



# CALL FOR PHD POSITIONS

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**Doctoral Programme in  
SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**Cycle 42**

**Academic Year 2026-2027**

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## Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento announces the 42<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Doctoral Programme in **Sociology and Social Research** (a.y. 2026/2027).

**Deadline for application:** May 14, 2026 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time).

**Places:** n. 6

**Scholarships:** n. 6 financed by the University of Trento

Furthermore, candidates selected by dedicated committees are also eligible for the 42<sup>nd</sup> cycle, as they are involved in specific international mobility programs in which the University of Trento participates.

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 occurrence will be communicated online, and nowhere else, at the selection's webpage.

The application procedures for topic-specific scholarships that may become available after the publication of this call will be announced on the selection webpage.

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

**Scholarship amount:** The annual gross amount of the scholarship is Euro 18.345,00 (Tier I)

**Duration:** 3 years

**Beginning of the academic year:** 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2026

**Programme Director:** prof. Agnese Vitali (email: [agnese.vitali@unitn.it](mailto:agnese.vitali@unitn.it))

**Doctorate website:** <https://www.sociologia.unitn.it/en/dottorato/srs>

**Selection's website:** <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/sociology-and-social-research>

**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 Doctoral Programme:** English

### IMPORTANT

- a. The dates of the selection process and all results (interim and final), any exclusion ex officio from the selection due to incomplete applications (see Art. 4 below), and exclusion due to foreign qualifications not recognized as eligible (see Art. 2 below), will be published on the competition webpage, with reference made **solely to the application ID**, which is displayed during the application process and in the submission confirmation email. This publication shall serve as official notification for all legal purposes and no personal communications will be sent.
- b. Without prejudice to the provisions of this article and the following art. 5 co. 6 and 6 co. 6, 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 - Humanities and Cognitive Science Area ([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 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 issued 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 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<sup>1</sup> and subject area<sup>2</sup>;
  - is considered suitable<sup>3</sup> by the Admission Committee for the sole purpose of the admission to the PhD Programme.
2. Applications are also accepted from candidates who don't hold the required degree but expect to obtain their degree/equivalent qualification abroad, **by October 31, 2026**. In this case admission is "conditional" and applicants must submit the degree certificate to the PhD Office - Humanities and Cognitive Science Area (email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@unitn.it)) no later than **November 6, 2026**. Failure to provide the certificate will lead to **exclusion**.
3. It is in the applicant's best interest to provide all elements necessary for evaluation, especially if the higher education system of the country where the title was obtained is not comparable with the Italian one. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to ask applicants to provide additional documentation, if deemed necessary to be considered for the selection.
4. Applicants who have already obtained a doctoral degree can be admitted to the Doctoral Programme upon successful participation to the selection process and only if both subjects and the research area of the Doctoral Programme are different from the previous Phd Programme. If a PhD student has already been awarded a PhD scholarship in the past (even for one month only) for a Doctoral Programme in Italy, he/she cannot receive a Doctoral scholarship again<sup>4</sup>.
5. Furthermore, public employees on special leave who continue to receive their salary, social security benefits, and pension benefits are not eligible for the grant.

### Art. 3 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. The Phd in Sociology and Social Research, offered by the Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Trento, aims at educating highly qualified researchers who will be able to apply their knowledge and skills in an interdisciplinary fashion, by conducting social research at universities, research centers and beyond. Besides providing a solid foundation in the discipline, including a broad range of advanced quantitative, qualitative, and computational research methods, the Programme places a strong emphasis on theoretically-driven empirical sociology. The curriculum comprises a set of common mandatory courses in the first year, plus a series of specialized courses and elective seminars in the second year. Topics covered include classical and contemporary sociological theories, research design, advanced research methods, research ethics as well as substantive issues. Students are encouraged to engage with the varied set of theories, approaches, and methodologies available within the social sciences. The program also offers courses on academic writing and classes where Doctoral students are instructed to use software tools for quantitative, qualitative and/or computational analysis. The Phd Programme provides students with a dynamic research environment and significant opportunities for skill and career development including courses featuring international visiting scholars. Doctoral students are also encouraged to participate in conferences, workshops, summer/winter schools and to spend a minimum of 3 months conducting research abroad, a practice actively encouraged and financially supported.
2. In the 42nd cycle, particular emphasis will be given to research proposals on the following subjects:
  - Analysis of social change
  - Analysis of collective actions
  - Analysis of migratory processes
  - Change in value systems
  - Demography
  - Computational sociology
  - Cultural sociology
  - Sociology of the family
  - Sociology of communication and interaction studies

<sup>1</sup> The foreign qualification must be a second-level degree according to the Bologna Process (EQF level 7 / 2nd cycle QF-EHEA).

