



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Admission to the Doctoral Programme in

Biomolecular Sciences

39th cycle

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL.....	2
Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.....	5
Art. 3 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE.....	6
Art. 4 – EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS.....	9
Art. 5 – RANKINGS.....	10
Art. 6 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION.....	10
Art. 7 – ENROLMENT ON THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME.....	11
Art. 8 – SUPERNUMERARY POSITIONS.....	11
Art. 9 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS.....	12
Art. 10 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA.....	12
Art. 11 - REFERRAL RULES.....	12

N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree no. 414 of 31.05.2023 is legally binding; the English version is provided for information only

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento opens the call for applications for the admission to the 39th Cycle (Academic Year 2023/2024) of the Doctoral Programme in “Biomolecular Sciences” as follows.

Deadline for application: July, 5th 2023, hrs. 4.00 PM (Italian time, GMT +2)

Positions: no. 22

Scholarships: no. 19 (of which nr. 13 on reserved topics)

Positions without scholarship: no. 3

Supernumerary positions without scholarship: no. 2 (see art. 8 of the present Call)

Positions are divided as follows:

Financer	No. of scholarships	ID scholarship	Possible reserved topic
University of Trento	6	Please note: The winner of each scholarship will choose the laboratory where he/she will carry out his/her research activity, after a short Lab Rotation, from the list available the document called “Laboratories”.	
University of Trento and Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology	2	A – B	The winner will choose from the list available in the document called “Reserved scholarships AB” and following a brief “Lab Rotation,” the project and laboratory in which he/she will conduct the research activity.
Pezcoller Foundation	2	C – D	Fellowships funded by the prestigious Pezcoller Foundation for cancer research projects. Winners can choose their host laboratory from the list agreed upon with the Foundation’s scientific committee, available in the document called “Reserved scholarships CD”.
MUR-funded grants - Departments of Excellence. Funding allocated by the MUR under the intervention “Departments of Excellence 2023-2027 (Law 232/2016),” Department of Computational and Integrated Cell Biology CUP no. E63C22003870001	1	E	Biomolecular Sciences Curriculum. The winner will choose from the list available in the document called “Reserved scholarships E”, and following brief “Lab Rotation,” the research project.
	1	F	Bio-Industry Curriculum. The winner will choose from the list available in the document called “Reserved scholarships F”, and following brief “Lab Rotation,” the research project.
	1	G	Quantitative Biology Curriculum. The winner will choose from the list available in the document called “Reserved scholarships G”, and following brief “Lab Rotation,” the research project.
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology - Project AIRC IG 2021, CUP n. E65F21004510007	1	H	Epigenetic regulation of CEN nucleosome formation and kinetochore assembly by the oncogenic kinase RioK1 in <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> and human cells. (Scientific coordinator: Peter De Wulf)
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology - Project AIRC IG 2022, CUP n. E63C22003170007	1	I	Personalized medicine for pediatric brain cancers (Scientific coordinator: Luca Tiberi)
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology - Project UE Horizon Europe IVBM-4PAP, CUP n. E63C22003830006	1	J	Chromatin-associated condensates dysregulation in mendelian disorders (Scientific coordinator: Alessio Zippo)
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology - Project UE	1	K	Harnessing the microbial potential of fermented foods for healthy and sustainable food systems (Scientific coordinator: Nicola Segata)



Horizon Europe DOMINO, CUP n. E63C22003040006			
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology - Projects UE Horizon Europe DOMINO, CUP n. E63C22003040006 and UE Horizon Europe ERC MICROTOUCH, CUP n. E63C22001400006	1	L	Strain-level and microbial transmission analysis of human and food microbiomes with computational or cultivation-based techniques. (Scientific coordinator: Nicola Segata)
BBMRI – “Strengthening of the Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure of Italy” (IR0000031 – CUP B53C22001820006)	1	M	<i>see description in the next PNRR section</i>
Positions without scholarship	3		
Total open positions	22		
Supernumerary positions without scholarship (art. 7 / 8):	2		

According to the Directorial Grant Decrees 1031/2022 and 1058/2022, **no. 3 additional position are offered, supported by a scholarship under the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, component 2.**

The research projects related to the individual scholarship referred to in the previous paragraph must comply with the following requirements set forth by the PNRR funding:

