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MANAGEMENT

University of Trento – Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Cycle 42

Academic Year 2026-2027

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Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento announces the 42nd cycle of the Doctoral Programme in **Management** for the 2026/2027 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 14, 2026 - 4:00 p.m. (Italian time).

Places: n. 8

Scholarships: n. 8

The grants are financed as follows:

- n. 5 grants financed by the **University of Trento**;
- n. 3 grants financed by the **Free University of Bozen-Bolzano**;

The number of places – for “topic-specific positions” – 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.

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

Grant amount: The annual gross amount of the scholarship is Euro 18,345.00 (Tier I).

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: 1st November 2026

Programme Director: Prof. Fabio Zona (email: phd.dem@unitn.it)

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

Selection’s website: <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/management>

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:

Behaviour and decision-making of various types of organizations (e.g., start-ups, SMEs, family businesses, hospitality facilities...), and particularly:

- entrepreneurship;
- innovation management;
- organisational design and human resource management;
- strategy and knowledge management;
- accounting and accountability.

IMPORTANT

- The dates of the selection and all selection results (interim and final), the possible exclusion from the selection due to an incomplete application (art. 4), the exclusion for foreign qualification not recognized as eligible (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 an official notification, and no personal communication will be sent.
- 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 Humanities and Cognitive Science Area - PhD Office (phd.office-cssh@unitn.it).



Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applications for admission to the selection process are accepted from candidates regardless of nationality, who hold:
 - 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;
 - or a second-level degree awarded by an Italian “AFAM” Institute (Artistic, Musical and Choreutics Higher Education)
 - or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad (Master’s Degree) at a recognized academic institution, which:
 - allow access to PhD programmes within the reference system or the issuing country;
 - is equivalent to the Italian *Laurea Magistrale* (Master’s Degree), in terms of duration, level¹ and subject area²;
 - is considered suitable³ by the Selection committee for the sole purpose of admission to the PhD Programme.
- Applications are also accepted from candidates who do not have the required academic qualification but will do so **by October 31, 2026**. In these cases, any eventual admission is "conditional", and applicants must submit the degree certificate or a self-declaration to the Humanities and Cognitive Science Area - PhD Office (email: phd.office-cssh@unitn.it) no later than **November 6, 2026**. Failure to provide the certificate will lead to **exclusion**.
- 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.
- The Selection 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 again⁴.
- The list of candidates (identified by ID number) whose academic degree awarded abroad has been considered not eligible for admission selection by the Selection committee will be published on the [selection's webpage](#).

Art. 3 – THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

- The PhD in Management, jointly offered by the University of Trento and the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, is grounded in the principles of responsible management education and research. The programme aims to advance both theoretical and applied research in business and management through the acquisition of in-depth theoretical knowledge, the development of expertise in cutting-edge methodologies, and the enhancement of critical thinking and creativity.

PhD candidates collaborate with internationally recognized scholars and are trained to conduct independent research as well as to work effectively in research teams. A unique feature of the programme is the joint involvement of distinguished scholars from two leading Universities, allowing candidates to benefit from the enriched perspectives of two faculty groups, thereby enhancing training and interdisciplinarity. Candidates are supervised and supported in developing original and innovative research ideas that are of value for publications in highly-qualified journals.

PhD students are also encouraged to spend a study period abroad at other universities or research centers, so as to deepen their research and expand their network of international collaborations.

The doctoral dissertation is expected to adhere to the highest standards of scientific rigor and to the discussion of innovative, theoretically well-grounded ideas, with a view of publication in prestigious peer-reviewed international journals. In this way, the programme aims to contribute to the international scientific debate in management.

- In the 42nd cycle, particular emphasis will be given to **research proposals** concerning behaviour and decision-making of various types of organizations (e.g., start-ups, SMEs, family businesses, hospitality/tourism facilities etc.), with regard to:
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Innovation management

¹ The foreign reference qualification must be a second-cycle degree according to the Bologna Process (EQF Level 7 / QF-EHEA Second Cycle).

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

³ The eligibility of the foreign qualifications is assessed by the Selection committee in accordance with the legislation in force and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for continuing the studies.

⁴ 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”.



- Organisational design and human resource management
- Strategy and knowledge management
- Accounting and accountability.

The focus may be at the cutting edge of knowledge in these areas and may include, but is not limited to, topics such as AI and digital transformation, sustainability and ESG indicators, circular economy in regional development, international expansion.