<sup>2</sup> For more information on the Italian University system visit the webpage: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/study/new-degrees.html>

<sup>3</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>4</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".



- Economic sociology and labor market studies
  - Gender studies
  - Political and electoral studies
  - Welfare and social policy studies
  - Social stratification and inequality studies
  - Organizational and workplace environment studies
3. The Programme is articulated over three years. The first year is mainly devoted to didactic activities, such as lectures and seminars, and to designing and kickstarting the PhD research project. The second and third year, alongside a limited number of teaching activities, are devoted to the research work, research stays abroad, participation to national and international conferences and seminars, and preparation of the assignments required for admission to the next year of the Programme.
  4. Admission to the next year of the doctoral Programme is subject to passing all exams for the first-year courses, to the submission and oral presentation of the requested assignments (e.g. research report), and the overall evaluation by the doctoral board on the candidate's research progress. The Regulations of the Doctoral Programme in Sociology and Social Research are available at: <https://www.sociologia.unitn.it/en/dottorato/srs>.
  5. The [Manifest of Studies](#) includes the list of the courses offered by the Doctoral Programme which are mandatory for PhD candidates.
  6. The Doctoral Programme may offer some preparatory courses and 'crash courses' of specialization from September 2026.
  7. Starting from the second year, PhD candidates are invited to spend a period (or more than one) abroad.
  8. Further information on the structure of the Programme and research abroad is available on the webpage: <https://www.sociologia.unitn.it/en/dottorato/srs>.

## Art. 4 – APPLICATION

1. The application must be completed and submitted by **May 14, 2026 - 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.  
Applicants can access the online registration procedure in one of the following ways:
  - **with a SPID account or CIE** (Electronic Identity Card): those who have an Italian Tax Code (codice fiscale) and an Italian identity document must access the registration with CIE (more information are available at <https://www.cartaidentita.interno.gov.it/>) or with 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 the SPID identity (useful for accessing various online services of the Italian Public Administration), please consult the website [How to activate SPID - Spid](#)
  - **with a UniTrento account**: those 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](#)<sup>5</sup>.
  - **registering a UniTrento "guest" account**<sup>6</sup>: 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**, by **PagoPA**<sup>7</sup> system, as indicated in the appropriate section of the application ('Selection participation fee').
3. **Candidates will be considered totally responsible** of the successful submission of their application online. Administration highly recommends that candidates make sure to have received the notification email confirming that their application has been successfully completed and submitted.

**UniTrento refuses any responsibility for all those applications online not properly closed by candidates.**

<sup>5</sup> [https://servicedesk.unitn.it/sd/it/service/accounts-unitn-it?id=unitrento\\_v2\\_service\\_card&table=sc\\_cat\\_item&sys\\_id=72a89cfec35bfd104cbb7055df01314e](https://servicedesk.unitn.it/sd/it/service/accounts-unitn-it?id=unitrento_v2_service_card&table=sc_cat_item&sys_id=72a89cfec35bfd104cbb7055df01314e)

<sup>6</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>7</sup> More information at: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/tuition-fees/how-pay-your-fees>



4. Incomplete or irregular applications, or applications transmitted in ways other than those set out in this article, shall not be considered valid and candidates will consequently be excluded from selection process.
5. All applicants are admitted to the selection **conditionally** upon ascertaining that they fulfill the admission requirements. The University of Trento has the right to verify the documents delivered pursuant to articles 71 et seq. of the Presidential Decree n. 445 of the 28 December 2000.
6. A candidate whose degree submitted does not satisfy the requirements specified in the art. 2 or the information provided in the application is not true, may be excluded at any time - from the selective procedure or even after enrolment and the beginning of the PhD course.
7. According to Italian Law 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.
8. For all purposes in law, the application is considered to be a self-declaration of personal details and information provided.
9. **COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more compulsory attachments results in expulsion from the selection)<sup>8</sup>:
  - A. **Identity document (ID)**: a copy of the **identity card** (for EU citizens) or the **passport** (pages with photo, personal data, place and time of issue of the document, expiration date of the document);
  - 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, declaring the possession of a degree, "Classe di Laurea", issuing University, award date and final grade / possible award date, **examinations taken**, dates of successful passing, 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 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, who expect to complete it by October 31, 2026 and therefore "conditionally" admitted to the selection need also 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, 2026.
    - b. **foreign qualification**:
      - **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.

