



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Admission to the Doctoral Programme in

**INFORMATION ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**42nd cycle - First call**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027**

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**Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL**

The University of Trento opens the call for applications for the admission to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Cycle (Academic Year 2026/2027) of the Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science.

**Deadline for application: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, hrs. 04.00 p.m.** (Italian time)

**Positions:** no. 37

**Scholarships:** no.33 (of which no. 28 on reserved topics)

**Positions without scholarship:** no. 4

Positions are divided as follows:

<b>Financer</b> <b>Research area A:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible reserved topic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deep and Structured Machine Learning</li> <li>• Language Speech and Interaction</li> </ul>		
University of Trento	1	
Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science	3	A1 - Geometry-Consistent Open-World Foundation Models for Multi-Agent 3D World Modeling (Project: GUIDANCE (Debugging Computer Vision Models via Controlled Cross- modal Generation) FIS2023-03251; CUP E53C25000420001) A2 - Reliable Open-World Video Models under Novelty and Ambiguity (Project: GUIDANCE (Debugging Computer Vision Models via Controlled Cross-modal Generation) FIS2023-03251; CUP E53C25000420001) A3 - Towards Explainable Foundation Models: Representation, Attribution, and Model Understanding (Project: GUIDANCE (Debugging Computer Vision Models via Controlled Cross-modal Generation) FIS2023-03251; CUP E53C25000420001)
Fondazione Bruno Kessler	4	A4 - Artificial Intelligence for Tiny, Connected Devices: Enabling Learning and Inference on Resource-Limited Networked Embedded Systems A5 - Controlling the behavior of collective of LLMs A6 - Human-centred Evaluation Frameworks for Multilingual Technologies A7 - Multimedia Personalization with Multimodal Large Language Models
No. of positions without scholarship	1	
<b>No. of positions overall</b>	<b>9</b>	

<b>Financer</b> <b>Research area B:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible reserved topic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyber Security</li> <li>• Embedded Intelligence and Robotics Systems</li> <li>• Systems and Networks</li> <li>• Wireless networking, sensing and localization</li> </ul>		
University of Trento	2	
Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science	3	B1 - AI-based XR systems for real-time interaction in the Musical Metaverse



<b>Financer</b> <b>Research area B:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible reserved topic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyber Security</li> <li>• Embedded Intelligence and Robotics Systems</li> <li>• Systems and Networks</li> <li>• Wireless networking, sensing and localization</li> </ul>		
		(Project: UE HE MUSMET – TURCHET; CUP E63C24002360006) B2 - Design and evaluation of XR ecosystems for real-time interactions in the Musical Metaverse (Project: UE HE MUSMET – TURCHET; CUP E63C24002360006) B3 - Study and development of “software-defined” technologies for the information transmission in 6G non-terrestrial networks (Project: MUR - PNRR - BaC RESTART INFINITE Sacchi; CUP D93C22000910001)
Fondazione Bruno Kessler	4	B4 - Artificial Intelligence for Tiny, Connected Devices: Enabling Learning and Inference on Resource-Limited Networked Embedded Systems B5 - Dependable and Energy-Aware Cybersecurity for Cyber-Physical Production Systems B6 - Secure AI-Focused Programming and Regulatory Software Compliance B7 - Supporting AI Act Compliance via an Intelligent Holistic Environment
<b>No. of positions overall</b>	<b>9</b>	

<b>Financer</b> <b>Research area C:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible reserved topic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Intelligence</li> <li>• Social Informatics</li> <li>• Software Engineering and Formal Methods</li> </ul>		
Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science	2	C1 - From behavioural streams to Spatio-temporal Knowledge Graphs C2 - Navigating the Societal Trajectory of AI: Socio-Technical Dynamics for Sustainable Organizational Impact and Individual Agency (Project: UE HE RIA - ELIAS – SEBE; G.A. 101120237; CUP E63C23000660006)
Fondazione Bruno Kessler	4	C3 - Failure Propagation Analysis for Safety Assessment of Complex Systems C4 - Methodologies for automated testing of complex, configurable systems C5 - Modeling and Simulation of Urban Digital Twins C6 - Symbolic Model Checking techniques for embedded systems
No. of positions without scholarship	2	
<b>No. of positions overall</b>	<b>8</b>	



