



**Call for Doctoral positions in the Doctoral School in Cognitive and Brain Sciences
25th Cycle "Language, Interaction and Computation Programme"**

THE RECTOR

In accordance with Law no. 210 of 3rd of July 1998 and in particular, art. 4, which assigns the organization of doctoral schools to universities given the general criteria stipulated by ministerial regulations;

In accordance with the Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30th of April 1999, regarding the general criteria to be followed by individual universities in the organization of doctoral schools;

In accordance with the Decree by the Prime Minister of 9th of April 2001, and subsequent amendments on the general criteria for uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education;

In accordance with the Charter of the University of Trento and in particular art. 12, paragraph 9;

In accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, issued with the Rector's Decree no. 997 of 16th of December 2003; and subsequently modified with Rector's Decree no. 359 of 19th of April 2006;

In accordance with the proposal of the Center for Mind/Brain Sciences, promoted by the Departments of Physics, Communication and Information Technology, and that of Cognitive Sciences and Education;

Given the report of the internal Evaluation Committee of 20th of January 2009 on the requirements for the Doctoral Programmes proposed;

Given the resolution made jointly by the Academic Senate and the Scientific Research Committee on the 4th of March 2009;

DECREES

Art. 1 - INSTITUTION

The University of Trento, along with the financial contribution of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Trento e Rovereto, announces the 25th cycle of the Doctoral School in Cognitive and Brain Sciences.

Length: three years

Programmes: Cognitive Neuroscience
Language, Interaction and Computation

Scientific areas: Cognitive Sciences
Cognitive Neuropsychology
Clinical Psychology
Computer Science
Experimental Physics
Experimental Psychology (attention, perception, reasoning, language, memory, sensory processing)
Linguistics
Physiology
Neuroradiology

Head of School: prof. Roberto Cubelli - Email: phd.cimec@unitn.it

Official language: English.

Announcing the call for selection of **6 doctoral positions of which 4 with grants** in the Doctoral School of Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Language Interaction and Computation Programme, financed by the Fondazione Bruno Kessler as follows:



- n. 1 grant for the topic "Concept structuring and acquisition; algorithms for computational semantics";
n. 1 grant for the topic "Co-located interaction by means of active surfaces";
n. 1 grant for the topic "Automatic analysis of human behaviour, life styles and permanent traits (mood, personality) and their applications to Assisted Cognition (systems that aim to improve the quality of life of people with cognitive disabilities)";
n. 1 grant for the topic "Cognitive and computational aspects of social networking".

The number of grant-assisted positions may be increased by funds from universities, public research institutions or qualified private organizations that are become available after the publication of this announcement and before the oral examinations. Any increase in the number of available positions resulting from an increase of grants will be posted on the website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/cbs.htm>

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the doctoral positions are accepted from candidates, regardless of gender, age and nationality, who have an Italian "laurea magistrale" in compliance with Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3.11.1999 as amended, a university degree of the previously enforced Italian regulations, or an equivalent academic degree obtained abroad.

Applicants who have a foreign degree which has not been officially recognized as equivalent to an Italian degree must submit a request for equivalence in the application. This is done by adding the following documents:

- degree certificate (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 regarding self-certifications for EU citizens)
- translation into English of the degree certificate, with exams taken, grades obtained and signed by the applicant to enable the Doctorate School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of being admitted to the selection of this call.

Applications are also accepted from students who expect to complete their degree **by 31st of October 2009**. They need to present, together with their application, a statement from their thesis supervisor or from the University Registrar's Office declaring that the student is expected to obtain the degree **by 31st of October 2009**. In such cases admission is "conditional" and applicants must be able to present the degree certificate, or a declaration that the degree will have been conferred (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 applicable only to EU citizens) **by 31st of October 2009**.

After admission to the School, successful non-EU applicants who have a non Italian qualification and successful EU applicants who have a non EU degree, must provide the degree certificate with exams and grades obtained, translated and certified by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country of the university that issued the degree, and the value declaration ("Dichiarazione di Valore") **no later than the 2nd of November 2009**.

Art. 3 – THE DOCTORATE PROGRAMME

The educational programme takes advantage of the multi-disciplinary skills of the mind/brain scientific field of the faculty taking part in the doctoral school and of the availability of the CIMeC Laboratories and those of its promoting departments.

