed within the limit of two (2) positions following the order of the final ranking.

Art. 10 – 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 position will receive a timely notification via email and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.

11 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/2704/fax-student-tds. On this page you can also check if you can be exempted from TDS.
Art. 11 – SCHOLARSHIPS

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 reserved scholarship for a specific research project cannot decline the offer.

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. 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 scholarships cannot 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. 12 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

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 courses, 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.
e) fraudulent manipulation of research data and documents.

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.

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\(^{12}\) 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 01/01/2014, of 22% or 28.72%, of which 1/3 will be charged to the candidate.
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 doctoral 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.\footnote{For further information refer to the mentioned law.}

Art. 13 – 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.

Art. 14 – 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.

Art. 15 – 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. 16 – 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 I, m, n - D.P.R. 28 dicembre 2000, n. 446)

The undersigned ____________________________________________

Place of birth (city+country) _______________________________ date of birth _______________________________

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

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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

DECLARATES

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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Date ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

*Clear signature in full*

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*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.*