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Call for applicants to the Doctoral Programme in

**“Cognitive Science” (37<sup>th</sup> cycle)**

Academic Year 2021/2022

**N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector’s Decree n. 388 of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 (Annex 1) is legally binding; the English version is provided for information only.**



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

The University of Trento, in collaboration with the Fondazione Bruno Kessler, announces the 37<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Doctoral Programme in “Cognitive Science” for the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Positions:** n. 12  
**Scholarships:** n. 12

The grants are funded as follows:

- **6 grants** financed by the **University of Trento**;
- **2 grants** financed by the **Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences** within the Departments of Excellence Project - Law 232/2016
- **4 grants** financed by the **Fondazione Bruno Kessler** on the topics:
  - *Olfactory information extraction and analysis;*
  - *Educational technologies;*
  - *Game-based motivational technologies for personalized collaborative learning;*
  - *Personal agents for healthy coping interventions in healthcare.*

The topic-specific grants are conditional to the execution of a particular research topic for which specific skills are required. Those interested in a topic-specific grant should carefully check the topic and required skillset indicated on the web page: [www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/182](http://www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/182)

**General information about scholarships:** <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1937>

**Supernumerary positions:** n. 1 (*reserved to candidates fulfilling the requirements stated by art. 20, par. 3 of the University Regulations regarding PhD Programmes*)

**Deadline for application:** July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 4:00pm Italian time

**Duration:** 3 years

**Start of the Academic Year:** November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Official language:** Italian and English  
All doctoral students are encouraged to learn Italian during their studies.

**Head of Course:** Prof. Maria Paola Paladino  
Email: [phd.dipsco@unitn.it](mailto:phd.dipsco@unitn.it)

**PhD Programme Info:** <http://www.unitn.it/drsc/en>

**Announcement webpage:** [www.unitn.it/en/node/1941](http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1941)

**Rights and duties:** [www.unitn.it/en/node/52919](http://www.unitn.it/en/node/52919)



**Research items performed within the PhD program:**

Psychology

Attention and executive function  
Development of psychometric models of cognitive functions  
Emotions and emotional regulation  
Epistemological foundations of cognitive science  
Gender and gender relations  
Judgment, decision-making and reasoning in law, economics and health  
Learned regulation of brain signals  
Parenting: biology and environmental factors  
Psychology and Clinical research methodology  
Psychology of Language, Linguistics and Neurolinguistics  
Social cognition and intergroup relations  
Statistical and psychometric techniques for complex data  
Typical and atypical development  
Work, organizational and personnel psychology

Cognitive Technologies

Automatic analysis of human behavior  
(Automatic) Natural language processing  
Cognitive ergonomics and interaction with intelligent systems  
Interaction with Big Data and decision-making  
Technology for education

Education and training

Inclusive processes in educational contexts  
Media, eLearning and Learning Communities online in educational processes  
Quality of education and training process

The number of places covered by scholarships and/or by internship contracts and by other potential financial support may be increased with funds from other universities, public research bodies or prestigious private companies, made available after the publication of this announcement and before the evaluation of qualifications. Any such increase will be communicated online, and nowhere else, at the [announcement webpage](#).

**IMPORTANT:** Intermediate and final stage selection results, i.e., the list of candidates (identifiable through ID number) who are excluded from the process after official checks and the list of candidates whose foreign degree was not considered suitable by the admissions committee, will be published on the [announcement Webpage](#).

The publication on the web portal is to all intents and purposes a notification: candidates will not receive personal communications.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the following articles 5 co. 8 and 6 co. 5 of this selection announcement, any notices related to the selection will be sent via e-mail to the e-mail address indicated in the online application in the "Email address for notification" section. It is therefore advisable to regularly check the personal inbox and inform the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities ([phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)) of any changes to the email address compared to that reported in the online application.

Due to the unpredictable Covid-19 health emergency situation, during the academic year 2021/22 in order not to stop teaching and research doctoral activities, the same could be given both in person and remotely.



## Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for admission to the PhD Programme described above are accepted from candidates (regardless of gender, age, religion or nationality), who hold:
  - a. an Italian “Laurea Specialistica” o “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;
  - b. or a second level university degree awarded by an Italian “AFAM” Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education);
  - c. or an equivalent degree qualification (*Master's degree*) obtained abroad at an officially recognized academic institution which give access to an academic course equivalent to the PhD in the country/higher education system where the degree was issued (unless there are substantial differences). Foreign qualifications must be equivalent to the Italian ‘*Laurea Magistrale*’ (master's degree) in terms of duration, level and subject area<sup>1</sup> and must be evaluated as suitable<sup>2</sup> by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of participating in this admissions process.
2. Applications are also accepted from candidates who do not have the required academic qualification but will obtain it by and no later than **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.  
In this case, admission is “conditional” and applicants must provide the Secretariat of the Doctoral Course in “Cognitive Science” (Email [phd.dipsco@unitn.it](mailto:phd.dipsco@unitn.it)) **no later than August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021** with:
  - a degree certificate proving the obtained qualification or self-certification (using the [Annex A](#));
  - a document reporting a summary of the master' thesis in addition to any other relevant information about the role, and the skills acquired, during research related experiences (in pdf format).Failure to provide the degree certificate or the self-declaration will lead to forfeiture of grant and position.
3. Candidates who hold a foreign academic qualification that has already been declared equivalent to an Italian degree should upload in the online application the Rectoral Decree of the Italian University that has issued the academic qualification.  
If the qualification has not already been declared equivalent, the specific documentation described below (article 4) must be uploaded.
4. It is the candidate's responsibility to provide all documents useful to their evaluation, especially if the higher education system of the country where the title was obtained is not comparable with the Italian one. The admissions committee may request further documentation via the administrative offices, if deemed necessary in order to establish suitability of the qualification before the start of the selection process.
5. Applications are also accepted from candidates who have already obtained a PhD degree if the main research topics and scientific-disciplinary fields of the Doctorate programme for which the title was obtained are different from those described in the Art. 1. For applicants who have already benefited - even partially - from a scholarship, admission to the new PhD Programme can't be covered by a scholarship<sup>3</sup>.
6. The list of candidate application IDs whose academic qualification has been considered **ineligible** by the admissions committee will be published on the <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1941>.

## Art. 3 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The programme is shown on the web page of the doctoral course: [www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/184](http://www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/184).

<sup>1</sup> For further information about the university system in Italy: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html>

<sup>2</sup> Suitability of foreign qualifications will be ascertained by the admissions committee in accordance with current legislation and international accords for further education.

<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”



**IMPORTANT:** In the second year, all enrolled phd students are required to spend a study period of research abroad for a minimum of six months.

#### Art. 4 – APPLICATION

1. The application must be completed and submitted **by 4:00 p.m. Italian time of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, exclusively through the online system: <https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>. Applicants who do not have an account at the University of Trento must register in advance at: <http://www.unitn.it/en/account><sup>4</sup>.
2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable **application fee of 15.00 Euro (fifteen)**, to be paid by credit card<sup>5</sup> payment system according to the instructions given in the appropriate section of the online application.
3. **Candidates are recommended to check that they have received an email confirming that their application has been successfully completed and submitted. The administration is not responsible for any on-line applications improperly closed by candidates.**

The candidate is wholly responsible for ensuring that his/her application is complete and correct. Incomplete or irregular applications, missing attachments, non-payment of the participation fee, or applications transmitted in ways other than those set out in this article, shall not be considered valid and will consequently be excluded from selection process.

Admission to the selection procedure is **conditional upon verification that a candidate fulfils the admission requirements.**

The University of Trento is entitled to sample-check such requirements, as per art. 71, and ensuing Law n. 445 of 28 December 2000.

**A candidate whose degree submitted does not satisfy the requirements specified in the art. 2 or the information provided in the application is not true, may be excluded at any time - from the selective procedure or even after enrolment and the beginning of the PhD course.**

4. In accordance with Law 104/92, art. 20 and Law 68/99, art. 16, paragraph 1, disabled candidates or those with learning disabilities may request, in their on-line application, any necessary additional support or time required in order to undergo an interview. All personal data will be treated in accordance with the privacy criteria set out by the Legislative Decree 196/03, "Data protection code" (see art. 11 below).
5. For all purposes in law, the application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal details, qualifications and information provided.
6. **MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (candidates will be excluded from the selection process if one or more of the mandatory attachments are missing<sup>6</sup>)
  - a) **ID document:** Copy of **identity card** (for EU citizens) or **passport**, in particular of the pages that include the photo, personal details, signature, document number, date and place of issue, expiration date;
  - b) **Academic documents:**
    - **For candidates holding an Italian qualification:** self-declaration using the appropriate form as per art. 46 of Law no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments (drafted using the [Annex A](#) attachment), stating that the

<sup>4</sup> 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 two full working days.

<sup>5</sup> The POS accepts the following: Visa (ex. Nexi/Cartasi, Postepay), V-Pay, Maestro, MasterCard, NexiPay, MasterPass Wallet.