<b>Financer</b> <b>Research area D:</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Possible reserved topic</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimedia Signal Processing and Understanding</li> <li>• Remote and Distributed Sensing</li> <li>• Signal Processing and Recognition</li> </ul>		
University of Trento	2	
Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science	4	<p>D1 - Artificial intelligence and data processing for planetary radars (Project: ASI JUICE RIME 2021 Bruzzone; CUP F65F21000950005. Project: ASI EnVision fase B1 Bruzzone; CUP F63C22000650005)</p> <p>D2 - Artificial intelligence and deep learning for the analysis of satellite remote sensing images (Project: ESA HRLC_cci+ 2023 – Bruzzone; CUP E63C23002010006. Project: ESA - DISI - CC+ FASE 3 Bruzzone; CUP E63C25001200002)</p> <p>D3 - Development and clinical validation of numerical and experimental models for the study of ultrasound mechanisms of interaction with pulmonary tissue (Project: UE HE ERC LUMI Demi; GA n. 101229766; CUP E63C26000440006)</p> <p>D4 - Development and clinical validation of numerical and experimental models for the study of ultrasound mechanisms of interaction with pulmonary tissue (Project: UE HE ERC LUMI Demi; GA n. 101229766; CUP E63C26000440006)</p>
Fondazione Bruno Kessler	4	<p>D5 - Artificial intelligence and machine learning for radar sounder data processing</p> <p>D6 - Artificial intelligence for remote sensing image time series analysis</p> <p>D7 - Generalization in Vision-Language-Action models</p> <p>D8 - Generative vision models for robot learning</p>
No. of positions without scholarship	1	
<b>No. of positions overall</b>	<b>11</b>	



The Programme offers 4 Research Areas. Within each Research Area, the applicant can choose specific research scholarships which are actually related to a specific research topic, for which specific skills are required. The scholarships dedicated to specific research topics (reserved positions) may be assigned only to those applicants who specifically apply for them.

Applicants interested in one or more reserved positions must therefore carefully check the topic and the required skills, and if the scholarships entail the acceptance of confidentiality commitment and/or transfer of intellectual property rights, listed at the page: [reserved topic scholarships](#).

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

**Additional positions:** scholarships on reserved topics which will be available after the publication of this call (and published on the selection webpage) can be selected by using the entry “Other” in the proper section of the online application and indicating in the specific field the title of the scholarship, possibly modifying the order of preference.

Applicants who will have already closed and sent the application before the publication of additional scholarships can apply for those scholarships by an additional online application that will be available.

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 42<sup>st</sup> Cycle in additional positions.

**Scholarship amount:** Euro 21.750,00 per year (second Tier)

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

**Duration:** Three years

**Start of the Academic Year:** November 1st, 2026

**Official language:** English

**Selection webpage:** [Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science](#).

**Doctoral Programme website:** <https://iecs.unitn.it/>

**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 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 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 PhD Office – Scientific and Technological Area ([phd.office-st@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-st@unitn.it)).

## Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications for doctoral positions are accepted from applicants, regardless of 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, Musicale e Coreutica);  
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 for duration, level<sup>1</sup>, nature (academic nature, research topics) and disciplinary subject area to the Italian degree, recognized as eligible by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of accessing this specific Doctoral Programme.
2. Applications are also accepted from students expected to obtain the necessary degree **by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**. 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 PhD Office – Scientific and Technological Area (via email to: [phd.office-st@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-st@unitn.it)) **by 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026, on penalty of exclusion**, the certificate awarded or a self-declaration pursuant to art 46 of D.P.R. 28.12.2000, n. 445 and subsequent amendments.
3. Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognised as **equivalent** 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.
4. 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

1. The application<sup>2</sup> must be **completed and submitted by hrs. 04.00 p.m. Italian time of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 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 (It is recommended to register well in advance of the call deadline. It may take up to three business days for credentials to be issued):
  - **SPID or CIE (Electronic ID)**; applicants who own an Italian tax code as well as 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](mailto:@unitn.it)
  - **University of Trento account**: those who do have a University of Trento account can access the application procedure with their existing username (name.surname@guest.unitn.it, or name.surname@unitn.it). Those who have a UniTrento account but cannot remember the password, should follow the procedure: [Reset password by email](#)  
Further information on UniTrento username and password at [Account@unitn.it](mailto:Account@unitn.it)
  - **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](mailto:@unitn.it). To register a guest account: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/en/Home>
2. To finalize the application a non-refundable **application fee of € 30** is to be paid through **PagoPA payment system** 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.
3. **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 e-mail notification has been received. There will be no liability with the University in the event that an application is not submitted correctly.
4. When filling out the online application form, applicants must choose only one Research Area in which they are interested, listed in art. 1. Within the same Research area they may choose up to a maximum of **2 scholarships on reserved topics**. Applicants must express their interest for reserved scholarships that will be made available after the opening of the present call (additional scholarships), application modalities will be available on the selection webpage.  
**Important**: the applicant's choice to compete also for the reserved scholarships implies a preference on their part for the awarding of that specific scholarship over the others.

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

<sup>2</sup> The applicant can choose either Italian or English to fill in the application online.



