



UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO - Italy

**Announcement of selection for PhD places in
ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT – 21st cycle
PhD Programme**

THE RECTOR

Given Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998 and in particular, art. 4, which assigns the organization of PhD studies to universities in accordance with the general criteria stipulated by ministerial regulations;

Given the Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30.04.1999, regarding the general criteria to be followed by individual universities in the organization of PhD studies;

Given the Decree by the Prime Minister of 9.04.2001, and subsequent amendments on the general criteria for uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education;

Given the Charter of the University of Trento and in particular art. 8, paragraph 3;

Given the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes, issued with the Rector's Decree no. 997 of 16.12.2003;

Given the proposals made by the Interdepartmental Centre for Research Training in Economics and Management (CIFREM);

Given the report by the Scientific Committee in the session of 10.06.2004 on the scientific relevance of the proposal to set up PhD Programmes;

Given the report of the internal Evaluation Committee of 19.05.2004 on the requirements for the PhD Programmes proposed;

Given the resolution made jointly by the Academic Senate and the Scientific Research Committee on the 7.04.2005

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ART. 1 - INSTITUTION

The University of Trento announces the 21st cycle of the PhD Programme in Economics and Management in co-operation with the University of Padova (Italy) and the University of Tuscia – Viterbo (Italy).

Length: three years

Areas of research (curricula): A) Behavioural Economics
B) Organisation and Management
C) Environmental Economics and Mountain Resource Management

Scientific Areas: Microeconomics
Labour and Demographic Economics
Law and Economics
Industrial Organization
Business Administration and Business Economics “Marketing” Accounting
Economic Development, Technological Change and Growth
Economic Systems
Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics
Urban, Rural and Regional Economics

Coordinator of PhD Programme: prof. Stig Axel Bengt Leijonhufvud; E-mail: cifrem@economia.unitn.it

Official language: English

Selection for **10** PhD positions in the PhD Programme is announced, **9** positions will be assigned grants.

The grants are financed as follows:

7 grants	University of Trento
1 grant	ISSAN (Istituto Studi Sviluppo Aziende Nonprofit) related to area of research “Behavioural Economics” about the topic: Economics of Cooperation and Third Sector
1 grant	Trento School of Management related to the area of research “Organization and Management” about the topic: Management Development.

The number of grant-assisted places may be increased by funds from universities, public research bodies or qualified private organizations made available after the publication of this announcement and before the beginning of the selection. Any increase in the number of available places resulting from an increase of grants will be communicated through the official notice board of the University of Trento and posted on the website: http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/bandi.htm

ART. 2 –ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the PhD positions above are invited from candidates, regardless of sex, age and nationality, who have an Italian “laurea specialistica”, instituted in compliance with Ministerial Decree no. 509 of

3.11.1999 as amended, a university degree of the previous Italian regulations in force or equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad.

Applicants who have a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognized as equivalent to the Italian degree should submit a request for equivalence to be recognized in their application for the competition.

In this case, citizens of the European Union have to attach to their application their degree certificate or degree self-certification (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 concerning EU citizens), whereas applicants from a country outside Europe have to attach to the application a translation in English of the degree certificate with exams and scores obtained, signed under their own responsibility, so as to allow the Graduate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid for the only purpose of participating in the selection.

Successful applicants from a country outside Europe have to present their degree certificate with the examinations passed and the scores obtained, translated and authenticated by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative in the country of the university that issued the degree and the respective declaration of equivalent value (“Dichiarazione di valore”) **not later than the date set for enrolment in the PhD Programme.**

Applications are also invited from students who expect to complete their degree by the date of the assessment of qualifications. In such cases, admission will be "conditional" and the applicant must be able to present the relevant degree certificate, or a declaration that the degree has been conferred (in compliance with Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000, applicable only to EU citizens), by the date of the assessment of qualifications.

Art. 3 – THE PhD PROGRAMME

The Doctoral School in Economics and Management offers a wide training for research in the fields of decision sciences, organisation, human and natural resource management and the functioning of markets, with a special attention to methodologies used in a behavioural approach to economic studies.

Demand for young researchers with wide background in Economics and a special training on behavioural models is steadily growing both in private and public research centres.

The PhD Programme is organized as follows:

1° year: training courses and related “Comprehensive Examinations”;

2° year: advanced courses, seminars and formulation of the thesis proposal;

3° year: research. Students will be encouraged to spend the third year in a research centre abroad.

Further information regarding the program structure is available on the following webpage:

<http://cifrem.economia.unitn.it/doctoral/index.php>

Art. 4 – APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION

Application should be made using the application form attached to this announcement.