The doctorate programme offers an education that allows doctoral students to acquire skills in specific areas of fundamental and applied research, encouraging professional development in innovative and experimental fields that often require knowledge in different scientific areas. The doctorate programme also expects an active role on behalf of doctoral candidates in carrying out seminar-based tasks. This increases the doctorate programme's educational offering as an apprenticeship which consists of the following three phases:

- 1) initial preparation of speaker bibliography and publications;
- 2) speaker is invited to give a talk at which the students are required to participate;
- 3) follow-up closed discussion is then lead by a doctoral student with the speaker present and at which each student participates by asking questions or elaborating on the previous seminar.

The program includes the following research areas in Language, Interaction and Computation:



- automatic analysis of human behaviour, life styles and permanent traits (mood, personality) and their applications to Assisted Cognition (systems that aim to improve the quality of life of people with cognitive disabilities);
- co-located interaction by means of active surfaces;
- cognitive and computational aspects of social networking;
- integrated Multimodal Concept Acquisition.

All courses will be given in English starting from the first year.

1st YEAR

At the beginning of the year a tutor, a faculty member who is part of the School's Doctoral School Committee, is appointed by the Doctoral School Committee itself to assist the assigned doctoral student with an initial course and research activity plan.

Courses held by the School faculty will cover the basics and will be on:

- 1) knowledge and techniques related to methodology (research methodologies and data analysis);
- 2) in-depth analysis of fundamental disciplines and acquisition of knowledge specific to the research areas of the programmes;
- 3) active participation of seminar-based tasks organized with the purpose of training in research and scientific writing and opportunities for public speaking of scientific content.

As part of their study plan, students may include, other than the courses given on-site, courses held in national and/or international Schools, and off-site stays. The doctoral student is expected to take a minimum of 80 hours of classes on-site. Participation at seminars, workshops and symposia produced by the CIMeC is obligatory. It will be possible to participate in all the events offered by CIMeC's promoting departments and by the Laboratory of Cognitive Sciences.

Admission to the second year is dependant on regular attendance of the doctoral school activities, a positive year-end evaluation by the tutor and by the Doctoral School Committee, and on the results of the exams from each course.

2nd YEAR

Requirements:

- participation in national and international conferences, meetings and seminars;
- participation in seminar activities organized for the purpose of research training.

During the second year the doctoral student requests the Doctoral School Committee to be assigned a thesis advisor. At the beginning of the second semester the doctoral student must publicly present thesis project, with a brief written thesis and in a public seminar. The Doctoral School Committee assesses the feasibility and scientific adequacy of the project.

Admission to the third year is dependant on regular attendance of School activities and a positive year-end evaluation which will take into consideration attendance of formative activities, of the brief written thesis and of the advisor's evaluation of the activities carried out by the student.

3rd YEAR

The third year is devoted to the completion of the thesis. The thesis is a written dissertation that must bear originality. The scientific contributions contained therein may be the result of scientific collaborations.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION

Application should be made using the Form A attached to this announcement.

The application, together with all the attachments required, must arrive at the University of Trento **by 10th of July 2009** in one of the following ways:

- a) hand-delivered to the University of Trento - Ufficio Protocollo Centrale, Via Belenzani n. 12 – 38100 Trento (ITALY) from 10:00 am to 12:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- b) by mail to the following address: Al Magnifico Rettore dell'Università degli Studi di Trento, Via Belenzani 12 – 38100 Trento (ITALY) (please write "Selection for Doctoral School in Cognitive and Brain Sciences 25th cycle" on the envelope);
- c) on-line application **within 4:00 p.m.** at the following website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/applyphd.htm>



Attachments

Application (if sent by mail or hand delivered, every attachment must be named "Attachment" followed by the number which corresponds to the order given below) **must include:**

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Applications are also accepted from students who expect to complete their degree by 31.10.2008. In order to be admitted to the selection, these candidates must present:

- a University enrolment certificate with exams and grades obtained;
- an official letter by their supervisor or University Registrar's Office stating the date expected for the candidate's thesis defence.

Attachment 3. Curriculum vitae et studiorum.

