



# CALL FOR PHD POSITIONS

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**Doctoral School of Social Sciences**

**Doctoral Programmes in**

**Economics and Finance,**

**Sociology and Social Research,**

**“Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society”**

**Cycle 39**

**Academic Year 2023/2024**

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**N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree n. 369 of May 17, 2023 is legally binding, the English version is provided for information only.**



## **Art. 1 – PURPOSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

This Announcement regulates the selection for admission to Academic Year 2023-2024 (39<sup>th</sup> cycle) of the following PhD Programmes:

1. Economics and Finance *in partnership with the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano according to art. 3 co. 2, lett. a) – Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021*;
2. Sociology and Social Research;
3. Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS)

**Deadline for application: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time)**

**Places and Scholarships:** see attachment 1

**School's Webpage:** <http://www.unitn.it/drss/>

**Announcement Webpage:** <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1907>

**Webpage about rights and duties of PhD students:** <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/52919>

**Start of the Academic Year:** November 1, 2023

**Duration:**

- Economics and Management: 4 years
- Sociology and Social Research: 4 years
- Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS): 3 years

**Official language of the PhD Programme:** English

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## **Art. 2 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The admission to one of the above-mentioned Doctoral Programmes follows a public selection according to the conditions set in Attachment 1 of the Call. For each Doctoral Programme listed above in art. 1 the file entails: scientific areas, research areas, structure of the Programme, doctoral positions, requirements for the admission, Programme of the examination, assessment criteria.
2. The submission of the application, as set forth in article 4, entails acceptance of the regulations of this announcement by the candidate.

Failure to accomplish with this announcement regulations drives to the exclusion from the selection procedure.

Attachments are part of the call.

3. Any further change or addition to the present call will be published on the [selection's website](#).

4. **General Information on scholarships:** [www.unitn.it/en/node/1937](http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1937).

The number of places covered by scholarships and/or by internship contracts and by other potential financial support may be augmented with funds from other universities, public research bodies or prestigious private companies, made available after the publication of this announcement and before the first step of the selection process. Any increase in the number of scholarships or other means of financial support shall result in a corresponding increase in the total number of available places. Such occurrence will be communicated [on line](#), and nowhere else.



## IMPORTANT:

- The results of the selection process will be published at the [selection's webpage](#), together with the list of applicants (using their application ID) that are not admitted to the selection after a formal check or after the evaluation of the foreign qualifications. No personal note will be sent to candidates. The University of Trento website is the only official source of information on the selection process.
- Instructions pertaining to the date, time and location of the oral examination/interview will be published at least 20 days before they take place on the [selection's webpage](#). Failure to present the candidate, for whatever reason, on the day, at the time and place of the scheduled tests is considered as a withdrawal from participation in the selection. Any changes to the date and/or location of the examinations will be published on the same web page.
- Without prejudice to the provisions of this article and of the following art. 6 co. 5 any notifications relating to the application will be sent by email to the address linked to the account registered on the system at the moment the application is closed. For candidates who have just completed or have ongoing work at the University of Trento, please check that the email address is correct at this link: [Profile data](#). If changes to personal contact details are necessary once the application has closed, please advise the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities ([phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)).

## Art. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold:
  - an Italian "Laurea Magistrale" (Master's Degree) or degree issued in accordance with the regulations in force prior to Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3 November 1999, amended by Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004;
  - or a second level university degree awarded by an Italian "AFAM" Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education);
  - or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad (*Master's degree*) at an officially recognized academic institution and which is considered suitable<sup>1</sup> by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of the admission to the PhD Programme. The degree must be equivalent to the Italian '*Laurea Magistrale*' (Master's Degree), in terms of duration, level and subject area<sup>2</sup> and must allow the access to an academic course equivalent to the PhD in the country/higher education system of provenance.
- Applications are also accepted from candidates who do not hold the required degree but expect to obtain it **by October 31, 2023**. In this case admission to the PhD Course will be subject to confirmation. The candidate must submit the certificate proving the obtained qualification or self-certification (using [Form A](#)) to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)) **no later than November 10, 2023**. Failure to provide the certificate by this date **will lead to exclusion**.
- It is in the applicant's interest to provide relevant and useful information for evaluation, especially if the higher education system of the country where the title was obtained is not comparable with the Italian one. The committee has the right to request additional information to assess the applicant's eligibility.
- Candidates who have already obtained a PhD degree can apply for a second PhD Programme only if the main research topics and scientific-disciplinary fields of the Doctorate programme for which the title was obtained are different. For applicants who have already benefited - even partially - from a doctoral scholarship the admission to the new PhD Programme can't be covered by a scholarship<sup>3</sup>.
- At the [selection's webpage](#) will be available the ID candidates list whose academic degree has been considered not eligible for the admission selection by the Admission Committee.

