Call for admission to the Doctoral positions with scholarships according to the Ministerial Decrees no. 629 and 630 of April 24th, 2024 funded within the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), in the frame of Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 3.4 and Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (Increasing Doctoral Programmes and Innovative Doctoral Programmes focused on Public Administration and Cultural Heritage), and in the frame of Mission 4, component 2, Investment 3.3 (“Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of businesses and promote the recruitment of researchers by the companies”) in the context of the Doctorates of the 40th cycle (a.y. 2024/25)

Deadline for applications: July 15th, 2024 – hrs. 04:00 PM (Italian time, GMT +2)

Online Application: https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott

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N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector’s Decree no. 668 of June 14, 2024 is legally binding, the English version is provided for information only.
Art. 1 – PURPOSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

The University of Trento is opening a call to assign n. 24 additional scholarships funded by the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) according to the Ministerial Decrees no. 629 and no. 630 of April 24th, 2024 (hereinafter also “MM.DD.” or “Decrees”), Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, which foresees the assignment of new resources for doctoral research Programmes useful to increase the human capital carrying out research-oriented activities, within public Administrations and cultural heritage, and Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, which foresees the assignment of new resources for doctoral research Programmes aiming to the enhancement of high-profile skills, especially in the areas of Key Enabling Technologies. In particular, n. 4 additional scholarships within the Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 and n. 20 additional scholarships within the Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, co-funded by companies.

There are no places without a scholarship, so the renunciation of the scholarship will result in the automatic forfeiture of the renouncer from the course.

The research projects related to each scholarship must:

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) follow the principle of “do not significant harm” (DNSH) according to Art. 17 of the EU Regulations 2020/852 and the technical directions given by the European Commission (European Commission Notice 2021/C58/01);
d) be suitable to deal with and fill the gap of gender inequality;
e) support the participation of women and young people in the management of the NRRP, also according with the Legislative Decree of May 31, 2021, no. 77 (so called Decreto Semplificazioni), as modified by the Conversion Law no. 108 of July 29th, 2021.

The selection and the assignment of the additional scholarships can be only on the specific reserved topics described in the attachment “Research Topics Description” available at the call web page, and summarized as follows:

Scholarships D.M. 629/2024:

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<td>European Cultures. Environment, Contexts, Histories, Arts, Ideas</td>
<td><a href="https://www.lettere.unitn.it/node/697">https://www.lettere.unitn.it/node/697</a></td>
<td>1 – Cultural heritage</td>
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<td>Forms of cultural exchange and textuality</td>
<td><a href="https://www.lettere.unitn.it/node/3121">https://www.lettere.unitn.it/node/3121</a></td>
<td>1 – Public Administration</td>
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<td>Comparative and European legal studies</td>
<td><a href="http://www.unitn.it/drgpc">http://www.unitn.it/drgpc</a></td>
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<td>International studies</td>
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Scholarships D.M. 630/2024:

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<td>Cognitive and Brain Sciences</td>
<td><a href="http://www.unitn.it/drcimec">http://www.unitn.it/drcimec</a></td>
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<td>Economics and Finance</td>
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<td>Physics</td>
<td><a href="https://www.unitn.it/drphys">https://www.unitn.it/drphys</a></td>
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Pursuant to Art. 11 co. 6 of DM 629/24 and Art. 8 co. 7 of DM 630/24, those who have already accepted a PNRR grant in previous cycles at the University of Trento or other Universities, in case of subsequent renunciation of the same and even without the receipt of any instalment, can't participate in this call.

The number of places covered by scholarships may be increased after the publication of this announcement, as a result of reallocation of additional PNRR resources to the University determined by the MUR in a specific provision (more information in Article 8 below - "Reconnaissance Procedure"). Such occurrence will be communicated online, and nowhere else, at the selection's webpage.

General information about the scholarships: https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1937

Duration: three or four years, to be verified at the webpage https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1895 (click on the Doctoral Programme of interest).

Start of the Academic Year: November 1st, 2024

Official language of the Programmes: please check at the webpage https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1895 (click on the Doctoral Programme of interest). All foreign students are encouraged to learn the Italian language during their study careers.

