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DI TRENTO**

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

PhD Programme in

COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Cycle 38

Academic Year 2022-2023

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N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree n. 501 of May 26, 2022 is legally binding, the English version is provided for information only.



Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento, in collaboration with the Fondazione Bruno Kessler, announces the 38th cycle of the Doctoral Programme in “Cognitive Science” for the academic year 2022/2023

Places: n. 9

Scholarships: n. 9

The grants are funded as follows:

- 6 grants financed by the University of Trento;
- 3 grants financed by the Fondazione Bruno Kessler on the topic “Artificial Intelligence for Education”.

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

The number of places covered by scholarships and/or by internship contracts and by other potential financial support may be increased by funds from other universities, public research bodies or prestigious private companies, that become available after the publication of this announcement and before the evaluation of qualifications.

Such occurrence will be communicated online, and nowhere else, at the [selection's webpage](#).

Information about the scholarship: <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1937/>

Supernumerary postgraduate research positions: n. 1 (*available for candidates who fulfil the requirements set out in art. 8*)

Deadline for application: July 21st, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time).

Duration: 3 years

Beginning of the academic year: 1st November 2022

Programme Director: prof. Gianluca Esposito
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Doctorate website: <http://www.unitn.it/drsc/en>

Selection's website: <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/1941>

Rights and duties of PhD students: <http://www.unitn.it/en/node/52919/>

Official language of the Doctoral Programme: Italian and English

All doctoral students are encouraged to learn Italian during their studies.

Research Areas:

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

IMPORTANT

The results of the selection (qualifications assessment and interview) 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 qualification.

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of the following articles 5 par. 9 and 6 par. 5 of this announcement, 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).

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold:
 - an Italian "Laurea Specialistica o Magistrale" (Master's Degree) according to Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004, or a university degree awarded under the previous Italian regulations;
 - or a second level degree awarded by an Italian "AFAM" Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education)
 - or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad (Master's Degree) at a recognized academic institution, which:
 - allows access to an equivalent PhD course in the country/higher education system of origin (unless substantial differences are encountered);
 - is equivalent to the Italian *Laurea Magistrale* (Master's Degree), in terms of duration, level and subject area¹;
 - is considered suitable² by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of the admission to the PhD Programme.
- Applications are also accepted from candidates who don't hold the required degree but expect to obtain their degree/equivalent qualification abroad, **by October 15, 2022**. In this case admission is "conditional" and applicants must submit the degree certificate (or a self-declaration, see [Form A](#)) to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it; fax n. +39 0461 282191) no later than **October 21, 2022**. Failure to provide the certificate will lead **to exclusion**.
- It's in the applicant's best interest to provide all elements necessary for evaluation, especially if the higher education system of the country where the title was obtained is not comparable with the Italian one.

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to ask applicants to provide additional documentation, if deemed necessary to be considered for the selection.
- Applicants who have already obtained a doctoral degree can be admitted to the Doctoral Programme upon successful participation to the selection process and only if both subjects and the research area of the Doctoral Programme are different from the previous PhD Programme. If a PhD student has already been awarded a PhD scholarship in the past (even partially) for a Doctoral programme in Italy, he/she cannot receive a Doctoral scholarship again³.
- The list of candidates (identified by ID number) whose academic degree awarded abroad has been considered not eligible for the admission selection by the Admission Committee will be published on the [selection's webpage](#).

Art. 3 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The programme is shown on the web page of the doctoral course www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/184.

¹ For more information on the Italian University system visit the webpage: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html>

² The eligibility of the foreign qualifications is assessed by the Admission Committee in accordance with the legislation in force and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for continuing the studies.

³ [Opinion from the National University Council \(CUN\)](#) of 20 March 2008; Note from the Ministry of Education University and Research (MIUR) of 14 September 2010 no. 1746; art.6 para.2 of Law no.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 **21st July 2022**, exclusively through the online system: <https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>.

The online enrolment procedure can be accessed in the following ways⁴:

- access with **SPID** (Public Digital Identification System): to access the enrolment procedure candidates are advised to use SPID. This automatically certifies the identity of the applicant for UniTrento systems and allows a @unitn.it account to be created.
To request the SPID identity (which is useful for accessing different online public administration services) please see the website: <https://www.spid.gov.it/en/what-is-spid/how-to-activate-spid/>
- access with a **UniTrento account**: for those who do not have SPID identity but already have a University of Trento account can access the enrolment procedure with their existing username (name.surname@guest.unitn.it or name.surname@unitn.it).
If you have a UniTrento account but do not remember the password: <https://icts.unitn.it/en/password>.
For details on UniTrento username and password: <https://icts.unitn.it/account-password>.
- registering a UniTrento **"guest" account**: those who do not have a SPID identity or a University of Trento account can set up a temporary "guest" account. After University matriculation the guest account will be converted into a definitive @unitn.it account.
To set up a guest account: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/>

2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable application fee of **€15.00**, by **PagoPA⁵ system**, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application ('Selection participation fee').
3. **Candidates will be considered totally responsible** of the successful submission of their application online. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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 December 2000.

