



# CALL FOR PHD POSITIONS

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**Doctoral Programme in  
ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

**Cycle 41**

**Academic Year 2025-2026**

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## Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento announces the 41st cycle of the Doctoral Programme in **Economics and Finance** for the 2025/2026 academic year, **in partnership with the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano** according to art. 3 co. 2, lett. a) – Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021.

**Deadline for application:** May 21, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time).

**Places:** n. 9

**Scholarships:** n. 9

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

The grants are financed as follows:

- n. 6 grants financed by the **University of Trento**;
- n. 3 grants financed by the **Free University of Bozen-Bolzano**;

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 oral examination. Such occurrences will be communicated online and nowhere else, on the [selection's webpage](#).

**Information about the scholarship:** <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/scholarships-and-awards/phd-scholarships>

**Duration:** 3 years

**Beginning of the academic year:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025

**Programme Director:** prof. Luigi Mittone (email: [luigi.mittone@unitn.it](mailto:luigi.mittone@unitn.it))

**Doctorate website:** <https://www.economia.unitn.it/en/dottorato/ecofin>

**Selection's website:** <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/economics-and-finance>

**Rights and duties of PhD students:** <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/register/information-phd-students/rights-and-duties-phd-students>

**Official language of the Programme:** English

**Research areas:**

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

## IMPORTANT

The results of the selection (qualifications assessment and interview) will be published on 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.

Publication on this webpage constitutes official notification. Candidates will not receive any personal notification.

Without prejudice to the provisions of the following articles 5 co. 7 and 6 co. 5 of this announcement, 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](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)).

## Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates 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 degree awarded by an Italian "AFAM" Institute (Artistic and Musical Higher Education)
- c) 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 area<sup>1</sup>;
  - is considered suitable<sup>2</sup> by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of admission to the PhD Programme.
2. Applications are also accepted from candidates who do not have the required academic qualification but will do so **by October 31, 2025**. In these cases, any eventual admission is "conditional", and applicants must submit the degree certificate or a self-declaration to the PhD Office - Cognitive, Social Sciences and Humanities (email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)) no later than **November 7, 2025**. Failure to provide the certificate will lead to **exclusion**.
3. The candidate is responsible for providing all supporting documents for evaluation, especially if the higher education system of the country where the title was obtained is not comparable to the Italian system.
4. The Admissions Committee may request further documentation via the administrative offices if necessary to establish the suitability of the qualification before the start of the selection process. Applications are also accepted from candidates who have already obtained a doctoral degree if both subjects and the Doctoral Programme research area differ from the previous PhD Programme. Applicants who have already benefited - even partially - from a scholarship cannot receive a Doctoral scholarship again<sup>3</sup>.
5. The list of candidates (identified by ID number) whose academic degree awarded abroad has been considered not eligible for admission selection by the Admission Committee will be published on the [selection's webpage](#).

## Art. 3 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. The PhD programme aims to train researchers with solid quantitative and theoretical skills capable of analyzing economic and financial phenomena. The candidate's thesis must be oriented towards the utmost scientific rigour and present innovative characteristics that make it publishable in prestigious international journals subject to peer review. The programme aims to contribute to the international scientific debate on economics and finance. In this perspective, candidates will be encouraged to use methodologies that reflect the state of the art and to adopt a multidisciplinary approach. PhD students will be encouraged to spend a training period abroad at universities or institutions that develop topics similar to the candidate's interests. The objective of the period abroad is also to progressively extend the network of international collaborations to expand the training portfolio and start research projects.
2. In the 41<sup>st</sup>, particular emphasis will be given to research proposals on the following subjects:
  - Economic development and institutions
  - Monetary and fiscal policies
  - Economic choices and energy transition
  - Financial Markets
  - Financial risk management
  - Enterprises and international markets
  - Investment tools and optimization
  - Evaluation of public policies
  - Big data
  - ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) and sustainable finance
  - Market microstructure
3. The advanced training provided by the programme and the working method required to complete the thesis prepare the candidate both for the academic career and entry into the job market in high-level positions with analysis and guidance tasks.
4. The duration of the programme is 3 years for a total of 180 credits.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<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".



5. The doctoral training is the following:
  - 1st year: compulsory attendance of core and elective courses; draft of the research proposal;
  - 2nd year: presentation of the first research paper and draft of the second;
  - 3rd year: research, presentation of the second and third papers and thesis discussion.
6. Admission to the second year is conditional upon passing the first-year exams and submitting the thesis plan according to the criteria defined in the Internal Regulations of the Doctoral Programme.  
Admission to the third year is subject to the presentation of the thesis's first chapter (paper).  
Admission to the third year is bound to the presentation of the first chapter (paper) of the thesis and the draft of the second.
7. Further information on the structure of the Programme and research abroad is available on the [webpage of the Doctoral Programme](#).

