

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Admission to the Doctoral Programme in
Materials, Mechatronics and Systems Engineering
40th cycle – First call
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025**

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N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree no. 457 of April 23rd, 2024 is legally binding; the English version is provided for information only

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento opens the call for applications for the admission to the 40th Cycle (Academic Year 2024/2025) of the Doctoral Programme in “Materials, Mechatronics and Systems Engineering” as follows:

Deadline for application: May 24th, 2024, hrs. 4.00 PM (Italian time, GMT +2, all the times indicated in this announcement are to be meant as Italian time)

Positions: no. 17

Scholarships: no. 17 (of which 15 on reserved topics)

Positions are divided as follows:

Financer	Nr.	Topics of reserved scholarships ¹
University of Trento scholarships	2	
Department of Industrial Engineering scholarship	1	A – Estimation and Control Algorithms for Robots in Shared Environments – Project UE HE MAGICIAN, G.A. n. 101120731, CUP E63C23000730006 – Scientific coordinator: Daniele Fontanelli
University of Trento and Department of Industrial Engineering scholarship	3	B – Active Sensing Algorithms for Collaborative Robots – Project UE HE MAGICIAN, G.A. n. 101120731, CUP E63C23000730006 – Scientific coordinator: Daniele Fontanelli C – Numerically efficient reinforcement learning – Project UE HE INVERSE, G.A. n. 101136067, CUP E63C23001600006 – Scientific coordinator: Andrea Del Prete D - RESilient hybrid microgrids enabled by COordinated Power Electronic hubs for the GREEN Revolution (RESCOPE4GREEN) – Project PNRR MUR PRIN 2022, Prot. n. P2022W4HFX, CUP E53D23014790001 – Scientific coordinator: Elisabetta Tedeschi. Please check on page 3.
University of Trento and Robosense	1	E – 3D vision aided Robotic devices – Scientific coordinator: Mariolino De Cecco
Fondazione Bruno Kessler	2	F – Chipless RFID sensors for ionizing radiation – Scientific coordinator: Alberto Quaranta G – Advancing Open-Source Robotics for Cost-Effective Agricultural Digital Twins – Scientific coordinator: Daniele Fontanelli
MUR-funded grants - Departments of Excellence. Funding allocated by the MUR under the intervention "Departments of Excellence 2023-2027 (Law 232/2016)," Department of Industrial Engineering CUP E63C22003890001	8	H – Novel lead-free actuators based on electroactive ceramics by sustainable processing – Scientific coordinator: Mattia Biesuz I – Advanced Digital Sensors and Energy Harvesting with 3D Printed Electronics on Flexible Surfaces and Textiles – Scientific coordinator: Davide Brunelli J – Development of flexible active mechanical metamaterials for autonomous morphing and shape adaptation – Scientific coordinator: Pasquale Gallo K – Smart materials integrating embedded optical fiber sensors – Scientific coordinator: Mirko Lobino L – Design and development of soft robots with multifunctional-material-based artificial muscles – Scientific coordinator: Giacomo Moretti M – Human-centric collaborative manufacturing with industrial cobot for operator well-being in Industry 5.0 era – Scientific coordinator: Francesco Pilati N – Design, Modeling, and Control with Structured Neural Networks for New Prototypes of Wearable Flexible interfaces – Scientific coordinator: Gastone Pietro Rosati Papini O – Data-driven optimization for the manufacturing of multi-functional natural-based conductive hydrogels for flexible technologies applications – Scientific coordinator: Annalisa Tirella
Nr. of positions	17	

¹ Reserved scholarships can only be assigned to those candidates who will ask for and obtain the specific eligibility.

According to the Directorial Grant Decree 1409 of the 14/09/2022, **no. 1 additional position supported by a scholarship under the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, component 2, Investment 1.1.** is published (see the file "Research subjects" for details).