3. The advanced training offered by the programme, combined with the rigorous methodology required to complete the doctoral dissertation, prepares candidates both for an academic career and for high-level positions in the job market, including roles involving analytical and advisory responsibilities.
4. The duration of the programme is three years for a total of 180 credits.
5. The doctoral programme regularly unfolds according to the core activities summarized below:
 - 1st year: compulsory attendance at core courses and research seminars; individual specialized training modules; a research proposal;
 - 2nd year: compulsory attendance at research seminars and specialized training modules; mandatory study period at a third-party University (study period abroad); working paper(s); participation in and presentations at conferences/workshops; preparation of working paper and a research progress report;
 - 3rd year: completion of three interrelated research articles - published or publishable papers in peer-reviewed journals - constituting the doctoral dissertation.

Admission to the second year is conditional on earning a minimum required number of ECTS credits in: mandatory core courses; attendance at / participation in research seminars; and successful defence of a research proposal.

Admission to the third year is conditional upon completing the first-year activities and earning a minimum required number of ECTS credits in: participation in specialized training modules and research seminars; a study period at a third-party university or institution; preparation in and successful submission of papers to conferences/workshops; successful defence of a working paper and of a research progress report.

Admission to the final evaluation procedure, at the end of the third year, is conditional upon the successful completion of the doctoral dissertation.

6. More detailed information on the structure of the Programme, research abroad, and requirements to advance along the programme is available on the webpage of the Doctoral Programme.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION

1. The application must be completed and submitted by **May 14, 2026 - 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 ways⁵:

- **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**⁶: 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.

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⁶ 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.



2. Participation in the selection process is subject to the payment of a non-reimbursable application fee of **€30.00** via the **PagoPA⁷ 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. In accordance with Law 104/92, art. 20 and Law 68/99, art. 16, paragraph 1, disabled candidates or those with learning disabilities may request, in their online application, any necessary additional support or time required to undergo an interview. All personal data will be treated in accordance with the privacy criteria set out by Legislative Decree 196/03, "Data Protection Code".
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)⁸:

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);

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 examinations taken, dates of successful passing, grades and credits obtained, and the awarding Institution. 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.

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, the grade achieved and the awarding Institution's name;
- 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 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 equivalent⁹ 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.

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

⁸ 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.

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



- **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.

If the aforementioned documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by a translation 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;
- *Diploma Supplement*¹⁰ (according to the model developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES), or;
- *Declaration of value*¹¹ 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*¹² awarded by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary to evaluate the qualification.

- C. **curriculum vitae et studiorum in English**, if possible in Europass format, including any research skills obtained by the applicants and any academic degrees (2nd level Masters, PhD degrees, specializations, other high school education, etc.) with indication of the Institution which awarded them;

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 regarding one of the research areas of the Programme or, if applicable, the required research topic for the project-specific scholarships.**

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

The research project must be strictly limited in length (2 pages maximum). It must specify a research field and the research questions that the candidate would like to address in a doctoral programme. The indicated research field should be closely aligned with the potential research topics covered by members of the Board (see list at webpage :

<https://www.economia.unitn.it/en/dottorato/management/doctoral-programme-committee>). To be scientifically sound, submitted proposals must include: a clear and understandable description of the managerial problem/challenge; brief references to prior scientific work on the topic; a development of the research gap/need; the concrete objective of the research or the research questions to be addressed; and references to the managerial theories and empirical methods that will be used in the study.

Avoid formulaic expressions and solutions generated by artificial intelligence; candidates must demonstrate the ability to analyze the problem in a creative, original, rational, and scientifically grounded manner.

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

- Title
- Abstract
- Proposal
- Bibliography

¹⁰ 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>.

¹¹ See: <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>; <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html>.

¹² 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](#)



Note that proficiency in English (at least C1 level) is required to access the programme. Candidates may demonstrate their proficiency by submitting an international certificate attesting a C1 level of English (optional; see 'Optional attachments' below) and by effectively presenting and discussing during the interview, if shortlisted for it.