- a) be coherent with the EU Regulations 2021/241 goals and purposes, with the NRRP general strategy and the specific NRRP mission;
- b) be focused on achieving the results possibly set by the NRRP targets and milestones;
- c) be compliant with the principle of “do not significant harm” (DNSH) according to art. 17 of the EU Regulations 2020/852 and with the technical directions given by the European Commission (European Commission Notice 2021/C58/01);
- d) be suitable to deal with and to fill the gap of gender inequality;
- e) support the participation of women and young people in the management of the NRRP, also according to the Legislative Decree of May 31, 2021, no. 77 (so called Decreto Semplificazioni), as modified by Conversion Law of July 28, 2021, no. 108.

The selection and the assignment of the additional scholarship can be only on the specific reserved topic described in the attachment “Research subjects” available at the [selection webpage](#), and summarized as follows:

Progetto	N.	Eventuale tematica vincolata
BBMRI – “Strengthening of the Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure of Italy” (IR0000031 – CUP B53C22001820006)	1	M - Development of a novel extra-cellular vesicle purification technology / <i>Sviluppo di una nuova tecnologia per la purificazione di vescicole extracellulari</i>

The applicants are aware that the scholarship will be revoked in case:

- there are differences in the realisation of the doctoral path compared to the financed project, in case there is no approval of the changes from the Ministry



The applicant may express interest in specific research topic fellowships, which are conditioned on the performance of a specific research topic for which particular skills are required.

Places covered by thematically bound fellowships may be awarded only to those who specifically apply for them.

Those interested in one or more captive fellowships should check carefully what topics and skills are required and whether the positions are conditional on the acceptance of confidentiality and/or assignment of results specified in the reserved topic scholarship document. Places with scholarships or covered by any other forms of financial support may be increased due to funding that becomes available after the issuance of this call for applications and before the valuation of qualifications. Notice of such an increase will be given exclusively on the competition web page. **Additional places: for the places with restricted scholarships that will be available after the publication of this announcement (and published on the competition webpage), it will be possible to apply by indicating in the online application the identifying letter of the chosen scholarship as published on the competition webpage.**

Those who, at the time of the publication of the additional fellowships, had already closed the online application may give notice of their interest by sending an appropriate email of integration to the doctoral secretariat (phd.biosci@unitn.it), possibly changing the order of preference previously indicated.

The applicants and the committee will still confirm the application for the topic-bound fellowships, and the order of priority before the interview is held. Moreover, applicants selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes in which the University of Trento participates may also be admitted to the 39th Cycle in additional positions.

Duration: Three years

Start of the Academic Year: November 1st, 2023

Official language: English

Selection webpage: [Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences](#)

Doctoral Programme website: [Doctoral programme - Biomolecular Sciences](#) (information on the Programme, admission to subsequent years and to the final examination)

Curricula activated: the Doctoral Programme consists of three curricula including different scientific areas:

- 1) Curriculum in Biomolecular Sciences
- 2) Curriculum in Bio - Industry
- 3) Curriculum in Quantitative Biology

➤ [Rights and duties of doctoral students](#)

➤ [Info about doctoral scholarships](#)

➤ [Scientific areas](#) (with reference to the Italian Ministerial classification)

Important:

- a. The dates of the selection and all selection results (interim and final), the possible exclusion from the selection due to an incomplete application (art. 3), the exclusion for foreign qualification not recognized as suitable (art. 2), and any notices related to the call will be published solely on the [selection webpage](#); the applicants **will be identified through the application ID, therefore, it is recommended to keep it safe**. The publication on the website is, to all intents and purposes, valid as official notification, and no personal communication will be sent.
- b. Possible communication related to the call for selection will be sent by e-mail to the applicant's personal email address connected to the account registered by the system when closing the application. Applicants with an active or just concluded career at the University of Trento are advised to check their personal email address at the link: [Profile data for the account](#). In case you need to change your personal email address after the application closure, please send a request to the Doctorate Office S&T (phd.office-st@unitn.it).