<sup>1</sup>The eligibility of a foreign academic degree will be assessed by the Admission Committee, following the rules in force or the academic degrees' recognition international treaties.

<sup>2</sup> For more information on the Italian University system visit the webpage: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html>

<sup>3</sup> [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".



## Art. 4 – APPLICATION

1. The application must be completed and submitted by **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time)**, exclusively through the online system: <https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>.
2. Applicants can access the online registration procedure in one of the following ways:
  - **with a SPID account or CIE** (Electronica Identity Card): those who have an Italian Tax Code (codice fiscale) and an Italian identity document must access the registration with CIE (more information are available at <https://www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it/>) or with SPID, the Italian Public Digital Identity 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 consult the website [How to activate SPID - 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).  
If you have a UniTrento account but you don't remember your password: <https://icts.unitn.it/password>.  
For further information on UniTrento username and password: <https://icts.unitn.it/accountpassword>.
  - **registration of UniTrento "guest" accounts**: anyone who does not have an Italian Tax Code can register a temporary account as a "guest". After enrollment, this account will be converted into a definitive@unitn.it account.  
To register a guest account: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/>.
3. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable application fee of **€15.00 (fifteen) by pagoPa system<sup>4</sup>**, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application on line ('Selection participation fee').
4. **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 those applications online not properly closed by candidates.**
5. Candidates will be considered totally responsible of the successful submission of their applications (candidates must check to have received the email of confirmation). Incomplete or irregular applications, or applications transmitted in ways other than those set out in this article, shall not be considered valid and candidates will consequently be excluded from selection process.
6. All applicants are admitted to the selection conditionally upon ascertaining that they fulfill 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 the 28.12.2000.
7. A candidate whose degree submitted does not satisfy the requirements specified in the art. 3 or the information provided in the application is not true, may be excluded from the selective procedure at any time, even after enrolment and the beginning of the PhD course.
8. According to Italian Law n. 104/92, Art. 20 and to Italian Law n. 68/99, Art. 16 (1), applicants with special needs or with learning disabilities, in accordance with their particular disability may explicitly request in their application special assistance or extra time during the examinations. In this case personal data will be processed in compliance with the current law as indicated in the GDPR Privacy notice (see art. 11).
9. For all purposes in law, the application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal details and information provided.
10. The candidate shall choose **only one Doctoral Programme** among "Economics and Finance", "Sociology and Social Research" and "Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS)".
11. **COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more compulsory attachments results in expulsion from the selection)<sup>5</sup>:
  - A. **Identifying document (ID)**: a copy of the **identity card** (for EU citizens) **or** of the **passport** (pages with photo, personal data, place and time of issue of the document, signature, expiration date of the document);
  - B. **Academic degree**:
    - 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, "Classe di Laurea", issuing University, award date and final grade / possible award date, examinations taken, dates of successful passing, grades and credits obtained (by using the form "[Declaration substituting Degree Certificate](#)"); graduates from the University of Trento may only declare the place and the date of award / foreseen date of award as the other information can be collected ex officio.

<sup>4</sup> More information at <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd-pagopa>.

<sup>5</sup> 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 <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1907>.



Italian degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by October 31, 2023 and therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection need also to provide a statement from the thesis supervisor or other academic/administrative supervisor/staff declaring that conferral of the University degree will occur by October 31, 2023.

**b. foreign qualification:**

• **already obtained:**

- a **certificate attesting to the possession of a second level university qualification** (see art. 3 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 university system of the country 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.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent<sup>6</sup> 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.

• **to be obtained (the following two points refer to foreign degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by October 31, 2023 and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection):**

- a **certificate of enrolment in a course of study that allows admission to a Doctoral Programme** (see art. 3 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.
- a letter signed by the thesis supervisor or other academic/administrative supervisor/staff stating that the candidate will obtain the academic title **by October 31, 2023**.