The application, including all the annexes required, must arrive at the University of Trento **by the 26th of August 2005** in one of the following ways:

- hand delivered to the University of Trento - Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca, Via Inama 5 – 38100 Trento, from 10:00 am to 12:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- by mail to the following address: Magnifico Rettore dell'Università degli Studi di Trento, via Belenzani 12 – 38100 Trento (ITALY) (please, write on the envelope “Selection for PhD Programme in Economics and Management”);
- by fax to the following number: 0039 0461 882191.

The University of Trento does not accept responsibility for mistakes made by post offices.

The applicant should ensure that the address given for correspondence and the telephone number are correct and that any changes are reported as soon as possible to Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca.

According to Italian Law no. 104/92, art. 20 and to Italian Law no. 68/99, art. 16, para. 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.

Applications should include:

- photocopy of the applicant's identity card or passport;
- degree certificate or degree self-certification (according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 concerning EU citizens), with a list of the examinations passed successfully and scores obtained in each examination (except for candidates who have not yet obtained their degree certificate at the time of presentation of the application as outlined in Art. 2 of this announcement). Applicants from a country outside Europe, who have a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognized as equivalent to the Italian degree, have to attach a translation in English of the degree certificate with exams and scores obtained, signed under their own responsibility, so as to allow the Graduate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid for the only purpose of participating in the selection;
- curriculum studiorum;
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- a short research project written in English (maximum 5 pages);
- any other qualifications useful for assessment of the applicant (e.g.: dissertations, scientific publications, study and post-graduate activities of research, prizes, grants, knowledge of languages etc.).

If, afterwards the submission of their application, applicants have to add further information, it must reach the University offices **by the 26th of August 2005**. The applicant's name, the PhD Programme he/she is applying for and the object "Integrazione domanda" must be clearly written on the envelope.

The University of Trento has the right to check, even to 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. Any time, candidates not fulfilling the requirements requested, can be left out the selection for the PhD Programme.

Art. 5 – SELECTION

Admission to the Programme is decided after comparative selection assessing the candidates' knowledge and their aptitude for scientific research.

A pre-selection of candidates will be made by an assessment of qualifications according to Art. 4, on the basis of criteria established by the Admissions Committee;

The selection consists in an oral exam in English, that will evaluate the candidates' knowledge, aptitude for scientific research and motivation.

Applicants must show a document for identification in order to be admitted to the oral examination.

The oral examination is successfully passed with a minimum 60/100 point score.

Candidates resident out of Italy can sit the entrance exam in their home countries **by telephone interview or by videoconference**, previously authorized by the Admissions Committee. Interested applicant must provide (using the form Attachment A) the address of a University or Institute or Embassy and indicate the name of an officer who can identify him/her before the selection.

The Committee will communicate truly in advance date and time of the interview.

At least 20 days before the date of the oral examinations, time and location of them will be displayed on the website:

http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/calendario_prove.htm

as laid down in Art. 19 of the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes.

The list of the candidates admitted to the oral exams will be displayed on the website:

http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/graduatorie/index.htm.

Art. 6 – PROGRAM OF THE EXAMINATION

The oral exam will be focused on assessing the candidates' knowledge on the research areas of the PhD Programme and in particular on the topics of the candidates' project proposed, on their previous experiences, on their vocational guidance and on the valuation of their qualifications.

Art. 7 – ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rector, after hearing the Graduate School Committee, appoints the Admissions Committee. It will consist of 3 members chosen among Italian and foreign tenured professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the PhD Programme. The Committee may also include two experts from public and private national and international research institutes.

Having held the entrance examinations, the Committee will draw up a general merit-based ranking according to the grades obtained by the applicants in the oral examination.

The final ranking of candidates will be posted on the website:

http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/graduatorie/index.htm

Through publication of the list, notification concerning the proceedings is considered to be fulfilled.

The successful applicants will not receive personal communication of their results.

Art. 8 - ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMME

Short-listed applicants will be admitted to the PhD Programme according to their order on the list until all available places have been filled.

If the candidates are equally worthy of admission, the student's economic situation will be evaluated for places 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 places not assigned grant, the youngest student shall be given priority.

If a successful applicant withdraws before the beginning of the Programme, the next applicant on the list will be offered the place.

If a successful applicant withdraws or is excluded in the first three-month term of the first year, the Graduate School Committee may decide to fill the vacant place with another candidate on the list.

According to art. 18, paragraph 3 of the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes and according to previous Graduate School Committee resolutions, the Admissions Committee **may admit** to the School up to 20% of the total assigned places, candidates who are eligible in the general ranking, if they belong to the following categories:

- applicants from non-E.U. countries who have been awarded any kind of grant;
- 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);
- short-listed applicants who have been awarded grants under Law 449/97, Art. 51 ("Assegni di ricerca").