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for doctoral positions are accepted from applicants, regardless of gender, age, and nationality, who hold:
 - a. an Italian "Laurea Magistrale" or "Laurea Specialistica", according to the Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 03.11.1999, subsequently amended by Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22.10.2004;
 - or



- b. a university degree obtained at an Italian Institution belonging to the AFAM system (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale);
or
 - c. an equivalent foreign degree (*Master's degree*) obtained at an officially recognized academic institution, valid for admission to Doctoral studies in the Country it has been issued (except for substantial differences) and similar (duration and level) to the Italian degree, recognized as eligible¹ by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of accessing this specific Doctoral Programme².
2. Applications are also accepted from students expected to obtain the necessary degree **by October 31st, 2023**. Admission to the Doctoral Programme for successful applicants who have not yet graduated will be “**conditional**,” and the applicant will have to submit to the Doctorate Office S&T (via email to: phd.office-st@unitn.it) **by November 8th, 2023, on penalty of exclusion**, the certificate awarded or a self-declaration (using the, also available within the application online).
 3. Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognized as **equivalent³** to a second cycle Italian degree (*Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica/vecchio ordinamento*) will be considered as **requesting equivalence in their application** by attaching the necessary supporting documents.
It is in the applicant's interest to provide all the elements useful for the assessment, especially if the education system of the country where the qualification was obtained is not comparable to the Italian one.
The Selection Committee may require the applicant to provide additional documentation if deemed necessary for the purpose of assessing the eligibility.
 4. Applicants who have already obtained the Doctoral degree will be admitted to attend a second Doctoral Programme, after passing the selection procedure, provided that the prevailing subjects and scientific areas are different from those relating to the previous Doctoral degree. Applicants who have already benefited from a scholarship, even partially, cannot be assigned any scholarships in the new Doctoral Programme.

Art. 3 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The application⁴ must be completed and submitted **by hrs. 04.00 p.m. Italian time of July 5th, 2023, exclusively through the online system: [Doctoral Programmes Applications](#)**
Authentication to the registration procedure is possible through:
 - **SPID⁵**; to access the registration procedure we advise to use SPID, the Italian Public Digital Identity System, which automatically certifies the applicant's identity on the UniTrento systems and sets up an account as @unitn.it. To request a SPID identity (useful to access different online services of the Italian Public Administration) it is mandatory to hold an Italian identity document and a tax code: please visit the webpage [How to activate the SPID identity](#);
 - **University of Trento account**: for those who do not have SPID identity but already have a University of Trento account can access the application procedure with their existing username ([name.surname@guest.unitn.it](#), or [name.surname@unitn.it](#)). Please see here, if you **forgot your password**; to have more information on UniTrento [username and password](#);
 - **a UniTrento "guest" temporary account**: those who do not have a SPID identity or a University of Trento account can set up a temporary "guest" account. After the matriculation, this account will be converted into a final one as @unitn.it. Procedure at: [Account registration info](#)⁶.
2. To finalize the application, a non-refundable **fee of € 15** (fifteen) is to be paid by **PagoPA payment system⁷** according to the instructions given in the appropriate section of the online application.

The online application can be saved and modified several times until the final submission. After that it can no longer be changed.
3. **The online application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal data and qualifications with full legal effect.** It is the applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that the online application has been successfully submitted and an email notification has been received. **There will be no liability with the University if an application is not submitted correctly.**

¹ The eligibility of foreign academic degrees is assessed by the Selection Committee, following the rules in force or the international treaties or recognition of academic qualifications.

² Details at: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/qualifiche-del-sistema-universitario.aspx>.

³ For further information see at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/procedure-di-riconoscimento-accademico-dei-titoli.aspx>

⁴ The applicant can choose either Italian or English to fill in the application online.

⁵ For more info visit the website: <https://www.spid.gov.it/en/what-is-spid/>

⁶ Applicants are advised to register well in advance of the deadline. The issue of credentials (username and password) may require up to three working days. Those who already hold a UniTrento account but forgot the password can request a new one at: <https://cts.unitn.it/en/password>

⁷ Further information about PagoPA service at: <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd-pagopa>



4. When filling out the online application form, applicants are invited to express their preference for at least one of the three curricula that characterize the Doctoral Programme and to explain the reasons for the choice in the motivation letter (see point F in this article below).

Those wishing to compete for one or more topic-bound scholarships should declare this when completing the online application. Up to 3 restricted scholarships may be selected from those proposed. Regarding additional reserved scholarships added after the publication of this Call (additional positions), applicants will be required to express or confirm their interest before the oral interview. During the interview, applicant eligibility for the additional reserved scholarship/s will be specifically evaluated.