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.

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*<sup>7</sup> (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES), or;
- *Declaration of value*<sup>8</sup> 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*<sup>9</sup> awarded by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary for the evaluation of the qualification.

**C. curriculum vitae et studiorum**, including any research skills obtained by the applicants and any other academic degrees (2<sup>nd</sup> level Masters, PhD degrees, specializations, other high school education, etc.);

In the section of the online application, called "Curriculum vitae", applicants will also be asked to answer specific questions about any previous experience.

**D. a short research proposal in English** (about 3000 words/18.000 characters, excluding abstract and bibliography, if applicable), which must include a title and an abstract (about 150 words /900 characters), **regarding one of the research areas or the topics of the project specific scholarships indicated/listed in the Attachment 1.**

<sup>6</sup> Details at <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico>

<sup>7</sup> 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. See: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx>.

<sup>8</sup> See: <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>; <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html>.

<sup>9</sup> 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/incoming/diploma-verification>.



The proposal will be used to thoroughly assess the candidate's analytical and methodological skills and it is not necessarily expected to be the candidate's final research project.

**Each candidate can submit only one research proposal in the online section "Research proposal":** using the following scheme:

- Title
- Abstract (150 words = 900 characters)
- proposal (3000 words = 18.000 characters)
- Bibliography

Candidates competing also for a topic-specific scholarship must express their interest in the online application and submit a proposal whose subject is relevant to the research area of the scholarship.

Candidates may also opt for topic-specific grants made available after the publication of this call. In this case, candidates must express their intention to be considered for the additional scholarship to the Committee before the interview starts.

## 12. **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- an **international certificate** attesting the candidate's **knowledge of English** at the C1 level or higher in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)<sup>10</sup> if English is not the candidate's mother tongue or the candidate has not graduated from a BA or MA programme taught entirely in English.
- list (if applicable) of **scientific publications**;
- any **other qualifications**, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);
- any other documents which demonstrate the candidates' skills (awards, scholarships, post-graduate study and research activities and so on);
- **reference letters in English or in Italian**<sup>11</sup> (maximum 2).

Candidates can nominate **two referees**. Within 24 hours of the candidate completing and saving the referee section, the system will send an automatically generated email to the referee, giving instructions on how to complete and send the reference form.

Candidates are advised to make sure that their references are uploaded onto the website no later than the first step of the selection process (see dates and details at the [selection's webpage](#)).

13. If candidates have to upload further documents after the complete closing of their online application procedure, they are required to deliver additional documents **within the application's deadline** to the following email address: [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it) (please state in the email subject: "Application ID – Candidate's Last Name and Name – PhD Programme in ..... –39<sup>th</sup> cycle – supplement to application"). Additional materials which are not delivered using the specified method shall not be accepted.

## **Art. 5 – POSITIONS RESERVED TO APPLICANTS WORKING FOR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OR RESEARCH CENTERS IN ITALY OR ABROAD**

1. Applicants who collaborate with academic institutions or research centres in Italy or abroad can choose to compete for the place reserved for them only (see attachment 1, Doctoral Form 2 - PhD Programme in Sociology and Social Research).
2. When completing the online application for admission, they must choose the item "*Reserved position for applicants working for academic institutions/research centres*" in the section "Reserved positions" and attach, in addition to the documents indicated in the previous art. 4 of this call for applications, a declaration stating that they are effectively working for an academic institution or research centre in Italy or abroad, specifying the duration of the contract<sup>12</sup>, the contract amount (minimum amount equal to the amount of the doctoral scholarship of the University of Trento as indicated at the webpage [Doctoral scholarships](#)) and the kind of activities they are engaged in.
3. The selection for this position will be made in the same manner and on the same dates as the selection for the other positions.
4. For this reserved position the Selection Committee will draw up a separate ranking list.

<sup>10</sup> If no English certificate is provided in the application, the English knowledge will be tested during the interview.

<sup>11</sup> Failure to provide reference forms does not result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.

<sup>12</sup> It has to be a **formalized collaboration** lasting at least **24 months** from the start date of the Doctoral Programme.