Attachment 4. Brief note (3000 characters maximum, including spaces), including the applicant's motivations for pursuing this particular doctorate programme, and a description of the candidate's specific research interests.

Attachment 5. Brief research project (6000 characters maximum, including spaces), according to the topic chosen in Form A among those topics listed in the aforementioned article 3.

Attachment 6. Summary of the degree's thesis (with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 pages) subdivided in: thesis motivation, investigation methods, results obtained, conclusions [if a thesis is required for obtaining the academic title presented for admission to this call].

Attachment 7. A copy of the degree's thesis, if a thesis is required for obtaining the academic title presented for admission to this call and, at the moment of delivering the application, the thesis has been discussed and officially handed in to school authorities. **NOTE** that if the application is sent by mail or hand-delivered, the copy of the thesis must be provided only on CD-ROM in PDF format. Differently, if it is an application on-line, the file of the thesis is required.

Application may include:

Attachment 8. List of publications (if any).

Attachment 9. Any certificates of the English language (e.g. TOEFL, Proficiency Certificate or other).

Attachment 10. GRE test score (Graduate Record Examination) certification (if taken).

Attachment 11. Any other document or qualification demonstrating the applicant's research skills.

Form B Request to take oral exam off-site by telephone or electronically, reserved for those applicants living abroad (see art. 5 of the present announcement).

Form C Two reference letters (Form C) can be completed by experts who are able to evaluate the candidate's ability to carry out advanced studies and research and **must be sent directly by them** to the Head of the School. The two reference letters of must be sent in a sealed envelope (upon which should be written "Doctoral School in Cognitive and Brain Sciences") with the subject "Reference letter - name of the candidate – Cognitive and Brain Sciences", to the following address: Segreteria Dottorato in Cognitive and Brain Sciences - Università degli Studi di Trento - Corso Bettini 31 - 38068 Rovereto TN (ITALY).

NOTE: in case the letters are sent, the **candidate must** also provide the **Attachment 12**, that is a statement on behalf of the candidate detailing:

- how he/she came to know the referees of Form C;
- how long he/she has known them;
- the email and postal address of each referee.



Important: if the application is submitted by mail or hand delivered, obligatory attachments no. 3, 4, 5, 6 and optional attachments no. 8, 11 and 12 must be provided both sprinted and on a CD-ROM in PDF format. In case the application is a on-line application, candidate have to send only files of attachments.

Candidates, who do not submit Form A along with attachments 1 through 7 and 12 too, if the Forms C are sent, in one or the three means exclusively described above the 10th of July 2009, will not participate in the selection.

The University of Trento has the right to check, even spot check, declarations and documents provided by the candidates, according to art. 71 and following articles of the Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000. Candidates who do not fulfil the requirements requested, may be left out of the selection for the Doctoral School.

The University of Trento does not take responsibility for loss of applications from mistakes in writing the address nor from possible postal or telegraphic delays or problems.

According to Italian Law no. 104/92, art. 20 and to Italian Law no. 68/99, art. 16, para. 1, special needs applicants are expected to explicitly state 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.

Art. 5 – SELECTION

The selection process is designed to assess the candidate's basic knowledge and aptitude towards research in the specific scientific area as referred to in art. 3.

The selection consists of:

- an evaluation assessment of qualifications according to Art. 4, for which the Admissions Committee gives a specific score;
- an oral examination based on the research project submitted by the candidate (Attachment 5) that pertains to the research topic chosen in Form A.

In order to take the oral examination the candidates must present a valid photo ID. Candidates who live abroad, and who intend to take the oral examination from the country they live in, may take the oral exam by phone or electronically, upon receiving consent from the Admissions Committee and upon verifying technical feasibility. These candidates must provide (by filling out aforementioned **Form B**) the contact information of the name of a professor or employee belonging to a University or diplomatic institution who may verify the candidate's identity and oversee the oral examination. The Committee will give candidate appropriate notice of the day and time the oral examination will take place.

The Committee may make use of an overall score of 120 points, divided 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 reach a minimum score of 36/60 after the qualifications assessment.

The list of those candidates admitted to the oral examination will be published, after the qualifications assessment, on the web pages: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/cbs.htm> and <http://portale.unitn.it/dr/cimec/admission.htm>

There will be no notification sent directly to the candidates who have been admitted to the oral examination.