<sup>6</sup> The ID numbers of candidates not admitted, due submission of incomplete applications, will be published at: <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1941/announcement-of-selection>.



candidate holds the academic qualification, the degree type, date awarded, issuing university, overall grade, list of examinations with dates, credits (if applicable) and grades attained.

Trento University students need only to declare their graduation date; other information will be acquired internally.

**If candidates have yet to be awarded their degree at the time of applying:**

(The following two points refer to **Italian degree applicants who expect to complete it by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021** and therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection):

- self-declaration using the [Annex A](#) (as per art. 46 of the Law n. 445 of 28 December 2000 and subsequent amendments) with the list of examinations, credits and marks attained and the expected graduation date.

Trento University students need only to declare the date they expect to graduate; other information will be acquired internally.

- a letter signed by their thesis supervisor, or other academic or administrative responsible, stating that the degree is expected to be acquired by the candidate by **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.

- **For candidates holding a foreign qualification:**

- degree's certificate stating the 2nd level degree obtainment (see art. 2 co. 1 lett c.) issued by the institution which awarded the academic title, specifying the type of degree, the graduation date and the related score;

- list of exams (*Academic Transcript of Records of Master's degree*) with credits (if provided for in the university system of the country that issued it), grades and Grading System. If the academic career is divided into first and second level, then also the first level degree certificate (*Bachelor's degree*) and the list of exams taken to obtain the title (*Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree*) should be attached.

Should the above-mentioned documents be written in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by an Italian or English translation made, on a provisional basis, by the candidate who assumes responsibility for the veracity of the translation and compliance with the original text, in order to allow the Admission Committee to evaluate the eligibility of the certificate, for the sole purpose of participating in this admissions process.

In addition, if available, one of the following documents:

- *Diploma Supplement*<sup>7</sup> (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO / CEPES);
- *Declaration of value*<sup>8</sup> which certifies that the educational qualification held gives access to PhD-level studies in the country where awarded (third level of higher education according to the Bologna Process - European Higher Education Area; EQF level 8);

The Declaration of value can be replaced by the *Statement of comparability - university qualification*<sup>9</sup> issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA), as long as it shows all the information necessary for the evaluation of the qualification.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as **equivalent**<sup>10</sup> to a second cycle Italian qualification **by the competent academic bodies of Italian**

<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>; [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239_en.htm)

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

<sup>9</sup> See: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-certificazione-dei-titoli/attestati-comparabilita-certificazione-titoli-overview.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> Details at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/pil-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/qualifiche-del-sistema-universitario.aspx>



**universities**, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached in the appropriate section of the online application.

**If candidates have yet to be awarded their degree at the time of applying:**

*(The following two points refer to **foreign degree applicants who expect to complete it by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021** and are therefore “conditionally” admitted to the selection):*

- an enrolment certificate in a course of study allowing access to the Doctorate (see Art. 2 par. 1 letter c), with the list of exams taken, related credits (if provided) and grades, and the Rating Scale (Academic Transcript of Records). If the university course is divided into 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level, the Bachelor's degree as well as the list of exams taken to obtain the title (Academic Transcript of Bachelor's degree) should also be attached. If the certificate and transcript are in a language other than English, the documentation must be accompanied by a translation in English carried out by the same candidate under her/his own responsibility.
  - a letter signed by the thesis supervisor, or other academic or administrative responsible, stating that the degree is expected to be acquired by the candidate **by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.
- c) **Motivation letter** (in Italian or in English) indicating why you chose to join a PhD and in particular the PhD program in Cognitive Science.
- d) **curriculum vitae et studiorum** (in Italian or in English, preferably using the [Europass format](#)) including any research skills obtained by the applicants, any other academic degrees (2nd level Masters, PhD degrees, specializations, other high school education, etc.), or any other document relevant to the topic of the call (list of publications, participation in conferences, etc.).
- e) **Document reporting a summary of the master' thesis** (rationale, research methods, results and implications) in addition to any other relevant information about the role, and the skills acquired, during research related experiences (max 2,000 words, in Italian or English). **Applicants who have not yet obtained the degree** when applying and expect to be awarded their degree by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 have to provide the abstract of the degree dissertation in pdf format via email ([phd.dipsco@unitn.it](mailto:phd.dipsco@unitn.it)) **by August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (upon penalty of exclusion)**.
- f) **A research project** (only one) in Italian or in English language (approximately 3,000 words, excluding references and abstracts) accompanied by abstract (approximately 150 words) and bibliography. It is to be filled in following the guidelines of the attached [Annex B](#), related to one of the research areas listed in Art. 1.  
The project have to be potentially feasible in the Doctoral Course with the supervising of a component of the PhD Committee (please check the areas of interest of teachers at link [www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/181](http://www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/181) and the topic-specific grants page at [www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/182](http://www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/182)).