If the foreign academic qualification has already been recognized as equivalent<sup>9</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.

In addition, if available, also the following documents:

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

<sup>8</sup> The list of candidates (identified by their ID #) who are not deemed eligible due to an incomplete application, will be published at <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/sociology-and-social-research>

<sup>9</sup> Details at <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico>



- *Diploma Supplement*<sup>10</sup> (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES), or;
- *Declaration of value* which certifies that the educational qualification is valid in the country of issuance for admission to a Doctoral programme (third-cycle degree according to the Qualifications Framework in the European Higher Education Area QF EHEA, EQF level 8 according to European Qualifications Framework EQF), 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 for the evaluation of the qualification.

- **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, 2026 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. 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.
  - 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, 2026**.

If the aforementioned documents are not in Italian, English, German, French, or Spanish, 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**, including any research skills obtained by the applicant and any other academic degrees (2<sup>nd</sup> level master Programmes, PhD degrees, specializations, other high school education, etc.).
- D. A **research proposal in English** (about 3000 words/18.000 characters, excluding abstract and bibliography), which must include a title, an abstract (about 150 words /900 characters), and bibliographic references.  
The research proposal will be used to thoroughly assess the candidate's analytical and methodological skills, and it is not necessarily expected to be the candidate's final research project.

**Each candidate can submit only one research proposal.**

- E. A **motivation letter (Statement of Purpose)** in English (max. 1000 words/6.000 characters) outlining the candidate's reasons for undertaking the doctoral Programme and for choosing the University of Trento. The letter should also refer to possible supervisors. Applicants are encouraged to consult the webpage <https://www.sociologia.unitn.it/en/dottorato/srs>, which lists the PhD research areas and the members of the Doctoral Studies Committee. Please note that the indication of a potential supervisor during the application stage is in no way binding for the final supervisor assignment by the Doctoral Programme (except for topic-specific scholarships).

## 10. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- International certification 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>.
- List of scientific publications (if applicable);
- Any other qualification, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);

<sup>10</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. <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx>

<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.



- Any other document which demonstrate the candidate's skills (awards, scholarships, post-graduate study and research activities and so on);
- **Reference letters in English** (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.  
Applicants are advised to ensure that their **referees** submit their letters of recommendation by **May 19, 2026**.

Should candidates wish to add further documentation to the application after having already submitted the application, they may do so **by the deadline of the selection announcement** emailing [ateneo@unitn.it](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it). In this case, **the subject line should be:** Application ID - Candidate's Last Name and Name – Doctoral Course in Sociology and Social Research – 42<sup>nd</sup> cycle – integrazione domanda). Documentation sent by other means will not be accepted.

## Art. 5 – APPLICANT EVALUATION

1. Upon hearing the Doctoral Programme Committee, the Rector appoints the Admissions Committee. It consists of at least three members chosen among Italian and foreign professors and researchers, who are experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include up to two experts, even foreign, of public and private national and international research organizations.
2. There is a **pre-selection** phase that does not contribute to the formation of the final grade:  
Qualifications assessment and evaluation of the research project according to Art. 4 of the call; on the results of this evaluation depends access to the second pre-selection part.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in English in order to assess their theoretical and methodological competences, research skills and their motivation.  
The interview also aims at evaluating the coherence of candidate's research interests as presented in the submitted research proposal with their curriculum vitae et studiorum, as well as to assess their active and passive proficiency in English.
4. Candidates who intend to compete also for potential topic-specific grants, made available after this call's publication, must express their intention to the Admissions Committee before the qualifications are assessed. Those candidates will be evaluated on their knowledge of the specific subject matter(s) of that grant.  
A candidate's request to allocate an eventual topic-specific grant implies that candidate's preference for the specific scholarship above all other grants.
5. The assessment criteria and methods for the competitive selection process are as follows:  
For the evaluation of the Academic Record (CV) and the Research Project, the Selection Committee has a maximum of 100 points available, distributed as follows:
  - a) From 0 to 50 points for the Curriculum Vitae (academic background, qualifications, certifications, etc.).
  - b) From 0 to 50 points for the Research Project.