Information about this call: https://www.unitn.it/en/phd-nrrp-calls

Rights and duties of doctoral students: https://www.unitn.it/en/node/52919

Pursuant to the MM.DD. 629 and 630, the acceptance of the scholarships covered by this call entails to:
• spend periods of study and research in a company, or in research centers, or at a public administration (including museums, Institutes of the Ministry of Culture, archives, libraries), even if not continuous, and study and research periods abroad, even if not continuous, as follows:

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<td>mandatory in a company from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months</td>
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• submit, every six months, a report indicating the time commitment, broken down into months spent in the company (or in a research center, or at public administrations), at the University or abroad, and a summary of the main activities carried out; the report has to be uploaded on the Ministry online platform using the forms therein.

Applicants are aware that the scholarship will be revoked in case of:
• differences in the execution of the doctoral path compared to the financed project, where the necessary authorization was not previously requested and subsequently granted by the MUR;
• failure to complete the minimum period in a company, or in research centers, or at public administrations, and abroad, as indicated in the chart mentioned above.

IMPORTANT
The results of the selection (qualifications assessment and interview) and the list of applicants (published by application ID), that are not admitted to the selection after a formal check or after the evaluation of the foreign qualification, will be published at the selection’s webpage.

No personal communication will be sent to excluded candidates, the online ranking list will be the only official information.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 4, co. 7 and 5, co. 3 of this selection announcement, any notice relative to the selection will be transmitted to applicants via email, to the address associated with the account used to register at the time in which the application is submitted. Applicants with an active or recently completed career at the University of Trento should verify their personal email address at the following link: data account management.

If personal contact information must be changed after the application is submitted, applicants are advised to email the relevant Doctoral Office (Humanities and Cognitive Sciences Area email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it; Science & Technology Area email: phd.office-st@unitn.it).
Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold:
   a) an Italian “Laurea Specialistica or Magistrale” (Master’s Degree) according to Ministerial Decree no. 270 of October 22nd, 2004 or a university degree awarded under the previous Italian regulations;
   b) or a second level degree awarded by an Italian “AFAM” Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education);
   c) or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad (Master’s Degree) at a recognized academic Institution, which:
      - allows access to an equivalent PhD course in the issuing country/higher education system of origin (unless there are substantial differences);
      - is equivalent to the Italian Laurea Magistrale (Master’s Degree), in terms of duration, level and subject area; and
      - is considered suitable by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of the admission to the PhD Programme.

2. Applications are also accepted from candidates who do not hold the required degree but expect to obtain it by October 31st, 2024. In this case admission is “conditional” and applicants must submit the degree certificate (or a self-declaration, see Form A) to the relevant PhD Office (Science & Technology Area email: phd.office-st@unitn.it; Humanities and Cognitive Sciences Area email: phd.office-csh@unitn.it) no later than November 4th, 2024. Failure to provide the certificate by the deadline will lead to exclusion.

3. It is in the applicant’s best interest to provide all information necessary for evaluation, especially in case the educational system of the country where the title was obtained is incomparable with the Italian one. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to ask applicants to provide additional documentation, if deemed necessary, in order to be considered for the selection.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Art. 11, co. 6 of M.D. 629/2024 and Art. 8, co. 7 of MD 630/2024, candidates who have already obtained a Doctoral degree can apply for a second Doctoral Programme only if its main research topics and scientific-disciplinary fields differ from those of the candidate’s first Doctorate Programme. Those who have already benefited, even if partially, from a doctoral scholarship in Italy, and public employees on extraordinary paid leave cannot be awarded another doctoral scholarship.

5. Public administration employees are admitted to the Doctoral course subject to placement on unpaid leave.

Art. 3 – APPLICATION

1. The application must be completed and submitted by July 15th, 2024 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time), exclusively through the online procedure: https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/phd. The online enrollment procedure can be accessed in one the following ways:
   - with SPID or CIE (Electronic Identity Card): those who have an Italian Tax Code (codice fiscale) and an Italian identity document must access the enrolment procedure with CIE (more information are available at https://www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it/) or with SPID, the Italian Public Digital Identification System, which automatically certifies the identity of the person on the UniTrento systems and sets up an @unitn.it account.
   - To request the SPID identity (useful for accessing various online services of the Italian Public Administration) please see the website: https://www.spid.gov.it/en/what-is-spid/how-to-activate-spid/
   - with a UniTrento account: those who already have an account issued by the University can access the registration procedure with the username they already have (name.surname@unitn.it).
   For details on UniTrento account and password: Account @unitn.it.
   - registering a UniTrento "guest" account: those who do not have an Italian Tax Code can register a temporary account as "guest". After enrollment, the guest account will be converted into a definitive @unitn.it account.

