

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Research Doctoral Course in FORMS OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND TEXTUALITY

41st cycle

Academic Year 2025/2026

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Art. 1 – OVERVIEW

The University of Trento hereby announces the **41st cycle** of the Research Doctoral Course in “**Forms of cultural exchange and textuality**” for the academic year 2025/2026.

Deadline for applications: 29 May 2025 4:00 PM (CEST)

Positions: n. 8

Scholarships: n. 8

The scholarships are financed as follows:

- **no. 6 scholarships** financed by the University of Trento;
- **no. 2 scholarships** financed within the Project of Excellence - Law 232/2016, Department of Humanities of the University of Trento – CUP: E63C23000110005 on the topic “*Networks and paths of European cultures*”.

Topic-specific scholarships are conditional to the execution of a particular research topic for which specific skills are required. Those interested in one or more topic-specific scholarships should carefully check the topic and required skillset indicated on the web page <https://www.lettere.unitn.it/en/3632/topic-specific-scholarship-41deg-cycle-doctoral-course-forms-of-cultural-exchange-and>.

The number of places funded by scholarships and/or covered by internship contracts or other forms of financial support may be increased if financing from other universities, public research bodies, or private organisations is made available after publication of this announcement and before the oral exam. Any increase in scholarships or other means of financial support shall result in a corresponding increase in the total number of available places. Any such increase will be published on the PhD selection website.

Information about scholarships:	https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/scholarships-and-awards/phd-scholarships
Doctoral Course duration:	3 years
Beginning of the Academic Year:	1 November 2025
Official language of the Doctoral Course:	Italian
Doctoral Course Director:	Prof. Daniele Giglioli (Tel. +39 0461 281742; email: daniele.giglioli@unitn.it)
Doctoral Course website:	https://www.lettere.unitn.it/3121/forme-del-testo-e-dello-scambio-culturale
Selection website:	https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/forms-cultural-exchange-and-textuality
Rights and duties of PhD students:	https://www.unitn.it/en/study/register/information-phd-students/rights-and-duties-phd-students

Scientific areas (SSD):

ANGL-01/A ENGLISH LITERATURE
 ANGL-01/B ANGLO-AMERICAN LITERATURE
 ANGL-01/C ENGLISH LANGUAGE, TRANSLATION AND LINGUISTICS
 COMP-01/A LITERARY CRITICISM AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
 FICP-01/A GREEK AND LATIN PHILOLOGY
 FLMR-01/A MEDIEVAL AND HUMANISTIC LATIN LITERATURE
 FLMR-01/B ROMANCE PHILOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS
 FRAN-01/A FRENCH LITERATURE
 FRAN-01/B FRENCH LANGUAGE, TRANSLATION AND LINGUISTICS
 GERM-01/A GERMANIC PHILOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS
 GERM-01/B GERMAN LITERATURE
 GERM-01/C GERMAN LANGUAGE, TRANSLATION AND LINGUISTICS
 GLOT-01/A HISTORICAL AND GENERAL LINGUISTICS
 GLOT-01/B EDUCATIONAL LINGUISTICS
 HELL-01/B GREEK LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
 ITAL-01/A ITALIAN LITERATURE

LATI-01/A LATIN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
LICO-01/A CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN LITERATURE
LIFI-01/A ITALIAN LINGUISTICS
SLAV-01/A SLAVIC STUDIES
SPAN-01/A SPANISH LITERATURE
SPAN-01/C SPANISH LANGUAGE, TRANSLATION AND LINGUISTICS
STAN-01/A GREEK HISTORY

IMPORTANT

Intermediate (candidates, listed by ID number, excluded from the process after official checks and candidates whose foreign degree was not considered suitable by the Admissions Committee) and final stage selection results will be published on the announcement webpage. Publication on this webpage constitutes official notification. Candidates will not receive any personal notification.

Without prejudice to the provisions of this article and the following art. 5 co. 7 and 6 co. 3, any notifications relating to the application will be emailed to the address linked to the account registered upon application. Candidates who are still enrolled or have recently graduated from the University of Trento are advised to check that their email address is valid at this link: [Profile data](#). Any changes to personal contact details after the application is closed should be communicated to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (phd.office-cssh@unitn.it).