The evaluation of the research project will be based on the following sub-criteria/parameters:

- Language proficiency, clarity of expression, and argumentative coherence;
- Project feasibility and consistency with the PhD program's activities and the specialized expertise of the Academic Board members;
- Adequate critical knowledge of the *status quaestionis* (state of the art), sources, etc.;
- Originality of the topic and the proposed interpretative hypothesis;
- Innovativeness and the project's potential contribution to existing literature;
- Overall structure and form (project organization, methodological aspects, bibliography, etc.).

Note: To be admitted to the oral examination, candidates must achieve a minimum score of 70/100 in the evaluation of their CV and research project.



For the **oral examination**, the Selection Committee has a maximum of **100 points** available, distributed as follows:

- From 0 to 30 points: Disciplinary expertise in the field of Sociology and Social Research;
  - From 0 to 25 points: Individual aptitude and motivation for research;
  - From 0 to 35 points: Discussion of the research project (clarity of presentation, logical reasoning, synthesis skills, ability to defend the project's content and methodology, and knowledge of the relevant literature);
  - From 0 to 10 points: Level of proficiency in the English language.
6. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the selection's webpage.
7. The oral examination may take place in one of two modalities (at the candidate's choice)<sup>13</sup>:
- 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 exams 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). The University accepts no responsibility in the case of technical problems that do not guarantee the proper conduct of the exams.  
The oral examination will be held in public.  
The starting time of the examination will be scheduled by the Committee. 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.
8. Further technical information will be provided in due time by the doctoral secretariat. Information regarding the date, time (and room at the premises of the University of Trento, if in presence) at which the oral examination will be held will be provided at least 20 days prior to the date of the interview on the selection's webpage.  
Any changes to the date of the exams will be published on the same website.

## Art. 6 – RANKING

1. The Committee draws up a merit-based ranking according to the scores obtained by the applicants from the evaluation of the interview. The assessment of the pre-selection phase has no relevance.
2. Scholarships are assigned to eligible candidates based on:
  - a) ranking;
  - b) for topic-specific grants, according to the ranking and until their maximum number is filled, provided the candidate's eligibility, evaluated by the Committee, for potential topic-specific grants. Where possible, scholarships will be assigned according to the preference expressed by the candidate in the application.
3. The candidate who has been awarded a topic-specific grant, must accept it since the choice for a topic-specific grant he/she expressed implies the candidate's preference for the award of that specific scholarship with respect to the others.  
Renouncing the topic-specific grant implies the exclusion of the candidate from the right to enroll in the PhD Programme.
4. Unassigned topic-specific grants will result in the reduction of positions available.
5. The ranked list (using candidates' application IDs) will be published on the selection's webpage.
6. **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.

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<sup>13</sup> The choice must be made in the dedicated section of the online application form.



3. If an eligible applicant withdraws **before the beginning of the Programme** (1<sup>st</sup> November 2026), 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 - Humanities and Cognitive Science Area.

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 from the day following the day of publication of the final ranking list by 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 - Humanities and Cognitive Science Area, 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 6, 2026**:

- 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>14</sup>, legalized<sup>15</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>16</sup>) 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 6, 2026, 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 6, 2026 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 stated in art. 2.

Forfeiture from the course will result in the obligation to return any monthly scholarship money received.

## Art. 8 – 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 formalised as soon as the Ministry of Education, University and Research sets out the requirements for PhD Programmes for the 2026-2027 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.

<sup>14</sup> Details at: <https://www.esteri.it/it/servizi-consolari-e-visti/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/>

<sup>15</sup> Details at: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-13.html>

<sup>16</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](#)



### Art. 9 – 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) softwares, 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>17</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.  
At the same time, each doctoral student is required to sign a declaration of assignment of intellectual property rights to the University so that he/she is aware of the application of the reference legislation and the rules of the University Regulations on intellectual property and, if required, a Confidentiality Agreement with the funding body, if an entity outside the University funds the position.

### Art. 10 – 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 Sociology and Social Research 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 Città e Rovereto; email: [phd.office-cssh@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-cssh@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.
5. The processing of personal data provided for the purpose of participating in this call shall be carried out in accordance with **Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR)** and **Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended and supplemented**. The privacy notice regarding the processing of personal data is provided to applicants at the time of registration for the selection and is available on the competition webpage.

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<sup>17</sup> See <https://www.unitn.it/en/third-mission/recognising-value-research/intellectual-property>