The research projects related to the individual scholarship referred to in the previous paragraph must comply with the following requirements set forth by the PNRR funding:

- a) be coherent with the EU Regulations 2021/241 goals and purposes, with the NRRP general strategy and the specific NRRP mission;
- b) be focused on achieving the results possibly set by the NRRP targets and milestones;
- c) be compliant with the principle of "do not significant harm" (DNSH) according to art. 17 of the EU Regulations 2020/852 and with the technical directions given by the European Commission (European Commission Notice 2021/C58/01);
- d) be suitable to deal with and to fill the gap of gender inequality;
- e) support the participation of women and young people in the management of the NRRP, also according to the Legislative Decree of May 31, 2021, no. 77 (so called Decreto Semplificazioni), as modified by Conversion Law of July 29, 2021, no. 108.

The selection and the assignment of the additional scholarship can be only on the specific reserved topic described in the attachment "Research subjects" available at the [call webpage](#), and summarized as follows:

Project	N.	Topics of reserved scholarships
PNRR M4C2 I1.1 MUR PRIN 2022, Prot. N. P2022W4HFX, CUP E53D23014790001	1	D - RESilient hybrid microgrids enabled by COordinated Power Electronic hubs for the GREEN Revolution (RESCOPE4GREEN) – Scientific coordinator: Elisabetta Tedeschi
Nr. of positions:	1	

The applicants are aware that the scholarship will be revoked in case:

- there are differences in the realisation of the doctoral path compared to the financed project, in case there is no approval of the changes from the Ministry.



The scholarships dedicated to specific research topics (reserved positions) may be assigned only to those applicants who specifically apply for them, because these positions are linked to a certain research topic for which specific skills are required.

Applicants interested in one or more reserved positions must therefore carefully check on the [selection website](#) the topic and the required skills, and if the scholarships entail the acceptance of confidentiality commitment and/or transfer of intellectual property rights (see the file "Research subjects" for possible details).

The positions with scholarships or other financial support may be increased after the publication of this call till the assessment of qualifications. All the new available positions will be posted solely on the selection website.

Additional positions: scholarships that will be available after the publication of this call (and published on the selection website) can be selected by using the entry "Other" in the proper section of the online application, and indicating in the specific space the title and ID of the scholarship chosen.

Moreover, applicants selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes in which the University of Trento participates, may also be admitted to the 40th Cycle in additional positions.

Duration: Three years

Start of the Academic Year: November 1st, 2024

Official language: English

- [Selection website](#)
- [Doctoral Programme website](#) (information on the Programme, admission to subsequent years and to the final examination)
- [Rights and duties of doctoral students](#)
- [Info about doctoral scholarships](#)
- [Scientific areas](#) (with reference to the Italian Ministerial classification)

Important:

- a. The dates of the selection and all selection results (interim and final), the possible exclusion from the selection due to an incomplete application (art. 3), the exclusion for foreign qualification not recognized as suitable (art. 2), and any notices related to the call will be published only on the selection webpage; the applicants **will be identified through the application ID therefore it is recommended to keep it safe**. The publication on the website is to all intents and purposes valid as official notification, and no personal communication will be sent.
- b. Possible communication related to the call for selection will be sent by e-mail to the applicants' personal email address connected to the account registered by the system when closing the application. Applicants with an active or just concluded career at the University of Trento are advised to check their personal email address at the link: [Profile data for account](#). In case you need to change your personal email address after the application closure, please send a request to the Doctorate Office S&T (phd.office-st@unitn.it).

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for doctoral positions are accepted from applicants, regardless of gender, age and nationality, who hold:
 - a. an Italian "Laurea Magistrale" or "Laurea Specialistica", according to the Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 03.11.1999, subsequently amended by Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22.10.2004;
 - or
 - b. a university degree obtained at an Italian Institution belonging to the AFAM system (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale);
 - or
 - c. an equivalent foreign degree (Master's degree) obtained at an officially recognized academic institution, valid for admission to Doctoral studies in the Country it has been issued (except for substantial differences) and similar (duration and level) to the Italian degree, recognized as eligible² by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of accessing this specific Doctoral Programme³.
2. Applications are also accepted from students expected to obtain the necessary degree **by October 31st, 2024**. Admission to the Doctoral Programme for successful applicants who have not yet graduated will be "conditional" and the applicant will have to submit to the Doctorate Office S&T (via email to: phd.office-st@unitn.it) **by November 8th, 2024, on penalty of exclusion**, the certificate awarded or a self-declaration (using the [Declaration substituting Degree Certificate](#) also available on the call website).