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)¹³ 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 of **scientific publications** (if available);
- any **other qualifications**, such as international examinations (GRE or equivalent);
- any **other documents in English**, which demonstrate the candidates' skills (awards, scholarships, post-graduate study, research activities and so on);
- **recommendation letters in English**¹⁴ (maximum 2 individualized, current, reference letters explicitly written for the purpose of this application). Candidates can nominate **two referees**. Within 24 hours of the candidate completing and saving the referee section, the system will automatically send an email to the referee with instructions on completing and sending 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 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. In this case, **the subject line should be:** Application ID - Candidate's Last Name and Name – Doctoral Programme in Management – 42nd 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 Selection 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 as 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 administration. Candidates who also compete for a topic-specific grant will be evaluated on the knowledge of the specific subject matter(s) 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. The criteria and procedures for the evaluation of the selection process are as follows:
 - For the evaluation of the qualifications and the Research proposal, the committee will have a total of 0 to 70 points to assign, considering the following general criteria:

¹³ If no English certificate is provided in the application, the English knowledge will be tested during the interview.

¹⁴ Failure to provide reference forms does not result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.



- a) qualifications: scientific proximity of qualifications to the PhD and final mark or the average of the examinations taken for applicants not yet in possession of a Master's degree or similar (up to a maximum of 20 points);
- b) content proximity/affinity of previous education and qualifications to the subject-content of the PhD programme in Management, i.e., scientific proximity (total max. 20 points);
- c) quantity and quality of scientific publications and/or research-related work experience (only those that match the subject-content of the PhD programme in Management will be considered), if this represents added value for the PhD programme and the targeted research area (up to a maximum of 7.5 points);
- d) CV and, if available, recommendation letters: coherence of the applicant's profile with the scientific fields relevant to the PhD - if the candidate has a very good GMAT or GRE test (not older than five years), it will be credited here (up to a maximum of 7,5 points);

Candidates who do not reach the threshold of 35 points (out of 55 points) regarding the evaluation of criteria a) to d) are declared ineligible at this stage, and their research statement is not evaluated.

- e) Research proposal: formal correctness and accuracy of terminology; coherence with the scientific fields relevant to the PhD; clarity of the logical and argumentative structure; originality of the project's research design; clarity and methodological correctness of the research project design (up to a maximum of 15 points).

Candidates who reach at least 45 points (out of max. 70 points) in the assessment of criteria a) to e), including at least 10 points for the assessment of the research proposal under e), will be admitted and invited to the personal interview.

- During the interview, the following elements will be assessed: research aptitude; suitability for research in terms of, among others, rationality, language, clarity of logic exposed; ability to discuss and defend the theoretical and methodological assumptions of the submitted research proposal; verbal communication skills. In the evaluation, attention will be devoted to English language proficiency, particularly for candidates who do not submit an optional certificate attesting C1-level proficiency in English. For the interview, a maximum of 30 points will be awarded. The interview is considered passed with a minimum of 20 points (out of 30).
- The final score consists of the sum of the points obtained in the evaluation of documentation/qualifications and in the interview. Candidates who achieve at least 65/100 points will be considered eligible.

7. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published on the selection's webpage¹⁵.
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 Selection committee 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 failure to provide ID documents, will result in exclusion from the competition. The University accepts no responsibility for technical problems that do not guarantee the proper conduct of the interview.

Information regarding the date, time and place (University of Trento, if in person) 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 interview dates will be published on the same website.

Art. 6 – RANKING

1. The Selection committee ranks applicants based on the combined scores from the qualifications assessment and the interview.
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.
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.

¹⁵ The chosen candidates will be listed using their application ID.
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Renouncing the topic-specific grant implies the exclusion of the candidate from the right to participate 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** (1st 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 Humanities and Cognitive Science Area - PhD Office.

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 Humanities and Cognitive Science Area - PhD Office, in advance by email (phd.office-cssh@unitn.it) if they had not already done so during the application phase – “Application procedure”, the following documents **by 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 translations¹⁶, legalized¹⁷ 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 (CIMEA¹⁸) 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 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 of this call for selection.

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

¹⁶ Details at: <https://www.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/>

¹⁷ Details at: <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-13.html>

¹⁸ 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 – 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 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.

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) 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 involved¹⁹.
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.

Art. 10 – CODE(S) OF CONDUCT AND BEST PRACTICE FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. At the start of the programme, the PhD student is required to sign the code(s) of Conduct of the University and of the doctoral programme, as well as other codes of best practice.

Art. 11 – 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 Code of Ethics of the University of Trento and the Students Honour Code, to the Internal Regulations of the Doctoral Programme in Management and to other relevant provisions contained in the existing regulations.
2. The call will be published on the University of Trento, Euraxess and MUR websites. Potential changes or improvements to the call will be published on 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 this is the Humanities and Cognitive Science Area - PhD Office; email: 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.
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.

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