Art. 9 – HOW TO ENROL

Successful applicants should forward their application for enrolment on paper with attached stamp duty to:

“University of Trento - Direzione Servizi e Comunicazione – Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca, Via Inama 5 – 38100 Trento (ITALY)” within 15 days after the date of the publication of the final ranking.

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

In their applications (forms are available at Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca and on the website:

http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/download/modulo_iscrizione_eng.doc), 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 receive / do 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 PhD Programme;
- declare that they are not already enrolled and undertake not to enrol on any other programme for a diploma, degree, an Italian “Scuola di Specializzazione”, PhD or master degree, whether of the I or the II level, for the duration of this PhD Programme; if they are, they will stop attending such a school before the start of the PhD 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.

Successful applicants from a non-E.U. country, who have a foreign qualification, must attach their degree certificate with the examinations passed and the scores obtained, translated and authenticated by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative in the country of the university that issued the degree and the respective declaration of equivalent value (“Dichiarazione di valore”).

Successful applicants who do not send their application **within 15 days following the date of publication of the list** on the website: http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_21/graduatorie/index.htm lose the right to enrol and the corresponding places will be offered to the next candidates on the list.

Art. 10 – GRANTS

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

If a candidate forfeits his right, the next candidate on the list will be offered the grant.

Successful applicants can choose one of the scholarships financed by the University or one financed by external bodies according to their position on the merit-based ranking. Grants financed by external bodies, where specific research is required, limit the holder to carry out this work for the entire Programme, so the candidate can choose to accept or not to accept the specific grant.

The annual PhD scholarship amounts to Euro 10,561.54 inclusive of all eventual social security contribution that has to be paid by the PhD student as established by the Italian current Law¹.

Grants are normally paid bi-monthly in advance, with recoupment 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 for periods spent abroad and deemed useful for the research activities of the PhD student.

Scholarships are increased by 50% for any periods spent abroad authorized by the Coordinator or by the Graduate School Committee.

¹ At the moment of the publication of this announcement the current Italian Law states that the PhD scholarship is subject to social security contributions (INPS 10% or 18%, 1/3 of which has to be paid by the PhD student), according to art .2, para. 26 of Law no. 335/95 as amended.

Grants are awarded for the entire duration of the Programme following confirmation by the Graduate School Committee of the results achieved every year by the PhD students.

PhD students' failure to attend the Programme for over thirty days will do grants being suspended.

Art. 11 - PhD STUDENTS RIGHTS AND DUTIES

PhD students must undertake to attend the PhD Programme and to carry out research activities on a full time basis according to the schedules and the regulations laid down by the Graduate School Committee, as specified in Art. 3 of the present announcement.

Students writing an inter-university thesis are obliged to carry out study and research activities in compliance with the agreement with the foreign university.

In case of negative opinion given by the Graduate School Committee regarding activities and studies, the Rector can exclude students from the PhD Programme.

Grants financed by external bodies, where specific research is required, limit the grant holders to carry out the specific work for the entire Programme.

For the length of the PhD Programme, students are insured by the University against accidents and damage to third parties that occur in circumstances pertaining to the Programme.

From the beginning and for the whole PhD Programme, a public service employee accepted for a PhD Programme may request leave of absence for reasons of study, without monetary allowances and may benefit from the PhD grant, where the required conditions are met.

In the case of admission to a PhD Programme without a grant, or should he/she waive it, the person on absence of leave enjoys the economic remuneration and social insurance and retirement benefits enjoyed by the public administration where he/she is employed. Should the employee terminate employment in public administration in the two years succeeding his/her having obtained a PhD, the amounts paid out during the course of the PhD studies are claimed back.

Art. 12 – PhD TITLE CONFERRAL

The title of PhD, conferred by the Rector, is granted when students pass the final examination which takes place at the end of the three-year PhD Programme.

The Examining Committee will be nominated by the Rector, upon the advice of the Graduate School Committee according to the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes.

Art. 13 – PERSONAL DATA

The University of Trento, in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 “Italian Personal Data Protection Code”, uses the applicants' personal data only for fulfilment of the selection procedures and for institutional reasons.

In observance of the above-mentioned law, 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.

Art. 14 – REFERRAL RULE

For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998, the Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30.04.1999 and the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes issued with the Rector's Decree no. 997 of 16.12.2003 shall apply.