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1 For more information on the Italian University system visit the webpage: http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html
2 The eligibility of the foreign qualifications is assessed by the Admission Committee in accordance with the legislation in force and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for continuing the studies.
3 Opinion from the National University Council (CUN) of 20 March 2008; Note from the Ministry of Education University and Research (MIUR) of 14 September 2010 n. 1746; art.6 par.2 of Law n.398 of 1989 “Regulations about university scholarships”.
4 Candidates are invited to not wait until the last few days before the deadline for the submission of the application. In order to get login information, and therefore access the online application portal, it could take up to three full working days.
To register a guest account: [https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/en/Home](https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/en/Home)

2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-refundable application fee of **€ 15,00 by pagoPa system**, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application (‘Selection participation fee’).

3. **Candidates will be considered fully responsible of their applications. Administration highly recommends that candidates make sure to have received the notification email confirming that their application has been successfully completed and submitted. UNITRENTO refuses any responsibility for all applications not closed properly by candidates.**

4. Incomplete or irregular applications, or applications transmitted in ways other than those dictated in this article, shall not be considered valid and candidates will consequently be excluded from the selection process.

5. **All applicants are conditionally admitted to the selection upon ascertaining that they fulfil the admission requirements.** The University of Trento has the right to verify the documents delivered pursuant to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree n. 445 of December 28th, 2000.

6. **If the submitted degree does not satisfy the requirements specified in Art. 2 of this call, or if the information provided in the application is not true, the candidate may be excluded from the selection process at any time and even after enrolment or the beginning of the PhD course.**

7. According to Art. 20 of Italian Law n. 104/92, and Art. 16 (1) of Italian Law n. 68/99, applicants with special needs or with learning disabilities, may explicitly request special assistance or extra time during the examinations in their application, according to their particular disability. In this regard, the data will be processed in compliance with the regulations in force as indicated in the information on the processing of personal data (Art. 10 of this call).

8. When filling out the online application, applicants must select the Doctoral Course(s) and the topic-bound scholarship(s) (maximum 2) for which they intend to compete, and the language (Italian or English) they’d like the interview to be conducted in, except for Programmes for which an English interview is mandatory. Additionally, the applicants have to fill in the section regarding their study career details and attach the required documents following the instructions given by the system.

9. In case the applicant wants to apply for two (2) different research topics, they must indicate the order of preference between the two. The choice will be binding for the assignment of the scholarship, as stated in Art. 5.

10. The application is to be considered for all purposes of the law as a self-declaration of personal data and qualifications.

11. **COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more compulsory attachments results in exclusion from the selection)⁶:

   a) **Identity document (ID):** a copy of the **identity card** (for EU citizens) or of the **passport** (must include pages with photo, personal data, place and time of issue and expiration date of the document);

   b) **Copy of the university degree:**

      - **Applicants who have already obtained or are about to obtain an Italian degree:**
        - a **self-declaration (by using Form A)**, according to Article 46 of the Presidential Decree n. 445 of December 28th, 2000 and later amendments, stating:
          - the attainment, or not, of the degree (see Art. 2);
          - type of degree / degree to be obtained;
          - award date / foreseen award date;
          - issuing University;
          - final grade (if the degree has already been obtained);
          - list of exams, including date taken, credits and grades obtained (graduates from the University of Trento may only declare the place and award date / foreseen award date as the other information can be collected ex officio).

      - **Italian degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree,** and expect to complete it by October 31st, 2024 are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection and need to **also provide a statement from their thesis supervisor,** or other academic/administrative supervisor/staff, declaring that the conferral of the University degree will occur by **October 31st, 2024.**

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⁶⁶ The list of candidates (identified by their ID #) who are not deemed eligible due to an incomplete application, will be published on the [University’s web address](https://www.unitn.it/en/phd-pagopa).
• Applicants with a foreign degree:
  - the *degree’s certificate* stating the 2nd level degree obtainment (see Art. 2, co. 1, lett c.) provided by the University which issued the degree, specifying the type of degree, the graduation date and the final grade;
  - the *list of exams* (Academic Transcript of Records) with credits (if available) and marks with the relative 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) must also be attached.