In the case there are no eligible applicants, the place reserved for applicants working for academic institutions or research centres in Italy or abroad that has remained available cannot be assigned to other applicants.

## Art. 6 – SELECTION'S PROCEDURE

1. The Admission Committees are appointed by the Rector, advised by each PhD Programme Committee. Each Admission Committee is composed of at least three members chosen from among the university's permanent professors and researchers, including non-Italians, from the academic fields related to the PhD Programme. The Committee may also include a maximum of two other experts, including non-Italians, from either public or private research institutes.
2. The exams may take place in one of two modalities (at the candidate's choice):
  - a) at the University of Trento. Applicants are requested to show a valid ID document before the test/interview begins. Should the candidate fail to attend the exam for whatever reason this will be considered as renunciation of participation in the selection procedure;
  - b) by videoconference by using audio-video connection devices that allow the correct identification of the participants (by webcam) and the carrying out of the interview in public. The starting time of the exams will be scheduled by the Commission. Candidates must provide the same identification document attached to the application form. Failure to participate on the day or at the appointed time, or not providing ID documents will result in exclusion from the competition. The University accepts no responsibility in the case of technical problems that do not guarantee the proper conduct of the interview or the test.
3. Information regarding the date, time and place (University of Trento, if in presence) at which the interview will be held will be provided at least 20 days prior to the date of the exams on the competition website. Any changes to the dates of the selection will be published on the same website.

## Art. 7 – LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

1. Every Committee draws up a merit-based list of successful applicants<sup>13</sup> and one separate ranking list for the position reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers in Italy or abroad, engaged in highly qualified research activities that will be published at the [selection's webpage](#).
2. The available positions are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:
  - a. rank order;
  - b. candidate's eligibility for topic-specific grants. Please note that topic-specific grants are assigned following the ranking and until their maximum number is filled.
  - c. for positions reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers, the applicant's eligibility for that specific position.
3. The candidate who has been awarded a topic-specific grant, must accept it since the choice for a topic-specific grant he/she expressed in the application or to the Committee before the oral examination (in case of scholarships made available after the publication of this call), implies the candidate's preference for the award of that specific scholarship with respect to the others. Renouncing the topic-specific grant implies the exclusion of the candidate from the right to enroll in the PhD Programme. Unassigned topic-specific grants will result in the reduction of positions.

## Art. 8 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION

1. Candidates will be admitted to the PhD Programme according to their position in the ranking, until all the available places are filled.
2. Should two candidates obtain the same score:
  - as regards the awarding of the scholarship, the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding factor, in accordance with the criteria established by the Law of 9 April 2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations;
  - when neither candidate has applied for a scholarship, the younger of the two candidates will be selected.
3. If a successful candidate withdraws before the beginning of the course (November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023), the next candidate in the ranking will be admitted.

<sup>13</sup> Successful candidates will be listed using their **application ID**. Candidates are therefore requested to take careful note of the application ID generated by the system once they have finished their online application.



This candidate is expected to accept the offer **within 8 days** of the date of the communication from the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities.

If a candidate withdraws or is excluded before the end of the first quarter of the first year, the PhD Programme Committee may decide to offer his/her place to the next candidate on the shortlist.

4. Admitted applicants must accept the offer **within 8 days**, submitting the online application available at the [related webpage](#).
5. 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 PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: [phd.office-cssht@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssht@unitn.it)) **by November 10, 2023**:
  - scanned copy/pdf of the **academic diploma of the Master degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent) in the original or certified copy **together with the academic transcript of records**, possible official translations<sup>14</sup>, legalized or with an apostille affixed<sup>15</sup> 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** issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations country of origin of the institution that issued the title  
alternatively
  - **Statement of comparability of foreign university qualifications**<sup>16</sup> 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 10, 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 candidates who do not provide the required above-mentioned documents by November 8, 2021 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 for selection.

Forfeiture from the course will result in the obligation to return any monthly scholarship money received.