² The eligibility of foreign academic degrees is assessed by the Selection Committee, following the rules in force or the international treaties or recognition of academic qualifications.

³ Details at: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/qualifiche-del-sistema-universitario.aspx>.



- Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognised as **equivalent**⁴ to a second cycle Italian degree (Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica/vecchio ordinamento) will be considered as **requesting equivalence in their application**, by attaching the necessary supporting documents.
It is in the applicant's interest to provide all the elements useful for the assessment, especially if the education system of the country where the qualification was obtained is not comparable to the Italian one.
The Selection Committee may require the applicant to provide additional documentation if deemed necessary for the purpose of assessing the eligibility.
- Applicants who have already obtained the Doctoral degree will be admitted to attend a second Doctoral Programme, after passing the selection procedure, provided that the prevailing subjects and scientific areas are different from those relating to the previous Doctoral degree. Applicants who have already benefited from a scholarship, even partially, cannot be assigned any scholarships in the new Doctoral Programme.

Art. 3 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- The application⁵ must be **completed and submitted by hrs. 4.00 p.m. Italian time of May 24th, 2024, exclusively through the online system: [Doctoral Programmes Applications](#)** which will be available within 3 working days from the publication of the announcement.
Authentication to the registration procedure is possible through:
 - SPID**⁶; applicants who own an Italian tax code and an Italian ID must access the registration procedure using the CIE (Electronic ID) or SPID, the Italian Public Digital Identity System, which automatically certifies the applicant's identity on the UniTrento systems and sets up an account as @unitn.it (more info about CIE at this link <https://www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it/en/home/>). To request a SPID identity please visit the webpage: [How to activate the SPID identity](#);
 - University of Trento account**: those who do have a University of Trento account can access the application procedure with their existing username ([name.surname@unitn.it](#)). Please check [Account@unitn.it](#) if you **forgot your password** and to have more information on UniTrento;
 - a UniTrento "guest" temporary account**: only those who do not have an Italian tax code or a University of Trento account can set up a temporary "guest" account. After the matriculation, this account will be converted into a final one as @unitn.it. Procedure at: [Account registration info](#)⁷.
- To finalize the application a non-refundable **application fee of € 15** (fifteen) is to be paid by **PagoPA payment system**⁸ according to the instructions given in the appropriate section of the online application.
The online application can be saved and modified several times until the final submission. Thereafter it can no longer be changed.
- The online application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal data and qualifications with full legal effect.** It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the online application has been successfully submitted and an email notification has been received. There will be no liability with the University in the event that an application is not submitted correctly.
- When filling out the Application online candidates must select the research topics (max. 2, specifying the order of preference) they want to apply for. Candidates who select more than one research topic in the application online must attach a statement of purpose and a research project for each research topic. Applicants interested in applying also for one or more of the reserved scholarships listed in art. 1 must make an explicit request when filling in the online application. The expressed order of preference is binding.
- Regarding additional reserved scholarships added after the publication of this Call (additional positions) applicants will be required to express their interest according to the above mentioned instructions. **Important**: the candidate's choice to compete also for the reserved scholarships implies a preference on his/her part for the awarding of that specific scholarship over the free ones.
- MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more mandatory attachments will result in automatic exclusion from the selection)
 - Identifying document (ID)**:
A copy of the applicant's valid **identity card** (only EU citizens) or **passport** (non-EU citizens), in particular of the pages reporting his/her photograph, personal data, number, place and date of issue, expiry date and signature;
 - Academic degree for admission to the Doctoral Programme**:
 - 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 possession of a degree (art. 2 of this Call), "Classe di Laurea", issuing University, award date and final grade / possible award date, **examinations taken**, dates of successful passing, grades and credits obtained (by using the form "[Declaration substituting Degree](#)")

⁴ For further information see at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/procedure-di-riconoscimento-accademico-dei-titoli.aspx>

⁵ The applicant can choose either Italian or English to fill in the application online.