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from individuals, regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold:
 - a) 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,
 - b) or a second-level university degree awarded by an Italian “AFAM” Institute – Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale, Artistic and Musical Higher Education),
 - c) or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad (*Master’s degree*) at an officially recognized academic institution, which:
 - gives the holder access to PhD studies in the country/higher education system of provenance (unless substantially different);
 - is equivalent to an Italian Laurea Magistrale (*Master’s Degree*) in terms of duration, level and subject area¹
 - is considered eligible² by the admission committee for the sole purpose of entry to the PhD programme.
2. Applicants are also accepted from candidates who don’t hold the required degree but expect to obtain the requested qualification **by 29 May 2025**. Admission, in this case, is “conditional”: applicants must submit the degree certificate or self-declaration to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it) **no later than 5 June 2025** or will be **excluded** from the selection process.
3. It is in the applicant’s interest to provide all relevant and useful information for evaluation, especially if the higher education system in the country where the qualification was conferred is not comparable with the Italian system. The admission committee may request further documentation to fully assess an applicant’s eligibility.
4. Applicants who have already completed a PhD degree may be considered for a second PhD only if the research topics and main scientific-disciplinary fields of the two doctorates are different. For applicants who have already benefited - even partially - from a scholarship, admission to the new PhD Programme can’t be covered by a scholarship³.
5. The application IDs of students whose qualifications are considered ineligible by the admissions committee will be posted on the announcement webpage.

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 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”.

Art. 3 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. The Doctoral Programme focuses on the study of both literary texts and cultural phenomena from two complementary perspectives:
 - a. the study of texts from a historical, linguistic, and philological perspective, with core focus on the process of production, dissemination and reception in different historical periods as well as the range of problems clustered around the interpretations of texts.
 - b. the study of intercultural exchanges within – and applied to – such fields as linguistics, literary studies, philology, history and history of art, with special attention to cultural exchanges between neighbouring areas, both in a synchronic and a diachronic perspective (Antiquity, Middle Ages, Modernity).
2. The Doctoral Programme aims to combine these two lines of research so as to provide young researchers with extensive and in-depth academic competence in examining texts and cultural phenomena through a wide range of methodologies which represent different aims and approaches and yet remains open to discussion.
3. The Programme accordingly provides training that is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary as well as specialized through the adoption of the above-mentioned perspectives, and this is made possible by the involvement of scholars from the Department of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Trento and other Italian and foreign teachers. Students will also avail of the Digital Humanities services provided by the Department as well as the activities by the departmental research centers: Literary Laboratory (LaborLET), Trento Linguistics Laboratory (TreLinLab) and Laboratory of Ancient Sciences (LabSA).
4. The Programme offers training on a yearly basis to provide students with advanced skills in the specific fields of literary studies, linguistics, philology, and intercultural exchanges. The course offerings comprise a series of specific seminars. The seminars are run by scholars from the University of Trento as well as by international scholars affiliated with the Department of Letters and Philosophy. Doctoral students are required to take active part in these activities, producing reports and thus honing their research and expository writing skills. The training offerings of the Programme are further expanded by other activities (e.g. lectures and conferences) organised at the University of Trento, as well as those organised by partner Universities.
5. The calendar and seminar titles will be detailed in the course syllabus. Taught courses cover the following topics:
 - a) research methodology courses in the specific areas covered by the Doctoral Programme;
 - b) cross-curricular courses to train students in research skills and communication;
 - c) thematic and disciplinary seminars;
 - d) seminars focused on the presentation and discussion of in-progress research projects;
 - e) courses and seminars at other institutions in Italy and abroad;
 - f) participation in conferences, seminars and workshops at the University of Trento and at other institutions.
6. The Programme encourages and supports PhD students willing to pursue their research activities abroad whenever stays at foreign institutions are consistent with the research project.
7. The Programme also encourages thesis co-supervision agreements with foreign universities.
8. The international scope of the Doctoral Programme is guaranteed by the affiliation of teachers from foreign research institutions, by educational and scientific cooperation agreements with foreign universities as well as by joint educational initiatives between the Programme and foreign institutions.

Art. 4 – HOW TO APPLY

1. The application must be completed and submitted by **29 May 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (Italian time)**, exclusively through the online system: <https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott> that will be available within 3 working days after the release of the announcement.

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

- with **SPID or CIE** (Electronica Identity Card): those who have an Italian Tax Code (codice fiscale) and an Italian identity document must access the enrolment procedure with CIE (more information are available at

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.



<https://www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it/>) or with SPID, the Italian Public Digital Identification 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 see the website: <https://www.spid.gov.it/en/what-is-spid/how-to-activate-spid/>

- **with a UniTrento account:** candidates who already have an account issued by the University can access the registration procedure with their username (name.surname@unitn.it). For details on UniTrento account and password: Account@unitn.it.
 - registering a UniTrento **"guest" account:** those who do not have an Italian Tax Code can register a temporary account as "guest". After enrollment, the guest account will be converted into a definitive @unitn.it account.
- To register a guest account: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/en/Home>

2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable application fee of **€ 30.00** (thirty) **by Pago PA⁵ system** as indicated in the appropriate section of the application on line.
3. **Candidates are recommended to check that they have received an email confirming that their application has been successfully completed and submitted.**

The University of Trento is not responsible for any online applications improperly closed by candidates.

