



UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO - Italy

**Announcement of selection for PhD places in
COGNITIVE SCIENCES AND EDUCATION – 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 Department of Cognitive Sciences and Education;

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

decrees

ART. 1 - INSTITUTION

The University of Trento announces the 21st cycle of the PhD Programme in Cognitive Sciences and Education.

Length: three years

Scientific Areas: Cognitive Neuroscience
Experimental psychology (Attention, perception, decision making, language, memory, sensory processing)
Social cognition
Neuropsychology
Developmental psychology
Artificial Intelligence
Education

Dean of PhD Programme: Professor Remo Job
phone 0039 0464 483571 - e-mail: phd.discof@form.unitn.it

Official language: Italian and English

Selection for 6 PhD positions in the PhD Programme is announced, 4 positions will be assigned grants financed by the University of Trento.

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 assessment of candidates' qualifications. 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, candidates have to attach their degree certificate (or degree self-certification according to Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 concerning EU citizens) to their application and a translation in English of their degree certificate and examinations and grades obtained, signed under their own responsibility, so as to allow the Doctorate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid for the only purpose of participating in the selection.

Successful non European applicants have to present their degree certificate with the examinations passed 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 the respective declaration of equivalent value (“Dichiarazione di valore”) no 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 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 research and training course focuses on Cognitive Sciences, Neurosciences and Education. Students will acquire high level competencies in specific research areas and in collateral ones, encouraging the development in innovative fields, in both basic and applied research.

The courses will be held in Italian or English.

1st Year

A tutor is appointed by the doctorate school committee to serve as general counsellor for each student. The tutor helps chart a set of courses that fulfil the content area requirements, and other educational opportunities (such as: seminars and conferences). Courses held by Doctorates will provide a solid basis and will be on:

1. knowledge and techniques related to methodology (research methodology and statistics);
2. in-depth analysis of basic subjects through the study of knowledge representation;
3. acquisition of specific knowledge in cognitive science, neuroscience and education.

Students may include in their study plans courses held at the doctorate’s site as well as courses given in national and/or international doctorate schools, with follow-up periods off site in agreement with the Manifesto of the Doctorate School. Students can use on-line teaching/learning. Students are required to attend seminars, workshops and symposiums proposed by the Department and Laboratory of Cognitive Science.

During the first year, students ask the doctorate school committee for a thesis advisor who will assist in selecting and developing a topic of research for the doctoral thesis.

Admission to the second year is based on regular attendance to the activities of the Doctorate School and a positive end of year evaluation. There will also be an interview on the year’s work and on test results of each course.

2nd Year

Requirements:

- attendance to the proposed courses, in agreement with the Manifesto of the School of Doctorates
- attendance to national and international conferences; conventions and seminars
- all enrolled students are obliged (unless justified by a thesis project in the 3rd year) to spend a period of research training abroad for a minimum of six months, and as a rule continuously and in only one place;

- students must present their thesis project to the public, in a short written dissertation. The doctorate school committee evaluates the feasibility and scientific appropriateness.

To get through to the third year, the students need to have a positive end of year evaluation by the doctorate school committee, regular attendance to the school activities, the brief written dissertation that forms the thesis and the advisor's grading for the activities carried out.

At the end of the second year or at the beginning of the third year the student will give a seminar on the progress of the research project which will lead to the theme of the doctorate thesis.

3rd Year

The final year is completely devoted to the thesis. The thesis shall consist of a written dissertation in which students will report their research investigation, part of which can also be collaborative papers.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION

Applications should be made by using the application form attached to this announcement (**Form A**).

The end date of this application, including all the annexes required, is on **26th of September, 2005**. It is to be handed in, 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 Cognitive Sciences and Education");
- by fax to the following number: 0039 0461 882191.

The University of Trento does not accept responsibility for mistakes made by wrong addresses or by postal delays.

Applications received after 26th September 2005 will not be considered even if posted beforehand.

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.

The annexes must be indicated as "**Annex**" followed by the number which corresponds to the order given below:

- Annex 1. Photocopy of the applicant's identity card or passport.
- Annex 2. Summary of the dissertation either in Italian or in English explaining the reasons for the choice of the subject, the research methodology and results obtained (minimum three and maximum six pages).
- Annex 3. Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum.