⁶ For more info visit the website: <https://www.spid.gov.it/en/what-is-spid/>

⁷ Applicants are advised to register well in advance of the deadline. The issue of credentials (username and password) may require up to three working days. Those who already hold a UniTrento account but forgot the password can request a new one at: <https://icts.unitn.it/en/password>

⁸ Further information about PagoPA service at: <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd-pagopa>



Certificate"); 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;

b. **foreign qualification**⁹:

• **already obtained:**

- a **certificate attesting to the possession of a second level university qualification** (see art. 2 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 relative grade;
- a **list of examinations** taken to obtain the qualification to access a Doctoral Programme (**academic transcript of records of the Master's degree**) with relative credits (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, and rating 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.

• **to be obtained:**

- a **certificate of enrolment in a course of study that allows admission to a Doctoral Programme** (see art. 2 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.

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.

- C. **curriculum vitae et studiorum** in Italian or English, preferably according to the Europass model; all academic degrees held and any university enrolments in progress must be specified in detail (please specify also the High School diploma details)
- D. **summary of the Master's degree thesis** written in English explaining the reasons for the choice of the subject, the research methodology and the results obtained (max 4 pages);
- E. **statement of purpose** written in **English** (max 3,000 characters spaces included) motivating the applicant's research interest in one of the Phd Programme's research field;
- F. **Research proposal**: a description of the research project in English (max. 4 pages) preferably on one of the research subjects of the 40th cycle listed at the selection webpage. Candidates applying for scholarships on reserved topics must attach a research project on that specific subject; during the interview the specific eligibility to this subject will be assessed. **The applicants awarded a scholarship on a specific reserved topic must accept it otherwise they will be excluded.**

7. **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. List of possible publications; please do not send the entire publications, as the Selection Committee will evaluate only the list.
- B. Any other title, as for example international certifications also about your linguistic competence (e.g. the certification of GRE test (Graduate Record Examination), or similar);
- C. copy of the first-level academic degree (Bachelor's degree) and transcript;
- D. any additional qualifications useful for assessing the applicant's knowledge of foreign languages and the applicant's attitude towards research (prizes, scholarships, post-graduate research and work activity, recommendation letters, etc.);
- E. **Applicants with a foreign qualification** may attach:
 - **academic diploma of the Master's degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent), in its original language and
 - **Diploma Supplement (DS)**¹⁰ drafted according to the form developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO / CEPES;

alternatively

- **Declaration of value**¹¹ which certifies that the educational qualification is valid in the country of issuance for admission to a Doctoral programme (third level of higher education according to the Bologna Process - European Higher Education Area; EQF level 8);

⁹ It is in the interest of the applicant to provide all information relevant for the assessment, especially if the country where the qualification was obtained has an education system not comparable to the Italian one.

¹⁰ The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international "transparency" and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The Diploma Supplement must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx> and http://ec.europa.eu/education/resources/diploma-supplement_en

¹¹ Further information about DoV and equivalence: <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>



alternatively

- **Statement of comparability of foreign university qualification**¹² issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary for the assessment of the qualification.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent¹³ to a second cycle Italian qualification **by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities**, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached.