The candidate is wholly responsible for ensuring that his/her application is complete and correct. Applications that are incomplete, irregular or missing attachments are invalid and therefore automatically rejected. Non-payment of the application fee, or sending an application by means other than the online portal specified, will also result in an automatic rejection.

All applicants are admitted to the selection stage **subject to checks to confirm that they fulfil the admission requirements.**

The University of Trento has the right to carry out such checks, or sample-checks, as per art. 71, and subsequent Law no. 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, maybe excluded at any time - from the selective procedure or even after enrolment and the beginning of the PhD course.

4. According to Italian Law no. 104/92, Art. 20 and to Italian Law no. 68/99, Art. 16 (1), applicants with special needs or with learning disabilities may explicitly request in their application specific measures or special assistance during the examinations, in accordance with their certification. In this case personal data will be processed in compliance with the current law as indicated in the GDPR Privacy notice.
5. Candidates are asked to enter information regarding the qualification required for entry to the doctorate in the **'Degree'** section. Specifically, candidates should add the *"classe di Laurea"* (degree subject area), the awarding university, the award date (or expected award date), and the final grade.
6. **COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more of the following results in automatic rejection):
 - A. **Identity document (ID):** a copy of your **identity card** (for EU citizens) or **passport** (pages with photo, personal data, signature, passport number, place and time of issue and date of expiration).
 - 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, of the **list of examinations taken**, dates when the exams were passed, grades and credits obtained. A fac-simile is available for download on the [selection webpage](#), but similar documents are also accepted as long as they contain the information required in the call. Graduates from the University of Trento may declare only the place and date of award / foreseen date of award as the other information will be collected ex officio. Applicants currently enrolled at the University of Trento need only declare the expected degree conferral date as the remaining information will be procured ex officio.
 - b) **FOREIGN QUALIFICATION:**

⁵ More information at: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/tuition-fees/how-pay-your-fees>

- **Already obtained:**
 - a **certificate attesting to the possession of a second level university qualification** (see art. 2 para. 1 c), issued by the institution that awarded it. The certificate must indicate the type of diploma, the graduation date and the score;
 - a **list of examinations** taken to obtain the qualification to access a Doctoral Programme (*Academic Transcript of Master's degree*) with credits (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, and rating scale. If the university course is divided into first and second levels, then the first level degree certificate (*Bachelor's degree*) and transcript of records should also be attached.

Should the above-mentioned documents be written in a language other than Italian or English, they must be accompanied by a translation into English or Italian. Documents can be translated by the applicant, under his or her own responsibility, to allow the admission committee to judge whether the qualification is adequate.

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

- *Academic degree (diploma)* of the required title (Master of Science/Art or equivalent) in the original language;
- *Diploma Supplement*⁶ (in the format developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO / CEPES);
- *Declaration of value*⁷ 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 Statement of comparability*⁸ - *university qualification* issued by the ENIC-NARIC Centre in Italy (CIMEA), as long as it shows all the information necessary for the qualification to be evaluated.

Applicants holding a qualification conferred abroad that has already been officially recognized as **equivalent**⁹ to an Italian master's degree by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, must submit the decree of equivalence (the Italian Rector's Decree issued by the university) in the online application.

- **If the foreign degree has yet to be conferred** (the following two points refer to **foreign degree applicants who expect to complete their degree by 29 May 2025** and are therefore "conditionally" admitted to the selection):
 - a **certificate of enrolment** of the Master's Programme (see art. 2 para. 1 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 first and second levels, then the Bachelor's degree certificate and transcript of the bachelor's degree should also be attached. If the certificate and transcript are in a language other than English or Italian then the applicant must submit versions translated into English or Italian. Documents can be translated by the applicant, under his or her own responsibility, to allow the admission committee to judge whether the qualification is adequate.
- C. **Summary of the final dissertation** explaining the reasons behind the subject, the research methodology and the results obtained (max 5000 characters, including spaces). The summary can be written in Italian or English.
- D. **Curriculum vitae et studiorum** (preferably based on the [Europass model](#)), detailing any specific research skills acquired and any other academic qualifications attained (master's degrees, PhD, specializations, graduate training courses, etc.).
- E. **Research proposal** written in Italian or English.
The proposal **must** be in the following format:
- project title;
 - object (max 1000 characters, including spaces);
 - originality of the candidate's project compared to the current state of research in the chosen field (max 5000 characters, including spaces);
 - methodology and timeline for the research project (max 3000 characters, including spaces);

⁶ 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>

⁷ See <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-glossario>; <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html>

⁸ 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](#). The statement of comparability of qualifications relating to the 55 countries of the Lisbon Convention can be downloaded directly and free of charge through ARDI – Automatic Recognition Database Italia

⁹ For further information: <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico> - Section 3 "Nostrification procedure (equipollenza)"

- essential and annotated bibliography (max 6000 characters, including spaces).