Annex 4. A short research project (maximum 2500 words), related to one of the research areas listed in Art. 6.

Annex 5. A copy of the degree dissertation in electronic version (preferably in PDF format) on CD-Rom. The CD-Rom must also contain Annexes 2, 3, 4 (and 6, if applicable) in electronic version (preferably in PDF format).

The applicant may also attach:

Annex 6. List of publications (if any).

Annex 7. Any certificates of the English language (e.g. TOEFL, Proficiency Certificate or other).

Annex 8 Any other document or qualification demonstrating the applicant's research skills.

Two letters of recommendation in English or Italian (see attached "**Form B**") must be completed by experts in the PhD research areas. The letters must be sent directly by the referees to the following address:

Prof. Remo Job - Dean, PhD in Cognitive Sciences and Education - Dipartimento di Scienze della Cognizione e della Formazione - Via Matteo del Ben, 5/b - 38068 Rovereto – Italy.

Applicants with 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 grades obtained, signed under their own responsibility, so as to allow the Doctorate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid for the only purpose of participating in the selection.

If, after the submission of applications, the candidate would like to add further information, it must be sent to the University offices **by 26th of September, 2005**. The applicant's name, the PhD Programme he/she is applying for and "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.

Candidates who do not fulfil the requirements requested, can be left out of the selection for the PhD Programme.

Art. 5 – SELECTION

The selection may be held in Italian or in a foreign language prior authorization by the Admissions Committee and is designed to assess the candidate's basic knowledge and aptitude to do research in the specific area referred to in the research project they present.

In any case, candidates have to demonstrate a good knowledge of English.

The selection consists of:

- an assessment of qualifications according to Art. 4, on the basis of criteria established by the Admissions Committee;
- an interview on the research project presented by the candidate (Annex 4) with reference to the chosen area.

Applicants must show an identification document in order to be admitted to the examination.

The Admissions Committee can assign each candidate a total of 120 points as follows:

- 60 points for qualifications;
- 60 points for the oral exam.

Candidates who gain less than 36/60 points for qualifications will not be admitted to the interview.

The interview is successfully passed with a minimum of 36 points.

The calendar indicating the day when qualifications are assessed and the date, time and location of the interview will be displayed on the website:

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

at least 20 days before the date of the assessment of qualifications, as laid down in Art. 19 of the University Regulations for PhD Research Programmes.

Applicants resident out of Italy can sit the entrance exam in their home countries by telephone interview, authorized by the Admissions Committee. Interested applicants must provide (using "Form C" attached) the address of a University or Institute or Embassy and indicate the name of an officer who can identify him/her during the selection.

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

The list of the applicants admitted to the oral exams will be displayed after the assessment of qualifications on the website:

<http://www.discof.unitn.it/dottorato.htm>

Applicants admitted to the oral will not be informed personally.

Art. 6 – EXAMINATION PROGRAMME

The oral exam will focus on the presentation and discussion of the research project proposed by the candidate.

The project has to be related to one of the following research areas:

- Cognitive, linguistic, decision, perceptual and sensory Processes
- Normal and Pathological Cognitive Development
- Experimental and Clinical Neurosciences
- Social Cognition
- Artificial Intelligence
- Philosophy of Language and Semiotics of Visual Representation
- Educational Processes
- Ergonomics and Organization.

Art. 7 – ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Rector, after hearing the Doctorate 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 Doctorate 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 Doctorate School Committee resolutions, the Admissions Committee **may admit** to the School up to 15 % 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.

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.