The oral examination is considered passed with a score even or equal to 36/60. Instructions pertaining to the date, time and location of the oral examination will be published at least 20 days before they occur on the following webpage: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/cbs.htm> as laid out in Art. 20 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools.

Art. 6 – ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Upon hearing the Doctoral School Committee the Rector appoints the Admissions Committee. It consists of three members chosen among Italian and foreign tenure professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctoral School. The Committee may also include two experts, who may be foreign, from public and private national and international research centres.

Having held the qualifications evaluation and the oral examination, the Committee will draw up a merit-based ranking according to the scores obtained by the applicants.

The final ranking of the candidates will be posted on the website: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/cbs.htm>



Through publication of such list, notification concerning the proceedings is considered to be fulfilled.
Applicants admitted to the School will not receive personal communication of their results.

Art. 7 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Applicants will be admitted to the Doctoral School according to their rank in the final score list and until all available and eligible positions have been filled.

If the candidates are equally worthy of admission, the student's economic situation will be evaluated for positions that include a grant, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers (D.P.C.M.) of 9.04.2001 as amended, for positions not assigned a grant, the youngest student shall be given priority.

If an eligible applicant withdraws before the beginning of the programme, the applicant next in rank will be offered the position.

If an eligible applicant withdraws or is excluded in the first three-month term of the first year, the Doctoral School Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with another candidate next in rank in the final score list.

Based on art. 19, comma 3 of the University's Doctoral School Regulations and previously decided in the Doctoral School Committee, the Admissions Committee will admit a number of non-EU candidates, yet not exceeding 20% of the total positions available, who are ranked successfully in the final score list and are recipients of a scholarship.

Art. 8 – ENROLMENT

Eligible applicants who are admitted to the School should forward their enrolment application on paper with attached stamp duty to:

“Università degli Studi di Trento – Direzione Didattica e Servizi agli Studenti - Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato, Via Inama 5 – 38100 Trento (ITALIA)”

within 15 days of the date of the publication of the final ranking.

If applicable, the payment receipt of the provincial tax for the right to university study (TDS) must be attached to the application.

In the application (forms are available at the Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato and on the website:

<http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd.htm>), candidates should:

- ask / ask not to be awarded a grant (including successful applicants who are not eligible for a grant in case an applicant eligible for a grant gives up his/her place);
- declare that they already received / did not receive a grant by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs or by other Italian or foreign institution;
- declare that they have / have not already been awarded (even for one year only) a grant for an Italian Doctorate Programme;
- declare that they are not already enrolled and promise not to enrol in any other program for a diploma, degree, an Italian “Scuola di Specializzazione”, Doctorate or Specialization degree, whether of the 1st or 2nd level, for the duration of this Doctorate Programme; if they are, they will stop attending such a School before the start of the Programme;
- declare that they are / are not employed by the Italian public sector;
- declare to request the Doctoral School Committee authorization for any occupation;
- undertake to inform the University of any changes of their residence or address.

Non-EU applicants admitted to the Programme who have a foreign qualification and EU-applicants admitted to the Programme who have a university degree obtained in a non-EU country must attach their degree with exams taken and grades obtained, translated and authenticated by an Italian Consulate, Embassy or Diplomatic Representative in the country of the university that issued the degree and its declaration of validity (“Dichiarazione di Valore”) **no later than the 2nd of November 2009**.

Eligible applicants admitted to the School who do not send their application **within 15 days following the publication date of the ranking** on the web page: <http://portale.unitn.it/en/ec/phd/cbs.htm>, lose the right to enrol and their corresponding position will be offered to the next candidate on the list.

Art. 9 – GRANTS

Grants are assigned based on the ranking of applicants drawn up by the Admissions Committee.

If an applicant forfeits his/her right to the grant, the next eligible applicant on the list will be offered the grant.



In the case of one or more grants financed by external entities, the candidates can choose which grant to benefit from, based on their position in the ranking.

The gross amount of the scholarship is Euro 13,638.47 per year¹.

Grants are normally paid bi-monthly and in advance, with the exception of undue payments in case the student is expelled or suspended.

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.