**7. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- a) List of publications;
- b) copy of the degree dissertation;
- c) certificates (if any) proving the knowledge of the English language;
- d) any other documents useful to demonstrate the candidates' research skills and their abilities;
- e) Letters of presentation (maximum 2) in English or in Italian, by experts in the research sector of the doctoral course, either belonging to the university staff or working in national or international research institutes.



When the referee section of the Application package is closed, the system will automatically send a notice email, by 24 hours, to the referees. The email message will contain instructions and the transmission modalities.

Candidates are recommended to verify with their referees that the presentation letters are uploaded onto the website **by August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

**Only documents in English or Italian will be taken into consideration for the selection by the Admissions Committee.**

8. If candidates need to upload further documents after completing their online application and closing the procedure, they are required to deliver these **by the deadline for application** to the following email address: [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it) (stating in the email's subject field: "Application ID – Surname and Name – PhD Programme in Cognitive Science – 37th cycle – supplement to application"). **Additional documents submitted by different means will be disregarded.**

### Art. 5 – ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATIONS

1. The Admissions Committee is appointed by the Rector after consultation with the PhD Programme Committee. It is composed of at least three members chosen from among the university's permanent professors and researchers, including non-Italians, qualified in the academic fields related to the PhD Programme. The Committee may also include a maximum of two other experts, of any nationality, selected from either public or private research institutes.
2. The selection consists of:
  - a. an **evaluation of the CV, the qualifications and the research project** presented, in accordance with the criteria established by the admissions committee;
  - b) an **interview** for the assessment of the research knowledge and the attitude of the candidate to the research in the fields of the research project presented. The selection may be held in Italian or in English language prior authorization by the Admission Committee. In any case, candidates have to demonstrate a good knowledge of English.
3. Candidates who intend to compete also for a **topic-specific grant**, indicated in the article n.1 of this call, must express their interest in the application on line and present a project related to the specific topic; they will be evaluated on the knowledge of the specific subject matter(s) of that grant during the interview.
4. Candidates may also opt for additional topic-specific grants made available after the deadline of this call. In order to be considered for the additional topic-specific positions, the candidates must express their intention to the Committee before the oral exam during the identification process. In such case, their knowledge on the specific topic of the scholarships will be evaluated during the interview.
5. The option for a topic-specific grant expressed by a candidate implies the preference of the candidate for the award of that specific scholarship with respect to all others.
6. The Admissions Committee can assign each candidate a total of 120 points as follows:
  - 60 points for qualifications and research project' assessment;
  - 60 points for the interview.

**In order to be admitted to the interview** candidates must reach a **minimum score of 36/60** in the assessment of qualifications and research project.

Candidates who obtain a **minimum score of 36/60** points are considered to have **passed the interview**.
7. The list of candidates admitted to the interview will be published after the assessment of qualifications on the [selection's web page](#).

**N.B. The results of the selection - interim and final - will be posted on the website with the ID of the application. It is therefore recommended that candidates keep the ID so to check their results**
8. The interviews will be held online using audio-video connection tools, that allow:





- the correct identification of the participants (through a webcam);
- the conduction of the oral test in a public form.

Further details will be posted on the call for selection web site.

The date and time of the oral exam will be published on the selection website at least 20 days in advance.

The candidates not showing up at the oral exam will be considered as renouncing their participation to the selection procedure, whatever the reason.

Possible changes in the date of the examinations will be posted on the selection web page.

In order to be admitted to the oral exam the candidate must provide a valid photo ID/passport.

To simplify the identification procedures, the ID should preferably be the same document attached when filling in the online application.

### Art. 6 – RANKING

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Committee will finalize their ranking by combining the points assigned for assessment of qualifications and research project with those for the interview.
2. Scholarships are awarded to candidates on the basis of:
  - a) their position in the final ranking
  - b) scholarships for topic-specific PhD places according to position in the ranking and the number of scholarships available. The Admissions Committee's evaluation of a candidate's suitability based on his/her educational profile is a decisive factor in the allocation of these topic specific's positions.
3. **Application for a topic-specific grant implies the candidate's preference for that specific position with respect to the others.** The successful applicant awarded the topic-specific scholarship is therefore required to accept it; **renouncing the topic-specific position results in the candidate losing his/her right to enrol in the PhD Programme.**
4. Non-allocation of such scholarships results in a reduction in the number of places available.
5. The ranked list (using candidates' application IDs) will be published on the [Announcement webpage](#). **Publication of this ranked list means that notification has been carried out officially. Successful candidates will not receive any personal communications**, since the ranked list of candidates will be posted on the website.