8. The University will accept additional documents to be included in the application submitted if sent by email to ateneo@unitn.it (**Subject:** "Application ID number- applicant's Surname and Name – Doctoral Programme in Materials, Mechatronics and Systems Engineering – 40th cycle - Supplement to application") **by May 24th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time. Additional documents submitted by other means will be disregarded.**
9. Only documents (originals or copies) in English and Italian will be considered for the selection by the Selection Committee; for all other languages it is compulsory to attach a translation into English or Italian signed by the applicant.
The mandatory attachments required at points **6.D, 6.E and 6. F** must be submitted **in English** by all applicants.
10. All applicants are admitted to the selection procedure **conditionally upon ascertainment that they fulfill the admission requirements (art. 2)**. The University of Trento has the right to verify the documents delivered pursuant to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000. **The University can at any time, even after enrolment and upon justified reasons, decide the exclusion of applicants lacking the requirements specified in the present call.**
11. 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 special assistance or extra time during the examinations, in accordance with their disability. In this case personal data will be processed in compliance with the current law as indicated in the GDPR Privacy notice.

Art. 4 – EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

1. The evaluation is made by a Selection Committee appointed by the Rector upon advice from the Doctoral Committee, in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes. The Selection Committee sets the evaluation criteria during a preliminary meeting.
2. The selection procedure is designed to rank, comparatively, the knowledge and aptitude of the applicants to carry out research in areas related to the Doctoral Programme.

The selection is made on the basis of the assessment of:

- All the mandatory applicant's qualifications listed in previous art. 3
- an interview, in English. The interview will assess the applicant's basic knowledge about the Doctorate scientific areas, the previous research and professional experience and qualifications declared in the application, as well as the knowledge of the English language.

3. The Selection Committee will evaluate the eligibility of the applicants for the position they shown their preference, on the basis of the documents (research project) they uploaded in the online application, or they sent lately as an integration.

Important notice: the applicant's choice to compete also for the reserved scholarships implies a preference on his/her part for the awarding of that specific scholarship over the others.

4. The Selection Committee will award a maximum of 100 points, of which:
0-50 points: assessment of qualifications, of which up to 25 points for the research project and 25 points for other;
0-50 points: interview
Applicants obtaining a minimum score of 30/50 for the assessment of qualifications will be admitted to the interview which will be passed with a minimum score of 30/50; applicants **who have passed the interview** and obtained an overall score of 60/100, will thus be short-listed.
5. The date of the assessment of qualifications will be disclosed at least 20 days in advance on selection webpage.
6. The applicants can choose¹⁴ to hold the interview as follows:
 - a) **in person at the University of Trento;**

¹² The University of Trento signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association about evaluating and verifying foreign titles through the online platform Diplome. Further information at: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>

¹³ Details at <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/procedure-di-riconoscimento-accademico-dei-titoli.aspx>

¹⁴ The choice has to be made in the relevant section while applying online



- b) **online interview:** using audio-video connection tools, that allow the correct identification of the participants (through a webcam), and the conduction of the oral test in a public form.
The Selection Committee will decide the schedule of the interviews. The University is not responsible for any technical problems that could affect the correct ongoing of the interview.

Possible changes will be solely posted on the selection web page.

To simplify the identification procedures, the identification document shall be the one attached when filling in the online application. The applicant's not showing up or connecting for the interview whatever the reason, or not being reachable on the day and at the time set for the examination, or not providing a valid identification document constitute grounds for exclusion.

Art. 5 – RANKINGS

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Selection Committee draws up one general ranking list.
2. The available positions are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:
 - a) the position in the ranking list;
 - b) for reserved scholarships according to the position in the ranking list and the applicant's eligibility for that specific scholarship.
 - c) In case of equal score see following art. 6.
3. Non-allocated scholarships on reserved topics will result in the reduction of the number of positions available.

Art. 6 – ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POSITION

1. Short-listed applicants are admitted to the Doctoral Programme based on their position in the final ranking list until all available positions have been filled. All applicants compete for the award of the scholarships funded by the University of Trento; however, applicants who have been awarded a scholarship on a specific reserved topic must accept it. Renunciation of the reserved scholarship implies the applicant's exclusion from the right to enroll in the Doctoral Programme.
2. Should two applicants obtain the same score, regarding the award of the scholarship, the applicants' economic situations shall be the deciding factor, in accordance with the criteria established by the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of 09.04.2001 and subsequent amendments and integrations. As for positions without scholarship, the younger of the two applicants will be selected.
3. Admitted applicants must send the acceptance of the position following the instructions at [Enrolment 1, 2, 3 year](#):
 - **within 8 days** starting from the day following the publication of the final ranking lists on the selection website for **positions covered with scholarships or other form of financial support**;
 - **within 14 days** starting from the day following publication of the final ranking lists on the selection website for **positions without scholarships or other form of financial support**.