6. 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. 9 – SUPERNUMERARY POSITIONS

1. In accordance with art. 18, part 3 of the University Regulations regarding PhD Programmes, a number of supernumerary places without scholarships (indicated in Attachment 1) is available to candidates who belong to one of the following categories:
  - a) foreign nationality, eligible in the general ranking, who are granted scholarships by other entities;
  - b) shortlisted candidates from countries which have specific inter-governmental agreements with Italy, 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;
  - c) research fellows (*Assegnisti di ricerca*) whose contract lasts for a minimum of 24 months as from the starting date of the Programme and researching a subject relevant to the PhD Programme; such relevance has to be determined by the Doctoral Programme Committee;
  - d) employees in the public sector or in the state legal system. Admission is dependent on candidates being given leave of absence or exceptional leave, in accordance with article 2 of the Law of 13 August 1984, n. 476 and subsequent revisions<sup>17</sup>.
2. Candidates who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request, by submission of appropriate

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

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

<sup>16</sup> Per i servizi valutativi e di verifica dei titoli esteri mediante l'utilizzo della piattaforma Diplome si veda: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>

<sup>17</sup> Neither public employees who have already been awarded PhDs, nor those who have been enrolled on a PhD Programme for at least one academic year (having been granted exceptional leave), are entitled to exceptional leave, either with or without research grants, whatever their subject area.





documentation proving their status to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)), their acceptance of such admission also **within 8 days** starting from the day following publication of the ranking.

3. Acceptance of the supernumerary admission is disposed within the limit of positions indicated in Attachment 1, following the order of the final ranking.
4. After verifying the documents referred to in paragraph 2, the candidates who will be admitted supernumerary will receive email confirmation from the Humanities and Cognitive Sciences Area - PhD Office and must declare acceptance of the position, by using the appropriate procedure online (see art. 7, 4), **within 8 days** from the day following the day of receipt of such notice.

## Art. 10 – ENROLMENT

1. The registration in the doctoral programme will automatically be made official as soon as the PhD Programmes' requirements verification by the Ministry of Education, University and Research for the 2023/2024 AY has been completed. In case of accreditation not confirmed, candidates who have accepted the position will receive a timely notification via email and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.
2. To complete the enrolment candidate who has obtained the qualification abroad, upon arrival in Italy, will have to show the official documents (in original or certified copy), relating to the academic path, already anticipated in a scanned form in phase of admission to the competition or during the acceptance of the position, in order to allow the appropriate verification of the validity of the qualifications, also through the national information centers on the recognition of foreign securities belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Until such time candidates are admitted to the course with reserve and may be excluded if they do not meet the requirements.

## Art. 11– INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TO RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Without prejudice to the Italian law on copyright (legislative decree 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), the use of results derived from doctoral research conducted with scholarships financed by external bodies may be subject to restrictions imposed by specific funding agreements; doctoral grant-holders will be informed upon award of the scholarship of any such restrictions.
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. If the research is funded by private or public entities other than the University, the PhD student is required to sign a specific declaration, to allow the University to comply with the obligations regarding intellectual property towards the funding body and possibly a confidentiality agreement with the funding body, if required.

## Art. 12 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

### A. PhD Programme “Sociology and Social Research” and PhD Programme “Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS)”

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](mailto:ateneo@pec.unitn.it); [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto: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](mailto: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 authorised 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

### B. **PhD Programme “Economics and Finance” in partnership with the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano**

In compliance to Article 13 of the “General Data Protection Regulation” (hereinafter, “GDPR”), the University of Trento and the *Free University of Bozen-Bolzano* provide to persons who want to participate in the selection procedures to be admitted to Doctoral Programmes (hereinafter “Data subjects”) with the following information.

#### 1. **The Data joint Controller**

The data joint controllers are:

- **the University of Trento**, via Calepina 14, 38122 Trento, email: [ateneo@pec.unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.unitn.it); [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it).
- **the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano**, Piazza Università, 1, 39100 Bolzano BZ, email: [administration@pec.unibz.it](mailto:administration@pec.unibz.it)

The Data joint Controller have signed the internal agreement required by Article 26 of the GDPR

#### 2. **Contact details of the Data Protection Officers**

- The data subjects may contact the Data Protection Officers (**DPO or RPD**) to have information about processing of their personal data by writing to:
  - for the University of Trento, [rpdp@unitn.it](mailto:rpdp@unitn.it);
  - for the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano of [privacy@unibz.it](mailto:privacy@unibz.it)

#### 3. **Purpose of the processing and legal basis**

The Data joint Controller process personal data as part of the performance of their 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 authorised 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 Data joint Controller regulations on managing and storage of documents issued within their 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 joint 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. 13 – REGULATIONS**

1. For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to art. 4 of Law n. 210 of 3 July 1998, as amended by art.19 paragraph 1 of Law n. 240 of 30 December 2010, 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 and to the Regulations of the PhD Programmes available at <http://www.unitn.it/drss/node/151>.
2. The call will be published on the University of Trento, Euraxess and MIUR websites.
3. Potential changes or improvements to the call will be published at the [selection's website](#).



