

QUICK START GUIDE

CALL 2021-2022

PHD PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

YEARS 2021-2024

THIS IS AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
THAT ARE DETAILED IN THE FULL CALL FOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE
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PHD PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The PhD Programme in International Studies focuses on the study of complex international phenomena, which often prove comprehensible only when analysed with the support of various, interconnected disciplines.

The Call 2021-22 is for **7 scholarships**, funded as follows:

- **n. 6** by the University of Trento
- **n. 1** by the National Research Council (CNR) in memory of Antonio Megalizzi.

Interested applicants are recommended to consult the research profiles of the faculty and present a proposal in line with the research activities of the School of International Studies, or on the specific topic carrying a scholarship.

The doctoral programme will focus on the following themes:

- International Politics and International Security;
- European Studies and Integration Process;
- Economics, Law and History of Global Interdependence.

Further information about the research activities and projects carried out at the School of International Studies is available at <http://www.sis.unitn.it/159/research-at-the-sis>

The scholarship funded by the National Research Council (CNR) is tied to the following topic: *“The European Union: integration processes, enlargement and international role”*.

Candidates are advised to indicate a potential thesis supervisor in their proposal after consulting the list of teaching staff and respective research topics at <https://www.unitn.it/drsis/164/sis-faculty-and-phd-graduate-school-committee>. An agreement with the faculty member is NOT required and NOT necessary; it is a matter of an individuation based on subject and research interests.

The following guide summarizes the application procedures in the Full Call Reference; for full and detailed information: see corresponding articles (in brackets).

PHD PROGRAMME: COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY (ART. 2)

The PhD Programme in International Studies is a **full-time activity** for the 3-year duration of the scholarship. PhD students spend a period abroad for research and study. Guest lectures and seminars complete the programme.

	<i>FALL</i>	<i>SPRING</i>
<i>1° year</i> <i>Coursework</i>	CORE COURSES International studies (1) Quantitative methods Academic writing for international studies Participation in Guest lectures	CORE COURSES + PROJECT PROPOSAL International studies (2) Proposal writing for International Studies Participation in Guest lectures
	DISCIPLINE IN-DEPTH (select one track) Political Science/Law track Qualitative methods Economics track Econometrics International Economics	RESEARCH Milestone: presentation of the proposal in the Graduate Student Conference
<i>2° year</i> <i>Research</i>	CORE COURSES Dissertation writing for International studies (1) Participation in Guest lectures	RESEARCH Milestone: draft chapter
	RESEARCH Milestone: review of the literature	
<i>3° year</i> <i>Thesis</i>	RESEARCH Milestone: draft chapter	ELABORATION OF THESIS Milestone: presentation of a chapter to the Faculty Dissertation writing for international studies (2)
	TEACHING AND TRAININGS Tutoring/teaching assistant Vocational training (policy writing) Soft skills	THESIS SUBMISSION

WHO CAN APPLY? (ART. 3)

Candidates who hold a **Laurea Magistrale**/Master's Degree in one of the core disciplines of International Studies (mainly, but not limited to, Law, Economics, Political Science and Sociology, International Relations, Humanities, History and Philosophy).

Foreign qualifications must be **equivalent** in terms of level (Master's degree), contents (core disciplines) and duration, and must give access to an academic course equivalent to the PhD in the country where the degree was issued.

The Admissions Committee will decide upon their equivalence and admissibility. Candidates who expect to be awarded their degrees after the deadline, but by 31 July 2021, may apply (see details in [Full Call](#)).

ONLINE APPLICATION (ART. 4)

Register using the link <http://www.unitn.it/en/account> to obtain a username and password for accessing the UniTRENTO reserved area. Up to 2 working days may be necessary to obtain these credentials;

Apply using the link <http://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>.

Materials can be saved at an intermediate stage before submitting the application.

MANDATORY (1-6):

1. **Passport or any EU national ID;**
2. **Certificates regarding academic career** (Master's Diploma; list of examinations, and related marks);
3. **CV / Resumé** in English;
4. **Research proposal** in English. (max. 4 pages – 2000 words, excluding bibliography and title page). Each candidate may only submit one proposal, which must include a title page showing the candidate's name, the title of the proposal and an abstract of no more than 150 words. Please check research interests of the at <https://www.unitn.it/drsis/164/sis-faculty-and-phd-graduate-school-committee> and try to indicate a potential PhD supervisor;
5. **Statement of purpose in English** (max. 1 page – 500 words) outlining the reasons for applying to this programme;
6. **International certificate attesting to knowledge of the English language at C1¹ level or higher;**

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED AS COMPLEMENTARY ATTACHMENTS:

7. a list of scientific publications;
8. a list of other qualifications related to International Studies, such as summer schools, specialized training, international examinations demonstrating preparation for doctoral study (e.g., GRE);
9. any other documents which demonstrate the candidates' skills related to International Studies;
10. reference letters (maximum 2) in English or Italian, to be uploaded on line by the referee.

¹ These certificates and tests are acceptable proof if they have been issued within the last five years: IELTS Academic Test overall band score of 7 or above; Cambridge C1 Advanced (formerly CAE) minimum grade B or Cambridge C2 Proficiency (formerly CPE); TOEFL IBT minimum score of 95; Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic minimum score 75.

SELECTION PROCESS (ART. 5)

Participation in the selection process is subject to payment of a non-reimbursable fee of €15.00.

The selection is based on:

- an assessment of qualifications provided in the online application (basis for a shortlist for interviews);
- an interview – for shortlisted candidates only.

The interview (in English) will focus on the research project proposal and on the candidate's motivation.

Calendar

(the time refers to Italy)

Deadline for applications	6 May 2021, 16:00
Assessment of qualifications	26 May 2021, 09:00
Interview for shortlisted candidates	23 and 24 June 2021 – <i>Time to be confirmed</i>

ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER (ART. 7)

All candidates will be ranked according to their scores in the assessment, based upon applications and interviews. Successful candidates will be admitted to the PhD Programme according to their position in the final ranking list until all available places are filled.

If a selected candidate declines, the next one on the list may be admitted.

Provided that the assessment is positive, the Admissions Committee may also admit one additional candidate, in case of him/her having a scholarship or grant by other entities (only for non-Italian citizens!).

Selected candidates are required to enrol **within 8 days** after being notified of their admission.

Conditions for acceptance are available at: <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2696/enrolment-and-extension>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are paid every two months in advance (please see <http://www.unitn.it/en/servizi/1937/doctoral-scholarships>).

PhD scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships of any nature, apart from those assigned by Italian or foreign institutions, which may support the PhD student's research activities abroad.

The amount of the scholarship will be increased by 50% during study periods abroad. Interruptions in the attendance of the School longer than 30 days entail the suspension of scholarship payments.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PHD STUDENTS

PhD students are considered as autonomous researchers and required to actively participate in all activities.

Their activities are annually evaluated by the PhD Programme Committee regarding access to the subsequent year. Supplementary teaching activities and any other working activities are subject to prior authorization.