**RESEARCH STATEMENT**

**DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN COGNITIVE AND BRAIN SCIENCES**

**41st CYCLE**

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| instructions for completing the research statement:   * this research statement should be **anonymous**. **do not write your name on this document and do not name this file after you**. * for parts a and b, **the character limits include spaces**. |

**PART A: Background and Motivation**

1. **Previous research experience and skills. Please begin this section with a brief professional bio (*do not mention any names*), which would provide a synopsis of your prior education and any professional or academic accomplishments. Mention the University and Department in which you studied.**

*Max 2000 characters*

1. **Motivation for pursuing doctoral studies.**

*Max 1000 characters*

1. **Motivation for applying to the Doctorate in Cognitive and Brain Sciences.**

*Max 1000 characters*

1. **Name of potential Supervisor(s) in the Doctorate in Cognitive and Brain Sciences**

**(you may refer to the list found here** [**https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/109/principle-investigators**](https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/109/principle-investigators) **and here** [**https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/123/2025-research-topics**](https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/123/2025-research-topics)**. List in order of preference.**

**PART B: Statement of Research Interest**

1. **More general area(s) of research interest.**

*Max 3000 characters*

1. **Suggested methodologies for studying these topics (eg. behavioral techniques, neuroimaging, etc.).**

*Max 1000 characters*

**PART C: Research Project Proposal**

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| * character limit for part c: 4000 characters maximum **including** spaces (sections 1 – 4) and **excluding** sections 5 – 6. * the aim of the research project proposal is to formulate and evaluate hypotheses within the specific research area the applicant chooses to apply for. * research project proposals of applicants who do not choose a topic-specific grant (see article 1 in the call for list of topic-specific grants), will not necessarily be considered the definitive project to be carried out during the doctorate. * applicants who choose a topic-related grant must propose a research project on the specific topic of that grant (refer to article 1 in the call for the list of topic-specific grants). |

\* With the exception of topic-specific grants, the candidate should be aware that pointing out potential supervisor/s in the application is in no way binding to the actual final appointment of the supervisor on behalf of the Doctoral Programme Committee.

1. **Title of project *(same as the one entered in Title field of the Research Area and Statement section of the online application and visible here:*** ​[**https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/123/2025-research-topics**](https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/123/2025-research-topics) ***or here*** [**https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/105/2025-topic-specific-grants-and-descriptions**](https://phd.unitn.it/drcimec/105/2025-topic-specific-grants-and-descriptions)***)***
2. **Introduction**

2.1 Theoretical basis and references to the literature on the topic.

* 1. Main objectives of the study, research question and/or specific hypotheses.

1. **Method**
2. **Expected results, theoretical implications and conclusions.**
3. **References**
4. **Figures (2 *Max*)**