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

Grants are awarded for the entire duration of the Programme following confirmation by the Doctorate 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 Doctorate 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 Doctorate 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 Doctorate 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, 13th of July 2005

The Rector
prof. Davide Bassi

Form A

**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

COGNITIVE SCIENCES AND EDUCATION – 21st cycle

For this purpose I, the undersigned, declare²

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH Town/City

Country

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PLACE OF RESIDENCE

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| Address | |
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| Zip Code | Country |
| Tel. | Fax |
| E-mail | |

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (if different from residence)

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| Address | |
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| Zip Code | Country |
| Tel. | Fax |

• **THAT I HAVE _____ CITIZENSHIP**

• **THAT I TOOK AN ITALIAN DEGREE**

in (subject)

at the University of

conferred on (date)

with mark

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² 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

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| studying (subject) | |
| at the University of | |
| Country | |

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

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

THAT I HAVE A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION and I request the Doctorate School Committee to recognize its equivalence to the Italian degree ³ in (subject)

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

• **THAT I HAVE ATTACHED A RESEARCH PROJECT RELATED TO THE RESEARCH AREA (only one choice):**

- Cognitive, linguistic, decision, perceptual and sensory Processes
- Normal and Pathological Cognitive Development
- Experimental and Clinical Neurosciences
- Social Cognition
- Artificial Intelligence
- Philosophy of Language and Semiotics of Visual Representation
- Educational Processes
- Ergonomics and Organization

• **THAT I HAVE ASKED FOR TWO RECOMMENDATION LETTERS TO THE FOLLOWING EXPERTS⁴:**

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| name and surname n. 1 | |
| institution | |
| postal address | |
| E-mail | |
| name and surname n. 2 | |
| institution | |
| postal address | |
| E-mail | |

³ 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 Doctorate School Committee to declare the equivalence, valid for the only purpose of participating in the selection.

⁴ The letters of recommendations (**Form B**) must be sent directly by the referees.

• **THAT I SPEAK ENGLISH** (write your level of knowledge) _____

• **THAT I SPEAK ITALIAN** (only for foreign candidates: write your level of knowledge)

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

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| <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 DISABILITIES** (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 call**
- **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
- **Implementing Regulations of the PhD Programme in Cognitive Sciences and Education**
http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/norme_regolamenti/regolamenti/download/ricerca_prod_intel/norme_eng/Cognitive_Sciences_Education.pdf

Date _____

Signature _____

⁵ Cross out the item of no concern.

ANNEXES⁶:

- Annex 1. Photocopy of the applicant's identity card or passport.
- Annex 2. Summary of the dissertation either in Italian or in English explaining the reasons for the choice of the subject, the research methodology and results obtained (minimum three and maximum six pages).
- Annex 3. Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum.
- Annex 4. A short research project (maximum 2500 words), related to one of the research areas pointed out in the Art. 6.
- Annex 5. A copy of the degree dissertation in electronic version (preferably in PDF format) on CD-Rom. The CD-Rom must also contain Annexes 2, 3, 4 (and 6, if applicable) in electronic version (preferably in PDF format).

The applicant may also attach:

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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.

Form B

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| ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM | |
| | PhD in Cognitive Sciences and Education |

The following section is to be filled out by the applicant:

Family name First Name

Address

City Zip code Country

Telephone Fax E-mail

Writers of letters of recommendation are requested to complete the form below. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page. In particular, recommenders are asked to provide an assessment of the candidate's abilities to carry out advanced studies and research, together with her/ his main points of strength and weakness. 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:

| | Excellent (Top 1-2%) | Outstanding (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"/> |
| Capabilities of undertaking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Team work | <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?

Undergraduate Graduate Research Assistant Teaching Assistant

Other: _____

Ability to follow courses and research work in English:

Adequate Insufficient Unable to judge

Additional comments:

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| Signature | Date |
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| Printed name | |
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MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please send the completed form and letter of academic reference directly to:
Prof. Remo Job, Dean, PhD in Cognitive Sciences and Education, Dipartimento di Scienze della Cognizione e della
Formazione, Via Matteo del Ben 5/b, 38068 Rovereto, Italy. Or email them to phd.discof@form.unitn.it

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

[Form C](#)⁷

I, (SURNAME) _____ (NAME) _____

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

- For this purpose, I indicate where I shall sit the examination:

the University of _____

the Institute of _____

the Italian Embassy in _____

LOCATED IN

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| Address | | No. | Zip Code |
| Town / City | COUNTRY | | |
| TELEPHONE | | | |

- I declare under my own responsibility that I will 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.