### Art. 7– ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER

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, the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding factor for funded places, in accordance with the criteria established by the Law of 9 April 2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations.
3. If a successful candidate withdraws before the beginning of the course (November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021), the next candidate in the ranking will be admitted. Such a candidate is expected to accept the offer **within 8 days** of receipt of communication from the relevant University Office (PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities).

If a candidate withdraws or is excluded within the first three months of the first year, the PhD Programme Committee may decide to offer their place to the next candidate on the shortlist.
4. Successful candidates must confirm that they accept the PhD place offered **within 8 days** of publication of the shortlist. Offers are accepted online and instructions can be found at <https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1928>.
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 8, 2021**:



- **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**, possible official translations<sup>11</sup>, legalized or with an apostille affixed<sup>12</sup> (please carefully verify the fulfillment of the requirements of 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** issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA<sup>13</sup>) 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 8, 2021, 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 12 months from the starting date of the Programme;
- upon verification, their title is not in compliance with the requirements of this call for selection.

6. Successful candidates who fail to submit their acceptance according to the terms and procedures set out in par. 4 of this article, lose their right to enrol. Their places will be made available to other eligible candidates, in order of their position on the shortlist.

## Art. 8 –SUPERNUMERARY POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH POSITIONS

1. According to Art. 20, par. 3 of the University Regulations for Doctorates of Research, the Admission Committee may admit **1 supernumerary** candidate without a university scholarship, if such candidates belong to one of the following cases:
  - 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. The candidate must be 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>14</sup>.

<sup>11</sup> See: <https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/servizi/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti.html>;

<sup>12</sup> See: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-13.html>

<sup>13</sup> Details at: <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-certificazione-dei-titoli/attestati-comparabilita-certificazione-titoli-overview.aspx>

<sup>14</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.



2. Candidates who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request, by submission of appropriate 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) - fax +39 0461 282191), their acceptance of such admission also **within 8 days** starting from the next day of the publication of the ranking list.
3. Supernumerary admission is disposed within the limit of the positions specified in art. 1 following the order of the final ranking.
4. After verification of the documents referred to in paragraph 2, the candidates who will be admitted in supernumerary position will receive email confirmation from the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities and must provide acceptance of the position, using the appropriate online procedure (see art. 7, 4) within 8 working days from the day following that of the receipt of such notice.

#### **Art. 9 - ENROLMENT ON THE PHD PROGRAMME**

1. The official registration in the course, limited to short-listed candidates who have accepted the place according to the procedures set out in the previous article, will automatically be formalized as soon as the Ministry of Education, University and Research sets out the requirements for PhD Programmes for the 2021-2022 academic year. Should accreditation not be given, candidates who have accepted places will receive a timely notification via email and the local education tax (TDS) will be refunded.
2. To complete enrolment, the candidate who has obtained the qualification abroad, upon arriving in Italy, will have to show the official documents (in original or copy conforming to the original), related to the academic path, already anticipated in a scanned form in phase of admission to the competition or during the acceptance of the position, 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. 10 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS 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.

#### **Art. 11 – PERSONAL DATA**

1. Pursuant to art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), applicants are advised that the University will process their personal data in the public interest only for purposes related to the present PhD selection procedure.
2. The **controller** of the data processing is the University of Trento (hereinafter “University”), legal headquarters in via Calepina, 14, 38122 Trento (Italy), emails: [ateneo@pec.unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.unitn.it); [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it). The data subjects may contact the **Data Protection Officer** (DPO or RPD) writing to: via Verdi n. 8, 38122 Trento, email: [rpd@unitn.it](mailto:rpd@unitn.it).
3. The processing of personal data will be carried out, wholly or in part also by automated means, in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance and necessity. The personal data provision is a mandatory requirement for participation in the



selection procedure. The provision of data related to health and disabilities is not mandatory, but failure in providing entails the impossibility for the University to grant the access to services and to the requested support.