Grants are awarded for the entire duration of the program following confirmation by the Doctoral School Committee of the results achieved every year by the doctoral students.

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

At the end of the first three years of the program the Doctoral School Committee may decide to extend a grant until the end of the first additional year to those doctoral students who were already assigned a grant based upon merit and/or in order to complete work of particular scientific value.

Art. 10 – DOCTORAL STUDENTS RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Doctoral students must commit to attend the doctorate programme and carry out research and studies on a full-time basis according to the schedules and the regulations laid out by the Doctoral School Committee, as specified in Art. 3 of the present announcement.

In case of a negative evaluation by the Doctoral School Committee regarding a student's participation in School activities and studies, the Rector can exclude him/her from the Doctoral School Programme.

Grants financed by external bodies, where specific research is to be carried out, limit the grant holders to carry out that specific work for the entire duration of the programme.

For the length of the doctorate programme, students are insured by the University against accidents and damage to third parties that occur solely in circumstances pertaining to the doctoral school programme.

From the beginning and for the duration of the doctoral school programme, a public sector employee who is accepted for a doctoral programme may request a leave of absence for reasons of study, without a stipend and may benefit from the doctoral grant, as long as conditions are met.

In the case of admission to a doctorate programme without a grant, or should the applicant not accept it, the person on leave of absence may benefit from the economic remuneration, social insurance and retirement benefits provided by the public institution where he/she is employed. Should the employee terminate employment in public office within two years from having obtained the doctoral degree, the amount paid out during the course of the doctoral studies must be claimed back.

Art. 11 – DOCTORAL TITLE CONFERRAL

The doctoral title, conferred by the Rector, is granted when students pass the final examination which takes place at the end of the doctorate programme.

Upon advice given by the Doctoral School Committee, the Examination Committee is nominated by the Rector, in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools.

Release of title certification is dependent upon delivery of the final thesis to the University's open access institutional archive on behalf of the graduate, that guarantees the conservation and public availability of the thesis. It is the University's responsibility to then deposit the thesis, according to law, among the National Libraries of Rome and Florence.

Art. 12 – 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.

¹ At the date of publication of the present call, Italian law (art. 2, §26 of Law 335/95 and subsequent modifications) states that scholarships are subject to pension fund contributions (INPS) starting from 1/01/2009, of 17% or 25,72%, of which 1/3 will be charged to the candidate.



Art. 13– REFERRAL RULE

For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3rd of July 1998, to Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30th of April 1999 and to the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools issued with the Rector's Decree no. 937 of 16th of December 2003 and amended with the Rector's Decree no. 359 of 19th of April 2006.

Trento, 8th of April 2009

The Rector
prof. Davide Bassi

Form A**Admission Application**

**AL MAGNIFICO RETTORE
DELL'UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TRENTO
VIA BELENZANI, 12
38100 TRENTO**

I, the undersigned, am applying to be included in the selection for the Doctorate Programme in

**Cognitive and Brain Sciences – 25th cycle
Programme: "Language, Interaction and Computation"**

For this purpose I, the undersigned, declare my

SURNAME

M	F

NAME**SEX****CODICE FISCALE²****DATE OF BIRTH****BIRTHPLACE**

Town/City

Country

PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Address	
Zip Code	Country
Tel.	Fax
E-mail	

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE DURING CALL SELECTION PROCESS³

Address	
Zip Code	Country
Tel.	Fax

- THAT I HAVE _____ CITIZENSHIP
- THAT I HAVE OBTAINED A DEGREE on (date) _____ with a grade of _____

DEGREE IN**at the University of****Country**

THAT I HAVE NOT YET GRADUATED and that I am aware that admission to the selection depends on the presentation of my degree certificate by the 31st of October 2009.

MAJORING IN**at the University of****Country**

² Italian tax code, only to be filled out if applicant already has one.

³ To be completed only if different from permanent residence address.