Important: the candidate's choice to compete also for the reserved scholarships implies a preference on his/her part for awarding that specific scholarship over the others, i.e., all of the open grants except the six positions with Trento University as the sole sponsor

5. **MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more mandatory attachments will result in automatic exclusion from the selection)

A. Identifying document (ID):

A copy of the applicant's valid **identity card** (only EU citizens) or **passport** (non-EU citizens), in particular of the pages reporting his/her photograph, personal data, number, place and date of issue, expiry date and signature;

B. Academic degree for admission to the Doctoral Programme:

a. Italian qualification:

- **already obtained/to be obtained: a self-declaration**, in accordance with Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, declaring the possession of a degree (art. 2 of this Call), "*Classe di Laurea*", issuing University, award date and final grade/possible award date, examinations taken, dates of successful pass, grades and credits obtained (by using the form "[Declaration substituting](#)"); graduates from the University of Trento may declare the place and the date of award/foreseen date of award as the other information can be collected ex officio;

b. foreign qualification⁸:

• **already obtained:**

- a **certificate attesting to the possession of a second level university qualification** (see art. 2 paragraph 1 letter c), issued by the institution that awarded it. The certificate must indicate the type of diploma, the date it was awarded and the relative grade;
- a **list of examinations** taken to obtain the qualification to access a Doctoral Programme (*academic transcript of records of the Master's degree*) with relative credits (if provided for in the country's university system that awarded the qualification), marks, and rating scale.

If the university studies carried out abroad are divided into first and second level, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to obtain that degree (*academic transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree*) should also be attached.

• **to be obtained:**

- a **certificate of enrolment in a course of study that allows admission to a Doctoral Programme** (see art. 2 paragraph 1 letter c), with a list of the examinations successfully passed, credits obtained in each examination (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, rating scale (*academic transcript of records*) and the possible award date.

If the university studies carried out abroad are divided into first and second level, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to obtain that degree (*academic transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree*) should also be attached.

If the aforementioned **documents** are **not in English**, they must be accompanied by a **translation** in Italian or in English **made provisionally by the applicant** who takes responsibility for the accuracy of the translation and its compliance with the original text.

- C. Curriculum vitae et studiorum** in Italian or English, preferably according to the [Europass model](#);¹ all academic degrees held and any university enrolments in progress must be specified in detail (please also specify the High School diploma details);

2. details on research experience and period spent abroad

3. possible list of publications. Please only attach some of the publications, the Selection Committee will evaluate only the list.

⁸ It is in the interest of the applicant to provide all information relevant for the assessment, especially if the country where the qualification was obtained has an education system not comparable to the Italian one.



- D. **Summary of the Master's degree thesis** written in English explaining the reasons for the choice of the subject, the research methodology and the results obtained (max 3,000 characters, spaces included);
- E. **English language certification establishing a minimum level of B1** according to CEFR⁹. The following exceptions are accepted:
- applicants who are native speakers of English must attach a declaration to this effect
 - applicants who attended a Bachelor's or Master's level course taught entirely in English must attach a self-declaration stating that the courses were held in English, mentioning the University webpage where the information about the official language is provided
 - if the applicant studied or carried out research abroad for 6 months minimum in a country where English proficiency is required, a certification by the institution where the applicant carried out the activity, stating the level of English obtained, is sufficient (EU citizens may deliver a **self-declaration**, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union);
 - if the applicant passed one or more English language examinations at level B1 during Bachelor's or Master's degree, a certificate by the university stating the level of English obtained is sufficient (EU citizens may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union);
- F. **Motivation letter** written in **English** describing the applicant's reasons for pursuing the Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences at the University of Trento (max 3,000 characters spaces included). The letter must also include detailed reasons for the applicant's choice of the selected curriculum/a, and any experience acquired while conducting dissertation relevant to the chosen Curriculum, work or research related to Biomolecular Science topics.
- G. **Brief research project** written in **English** that will be used solely for evaluation purposes and will not be binding for the purposes of the possible research activities carried out by the applicant during the doctoral programme. The project may focus on a topic of interest of the applicant, possibly related to the core disciplines of the Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences. The project should not exceed two pages (about 4,000 characters, spaces included), divided into the following sections: "Background and Rationale" and "Objectives of the project";
- H. **Referees: up to two (2) names of referees** working at universities or national and international research institutions, with details of their e-mail addresses. Once the relevant section of the application has been completed and saved by the applicant, the system automatically sends (within 24 hours) an e-mail with instructions and a forwarding method to the referee. Applicants are recommended to make sure that their referees submit the letter of presentation within July 10th 2023: although sending the letter is not a reason for exclusion, it will have a negative weight on the evaluation.

6. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Any other title, as for example international certifications also about your linguistic competence (e.g. the certification of GRE test or similar);
- B. Other documents and qualifications deemed helpful for evaluation and to attest to the candidate's research aptitude (postgraduate study and research activities, language certifications, and scholarship certificates);
- C. Copy of bachelor's degree (undergraduate or bachelor's degree) and its transcript
- D. **Applicants with a foreign qualification** may attach
- **academic diploma of the Master's degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent), in its original language and
 - **Diploma Supplement (DS)**¹⁰ drafted according to the form developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO / CEPES;

alternatively

- **Declaration of value**¹¹, which certifies that the educational qualification is valid in the country of issuance for admission to a Doctoral programme (third level of higher education according to the Bologna Process - European Higher Education Area; EQF level 8);

alternatively

⁹ Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, further information at: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/>

¹⁰ The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international "transparency" and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx> and http://ec.europa.eu/education/resources/diploma-supplement_en

¹¹ Further information about DoV and equivalence: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>



- **Statement of comparability of foreign university qualification**¹² issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary to assess the qualification. The University of Trento has signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association about evaluating and verifying foreign titles.

Suppose the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent 13 to a second cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities. In that case, the equivalence provision (**Rectoral Decree**) must be attached.

7. The University will accept additional documents to be included in the application submitted if sent by email to ateneo@unitn.it (**Subject:** "Application ID number- applicant's Surname and Name – Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences – 38th cycle - Supplement to application") **by July 5th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time.** Additional documents submitted by other means will be disregarded.
8. Only documents (originals or copies) in English and Italian will be considered for the selection by the Selection Committee; for all other languages it is compulsory to attach a translation into English or Italian signed by the applicant.
The mandatory attachments required at points D, F, G must be submitted in English by all applicants.
9. All applicants are admitted to the selection procedure **conditionally upon ascertainment that they fulfill the admission requirements (art. 2).** The University of Trento has the right to verify the documents delivered pursuant to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000. **The University can at any time, even after enrolment and upon justified reasons, decide the exclusion of applicants lacking the requirements specified in the present call.**
10. According to Italian Law no. 104/92, Art. 20 and to Italian Law no. 68/99, Art. 16 (1), applicants with special needs or with learning disabilities may explicitly request in their application special assistance or extra time during the examinations, in accordance with their disability. In this case personal data will be processed in compliance with the current law as indicated in the GDPR Privacy notice.

Art. 4 – EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

1. The evaluation is made by a Selection Committee appointed by the Rector upon advice from the Doctoral Committee, in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes. The Selection Committee sets the evaluation criteria during a preliminary meeting.
2. The selection procedure is designed to rank, comparatively, the knowledge and aptitude of the applicants to carry out research in areas related to the Doctoral Programme and the chosen research curricula.
The selection is made on the basis of the assessment of:
 - All the mandatory applicant's qualifications listed in previous art. 3 (academic degree, research project, English knowledge, motivation letter, reference letters);
 - an interview, in English. The interview will assess the applicant's basic knowledge about the Doctorate scientific areas, the previous research and professional experience, and qualifications declared in the application. During the interview, candidate's eligibility for the reserved scholarships will be specifically evaluated.

The Selection Committee will evaluate the eligibility of the applicants for the position they showed their preference based on the documents (research project) they uploaded in the online application, or they sent lately as an integration.

Important notice: the applicant's request to participate in the award of one or more reserved scholarships, i.e., all open fellowships except the six positions that have Trento University as the funder, implies the possible priority of awarding the restricted fellowships over the unspecified topic fellowship.

3. The Selection Committee will award a maximum of **100 points**, of which:
0-60 points: assessment of qualifications;
0-40 points: interview.

Applicants obtaining a minimum score of 40/60 for the assessment of qualifications will be admitted to the interview, which will be passed with a minimum score of 25/40. Applicants who have passed the interview and obtained an overall score of 65/100, will thus be short-listed.