1) **PhD Programme in Economics and Finance**  
*(in partnership with the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano according to art. 3 co. 2, lett. a) – Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021)*

**Places:** n. 4

**Scholarships:** n. 4

- 2 funded by the University of Trento;
- 2 funded by the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano;

**Places not covered by scholarship:** n. 0

**Supernumerary places** (*art. 9 of the Call*): n. 1

*Research areas:*

- Behavioural Economics
- Economic Policy Analysis
- Financial Markets
- Quantitative Methods

In the 39<sup>th</sup> cycle, particular emphasis will be given to research proposals on the following subjects:

- Economic development and institutions
- Monetary and fiscal policies
- Economic choices and energy transition
- Financial risk management
- Enterprises and international markets
- Investment tools and optimization
- Evaluation of public policies

The PhD programme aims to train researchers with solid quantitative and theoretical skills capable of analyzing economic and financial phenomena. The candidate's thesis must be oriented towards the utmost scientific rigour and present innovative characters that make it publishable in prestigious international journals subject to peer-review. The programme aims to contribute to the international scientific debate on economics and finance. In this perspective, candidates will be encouraged to use methodologies that reflect the state of the art and to adopt a multidisciplinary approach. PhD students will be encouraged to spend a training period abroad at universities or institutions that develop topics similar to the candidate's interests. Objective of the period abroad is also to progressively extend the network of international collaborations, both to expand the training portfolio and to start research projects.

The advanced training provided by the programme and the working method required to complete the thesis make the candidate ready both for the academic career and for entry into the job market in high level positions with analysis and guidance tasks.

*The doctoral programme:*

The duration of the programme is 4 years for a total amount of 180 credits.

The doctoral training is the following:

1<sup>st</sup> year: compulsory attendance of core and elective courses; preparation of the research activity;

2<sup>nd</sup> year: research project;

3<sup>rd</sup> year: research;

4<sup>th</sup> year: research and discussion of the thesis

- Admission to the second year is conditional upon passing the first year exams and submitting



the thesis plan according to the criteria defined in the Internal Regulations of the Doctoral Programme.

- Admission to the third year is subject to the presentation of the first chapter (paper) of the thesis.
- Admission to the fourth year is bound to the presentation of the second chapter (paper) of the
- Positive evaluation of the thesis by the commission composed of one internal member and two members

external.

Further information on the structure of the Programme and research abroad is available on the web page of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences.

*Selection Process:*

Selection process is based on candidates' titles, research project and an interview.

Applicants will be shortlisted according to the output of the title assessment as stated in art. 4 of the call.

The list of the candidates admitted to the interview will be published at the [selection's webpage](#).

The chosen candidates will be listed using their application ID.

Candidates are therefore requested to take careful note of the application ID generated by the system once they have finished their online application.

The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in English in order to assess their competences, research skills and their motivation. If no English certificate at least level C1 has been provided in the application, the candidate's English knowledge will be tested during the interview.

Conditions for the interview are ruled in art. 6 of this Call.

At the end of the selection procedure the Admission Committee will draw up the ranking of candidates based on the score obtained in the interview.

*Programme of the interview*

The interview will be focused on the basic knowledge of the topics of the Doctoral Programme and the research project, on the previous experiences' qualifications of the candidates.

*Criteria of assessment*

The selection outcome is given from the evaluation of the interview.

The assessment of the titles has no relevance.

To be admitted in the overall ranking candidates shall score at least: **60/100**.