N.B.! Admitted applicants with a qualification that has not been awarded in Italy must deliver (if they had not already done so during the application phase – "Application procedure") to the Doctorate Office S&T (sending them in advance by email: phd.office-st@unitn.it) **by November 8, 2024**:

- **academic diploma of the Master's degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent) in the original or certified copy, **together with the academic transcript of records**, possible official translations¹⁵, legalized or with an apostille affixed¹⁶ (please carefully 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**¹⁷ issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations country of origin of the institution that awarded the title

Alternatively

- **Statement of comparability of foreign university qualifications**¹⁸ issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) 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, 2024, 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.

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

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

¹⁷ Should the Declaration of Value not be available by the given deadline, the applicant has to produce evidence of the request to the Diplomatic mission. The applicant has to provide the original copy of the Declaration of Value as soon as it is available.

¹⁸ The University of Trento signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association about evaluating and verifying foreign titles through the online platform Diplome. Further information at: <https://international.unitn.it/incoming/diploma-verification>



Admission to the Doctoral Programme for successful applicants who do not provide the required above-mentioned documents by November 8, 2024 will be “conditional” and the applicants will lose their right to continue 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. In the case of loss of student status, the applicant must return the scholarship instalments eventually received.
4. Note that the acceptance of a position within the Doctoral Programme must include the payment of stamp duty and the payment of the "provincial tax for the right to higher education" - TDS¹⁹ (except for exemption cases). At present, no fees are charged to doctoral students to access courses and attend them, with the exception of the aforementioned annual provincial tax for the right to study (TDS).
 5. Admitted applicants who do not accept the position by the above-mentioned deadlines will lose their right to registration, and their places will be offered to the next applicants on the relevant ranking.
 6. If a successful applicant withdraws **before the beginning of the Doctoral Programme** (November 1, 2024), the next applicant on the ranking will be offered the position, if entitled to it based on the eligibility assessment for reserved scholarships. The latter must submit his/her acceptance of the position **within 4 days** starting from the day after the day on which the communication from the Doctorate Office S&T is sent.
 7. If a successful applicant withdraws or is excluded after the beginning of the Doctoral Programme and **during the first three months of the first year**, the Doctoral Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with the next applicant on the relevant ranking, considering the acquired eligibility for reserved scholarships.
 8. At the end of the enrolment period, doctoral students must communicate via e-mail (dii.phd@unitn.it) to the Doctoral Programme Secretariat the exact date of their arrival in Trento. Doctoral students who cannot be, for justified reasons, in Trento at the beginning of the academic year, must submit adequate motivations and justifications by no later than November 8, 2024, on penalty of exclusion from the Doctoral Programme. In the case of a lack of communication and failure to arrive in Trento by the above mentioned deadline Doctoral students will be considered excluded from the Doctoral Programme.

Art. 7 – ENROLMENT ON THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. Enrolment on the Doctoral Programme, only for admitted applicants who have accepted the position as mentioned above, will be automatically formalized as soon as the accreditation for the academic year 2024/2025 has been confirmed by the Ministry of University and Research. If accreditation is not confirmed, applicants who have accepted a position will receive timely notification via email, and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.
2. In order to complete the enrolment process, those applicants who have obtained their academic qualifications abroad must, upon their arrival in Italy, show the official documents (the original ones or certified copies of them) relative to their academic record that have already been submitted in scanned form during admission to the selection phase or upon acceptance of the position, thereby enabling the appropriate checks of the validity of the qualifications to be conducted, also through the national information centers on the recognition of foreign qualifications belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Until that time, applicants are conditionally admitted to the course and may be excluded if they do not fulfil the requirements.