If the language of the above-mentioned documents is different from Italian or English, the applicant will have to submit a translation in Italian or English, which can be done by the candidate under her/his own responsibility, in order to allow the Admission Committee to evaluate the eligibility of the certificate, for the sole purpose of participating in this admission process.

In addition, if available, also the following documents:
- academic degree (diploma) of the required title (Master of Science/Art or equivalent) in the original language;
- *Diploma Supplement* according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO / CEPES), or;
- *Declaration of value* which certifies that the educational qualification is valid in the country of achievement for being admitted to Doctoral Programme (third level of higher education according to the Bologna Process - European Higher Education Area; EQF level 8), or:
- the *Statement of comparability - university qualification* awarded by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the necessary information to evaluate the qualification.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent to a second cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached in the appropriate section of the online application.

The following two points refer to foreign degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree and expect to complete it by October 31st, 2024 and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection:
- enrolment certificate of the Master’s Programme (see art. 2 co. 1 lett c) with the list of examinations taken, the related credits (if available), the corresponding marks and the rating scale (Transcript of Records). 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) must also be attached.
- If the language in which the certificates are issued is different than Italian or English, the applicant must submit a translation in Italian or English, which can be done by the candidate under her/his own responsibility.
  - a letter signed by the thesis supervisor or other academic/administrative supervisor/staff stating that the candidate will obtain their academic title by October 31st, 2024.

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2 The Diploma Supplement is a document attached to the final qualification, intended to improve international “transparency” and to facilitate academic and professional qualification recognition (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution which has given the diploma. http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/u-sistema-italiano-di-insegnamento-supervision/diploma-supplement.aspx


4 The University of Trento has signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association for the evaluation and verification services of foreign qualifications through the use of the Diplome platform. For the issue of ENIC-NARIC certificates, the University of Trento has activated a collaboration with CIMEA. Further information is available at: https://international.unitn.it/coming/diploma-verification. The statement of comparability of qualifications relating to the 55 countries of the Lisbon Convention can be downloaded directly and free of charge through ARDI – Automatic Recognition Database Italia. For these qualifications, only the statement of verification of the authenticity of the qualification service will be active. The new CIMEA-DIPLOME service is integrated with the database ARDI-Automatic Recognition Database - Italy with regard to the academic qualifications and final secondary school qualifications obtained in one of the 55 countries that are signatories to the Lisbon Recognition Convention. ARDI is a free tool developed by experts at CIMEA in line with European requirements for “automatic recognition. It describes the main types of academic qualifications and final secondary school qualifications of the 55 above-mentioned countries, providing a comparative opinion on their correspondence with Italian qualifications.

5 Details at Academic recognition - CIMEA

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c) **Motivation letter** (written in Italian or English; max 2,500 characters, spaces included) describing the applicant’s reasons for choosing that project among the available ones (see Annex “Research topics description”), mentioning the acquired skills and expertise. In case the applicant indicates preference for two scholarships, they have to give detailed reasons for their choice.

d) **Curriculum vitae** (in Italian or English, preferably based on the **Europass model**), in which applicants have to specify their research skills and other titles or relevant experiences (such as II level Masters degrees, Doctorates, specializations, high level specialty courses, etc.); all academic degrees held and any university enrolments in progress must be specified in detail (the high school diploma details should also be specified), together with any other elements possibly related to the topic the applicant is interested in (list of publications, participation in conventions, etc.).

e) **Research project proposal** (one for every chosen scholarship) written in Italian or English (max 8,000 characters, bibliography and abstract excluded), an abstract (max 800 characters, spaces included) and the relevant bibliography, regarding exclusively one of the specific topic listed in Annex “Research topics description”, written following the scheme in Annex B.

It is possible to choose a maximum of two topic-specific scholarships. One research proposal must be attached for each chosen scholarship.

The project may be modified in the definition of the research to be carried out and developed during the Doctoral Programme and will be finalized, in agreement with the supervisor, as the student starts the course.

In addition, limited to the Doctoral Programmes in Cognitive and Brain Sciences; Information Engineering and Computer Science; Industrial Innovation; Biomolecular Sciences; Comparative and European legal studies; International Studies:

f) **Certification of English language proficiency at least at the B1 level according to the CEFR.** The following exceptions are accepted:

- if the applicant is a native English speaker or attended a Bachelor’s or Master’s level course taught entirely in English. In this case, a self-declaration is sufficient;

- 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 activity was carried out, 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 December 28th, 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 worked for 6 months minimum in a company or institution where the knowledge of English is required, a certification by the company or the institution stating the regular use of English in the tasks performed; EU citizens may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of December 28th, 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 five or more English language exams during the Bachelor 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 December 28th, 2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union.