6. 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.
7. 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. Under Legislative Decree 196/03, all information will be kept confidential. In this regard, personal data will be processed in compliance with *the regulations in force as indicated in the information on the processing of personal data (art. 11 of this call)*.
8. For all purposes in law, the application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal details and information provided.
9. **COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more compulsory attachments results in expulsion from the selection)⁶:
 - a) **Identity 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, expiration date of the document);
 - b) Copy of the **university degree**:

⁴ Candidates are invited to not wait until the last few days before the deadline for the submission of the application. In order to get login information, and therefore access the online application portal, it could take up to three full working days.

⁵ More information at: <https://www.unitn.it/phd-pagopa>

⁶ 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/1941>.



- **applicants with an Italian degree:**

- a self-declaration (by using [Form A](#)), according to the Presidential Decree Article 46 n. 445 of 28 December 2000 and later amendments, stating: the possession of the degree (see Art. 2), type of degree, conferral date, issuing University, final grade, list of exams, date taken, credits (if available), grades obtained, arithmetic average. (Graduates from the University of Trento must only declare the date in which the degree was conferred. Remaining information will be procured ex officio).

The following points refer to Italian degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by October 15, 2022:

- a self-declaration (by using [Form A](#)), according to DPR art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and later amendments, stating: enrolment, list of exams taken, date, credits and grades obtained and the expected date of the final exam; currently enrolled UniTrento applicants need only declare the expected degree conferral date. Remaining information will be procured ex officio;
- 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 October 15, 2022.

- **applicants with a foreign degree:**

- a degree's certificate, stating the 2nd level degree obtainment (see art. 2 par.1 lett. c.), provided by the University which issued the degree, specifying the type of degree, the graduation date and the related score;
- list of exams (academic transcript of records of Master's degrees) with credits (if provided) and mark with the related Rating Scale, arithmetic average; if the university course is divided into first and second levels, then also the first level degree certificate (Bachelor's degree) and the transcript of records of Bachelor's degree should preferably be attached.

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

In addition, if available, also the following documents:

- *Academic degree (diploma)* of the required title (Master of Science/Art or equivalent) in the original language;
- *Diploma Supplement*⁷ (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES), or;
- *Declaration of value*⁸ 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*⁹ awarded by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary for the evaluation of the qualification.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as **equivalent**¹⁰ to a second cycle Italian qualification **by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities**, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached in the appropriate section of the online application.

The following points refer to foreign degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by October 15, 2022:

- a certificate of enrolment of the Master's Programme (see Article 2 paragraph 1 letter c), with the list of the exams taken, the related credits (if provided) the corresponding mark, the Rating Scale (Academic Transcript of Records) and arithmetic average; if the university course is divided into first and second levels, then also the first level degree certificate (Bachelor's degree) and the transcript of records of Bachelor's degree should preferably be attached.

⁷ 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>.

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

⁹ 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>

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



If the language in which the certificates are issued is different from English, the documentation must be accompanied by a translation in Italian or in English carried out by the same candidate under his own responsibility;

- 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 October 15, 2022.
- 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 model](#)) 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) **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 and the topic-specific grants page at www.unitn.it/drsc/en/node/182).

Only one research proposal per candidate is allowed.

10. **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- a. List of publications;
- b. summary of the master' thesis (rationale, research methods, results and implications)
- c. copy of the degree dissertation;
- d. document reporting any other relevant information about the role, and the skills acquired, during research related experiences;
- e. certificates (if any) proving the knowledge of the English language;
- f. any other documents useful to demonstrate the candidates' research skills and their abilities;
- g. 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 5, 2022.

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

Should candidates wish to add further documentation to the application after having already submitted the application, they may do so **by the deadline of the selection announcement** emailing ateneo@unitn.it. In this case, **the subject line should be:** Application ID - Candidate's Last Name and Name – Doctoral Course in Cognitive Science - 38th cycle – supplement to application). Documentation sent by other means will not be accepted.

Art. 5 – APPLICANT EVALUATION

1. Upon hearing the Doctoral Programme Committee the Rector appoints the Admissions Committee. It consists of at least three members chosen among Italian and foreign professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include up to two experts, even foreign, of public and private national and international research organizations.
2. The selection exams are intended to assess the applicant's preparation and aptitude towards scientific research with specific reference to the chosen research topic.
3. The selection takes place as follows:
 - assessment of curriculum vitae, qualifications and evaluation of the research proposal according to Art. 4 on the basis of criteria established by the Committee;
 - 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.



4. 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.
5. 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 grants, the candidates must express their intention to the Committee before the assessments of qualifications, following the instructions given at the [selection's webpage](#) in case of new available scholarships. In such case, their knowledge on the specific topic of the scholarships will be evaluated during the interview.
6. 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.
7. The Admissions Committee has an overall score of 120 points available, partitioned in the following way:
 - 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.