Art. 8 – SUPERNUMERARY POSITIONS

1. According to art. 18, par. 3 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes, and up to the number of positions indicated in art. 1 (no more than 2) supernumerary applicants may be admitted without a scholarship paid by the University, after passing the selection procedure, if they fall within one of the following categories:
 - a) shortlisted foreign applicants who are granted scholarships by other entities;
 - b) shortlisted applicants from countries with which a specific inter-governmental agreement has been signed, 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) ex art. 22 of the Italian law 240/2010 whose contract lasts for a minimum of 24 months as from the starting date of the Programme and researching a subject relevant to the Doctoral Programme; such relevance has to be determined by the Doctoral Programme Committee;
 - d) Italian civil servants or under Italian public law regime. Admission is subject to placement on leave under Art. 2 of the Law no. 476/1984 and subsequent amendments.

¹⁹ Note that the total amount of the TDS + stamp duty must be paid only by credit card following the instructions. Page <https://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/1931/education-tax-tds-and-stamp-duty> provides information on exemption from the TDS.



2. Short-listed applicants who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request for such admission by submitting appropriate documentation proving their status via e-mail to phd.office-st@unitn.it, **within 8 days** from the next day of the publication of ranking lists. Supernumerary admission is determined by the number of supernumerary positions listed in art. 1 following the order in the relevant ranking.
3. After verification of the documents referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, applicants admitted to supernumerary positions will receive an email notification from the Doctorate Office S&T (phd.office-st@unitn.it) and must deliver their acceptance within the deadline specified in the email text itself.
4. Any applicant selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes in which the University of Trento participates, may also be admitted to positions additional with respect to the quota specified at point 1 of this article.

Art. 9 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Without prejudice to the Italian legislation on copyright (Legislative Decree no. 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), intellectual and industrial property rights on the results eventually achieved by the student, including, but not limited to, software, patentable industrial inventions, know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations (in particular, the Regulations on Intellectual Property Rights issued with Rectoral Decree no. 540 of 22/07/2020 and subsequent amendments) and, if necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or other institutions involved²⁰.
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. 10 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

In compliance to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679, the University of Trento provides to the applicants (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). The Data Controller can be reached at the following email addresses: ateneo@unitn.it, ateneo@pec.unitn.it
2. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer
The **Data Protection Officer (DPO)** can be contacted to request information on personal data at the following email address: dpo@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 as well as to comply with a legal obligation to which the Data controller is subject (Article 6, paragraph 1, letters e) and c) of the GDPR) and, in particular for the following purposes: to carry out the present call for selection and to fulfil the related law requirements
4. Nature of the provision of data
The provision of personal data is necessary for applying to this call for selection and the failure to provide it will result in the impossibility of applying.
The provision of particular data concerning disabilities is optional, but failure to provide such data will determine the impossibility of using the necessary support instruments.
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, in a manner that is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed (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) in order to fulfil the abovementioned purposes, specifically to external bodies financing the 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

²⁰ See: <https://www.unitn.it/en/node/1767/protection-and-valorisation-of-intellectual-property>



In case personal data are transferred outside the EEA, it will happen in compliance with limitations and provisions specified in Article 44 and following of GDPR;

8. Data retention period

Personal data will be stored as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they are collected, 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 access to personal data, rectification of personal data and/or their integration, erasure of personal data except in cases where the University is required to keep them according to art. 17, 3 par. of the GDPR, limitation of the data processing operation and 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. 11 - REFERRAL RULES

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 Regulation](#) 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 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 is the Division for the Support of Doctoral Courses and Higher Education Polo Collina; email: phd.office-st@unitn.it. The Selection Committee is responsible for the selection procedure of the applications: the evaluation of qualifications, the interviews, the minutes and the final ranking of applicants.

On behalf of
The Rector
The Head of Education and Student Services
dott. Paolo Zanei