THAT I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION which is already recognized as equivalent to the Italian degree

Italian Rector's Decree recognizing equivalence	No.
	on (date)
	University

THAT I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION and I request the Doctoral School Committee to recognize its equivalence to the Italian degree⁴

DEGREE in		grade	
University			
Country			Length of degree in years

THAT I HAD TO PRODUCE A DEGREE THESIS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE DEGREE FOR WHICH I AM SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE SELECTION PROCESS, OF WHICH I HAVE ATTACHED A SUMMARY (Attachment 6) AND A COPY ON CD-ROM IN .PDF (Attachment 7, to be provided only if it has been completed and officially handed in to school authorities)

or

THAT I DID NOT HAVE TO PRODUCE A DEGREE THESIS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE DEGREE FOR WHICH I AM SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE SELECTION PROCESS (in such case it is not required to provide Attachments 6 and 7)

- THAT I ATTACH A RESEARCH PROJECT RELEVANT TO THE FOLLOWING TOPIC (choose only one option)

Language, Interaction and Computation

- Automatic analysis of human behaviour, life styles and permanent traits (mood, personality) and their applications to Assisted Cognition (systems that aim to improve the quality of life of people with cognitive disabilities)
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- THAT I HAVE ASKED FOR TWO REFERENCE LETTERS FROM THE FOLLOWING EXPERTS⁵:

Name and surname no. 1

Institute affiliation	
Postal address	
E-mail	
Name and surname no. 2	
Institute affiliation	
Postal address	
E-mail	

- THAT I HAVE RELATIVELY ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- THAT I ALSO KNOW THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES

<input type="checkbox"/> Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> German	

⁴ Applicants with a foreign qualification that has yet to be declared equivalent to the Italian degree will have to provide an English translation of the degree certificate obtained, with a list of exams taken and grades obtained, signed by you, so to allow the Doctoral School Committee to declare its equivalence for the sole purpose of participating in the selection.

⁵ The letters of recommendation (**Form C**) must be sent directly by the referees and the candidate must submit also the Attachment 12.

- **THAT I TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY** to immediately inform the University of any changes of my residence address, living and correspondence address.
- **THAT I HAVE/DO NOT HAVE**⁶ any disabilities (art. 4 Law 104/92) and need
 - The following assistance: _____
 - and/or extra time: YES NO
- **THAT I AM AWARE AND I ACCEPT THE REGULATIONS REGARDING**
 - this call
 - the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools
http://portale.unitn.it/en/rr/reg_doct.htm
 - **Regulations of the Doctoral School in Cognitive and Brain Sciences**
<http://portale.unitn.it/en/rr/reru.htm>

Date _____

signature _____

⁶ Cross out the item that does not correspond to you.

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Form B⁷

I, (SURNAME) _____ (NAME) _____

- ask to sit the entrance examination in the country where I currently reside:

by phone interview

by teleconference (specify technical details: _____)

- For this purpose, I shall sit the examination at:

the University of _____

the Institute of _____

the Italian Embassy in _____

LOCATED IN

Address		No.	Zip Code
Town / City		COUNTRY	
TELEPHONE			

- I declare under my own responsibility that I will be identified by:

NOTE that the person below who will identify the candidate may not coincide with the candidate him/herself.

SURNAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

QUALIFICATION _____

Date _____

signature _____

⁷ To be filled out only by candidates residing outside of Italy, who are asking the Admissions Committee for the examination to be taken by telephone or teleconference in their countries of residence.

Form C

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

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Candidate's name:

Your family name:

Your first name:

Referees are requested to complete the form below. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page. Referees are asked to provide candidate's main points of strength and weakness and, in particular, his/her ability to carry out advanced studies and research. All information will be kept confidential.

Please rate the applicant in comparison with others of her/his age and position whom you have known within the past five years. If possible indicate the number of students with whom you are comparing her/him with:

	Outstanding (Top 1-2%)	Excellent (Top 5%)	Very Good (Top 20%)	Good (Top 40%)	Average	Below Average	Unable to judge
Intellectual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential for autonomous research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written expression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity?

<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant
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Other:

Ability to follow courses and research work in English:

<input type="checkbox"/> Very Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to judge
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Additional comments (please use this additional page as needed):

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Signature

Date

Printed name

Position

Address

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please send the completed form and letter of academic reference by mail directly to: Segreteria Dottorato in Cognitive and Brain Sciences – Università degli Studi di Trento – Corso Bettini, 31 - 38068 Rovereto TN (ITALIA).
No other submission methods will be accepted.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.