The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the selection's webpage <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1907>



## 2) PhD Programme in Sociology and Social Research

**Places:** n. 6

**Scholarships:** n. 5 (*funded by the University of Trento*)

**Places not covered by scholarship:** n. 0

**Positions reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers in Italy or abroad ex. art. 17 par. 2, letter e) of the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes:** n. 1 (see art. 5 of the present Call)

**Furthermore, candidates selected by dedicated committees are also eligible for the 39th cycle, as they are involved in specific international mobility programs in which the University of Trento participates.**

**Supernumerary places** (*art. 9 of the Call*): n. 0

The PhD Programme in **Sociology and Social Research** is open to proposals on all kinds of topics related to Sociological research. Particular attention will be paid to proposals fitting in the following research areas highlighted in the description of the PhD programme, among them:

- *social and demographic change;*
- *comparative sociology; welfare and social policies;*
- *social inequality studies and stratification research (class, education, cohort, gender);*
- *economic sociology, labour market and organizational studies;*
- *migration studies;*
- *political sociology (political participation, social movements, public opinion research);*
- *digital sociology, computational social sciences*
- *communication and cultural sociology*
- *cognitive sociology.*

(please refer to the [webpage](#) for details)

### *The Doctoral Programme:*

The duration of the Programme is **4 years** for a total amount of 180 credits.

The Doctoral Programme in Sociology and Social Research aims at forming highly qualified researchers able to do both applied and fundamental research in Universities and scientific research centres or market research institutes.

In particular, the Programme aims to educate professionals that will be able to apply their knowledge in an interdisciplinary fashion, based on the education they acquire during this post-graduate Programme in the various areas covered by the Department of Sociology and Social Research.

The PhD programme offers students a stimulating research environment and important opportunities for skills and career development. Our doctoral students usually spend a longer period of research abroad.

Besides providing a solid foundation in the discipline, including a broad range of quantitative and qualitative methods, the Programme places a strong emphasis on theoretically driven empirical sociology. The PhD programme consists of a set of shared mandatory courses in the first year and a series of specialized courses and elective seminars in the second year. Topics covered include classical and contemporary sociological theories, various statistical and research methods, as well as substantive issues. Students are encouraged to confront themselves with theories, approaches and methodologies of all social sciences. Courses on academic writing are offered as well. The course programme involves international visiting scholars, we offer the opportunity to participate in various summer/winter schools, and there is a rich programme of seminars and conferences organized by the department or school.

The Regulations of the Doctoral Programme in Sociology and Social Research here available <http://www.unitn.it/drss/node/151>.

The Doctoral Programme may offer some preparatory courses and 'crash courses' of specialization from September 2023.

Further information on the structure of the Programme and research abroad is available on the webpage: <https://www.unitn.it/drss/>.

### *Selection process:*

A shortlist will be compiled according to the outputs of two assessments:

- titles assessment and evaluation of the research project according to art. 4 of the call;



- multiple choice test.

The multiple-choice test assessed the basic knowledge of the candidates on methodology and techniques adopted in social research. Applicants with a score of 20/30 and above will sit the interview.

For the preparation of the test the following might be helpful: G. Corbetta (2003): Social Research: Theory, Methods and Techniques, London, Sage.

The multiple-choice test will be carried out through the use of computers made available at the School of Social Sciences. Alternatively, the test can be conducted remotely online, in accordance with the provisions of art. 6 paragraph 2 of this notice, provided that the necessary conditions are met to ensure the regularity of the performance of the tests (verification of the identity of the candidate and correctness of the exam).

Further technical information will be provided in due time by the doctoral secretariat.

After the titles assessment and the research project evaluation, the list of the shortlisted candidates will be posted at the [selection's webpage](#).

Once test results will be provided, the list of the candidates admitted to the interview will be posted at the [selection's webpage](#).

The chosen candidates will be listed using their application ID.

Candidates are therefore requested to take careful note of the application ID generated by the system once they have finished their online application.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in English in order to assess their competences, research skills and their motivation.

We request C1 level of English competences. If no certificate has been provided with the application, candidate's English knowledge will be tested during the interview.

Conditions for the interview are ruled in art. 6 of this Call.

The Admission Committee compiles a ranking list according to the results of the interview.

#### *Interview*

The interview will assess the candidates' level of knowledge on the main theoretical and methodological topics of Sociology; the interview will further check up on the research areas the candidates' presented in their project as well as their connection to the intellectual and professional profile of the candidates.