5. Applicants may also declare their interest in being evaluated for the assignment of residual reserved scholarships possibly not assigned due to a lack of interest or eligible applicants, in addition to those they had expressed preference for.
6. **MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more mandatory attachments will result in automatic exclusion from the selection)
  - A. **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 their photograph, personal data, number, place and date of issue, expiry date and signature;
  - B. Documents related to **Academic degree for admission to the Doctoral Programme:**
    - 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, stating the **list of passed exams** together with date, mark and credits obtained in each examination. A facsimile is available on the selection webpage but similar documents are also accepted as long as they report the information requested in the call.  
If the qualification was issued by the University of Trento, the information will be acquired automatically.
    - 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, 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.
  - 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); possible list of publications. Please do not attach the entire publications, the Selection Committee will evaluate only the list.
  - D. **Statement of purpose:** a short statement in English (maximum 5000 characters, spaces included, template is downloadable from the online application) highlighting: reasons for the applicant's interest in attending the doctoral programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science; specific research interests relevant to the research area selected; any experience gained during the preparation of the degree thesis relevant to the research area selected. This text may optionally include a link (and the access credentials, if necessary) forwarding to a video (1-2 minutes) in which the applicant describes his/her goals and research interests (please upload the video, not to the Application website but to an on-line service, and provide only the link and credentials).



- E. **English level certification** (TOEFL, Proficiency or others) with minimum level B2 according to CEFR Common European Framework of Reference, if the applicant is not a native English speaker. Applicants who are native speakers of English must attach a declaration to this effect.

Documentation of titles equivalent to native speakers or B2 certification:

- those who have attended a course of study (L and / or LM; Bachelor's and / or Master's Degree) entirely in English must enclose a declaration proving that the teaching of the University Course was provided in English, indicating also the University web site where the official language of the course is specified;
- in the absence of the requisite certificates/requirements, it is possible to attach a declaration<sup>3</sup> issued by the organization where the applicant worked attesting at least two years of international work experience, full-time or equivalent, in an organization that performs its functions in English.

Those who cannot produce a valid certification and do not fall under the exceptions listed in the online application are allowed to upload a declaration stating their own B2 level in English. Admission to the Doctoral programme for successful applicants who have submitted a declaration will be conditional. The applicant will have to submit a valid English level certification with minimum level B2 to the Secretariat of the Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science (email: [iecs.school@unitn.it](mailto:iecs.school@unitn.it)) by October 31, 2026, on penalty of exclusion.

- F. **A brief research project, only for applicants who intend to compete for the scholarships relative to the topics** specified in article 1 of the present call (reserved scholarships): a single file in English with a short research project for each specific topic which the applicant wishes to undertake (based on the template downloadable from the online application). Applicants who intend to compete for the scholarships relative to the topics must state this intention and furnish a description of the project(s) in the application for admission. The research project description must be different from the Statement of purpose.

## 7. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- G. any other title, as for example international certifications (e.g. the certification of GRE test - Graduate Record Examination or similar);
- H. any additional qualifications useful for assessing the applicant's attitude towards research (Master's thesis, scientific publications, any documents regarding awards, post-graduate studying and research activities, language certifications, scholarships);
- I. copy of the first-level academic degree (Bachelor's degree) and transcript;
- J. referees: **up to three names of referees** working at universities or national and international research institutions, with details of their e-mail addresses.  
Once the relevant section of the application has been completed and saved by the applicant, the system automatically sends (within 24 hours) to the referee an e-mail with instructions and forwarding method.  
The letter must be completed according to the model that will be sent to the referee.  
Applicants are recommended to make sure that their referees submit the letter of presentation by **20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.
- K. Applicants with a foreign qualification may attach:
- **academic diploma of the Master degree** (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent), in its original language;
  - **Diploma Supplement** (DS) drafted according to the form developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES;

alternatively

- **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);

alternatively

<sup>3</sup> A self-declaration, in accordance with Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, can be attached only by EU citizens.  
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- Statement of comparability of foreign university qualification<sup>4</sup> 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 **equivalent**<sup>5</sup> 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](mailto:ateneo@unitn.it) (**Subject:** "Application ID number- applicant's Surname and Name – Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science – First call, 42<sup>nd</sup> cycle - Supplement to application") **by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 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 taken into consideration 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 D, E and F must be submitted only in English.
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 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.