Trento,

The Rector
prof. Davide Bassi

**TO THE MAGNIFICO RETTORE
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TRENTO
VIA BELENZANI, 12
38100 TRENTO – ITALY**

I, the undersigned, apply to be included in the competitive selection for the PhD Programme in
ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT² – 21st cycle

A <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioural Economics	B <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation and Management	C <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Economics and Mountain Resource Management
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For this purpose I, the undersigned, declare³

SURNAME	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
FIRST NAME	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
DATE OF BIRTH	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
PLACE OF BIRTH Town/City	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Country	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Address	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			
Zip Code	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>		Country
Tel.	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>		Fax
E-mail <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (if different from residence)

Address	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			
Zip Code	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>		Country
Tel.	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>		Fax

- THAT I HAVE _____ CITIZENSHIP
- THAT I TOOK AN ITALIAN DEGREE

in (subject)

at the University of

conferred on (date)

with mark

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

² Mark the curriculum of preference among the three proposed.

³ It is a criminal offence to provide incorrect or incomplete information; any candidate found to have done this will be automatically rejected from the PhD Programme.

THAT I HAVE NOT YET GRADUATED and I am aware that my admission to the PhD Programme depends on the presentation of my degree certificate by the date of the assessment of qualifications and that I am currently

studying (subject)	
at the University of	
Country	

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

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

THAT I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION and I request the Graduate School Committee to recognize its equivalence to the Italian degree ⁴
in (subject)

at the University of	
conferred on (date)	
with mark	
length of the course in years	

• **THAT I SPEAK ENGLISH (point out the level of knowledge)**
Basic **intermediate** **fluent** **mother tongue**

• **THAT I SPEAK THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE(S)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Italian	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
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• **THAT I UNDERTAKE to inform the University of any changes of my address of residence, place of living and correspondence**

• **THAT I HAVE / DO NOT HAVE ⁵ ANY DISABILITY (art. 4 L. 104/92) and need**

- **the following assistance:** _____
- **or extra time (mark as necessary):** **YES** **NO**

• **THAT I AM AWARE AND I ACCEPT THE REGULATIONS REGARDING**

- **the present announcement**
- **the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes**
http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/norme_regolamenti/regolamenti/download/ricerca_prod_intel/Regol_in_materia_di_Scuole_dottorato_ricerca_vers_ingl.pdf
- **the Operating Instructions for the PhD School in Economics and Management**
http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/norme_regolamenti/regolamenti/ricerca_prod_intel.htm

Date _____

Signature _____

⁴ Applicants from a country non E.U. have to attach to the application an English translation of their degree certificate with exams and scores obtained, signed under their own responsibility, so as to allow the Graduate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid for the only purpose of participating in the selection.

⁵ Cross out the item of no concern.

ANNEXES⁶:

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⁶ After the conclusion of the entrance examination procedure, applicants intending to receive back their documents attached to their application for the selection of the PhD Programme must write to the Administration (Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca) a specific request within a year the expire date of the present announcement.
Any postal expenses will be met by the applicant.

ATTACHMENT A⁷

I, (SURNAME) _____ (NAME) _____

- ask to sit the entrance examination in my own country.

- For this purpose, I am indicating where I will sit the examination:

- 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 am going to be identified by

SURNAME _____

FIRST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

QUALIFICATION _____

Date _____

Signature _____

⁷ To be filled in only by candidates, resident out of Italy, who ask the Admissions Committee for the examination be made on telephone in their countries.

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME

Degree Applying for: Research Ph.D Programme in Economics and Management

Planning to Enrol: Fall 2005

Applicant's Waiver
 The following waiver statement is provided in accordance with Italian privacy law. You may waive your right to inspect this reference by signing the statement at your own discretion. Should you decide not to sign, you may have access to the reference when you enrol in the graduate school.

This is a confidential reference and will not be disclosed to me without the prior consent of the referee

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

REFEREE'S NAME TITLE, EMPLOYER

ADDRESS E-MAIL

1. How long have you known the applicant?
 <1 yr 1 yr 2 yrs 3 yrs 4 yrs > 5 yrs

2. In what capacity do you know the applicant?
 Professor Supervisor Colleague Friend/Relative Other

Please attach a frank letter addressing the following questions.

1. What are this applicant's major strengths?
2. What are this applicant's major weaknesses?
3. Please describe the quality of the applicant's contributions in a group/team environment (professional or classroom).
4. Please rate the applicant relative to other graduate school applicants you have known.
5. If the applicant's native language is not English, please comment on his/her abilities in English.

REFEREE'S SIGNATURE DATE

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Please send the completed form and letter of academic reference in a close and signed envelope directly to:
Università degli Studi di Trento, Ufficio Dottorati di Ricerca, Via Inama 5 – 38100 Trento (Italy)

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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