#### *Criteria of assessment*

The Committee draws up a merit-based list of successful applicants (the selection outcome is given from the evaluation of the interview. The assessment of the titles has no relevance) and one separate ranking list for the position reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers in Italy or abroad, engaged in highly qualified research activities.

To be admitted in the overall ranking candidates shall score at least: 60/100.

The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the selection's webpage <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1907>



### 3) PhD programme in Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS)

**Places:** n. 6

**Scholarships:** n. 6

- 5 funded by the University of Trento;
- 1 funded by Istituto di Ricerca sullo Sviluppo Economico sostenibile IRCRES - CNR on the following topic: "Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development".

**Places not covered by scholarship:** n. 0

**Supernumerary places** (art. 9 of the Call): n. 1

The PhD in Sustainability: Economics, Environment, Management and Society (SUSTEEMS) is a rigorous training and research program which will provide PhD students with the know-how to investigate, develop and implement models and methods in the multidisciplinary nexus of economic, environmental and social sustainability. Such methodologies including: sustainable economic models and tools for managing natural resources, sustainable business and management models and tools for companies, institutions, for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Every year the Programme Committee selects a list of research topics covering the three dimensions of sustainability, i.e. the economic, environmental and social dimensions.

In the 39th cycle, particular emphasis will be given to research proposals on the following subjects:

- *Sustainability measurement, risk assessment and impact evaluation of climate change, green technologies, social innovation, etc.*
- *Non-market valuation for sustainability.*
- *The impact of regulations and norms on sustainable development.*
- *Business models in a world of technological and organizational change, and social innovation.*
- *Sustainable management of businesses, organizations and territories with particular attention to tourism and cultural activities.*
- *Economic inequality, female employment, and sustainability*
- *Economic development, sustainable trade, sustainability of regions and cities*

In addition, there is the topic related to the scholarship offered by the Istituto di Ricerca sullo Sviluppo Economico sostenibile IRCRES - CNR: "Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development".

For more information see the dedicated webpage: <https://www.unitn.it/drss/susteems/1116/project-specific-scholarship-39th-cycle>

*The doctoral Programme is organized over the course of 3 years (and 180 credits) as follows:*

1st year: compulsory attendance of core and elective courses; preparation of the research proposal

2nd year: research and period abroad (at least 3 months)

3rd year: research and finalization of the thesis (which will include three research papers).

The teaching activities, aimed at providing advanced knowledge, quantitative and qualitative methods, and management tools to deal with the complexity of research on the multidisciplinary topic of sustainability, is divided into four levels:

- 1) Courses providing advanced methodological knowledge (joint with other doctoral programs of the Doctoral School of Social Science);
- 2) Courses providing theoretical knowledge about the three dimensions of sustainability and the tools for sustainable management of natural resources, businesses, institutions and organizations;





3) Elective specialized courses, allowing the PhD student to explore their research interests by choosing from the courses offered by the Departments and Centers involved in the programme;

4) Individualized, in-depth work, which includes seminars, participation in workshops, courses and summer schools offered by the network of partner universities, research centers and higher education consortia in Italy or abroad.

The Doctoral Programme may offer some preparatory courses and 'crash courses' from September 2023. The attendance of the above-mentioned courses will be evaluated case by case through individual talks.

Doctoral students are admitted to the 2nd year when they have completed the 1st year coursework and have accomplished the requirements fixed in the Regulations of the Doctoral Programme here available <https://www.unitn.it/drss/susteems>

*Selection Process:*

Selection process is based on candidates' CVs, research project and an interview.

Applicants will be shortlisted by screening their CVs and research proposals as stated in art. 4 of the Call.

The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in English in order to assess their competences, research skills and their motivation. If no English certificate of at least level C1 will be provided in the application, the candidate's English knowledge will be tested during the interview.

Conditions for the interview are ruled in art. 6 of this Call.

*Programme of the interview*

The interview will be focused on the basic knowledge of the themes of the Doctoral Programme, on the research project and on the previous experiences and qualifications of the candidates.

*Criteria of assessment*

The final selection is based on interview. The assessment of the titles will have no relevance at that point.

In order to be admitted to the program, the candidates need an overall score of at least: 60/100.

The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the selection's webpage <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1907>