#### Art. 4 – EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

1. The evaluation is made by a Committee appointed by the Rector upon advice from the Doctoral Committee, in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes. The evaluation is made by an Admissions Committee appointed by the Rector, consisting of a minimum of three members selected from among the teaching and research staff of Italian or foreign institutions, qualified in disciplines related to the scientific areas of the PhD program. It may also be supplemented by up to two experts, including international ones, selected from public and private research centres. The Selection Committee sets the evaluation criteria during a preliminary meeting.
2. The selection procedure is designed to ensure, comparatively, the knowledge and aptitude of the applicants in regard to research in areas related to the Doctoral programme and the chosen Research Area. The selection is made on the basis of assessment of the applicant's qualifications according to art. 3. The Selection Committee may contact the applicant for an in-depth interview or a video-interview concerning the material submitted. This interview will not entail additional points.
3. The Selection Committee will assess eligibility for the reserved scholarships for which the applicant has indicated a preference, based on the documentation (research project) submitted in the application or in a subsequent supplement. **Important notice:** The request to participate in the selection process for one or more reserved scholarships – that is, all scholarships offered under the call for applications, with the exception of the six positions funded exclusively by the University of Trento – indicates that subject-specific scholarships will be awarded in priority to those without a specific subject focus.
4. The Selection Committee will award a maximum of 100 points. **Assessment of qualifications** will be passed with a minimum score of **70/100**.  
The **date of the assessment of qualifications** will be published on the selection webpage at least 20 days in advance. The results of the assessment of qualifications will be published on the selection webpage.

#### Art. 5 – RANKINGS

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Selection Committee draws up one ranking list for each Research Area.
2. Positions with or without scholarship are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:

<sup>4</sup> 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://www.unitn.it/en/international/coming-unitrento>. 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>5</sup> Details at <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico> - Point 3) "Nostrification procedure (equipollenza)".



- a. the position in the ranking;
  - b. for reserved scholarships, 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 the relevant final rankings 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 their acceptance of the position by following the instructions at [Enrolling in a PhD](#):
  - **within 8 days** starting from the day following the publication of the final ranking lists on the selection webpage 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 webpage for **positions without scholarships or other form of financial support**.

**Important notice:** 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") the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area (email: [phd.office-st@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-st@unitn.it)) **by 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2026**:

- scanned copy/pdf of the academic diploma of the *Master degree* (Master of Science/Arts or equivalent) in the original or certified copy, together with the academic transcript of records, possible official translations legalized or with an apostille affixed (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*<sup>6</sup> 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 issued by the ENIC-NARIC Center in Italy (CIMEA) that contains all the information necessary for the assessment of the qualification.

The University of Trento signed an agreement with the CIMEA Association for ENIC-NARIC certifications.

In case the Diploma Supplement, or the Declaration of Value, or the Statement of comparability are not available by November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 applicants who do not provide the required above-mentioned documents by November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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 must include the payment of stamp duty and the payment of the "provincial tax for the right to higher education" - TDS (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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.



6. If a successful applicant withdraws **before the beginning of the Doctoral Programme** (1<sup>st</sup> November 2026), the next applicant on the relevant 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 PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area is sent.
7. If a successful applicant **withdraws or is excluded 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 (iecs.school@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 4h November 2026**, 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 student will be deemed to have withdrawn 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 2026/2027 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 centres on the recognition of foreign qualifications belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Until that time, applicants are provisionally admitted to the course and may be excluded if they do not fulfil the requirements.

#### Art. 8 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ON RESEARCH RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Without prejudice to the Italian law on copyright (legislative decree 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), intellectual and industrial property rights on the results eventually achieved by the PhD student, including (but not limited to) software, industrial inventions patentable or not, know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations and, if necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or entities involved<sup>7</sup>.
2. Before starting their research activities, the admitted applicants must sign a declaration, validated by the academic supervisor, regarding their commitment to confidentiality about information, data and reserved documents they can learn about during their doctoral activities at and/or on behalf of the University of Trento. When the research activities are funded by private or public bodies other than the University, the admitted applicants must sign a declaration, validated by the academic supervisor, to allow the University to respect its duties about the intellectual property rights towards the funding body and eventually a Declaration of commitment with the funding body, when required.

#### Art. 9 – REFERRAL RULES

1. For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present call, refer to Law no. 398 of 30.11.1989, art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3.07.1998 as amended by art.19, par. 1, of the Law no. 240 of 30.12.2010, to Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14.12.2021 and to the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes issued by Rector's Decree no. 250 of 11.03.2022, to the Code of Ethics of the University of Trento, to the Students' Honour Code, to the Doctoral Programmes Regulations, and to the other relevant provisions contained in the current legislation.
2. This call for applications, together with an English version, will be published on the University of Trento's website, the Euraxess website and the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research's website.
3. Any changes or additions to the call will be published on the selection webpage.
4. The person responsible for the administrative procedure is the Head of the Education and Student Services Management of the University of Trento.
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.

<sup>7</sup> See <https://www.unitn.it/en/third-mission/recognising-value-research/intellectual-property>



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6. The reference office is the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area, email: [phd.office-st@unitn.it](mailto:phd.office-st@unitn.it). The Selection Committee is responsible for the selection process of the applications, from the evaluation of the qualifications to the drafting of the minutes, and the formulation of the merit rankings.

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