## Art. 4 – APPLICATION

1. The application must be completed and submitted by **May 21, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time)**. Applications can only be submitted through the online system: <https://www.unitn.it/en/apply/dott>, which will be available within 3 working days after the release of the announcement.

Applicants can access the online registration procedure in one of the following ways<sup>4</sup>:

- **with a SPID account or CIE** (Electronic Identity Card): candidates who have an Italian Tax Code (codice fiscale) and an Italian identity document must access the registration with a CIE (more information available at <https://www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it/>) or with a SPID, the Italian Public Digital Identity System, which automatically certifies the identity of the person on the UniTrento systems and sets up an @unitn.it account.  
To request a SPID (useful for accessing various online services of the Italian Public Administration), please consult the website [How to activate SPID - Spid](#)
- **with a UniTrento account**: candidates who already have an account issued by the University can access the registration procedure with the username they already have (name.surname@unitn.it).  
For details on UniTrento account and password: [Account @unitn.it](#).
- **registering a UniTrento "guest" account**<sup>5</sup>: candidates who do not have an Italian Tax Code can register for 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>. To those who need a guest account we suggest to register well in advance of the deadline. It can take up to three working days for credentials to be issued.

2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable application fee of **€30.00** via the **PagoPA<sup>6</sup> system**, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application ("Selection participation fee").
3. **Candidates will be considered totally responsible** for 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 online applications 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 the selection process.
5. All applicants are admitted to the selection **conditionally** upon ascertaining that they fulfil 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 submitted degree fails to satisfy the requirements specified in art. 2 or who provides false information in the application may be excluded at any time - from the selective procedure or even after enrolment and the beginning of the PhD programme.
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 may explicitly request in their application specific measures or special assistance the examinations, in accordance with their certificates. Under Legislative Decree 196/03, all information will be kept confidential. In this regard, personal data will

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<sup>5</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 three full working days.

<sup>6</sup> More information at: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/tuition-fees/how-pay-your-fees>



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. Candidates are asked to enter information regarding the qualification required for admission to the PhD programme in the 'Degrees' 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.
9. **COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more compulsory attachments results in expulsion from the selection)<sup>7</sup>:

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);

A. **Academic degree**:

a. **Italian qualification**:

- **already obtained/to be obtained: a self-declaration**, in accordance with Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, declaring the examinations taken, dates of successful passing, grades and credits obtained. A fac-simile is available for download on the [selection's 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 only declare the place and the date of award / foreseen date of award as the other information can be collected ex officio.
- applicants who have not yet obtained their degree but expect to complete it by October 31, 2025, and therefore are "conditionally" admitted to the selection also need to provide **a statement** from the thesis supervisor or other academic/administrative supervisor/staff declaring that conferral of the University degree will occur by October 31, 2025.

b. **foreign qualification**:

• **already obtained**:

- a **certificate attesting to the possession of a second-level university qualification** (see Art. 3 paragraph 1 letter c) issued by the institution that awarded it. The certificate must indicate the type of diploma, the date it was awarded and the grade achieved;
- a **list of the examinations** taken to obtain the qualification used to access a Doctoral Programme (academic transcript of records of the Master's degree) with relative credits (if provided for in the awarding country's university system), marks, and grading scale. If the university studies carried out abroad are divided into first and second level, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to obtain that degree (*academic transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree*) should also be attached.

If the aforementioned documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a translation in Italian or in English made provisionally by the applicant, who takes responsibility for the accuracy of the translation and its compliance with the original text.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent<sup>8</sup> to a second-cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached in the appropriate section of the online application.

- **to be obtained (the following two points refer to foreign degree applicants who have not yet obtained their degree, who expect to complete it by October 31, 2025, and are therefore "conditionally" admitted to the selection)**:
  - a **certificate of enrolment in a course of study that allows admission to a Doctoral Programme** (see art. 3 paragraph 1 letter c), with a **list of the examinations** successfully passed, credits obtained in each examination (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, rating scale (academic transcript of records) and the possible award date. If the university studies carried out abroad are divided into first and second level, the Bachelor's degree and the **list of examinations** taken to obtain that degree (academic transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree) should also be attached.
  - a letter signed by the thesis supervisor or other academic/administrative supervisor/staff stating that the candidate will obtain the academic title **by October 31, 2025**.

If the aforementioned documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a translation in Italian or in English made provisionally by the applicant, who takes responsibility for the accuracy of the translation and its compliance with the original text.