12. **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- list of publications and presentations at conferences and conventions;

- certificates attesting the knowledge of the English language issued by internationally recognized bodies (except as provided among the mandatory attachments);

- any additional qualifications, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent), useful for assessing the applicant’s attitude towards research (documentation pertaining to awards, academic activity and post-degree research, etc.).
13. Should candidates wish to add and/or change further documentation to the application after submitting the application, they may do so by the deadline of the selection announcement by emailing ateneo@unitn.it. In this case, the subject line should be: Application ID - Candidate's Last Name and Name – call for Doctoral positions NRRP cycle 40 - supplement to application, and the body of the email should contain a note explaining the purpose of the additional or changed attached documentation. Documentation sent by other means will not be accepted.

Art. 4 – APPLICANT EVALUATION

1. The evaluation is carried out by interdisciplinary Selection Committees, appointed by the Dean, in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the University Regulations on Doctoral Studies.

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 scholarship(s).

3. The selection takes place as follows:
   a. evaluation of the applicant's mandatory qualifications listed in previous Art. 3, co. 11-12 (curriculum vitae, qualifications, research proposal, motivation letter), based on the criteria established in advance by the Selection Committee;
   b. an interview that will assess the applicant's knowledge and qualifications declared in the application, the previous research and professional experience, and the reasons for choosing that particular research project. The interview will be held in Italian or English, depending on the applicant's choice in the online application, except for the Programmes for which the interview in English is mandatory. In any case, a good knowledge of English has to be demonstrated, also by providing certificates issued by internationally recognized bodies.

4. The Selection Committee will award a maximum of 100 points, of which:
   - 40 points: assessment of qualifications and project proposal;
   - 60 points: interview.
   In order to be admitted to the oral examination candidates must obtain a minimum score of 24/40 from the qualification's assessment.
   The interview is considered passed with a minimum score of 36/60.
   Furthermore, the applicant may also declare his or her willingness to be evaluated for the allocation of topic-specific scholarships in addition to those for which he or she has expressed preference, if there are unallocated fellowships as a result of lack of interest on the part of other candidates or if no one has been deemed eligible.

5. The candidate may choose to be interviewed in one of the following ways:
   a) in person at the University of Trento. In this case the candidate must show a suitable identification document. The candidate's absence at the interview will be considered as a waiver of participation in the selection, whatever the cause;
   b) by videoconference through the use of audio-video connection tools that allow the correct identification of the participants (through a webcam) in a public setting. The starting time of the interviews is established by the Commission. The candidate must first show the same identity document attached to the application. Failure to connect or unavailability at the established date and time or failure to show the identification document, constitute grounds for exclusion from the selection. The University assumes no responsibility in the event of technical problems that do not guarantee the correct performance of the oral exam.

6. The oral exams will be held in the time frame between July 22nd and September 4th, 2024, after the assessment of qualifications and research projects. The detailed interviews schedule will be announced at least 20 days prior on the selection's webpage. Any changes in the examination date will be published on the same web page.

7. All outcomes (intermediate and final) will be published at the selection's webpage.

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11 Please verify that the file name is suitable and accurate.
12 The interview will be in English for the following PhD Programmes: Cognitive and Brain Sciences; Economics and Finance; Physics; Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering; Information Engineering and Computer Science; Industrial Innovation; Mathematics; Materials, Mechatronics and Systems Engineering; Agrifood and Environmental Sciences; Biomolecular Sciences; International Studies; Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS).
13 To check results every applicant needs to know his/her ID number.
Art. 5 – RANKINGS

1. At the end of the selection procedure, each Selection Committee draws up one separate ranking list for each Doctoral Programme, on the basis of the points obtained by the applicants in the assessment of qualifications and project proposal and in the interview. The available positions are assigned to short-listed applicants according to their position in the ranking list and preferences expressed by the candidate in the application.

2. Non-allocated scholarships will result in the reduction of the number of available positions. In case non-allocated scholarships remain after scrolling the relative rankings, the same will not be assigned to eligible applicants in another ranking.