It is also possible to outline activities the applicant would like to organise on the subject, e.g. seminars, conferences, workshops, studies/surveys (max 3000 characters, including spaces).

Only one research proposal per candidate is allowed.

7. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- any **scientific publications** by the applicant. Publications must be submitted in **electronic format** as part of the online process together with a list of publications. Publications that are monographs, particularly extensive or unavailable in electronic format, can be sent **by the announcement of selection's deadline**, by post addressed to:
Al Magnifico Rettore dell'Università di Trento, via Calepina 14, 38122 - Trento (specifying "Call for applications to the Doctoral Course in Forms of cultural exchange and textuality – 41st cycle - Publications" on the envelope);
- proof of any language certification at level CEFR¹⁰ B2 or above, in a second language (Italian is an option only for applicants who speak a different mother tongue);
- other documents that help attest to the applicant's ability to carry out research (proof of prizes, scholarships, postgraduate study and research activity, etc.).

Should an applicant wish to submit further documentation after completing and closing the application online, then they must do so **by the announcement of selection's deadline**. Supplementary material must be sent by email to ateneo@unitn.it, stating in the subject field: Application ID – Surname and name – Doctoral Course in Forms of cultural exchange and textuality – 41st cycle – "supplement to application". Any supplementary material sent by other means will not be accepted.

8. For all legal intents and purposes, the application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal details and qualifications.

Art. 5 – RETURN OF CERTIFICATES AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Certificates and publications submitted by post at the time of application may be collected by applicants after 90 days from the publication of the rankings and within two months after that date, subject to any pending litigation. Documents can be collected in person or returned by post. For the latter, you must make a request to the administration office and pay postal expenses. Once five months have elapsed from the publication of the final ranking, the University is no longer obliged to return documents.

Art. 6 – CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

1. Assessment is carried out by an Admission Committee, appointed by the Rector. This is composed of at least three members chosen from teaching and research staff working in Italy or abroad, who are qualified in the disciplines related to the Doctoral Course. The Committee may also include a maximum of two other experts, of any nationality, selected from either public or private research institutes.
2. The oral exam is designed to ascertain the candidate's level of knowledge and aptitude for scientific research, with specific reference to the chosen field.
The selection consists of:
 - **assessment of CV, qualifications and research proposal** referred to in art. 4 above, according to criteria set by the committee;
 - **oral exam** (only for candidates whose academic qualifications and research proposal have been assessed at least 30/50).
3. Candidates who also intend to compete for one of the topic-specific scholarships, indicated in article n.1 of this call, must express their interest in the online application. Candidates may also opt for topic-specific scholarships made available after the deadline of this call. In order to be considered for any additional topic-specific grant/s, the candidates must express their intention to the Committee before the oral exam, following the procedure that will be outlined on the selection's webpage at the time of publication of any additional scholarships. The forementioned candidates will be evaluated on the knowledge of the specific subject matter of that scholarship. The applicant's request for the award of a topic-specific scholarship implies the applicant's preference for the award of that specific scholarship over all other scholarships.
4. The admission committee assigns up to 100 points as follows:

¹⁰ See <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

- max 20 points for CV and qualifications;
- max 30 points for the research project;
- max 50 points for the oral exam.

Candidates must have at least 30/50 points following assessment of CV, qualifications and research project to be admitted to the oral exam.

5. The oral exam can be held in Italian or in English and is aimed at verifying the level of knowledge possessed in the disciplinary field of the research project presented. In any case, the candidates will have to demonstrate a good linguistic competence in a language of their choice among French, English, Italian, Spanish and German, different from the language of the interview.
6. The oral exam is considered passed with a minimum score of 30/50.
7. Results from the first stage of the assessment process will be posted at the selection's webpage¹¹.
8. The interview 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 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 competition website. Any changes to the date of the interviews will be published on the same website.