In addition, if available, the following documents should also be included:

- *Academic degree (diploma)* of the required title (Master of Science/Art or equivalent) in the original language;

<sup>7</sup> The list of candidates (identified by their ID #) who are not deemed eligible due to an incomplete application, will be published on the [selection's webpage](#).

<sup>8</sup> Details at <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico>.



- *Diploma Supplement*<sup>9</sup> (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES), or;
- *Declaration of value*<sup>10</sup> which certifies that the educational qualification is valid in the awarding country for admission to a Doctoral programme (third level of higher education according to the Bologna Process - European Higher Education Area; EQF level 8), or;
- the *Statement of comparability - university qualification*<sup>11</sup> awarded by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary to evaluate the qualification.

C. **curriculum vitae et studiorum**, including any research skills obtained by the applicants and any other academic degrees (2<sup>nd</sup> level Masters, PhD degrees, specializations, other high school education, etc.);  
In the section of the online application called "Curriculum vitae", applicants will also be asked to answer specific questions about any previous experience.

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

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

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

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

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

E. a short **statement of purpose** in English (max. 500 words) outlining the reasons for undertaking doctoral research and, in particular, for applying for the PhD programme in Economics and Finance at the University of Trento.

## 10. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- an **international certificate** attesting the candidate's **knowledge of English** at the C1 level or higher in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)<sup>12</sup> if English is not the candidate's mother tongue or the candidate has not graduated from a BA or MA programme taught entirely in English.
- list (if applicable) of **scientific publications**;
- any **other qualifications**, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);
- any other documents which demonstrate the candidates' skills (awards, scholarships, post-graduate study and research activities and so on);
- **reference letters in English or in Italian**<sup>13</sup> (maximum 2).

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

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

Should candidates wish to add further documentation to the application after having already closed the application, they may do so **by the deadline of the selection announcement** by emailing [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it). In this case, **the subject line should be:** Application ID

<sup>9</sup> The Diploma Supplement is a document attached to the final qualification, intended to improve international "transparency" and to facilitate academic and professional qualification recognition (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution which has given the diploma. See: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx>.

<sup>10</sup> See: <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>; <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html>.

<sup>11</sup> The University of Trento has signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association for the evaluation and verification services of foreign qualifications through the use of the [Diplome platform](#). 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](#).

<sup>12</sup> If no English certificate is provided in the application, the English knowledge will be tested during the interview.

<sup>13</sup> Failure to provide reference forms does not result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.





- Candidate's Last Name and Name – Doctoral Course in Economic and Finance - 41<sup>th</sup> cycle – integrazione domanda). Documentation sent by other means will not be accepted.

11. For all purposes in law, the application is considered a self-declaration of personal details and information provided.

## 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 Doctoral Programme. The Committee may also include up to two experts, even foreign experts, from public and private national and international research organizations.
2. The selection takes place as follows:
  - Applicants will be shortlisted according to the output of the title assessment as stated in art. 4 of the call.
  - The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in English to assess their competencies, research skills and their motivation. If no English certificate at least level C1 has been provided in the application, the candidate's English knowledge will be tested during the interview.
3. The interview will be focused on the basic knowledge of the topics of the Doctoral Programme and the research project, on the previous experiences and qualifications of the candidates.
4. Candidates who intend to compete also for one of the topic-specific grants indicated in article n.1 of this call must express their interest in the online application. Candidates may also opt for topic-specific grants made available after the deadline of this call. To be considered for the additional topic-specific grant/s, the candidates must express their intention to the Committee following the instructions given by the PhD Administrator.  
Candidates who also compete for a topic-specific grant will be evaluated on the knowledge of the specific subject matter(s) of that grant.  
Those candidates will be evaluated on their knowledge of the specific subject matter of that grant.
5. The option for a topic-specific grant expressed by a candidate implies the candidate's preference for the award of that specific scholarship with respect to all others.
6. For the interview, the Admissions Committee has an overall score of 100 points available. To be admitted to the overall ranking, candidates shall score at least 60/100.
7. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published on the [selection's webpage](#)<sup>14</sup>.
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 a renunciation of participation in the selection procedure;
  - b) by videoconference 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 Commission will schedule the starting time of the interviews. 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 before 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.

## Art. 6 – RANKING

1. The Committee draws up a merit-based ranking according to the applicants' scores from the interview evaluation. The assessment of the titles has no relevance.
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 until their maximum number is filled.

<sup>14</sup> The chosen candidates will be listed using their application ID.



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 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 webpage](#).