3. Results will be available on the selection’s webpage and on the University Notice Board. The publication on the website is to all intents and purposes valid as official notification. Applicants will not receive any personal communication.

4. In case the applicant is the winner of a position in two different rankings, he/she will have to accept the position related to the scholarship he/she indicated as his/her first choice in the online application, and he/she will be deleted from the other ranking.

5. In case the applicant is the winner of a position he/she indicated as his/her second choice and he/she accepts the position, he/she will not be considered in case of a possible scrolling of the ranking related to his/her first-choice scholarship, because he/she is already admitted according to the other ranking.

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

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

2. In case of equally ranked candidates, the student's economic situation will be evaluated in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers (D.P.C.M.) of April 9th, 2001, as amended.

3. Admitted applicants must accept the position within 8 days from the day after the publication of the final ranking, following the instructions at https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1928.14

4. Admitted applicants who do not enroll by the above-mentioned deadlines will lose their right to enter the Doctoral Programme, and their positions will be offered to the next applicants on the ranking list. Replacement applicants will be admitted based on their position on the relevant ranking list. Applicants admitted in replacement must accept the position within 8 days from the day following the receiving of the communication from the Doctoral Office.

5. The rankings scrolling procedure will go on accordingly to the deadline set up by the Ministry to upload the documentation necessary to verify the eligibility of the projects to be financed by the PNRR.

6. Shortlisted public administration employees will be conditionally enrolled in the Doctoral Programme until they obtain the placement on unpaid leave from their Institution, which must take place before the start of the Programme (November 1st, 2024) and in any case no later than December 12th, 2024 under penalty of forfeiture of the Doctorate.

7. Admitted applicants with a qualification that has not been awarded in Italy must deliver to the relevant PhD Office (Science & Technology area email: phd.office-st@unitn.it; Humanities and Cognitive Sciences area email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it), if they had not already done so during the application phase, the following documents by November 8, 2024:
   - original or certified copy of the academic diploma of the Master degree (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent) together with the Academic Transcript of Records, with any relevant translations and legalizations or “apostille” stamp attached (verify the fulfilment 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);
   - Declaration of Value issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations country of origin of the institution that issued the title;

   - Alternatively

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14 Note that the enrolment on the PhD Programme must include the payment of stamp duty and, where applicable, the payment of the “provincial tax for the right to higher education” – TDS.
• Statement of comparability of foreign university qualifications\(^{15}\) 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, 2024, 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 candidates who do not provide the required above-mentioned documents by November 8th, 2024 will be “conditional” and the applicants will be excluded from 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’s selection. Should the Declaration of Value or the Diploma Supplement or other documentation provided by the candidate not certify eligibility for the Doctorate Programme, the candidate’s position is terminated and the amount of the bursary received up to this point must be returned.

8. Short-listed applicants who do not submit their acceptance within 8 days from when the final ranking is published lose their right to enroll and their position will be offered to the next ranked eligible candidate.

**Art. 7 – ENROLMENT**

1. The enrolment in the Doctoral Programme of the applicants, who have accepted the position as indicated above, will be automatically official as soon as the Ministry sends a communication to the University confirming the accreditation of the Doctoral Programmes for the a.y. 2024/2025 and the eligibility of the scholarships assigned for the financing of the PNRR. In case the ministerial financing is not confirmed, applicants, who have accepted the position, will promptly receive a communication from the University, and the annual provincial tax for the right to study (TDS) will be refunded.

2. To complete enrolment, whoever has a foreign title, upon arriving in Italy, will have to show the official documents (in original or certified hard copy), related to the academic path, already anticipated in scanned form at the time of admission to selection or at the time of acceptance of the position, in order to allow the appropriate verification of the validity of the qualifications, also by means of the national information centers on the recognition of foreign titles as part of the ENIC-NARIC network. Until such time, candidates are admitted to the course conditionally and may be excluded if they do not meet these requirements.

3. Foreign applicants who require a visa for “postgraduate study” must first access the UNIVERSITALY portal and fill out the relevant “pre-enrollment application,” which must then be submitted to the Italian Representation in their place of residence once digitally validated.

**Art. 8 – RE-EXAMINATION PROCEDURE**

1. In the event that, after the admission deadline of the call, new PNRR resources become available for additional scholarships under the DD.MM. 629 and 630, the University may conduct a re-examination procedure on the final merit rankings. In this case, eligible, non-winners candidates will be notified, by internal notice, and invited to express their interest in the newly available topic-specific scholarships.