8. The oral exam is successfully passed with a minimum score of 36/60 points.
9. The assessment of the qualifications and of the oral exam will be available at the [selection's webpage](#)¹¹.
10. The interview may take place in one of two modalities (at the candidate's choice):
 - a. In presence at the University of Trento. Applicants are requested to show a valid ID document before the interview begins. Should the candidate fail to attend the interview 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 interviews 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.

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 interview on the [selection's webpage](#).

Any changes to the date of the interviews will be published on the same website

11. The oral exam is successfully passed with a minimum score of 36/60 points.

Art. 6 – RANKING

1. The Committee draws up a merit-based ranking according to the scores obtained by the applicants from the qualifications assessment, the project and the interview.
2. Scholarships are assigned to eligible candidates based on:
 - a) ranking order;
 - b) candidate eligibility for topic-specific grants. Please note that topic-specific grants are assigned following the ranking and until their maximum number is filled.
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, 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.
4. Unassigned topic-specific grants will result in the reduction of positions offered in the Call.
5. The ranked list (using candidates' application IDs) will be published on the [selection's website](#).

By publishing the ranking, notification concerning the selection results is considered fulfilled. Admitted candidates will not receive any personal messages.

¹¹ The chosen candidates will be listed using their application ID.



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

1. Applicants will be admitted to the Doctorate according to their rank in the final score list and until all available and eligible positions have been filled.
2. Should two candidates obtain the same score, the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding factor, in accordance with the criteria established by the D.P.C.M. of 9 April 2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations.
3. If an eligible applicant withdraws before the beginning of the Programme (1st November 2022), the next applicant in the ranking list will be offered the place.

This candidate is expected to accept the offer within 8 days from the day after having received the notice from the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities.

If an eligible applicant withdraws or is excluded in the first three-month term of the first year, the Doctoral Programme Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with another candidate next in rank in the final score list.

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 to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities, in advance by fax (+39 0461 282191), or email (phd.office-cssh@unitn.it) if they had not already done so during the application phase – “Application procedure”, the following documents **by November 8, 2022**:
 - 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 translations¹², legalized¹³ or with an apostille affixed (*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** issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA¹⁴) 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, 2022, 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, 2022 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.

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. 8 – SUPERNUMERARY POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH POSITIONS

1. According to Art. 18, § 3 of the University Regulations for Doctorates of Research, the Admission Committee may admit **up to 1 (one)** supernumerary position without a scholarship of the University of Trento, if such candidates coincide with 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 and researching a subject relevant to the PhD Programme; such relevance has to be determined by the Doctoral Programme Committee;

¹² Details at: <https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/servizi/italiani-all'estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti.html>

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

¹⁴ For the assessment and verification services of foreign qualifications through the use of the Diplome platform, see: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>



- d. employees in the public sector, or 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 revision¹⁵.
2. Candidates who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request, by submission of appropriate documentation proving their status, their acceptance of such admission to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it -fax +39 0461 282191), also **within 8 days** starting from the day following publication of the ranking.
3. Supernumerary admission acceptance is disposed within the limit of the positions specified in art. 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. 9 - ENROLMENT ON THE PHD PROGRAMME

1. The official registration in the doctorate, limited to short-listed candidates who have accepted the position according to the procedures in the preceding article, will automatically be made official as soon as the PhD Programmes requirements verification by the Ministry of Education, University and Research for the a.y. 2022-2023 has been completed.

In case of no conferrable accreditation, 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, the candidate who has obtained the qualification abroad, upon arrival in Italy, will have to show the official documents (in original or copy conforming to the original), relating to the academic path, already anticipated in a scanned form in phase of admission to the competition or during the matriculation process, 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 involved¹⁶.
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. 11 – PROCESSING OF 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; ateneo@unitn.it. The Data Protection Officer (DPO or RPD) can be contacted at the following email address: rpd@unitn.it
3. The processing of personal data will be carried out, wholly or in part also by automated means and/or electronically by staff authorised to process data in accordance with their assigned tasks and duties, 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ See [Protection and valorisation of intellectual property](#)



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: [Privacy and data protection](#).

Art. 12 – REGULATIONS

1. For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to Law no. 398 of 30 November 1989, to art. 4 of Law n. 210 of 3 July 1998 as amended in Art. 19, paragraph 1, of the Law of 30 December 2010, n. 240, to the Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021, to the University Regulations on Doctorates of Research of the University of Trento issued with the Rector's Decree n. 250 of 11 March 2022, to the Students Honor Code issued with the Rector's Decree n. 416 of 13 June 2016 and to the Internal Regulations of the Doctorate in Cognitive Science approved by the Board of the Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science on 11 May 2022 and to other relevant provisions contained in the existing regulations.
2. The call will be published on the University of Trento, Euraxess and MIUR websites. Potential changes or improvements to the call will be published at the webpage to art. 1 of this call.
3. Any changes or additions to this Call will be published on the [announcement webpage](#) listed in art.1.