4. The date of the assessment of qualifications will be announced at least 20 days in advance on the [selection web page](#).
5. The applicants can choose¹³ to interview as follows:
 - a) **in person at the University of Trento;**

¹² The University of Trento has signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association about evaluating and verifying foreign titles through the online platform *Diplome*. Further information at: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>

¹³ The choice has to be made in the relevant section while applying online



- b) **online interview**: using audio-video connection tools that allow the correct identification of the participants (through a webcam), and the conduction of the oral test in a public form. The Selection Committee will decide the schedule of the interviews. The University is not responsible for any technical problems that could affect the correct ongoing of the interview.

The interview date, time, and place will be posted on the call for selection website at least 20 days in advance: possible changes will be solely posted on the selection's web page.

To simplify the identification procedures, the identification document shall be the one attached when filling in the online application.

The applicant's not showing up or connecting for the interview, whatever the reason, or not being reachable on the day and at the time set for the examination, or not providing a valid identification document constitute grounds for exclusion.

Art. 5 – RANKINGS

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Selection Committee draws up one general ranking list
2. The available positions are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:
 - a) the position in the ranking list;
 - b) for reserved scholarships and positions reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers, the applicant's eligibility for that specific position.
 - c) In case of equal score, see the following art. 6.
3. Non-allocated scholarships on reserved topics and positions without scholarships reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers, will result in the reduction of the number of positions available.

Art. 6 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION

1. Short-listed applicants are admitted to the Doctoral Programme based on the final ranking until all available positions have been filled. All applicants compete for the award of the scholarships funded by the University of Trento, except for those applying for positions reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centres in Italy or abroad; however, applicants who have been awarded a scholarship on a specific reserved topic must accept it. Renunciation of the reserved scholarship implies the applicant's exclusion from the right to enroll in the Doctoral Programme.
2. Should two applicants obtain the same score, regarding the award of the scholarship, the applicants' economic situations shall be the deciding factor, in accordance with the criteria established by the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of 09.04.2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations. As for positions without scholarship, the younger of the two applicants will be selected.
3. Admitted applicants must send the acceptance of position following the instructions at "[Enrolment 1, 2, 3 year](#)":
 - **within 8 days** starting from the day following the publication of the final ranking lists on the selection website for **positions covered with scholarships or other form of financial support or position reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centres in Italy or abroad**;
 - **within 14 days** starting from the day following publication of the final ranking lists on the selection website for **other positions WITHOUT scholarships or any form of financial support**.

N.B.! Admitted applicants with a qualification that has not been awarded in Italy must deliver (if they had not already done so during the application phase – "Application procedure") the Doctorate Office S&T (sending them in advance by email: phd.office-st@unitn.it) **by November 8th, 2023**:

- **academic diploma of the Master's degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent) in the original or certified copy, **together with the academic transcript of records**, possible official translations¹⁴, legalized or with an apostille affixed¹⁵ (please carefully verify the fulfillment of the requirements set by the issuing country of the title).
- **Diploma Supplement** (if provided for by the university where the title was issued, it is commonly used within the member countries of the European Higher Education Area EHEA)

Alternatively

- **Declaration of Value**¹⁶ issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations country of origin of the institution that awarded the title

alternatively

¹⁴ See: <https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/servizi/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti.html>;

¹⁵ See: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-13.html>

¹⁶ Should the Declaration of Value not be available by the given deadline, the applicant has to produce evidence of the request to the Diplomatic mission. The applicant has to provide the original copy of the Declaration of Value as soon as it is available.



- **Statement of comparability of foreign university qualifications**¹⁷ issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary for the assessment of the qualification.

In case the Diploma Supplement, or the Declaration of Value, or the Statement of comparability are not available by November 8th, 2023, admitted applicants must deliver a document showing that they asked the University/the Italian diplomatic or consular representations/the ENIC-NARIC center for the documents to be issued.

Admission to the Doctoral Programme for successful applicants who do not provide the required above-mentioned documents by November 8th, 2023 will be "conditional" and the applicants will lose their right to continue the Doctoral Programme if:

- they do not deliver the documents within 6 months from the starting date of the Programme;
- upon verification, their title is not in compliance with the requirements of this call for selection. In the case of loss of student status, the applicant must return the scholarship instalments eventually received.