Art. 7 – RANKING

1. Once the oral examinations have been concluded, the committee adds the points awarded at each stage (CV, research proposal and oral exam) and ranks the candidates according to their overall scores.
2. Scholarships are assigned to candidates on the basis of:
 - a) their position in the final ranking;
 - b) for the topic-specific scholarships according to ranking order and until their maximum number is filled. The Admissions Committee's evaluation of a candidate's suitability based on their educational profile is a decisive factor in the allocation of the topic-specific scholarships.
3. The candidate who has been awarded a topic-specific scholarship is required to accept it, since the request for the award of a topic-specific scholarship implies the candidate's preference for the award of that specific scholarship over the others. Renouncing the topic-specific scholarship results in the forfeiture of the candidate's right to enrolment in the PhD Programme.
4. Non-allocation of the topic-specific scholarship, will result in the reduction of the number of places available.
5. The ranked shortlist (using application IDs) will be published at the selection webpage. **Publishing this list on the website fulfils legal publication requirements.** No personal communications will be sent.

Art. 8 – ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER

1. Applicants will be admitted to the PhD programme according to rank in the final shortlist until all available positions have been filled.
2. Should several candidates have the same overall score and be tied for a funded place, then the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding factor, in accordance with the criteria established by Law on 9 April 2001 with subsequent amendments.

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

3. If a successful candidate withdraws before the beginning of the course (1 November 2025), the next candidate on the shortlist will be contacted. This candidate is expected to accept the offer within 8 days from the day after having received the offer from the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities.

If an eligible candidate withdraws or is excluded in the first three-months term of the first year, then the coordinating committee for the PhD programme will decide whether or not to offer the vacated 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/study/register/information-phd-students/enrolling-phd>.
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 email (phd.office-cssh@unitn.it) if they had not already done so during the application phase – “Application procedure”, the following documents **by 7 November 2025**:

- 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, legalized¹² or with an apostille affixed (*verify the fulfilment 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 (CIMEA¹³) 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 7 November 2025**, 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 7 November 2025 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.

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

Art. 9 - PHD COURSE ENROLMENT

1. Candidates who have accepted positions by following the procedures outlined above, will automatically be formally enrolled in the PhD programme as soon as the accreditation process for a.y. 2025-2026 has been completed by the Ministry of Education, University and Research.

Should accreditation not be given, candidates will be notified straightaway by email and university fees (TDS) will be refunded.

2. To complete the enrolment, candidates who have **graduated abroad**, upon arrival in Trento, must present the official documents (in original or copy conforming to the original) of the scanned versions attached to the online application in the 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 centres for the recognition of foreign qualifications, belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Until this has been completed, candidates are admitted to the course conditionally and will be excluded if their qualifications do not meet requirements.

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

¹³ 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](#). The statement of comparability of qualifications relating to the 55 countries of the Lisbon Convention can be downloaded directly and free of charge through ARDI – Automatic Recognition Database Italia.

Art. 10 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TO 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 to any results achieved by the student, including (but not limited to) software, industrial inventions (whether patentable or not), know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations and, when necessary, also by provisions in individual agreements with other universities, companies or entities involved.
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.

At the same time, each PhD student is required to sign a specific declaration of transfer of intellectual property rights to the University, so that they are aware of the application of the relevant legislation and the University Regulations on intellectual property and possibly a confidentiality agreement with the funding body, if required, if the position is funded by an entity external to the University.

Art. 11 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

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; 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.

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.

Art. 12 – REGULATIONS

1. For any matters not covered in this call for applications, please refer to Law no. 398 of 30 November 1989; art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3 July 1998, as amended by art.19 para. 1 of Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010; Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021; the University Regulations for Doctoral Courses issued by Rector's Decree no. 250 of 11 March 2022; the University of Trento's code of ethics issued by Rector's Decree no. 285 of 29 May 2014; the Students Honour Code issued by Rector's Decree no. 416 of 13 June 2016; the Regulations for the Doctoral course in Forms of Cultural Exchange and Textuality approved by the Board of the Department of Humanities on 27 April 2022, issued by Decree of the Department Director no. 70 of 29 April 2022 and modified by Decree of the Department Director no. 26 of 29 January 2024, and other relevant provisions contained current legislation.
2. This call for applications, together with an English version, will be published on the University of Trento's website, the Euraxess website and the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research's website.
3. The person responsible for the administrative procedure is the Head of the Education and Student Services Management of the University of Trento. The reference office is the PhD Office Humanities and Cognitive Science Area, email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it. The Selection Committee is responsible for the applications selection procedure, from the evaluation of the qualifications to the interview, from the drafting of the minutes to the formulation of the merit rankings.
4. Any changes or additions to the call will be published on the announcement webpage.