**Art. 9 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF RESEARCH FINDINGS AND PUBLICATIONS**

1. Without prejudice to the Italian law on copyright (legislative decree 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), intellectual and industrial property rights on the results eventually achieved by the student, including (but not limited to) software, industrial inventions patentable or not, know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations and, if necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or entities involved.

\(^{15}\)For evaluation services and for the purpose of evaluating foreign degrees through the use of the Diplo.me platform, see: https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification.
2. Before the start of the research activity, the PhD student is required to sign a specific declaration of commitment to confidentiality in relation to the information, data and documents of a confidential nature that he / she may become aware of in carrying out his / her activity at and / or on behalf of the University. Each doctoral student is also required to sign a declaration stating that intellectual property rights are owned by the University of Trento, thus being aware of the relevant legislation and University Regulations on intellectual property. Each doctoral student may be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement with the funding body in the case that his/her doctoral position is not funded by the University of Trento.

Art. 10 – PERSONAL DATA

In compliance to Article 13 of the “General Data Protection Regulation” (hereinafter, GDPR), the University of Trento provides to persons who want to participate in the selection procedures to be admitted to Doctoral Programmes (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); email: ateneo@pec.unitn.it; ateneo@unitn.it.

2. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer
The data subjects may contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO or RPD) to have information about processing of their personal data by writing to: rpd@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 and, in particular, for the purposes of carrying out this selection procedure and complying with a legal obligation (Art. 6, par. 1, lett. e) and c); Art. 9, par. 2, lett. g) of the GDPR).

4. Nature of the provision of data
The provision of personal data is necessary for participation in this procedure and failure to provide such data will result in the impossibility of taking part. The provision of special health-related data (for candidates with disabilities) is optional, but failure to provide it will result in the impossibility of accessing the requested support tools.

5. Data processing methods
The processing of personal data shall be carried out manually, by automated means and/or by telematic means by authorized staff according to their tasks and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, adequacy, relevance, accuracy, integrity and confidentiality (GDPR, art. 5, par.1,). No automated decision-making processes, including profiling, are carried out.

6. Categories of recipients
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 (es. MUR, ANVUR) in order to fulfil the abovementioned purposes, including any financing subject in relation to the funded 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
If, within the abovementioned purposes, personal data are transferred to non-EU countries, this transfer will be performed within the limits and under the terms as per art. 44 and seq. of the GDPR.

8. Data retention period
Personal data will be stored as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes of this procedure, 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 obtain from the Data Controller the access, the rectification or the integration of personal data and, if the legal requirements are met, the erasure, the limitation or the 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 - REGULATIONS

1. For matters not covered by this selection announcement refer to art. 4 of Law n. 210 of 03.07.1998 as amended in Art. 19, paragraph 1, of the Law of 30 December 2010, n. 240, to the Ministerial Decree no. 228/2021, to the Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023, to the University Regulations on Doctorates of Research of the University of Trento issued with the Rector's Decree n. 250 of 11.03.2022 subsequently amended, to the Students Honour Code issued with the Rector's Decree n. 416 of 13 June 2016 and to the Internal Regulations of the Doctoral Programmes.

2. The call will be published on the University of Trento, Euraxess and MUR websites.

3. Potential changes or improvements to the call will be published at the selection's webpage.

4. The person responsible for the administrative procedure is the Head of the Didactics and Student Services Department of the University of Trento. The offices responsible for are the Divisions for the Support of Doctoral Courses (Humanities and Cognitive Sciences Area email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it; Science & Technology Area email: phd.office-st@unitn.it). Each Selection Committee is responsible for the selection procedure of the applications: the evaluation of qualifications, the interviews, the minutes and the final ranking of applicants.
ANNEX B

Template for the research proposal
(max 8,000 characters, bibliography and abstract excluded)

1. Applicant’s name and surname

2. Doctoral Programme title

3. Reserved topic scholarship title (see Annex “Research topics description” available at the [call web page](#))

4. Abstract (max 800 characters, spaces included)

5. Brief research description divided into:
   a. introduction of the topic in the framework of the international scientific context; relevance of the matter;
   b. research methods used and possible equipment and laboratories necessary to carry out the research project;
   c. objectives, expected results, theoretical implications and conclusions, verification and evaluation.

6. Bibliography