4. Note that the acceptance of a position must include the payment of stamp duty and the payment of the "provincial tax for the right to higher education" - TDS¹⁸ (except for exemption cases). At present, no fees are charged to doctoral students to access courses and attend them, with the exception of the aforementioned annual provincial tax for the right to study (TDS).
5. Admitted applicants who do not accept the position by the above-mentioned deadlines will lose their right to registration, and their places will be offered to the next applicants on the relevant ranking.
6. If a successful applicant withdraws **before the beginning of the Doctoral Programme** (November 1st, 2023), the next applicant on the ranking will be offered the position, if entitled to it based on the eligibility assessment for reserved scholarships. The latter must submit his/her acceptance of the position **within 4 days** starting from the day after the communication from the Doctorate Office S&T is sent.
7. If a successful applicant withdraws or is excluded after the beginning of the Doctoral Programme and **during the first three months of the first year**, the Doctoral Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with the next applicant on the (relevant) ranking, considering the acquired eligibility for reserved scholarships.
8. At the end of the enrolment period, doctoral students must communicate via e-mail (phd.bioscie@unitn.it) to the Doctoral Programme Secretariat the exact date of their arrival in Trento. Doctoral students who cannot be, for justified reasons, in Trento at the beginning of the academic year, must submit adequate motivations and justifications by no later than **October 20, 2023**. In the case of a lack of communication and failure to arrive in Trento by the abovementioned deadline Doctoral students will be considered excluded from the Doctoral Programme.

Art. 7 – ENROLMENT ON THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. Enrolment on the Doctoral Programme, only for admitted applicants who have accepted the position as mentioned above, will be automatically formalized as soon as the Ministry of University and Research has confirmed the accreditation for the academic year 2023/2024. If accreditation is not confirmed, applicants who have accepted a position will receive timely notification via email, and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.
2. In order to complete the enrolment process, those applicants who have obtained their academic qualifications abroad must, upon their arrival in Italy, show the official documents (the original ones or certified copies of them) relative to their academic record that have already been submitted in scanned form during admission to the selection phase or upon acceptance of the position, thereby enabling the appropriate checks of the validity of the qualifications to be conducted, also through the national information centres on the recognition of foreign qualifications belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Only after that time will applicants be conditionally admitted to the course and may be excluded if they do not fulfill the requirements.

Art. 8 – SUPERNUMERARY POSITIONS

1. According to art. 18, par. 3 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes, and up to the number of positions indicated in art. 1 (no more than 2), supernumerary applicants may be admitted without a scholarship paid by the University after passing the selection procedure, if they fall within one of the following categories:
 - a) shortlisted foreign applicants who are granted scholarships by other entities;
 - b) shortlisted applicants from countries with which a specific inter-governmental agreement has been signed and with which an ad-hoc agreement with the University is then made, without the University of Trento being required to assume any financial obligations;

¹⁷ The University of Trento signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association about evaluating and verifying foreign titles through the online platform *Diplome*. Further information at <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>

¹⁸ Note that the total amount of the TDS + stamp duty must be paid only by credit card following the instructions. Page <https://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1931/education-tax-tds-and-stamp-duty> provides information on exemption from the TDS.



- c) research fellows whose contract lasts for a minimum of 24 months from the starting date of the Programme and researching a subject relevant to the Doctoral Programme; such relevance has to be determined by the Doctoral Programme Committee;
 - d) Italian civil servants or under the Italian public law regime. Admission is subject to placement on leave under Art. 2 of the Law of 13.08.1984 no. 476 and subsequent amendments.
2. Short-listed applicants who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request for such admission by submitting appropriate documentation proving their status via e-mail to phd.office-st@unitn.it, **within 8 days** from the next day of the publication of ranking lists. Supernumerary admission is determined by the number of supernumerary positions listed in art. 1 following the order in the relevant ranking.
 3. After verification of the documents referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, applicants admitted to supernumerary positions will receive an email notification from the Doctorate Office S&T (phd.office-st@unitn.it) and must deliver their acceptance within the deadline specified in the email text itself.
 4. Any applicant selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes in which the University of Trento participates may also be admitted to positions additional concerning the quota specified at point 1 of this article.