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

## Art. 7 – ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMME AND ENROLMENT

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:
  - as regards the awarding of the scholarship, 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;
  - when neither candidate has applied for a scholarship, the younger of the two candidates will be selected.
3. If an eligible applicant withdraws **before the beginning of the Programme (1<sup>st</sup> November 2025)**, 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 <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](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)) if they had not already done so during the application phase – “Application procedure”, the following documents **by November 7, 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<sup>15</sup>, legalized<sup>16</sup> 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 (CIMEA<sup>17</sup>) that contains all the information necessary to assess the qualification.

In case the Diploma Supplement, or the Declaration of Value, or the Statement of comparability are not available by November 7, 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 November 7, 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.

<sup>15</sup> Details at: <https://www.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/>

<sup>16</sup> Details at: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-13.html>

<sup>17</sup> For the assessment and verification services of foreign qualifications through the use of the *Diplome* platform, see: <https://www.unitn.it/en/international/coming-unitrento>





## 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** supernumerary position without a scholarship of the University of Trento, if such candidates coincide with one of the following cases:
  - foreign nationality, eligible in the general ranking, who are granted scholarships by other entities;
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - 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 revision<sup>18</sup>.
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](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)), also **within 8 days** starting from the day following publication of the ranking.
3. Supernumerary admission acceptance is disposed of 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 an 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

1. Registration on the doctorate course for the successful candidates, who have accepted their places according to the procedures 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 2025-2026 academic year.

Should accreditation not be given, candidates who have accepted places will be notified immediately via email and the local education tax (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 acceptance of the position, to allow the appropriate verification of the validity of the qualifications, also through the national information centres 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 PhD 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<sup>19</sup>.
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. Each doctoral student is also required to sign a declaration stating that intellectual property rights are owned by the University of Trento, thus being aware of the relevant legislation and University Regulations on intellectual property. Each doctoral student may be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement with the funding body in the case that his/her doctoral position is not funded by the University of Trento.

<sup>18</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.

<sup>19</sup> See <https://www.unitn.it/en/ricerca/1767/protection-and-valorization-of-intellectual-property>

## Art. 11 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

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

1. **The Data joint Controller**

The data joint controllers are:

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

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

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

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

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

The Data joint Controller processes personal data as part of the performance of their public interest tasks and, in particular, for the purposes of carrying out this selection procedure and complying with a legal obligation (Art. 6, par. 1, lett. e) and c); Art. 9, par. 2, lett. g) of the GDPR).

4. **Nature of the provision of data**

The provision of personal data is necessary for participation in this procedure and failure to provide such data will result in the impossibility of taking part. The provision of special health-related data (for candidates with disabilities) is optional, but failure to provide it will result in the impossibility of accessing the requested support tools.

5. **Data processing methods**

The processing of personal data shall be carried out manually, by automated means and/or by telematic means by authorised staff according to their tasks and in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, adequacy, relevance, accuracy, integrity and confidentiality (GDPR, art. 5, par.1.). No automated decision-making processes, including profiling, are carried out.

6. **Categories of recipients**

In addition to all the University personnel acting for the above-mentioned purposes, personal data may be disclosed to third parties, public and private entities (es. MUR, ANVUR) in order to fulfil the abovementioned purposes, including any financing subject in relation to the funded scholarships.

Personal data may also be disclosed to third parties in compliance with legal obligations and/or provisions of the Public Security/Judicial Authorities.

7. **Transfer to non-EU countries**

If, within the abovementioned purposes, personal data are transferred to non-EU countries, this transfer will be performed within the limits and under the terms as per art. 44 and seq. of the GDPR.

8. **Data retention period**

Personal data will be stored as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes of this procedure, and anyway, as long as it is necessary by law.

In any case data will be stored for the time indicated by the current law and/or by the Data joint Controller regulations on managing and storing documents issued within their institutional activities.

9. **Rights of the Data Subjects**

Data subjects may exercise the rights referred to in Articles 15 et seq. of the GDPR at any time.

In particular, data subjects have the right to obtain access to, rectification, or integration of personal data from the Data joint Controller, and, if the legal requirements are met, the erasure, limitation, or 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 article 77 of the GDPR or to engage in legal proceedings.

## 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 Economics and Finance 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 on the webpage to art. 1 of this call.



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3. Any changes or additions to this Call will be published on the [selection's webpage](#) listed in Art. 1.
4. The person responsible for the administrative procedure is the Head of the Didactics and Student Services Department of the University of Trento. The office responsible for this is the Division for the Support of Doctoral Courses and Higher Education Polo Città e Rovereto; email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it). The Selection Committee is responsible for the application selection procedure: the evaluation of qualifications, the interviews, the minutes, and the final ranking of applicants.