4. At any time, the rights as per art. 15 and seq. of GDPR (access, rectification, erasure, restriction, objection) can be obtained by the controller, without prejudice to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority.
5. The complete GDPR Privacy notice is available at: [www.unitn.it/en/node/79953](http://www.unitn.it/en/node/79953).

### **Art. 12 – 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 Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013, to the University Regulations for Doctoral Courses issued by Rector's Decree n. 742 of 28 October 2016 subsequently amended, to the Ethic Code of the University of Trento, and to the Regulations of the Doctoral Course in Cognitive Science approved by the Board of the Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science on June 15, 2016 and subsequent modifications.
2. The Announcement of selection and this Translation will be published on the website of the University of Trento, on the Euraxess European webpage and on Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) websites.
3. Any changes or additions to the announcement will be published on the [announcement web page](#).

# ANNEX A

## Declaration substituting DEGREE CERTIFICATE<sup>15</sup>

(Article 46 - letters l, m, n - D.P.R. 28 December 2000, No. 445)

The undersigned

\_\_\_\_\_

place of birth (*city+country*) \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth

\_\_\_\_\_

official address (*street, number, zip code, city, country*)

\_\_\_\_\_

Mob. \_\_\_\_\_ e – mail \_\_\_\_\_

aware of the penal sanctions pursuant to Article 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 for falsifying documents and making mendacious declarations

### DECLARES

**A) TO HAVE GRADUATED** (degree for admission to PhD, click the corresponding box):

Type of degree  Laurea magistrale/specialistica  
 Italian University degree of the previous regulations in force (*vecchio ordinamento*)

in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Specialization (Classe di laurea ID code):

\_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_dd\_\_\_/\_\_\_mm\_\_\_/\_\_\_yy\_\_\_ from University of<sup>16</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ (town \_\_\_\_\_ -

Italy) with mark \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

AND TO HAVE PASSED THE FOLLOWING EXAMS (fill out the following Section C)

### Alternately:

\_\_\_\_\_

#### <sup>15</sup> (\*) To be noted:

- self-declarations can be delivered only if concerning facts and information which can be verified by an Italian public administration. In case of non-European citizens this is possible only if they are in possession of a valid stay permit, which must be attached to the declaration;
- the self-declaration shall provide all the information required, in particular the admission requirements and those related to the mark, date and place of obtaining of the degree and/or English certificate;
- the self-declaration shall be duly signed and dated.

<sup>16</sup> Graduates of the University of Trento must only declare the date of awarding of the degree; other information will be collected automatically.

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**B) TO HAVE NOT YET GRADUATED** and to be aware that admission to the Doctoral Programme is conditional upon submission of the degree diploma/certificate by the date cited in the announcement.

Graduating \_\_\_\_\_ in:

Specialization (*Classe di laurea* ID code): \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_ of:  
\_\_\_\_\_ in Italy.

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**AND TO HAVE PASSED THE FOLLOWING EXAMS (fill out the following section C)**

**SECTION C: List of exams taken** (titles, marks, credits – if available, and dates are mandatory):

Course Title	Mark/Out of	Number of credits	Date

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Course Title	Mark/Out of	Number of credits	Date

*If the university course is divided into first and second level,*

I ALSO DECLARE

to have graduated with an Italian University first level degree (*Laurea*/bachelor's degree) in

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_dd\_\_/\_mm\_\_/\_yy\_\_ from University of

\_\_\_\_\_ town \_\_\_\_\_

(Country) \_\_\_\_\_ with mark \_\_\_\_\_ out of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and place,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the declarant

**This declaration is exempt from stamp duty, pursuant to Article 37 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000.**

## ANNEX B

### **Scheme for the preparation of the research project (Approximately 3.000 words, excluding abstract and references)**

**The research project can concern or not the execution of an empirical study (i.e. collection and analysis of data). The applicant must still try to follow the pattern indicated.**

Candidates competing for the **topic specific scholarships** must submit a project related to the specific topic.

The research project presented by the candidate must be structured according to the following scheme:

- 1. Name of the candidate**
- 2. Research Project Title**
- 3. Indication of one or more research areas where the project is located among those listed in Art. 1**
- 4. Indication of two potential thesis supervisors (see <https://www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/181>)**
- 5. Abstract (approximately 150 words)**
- 6. Introduction**
  - 6.1 Theoretical bases and summary of the relevant literature.
  - 6.2 Aims of the study, research question and / or specific hypotheses.
- 7. Method (Describe in detail the research methods used and the laboratories and equipment needed to conduct the research)**
- 8. Expected results, theoretical implications and conclusions, monitoring and evaluation**
- 9. References**