Art. 9 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Without prejudice to the Italian legislation on copyright (Legislative Decree no. 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), intellectual and industrial property rights on the results eventually achieved by the student, including, but not limited to, software, patentable industrial inventions, know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations (in particular, the Regulations on Intellectual Property Rights issued with Rectoral Decree no. 539 of 22/07/2020 and subsequent amendments) and, if necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or other institutions involved¹⁹.
2. Before starting their research activities, the admitted applicants must sign a declaration, validated by the academic supervisor, regarding their commitment to confidentiality about information, data and reserved documents they can learn about during their doctoral activities at and/or on behalf of the University of Trento. When the research activities are funded by private or public bodies other than the University, the admitted applicants must sign a declaration, validated by the academic supervisor, to allow the University to respect its duties about the intellectual property rights towards the funding body and eventually a Declaration of commitment with the funding body, when required.

Art. 10 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

In compliance to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679, the University of Trento provides to the applicants (hereinafter "Data subjects") with the following information:

1. Data Controller
The Data Controller is the **University of Trento**, via Calepina n. 14, 38122 Trento (TN). The Data Controller can be reached at the following email addresses: ateneo@unitn.it, ateneo@pec.unitn.it
2. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer
The **Data Protection Officer (DPO)** can be contacted to request information on personal data at the following email address: dpo@unitn.it.
3. Purpose of the processing and legal basis
The University of Trento processes personal data as part of the performance of its public interest tasks as well as to comply with a legal obligation to which the Data controller is subject (Article 6, paragraph 1, letters e) and c) of the GDPR) and, in particular for the following purposes: to carry out the present call for selection and to fulfil the related law requirements
4. Nature of the provision of data
The provision of personal data is necessary for applying to this call for selection and the failure to provide it will result in the impossibility of applying.
The provision of particular data concerning disabilities is optional, but failure to provide such data will determine the impossibility of using the necessary support instruments.
5. Data processing methods
The processing of personal data shall be carried out *manually, by automated means and/or by telematic means* by authorised staff according to their tasks and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, adequacy, relevance, accuracy, integrity and confidentiality, in a manner that is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed (GDPR, art. 5, par.1).
No automated decision-making processes, including profiling, are carried out.
6. Categories of recipients

¹⁹ See: <https://www.unitn.it/en/ricerca/1767/protection-and-valorisation-of-intellectual-property>



In addition to all the University personnel acting for the above-mentioned purposes, personal data may be disclosed to third parties (public and private entities) in order to fulfil the abovementioned purposes, specifically to external bodies financing the scholarships. Personal data may also be disclosed to third parties in compliance with a legal obligations and/or provisions of the Public Security/Judicial Authorities.

7. Transfer to non-EU countries

In case personal data are transferred outside the EEA, it will happen in compliance with limitations and provisions specified in Article 44 and following of GDPR;

8. Data retention period

Personal data will be stored as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they are collected, and anyway, as long as it is necessary by law. In any case data will be stored for the time indicated by the current law and/or by the University regulations on managing and storage of documents issued by the University within its institutional activities.

9. Rights of the Data subjects

Data subjects may exercise the rights referred to in Articles 15 et seq. of the GDPR at any time.

In particular, data subjects have the right to access to personal data, rectification of personal data and/or their integration, erasure of personal data except in cases where the University is required to keep them according to art. 17, 3 par. of the GDPR, limitation of the data processing operation and opposition to the data processing operation.

In case there is an infringement of the GDPR on the processing of personal data, Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority by virtue of article 77 of the GDPR or to engage in legal proceedings.

Art. 11 - REFERRAL RULES

1. For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present call, refer to Law no. 398 of 30.11.1989, art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998 as amended by art.19, par. 1, of the Law no. 240 of 30.12.2010, to Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14.12.2022 and to the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes issued by Rector's Decree no. 250 of 11.03.2022, to the Code of Ethics of the University of Trento, to the Students' Honour Code, to the [Internal Regulations in force of the Doctoral Programmes](#), and to the other relevant provisions contained in the current legislation.
2. This call, accompanied by its translation into English, is published on the University website, on the website of the Italian Ministry of Education and on Euraxess. Any changes or additions to the call will be made available on the selection website specified in art. 1.

On behalf of
The Rector
The Head of Education and Student Services
Dr. Paolo Zanei