



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

PHD POSITIONS

Collaborative Doctoral Partnership

University of Trento – Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Doctoral Programme in

Information Engineering and Computer Science

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Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento (UniTrento), in collaboration with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, announces a selection process for **no. 2 positions** under the [Collaborative Doctoral Partnership \(CDP\) scheme](#) an initiative by the Joint Research Centre to train a new generation of doctoral graduates on the science-policy interface. These positions are part of the Collaborative Doctoral Partnership (CDP) Agreement No. 50063 in the collaboration topic of Horizontal cybersecurity (ref. 25-01), and focuses on the research topic: "Trustworthiness of AI-Augmented System for Cybersecurity".

The successful applicants will be admitted in the Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Trento.

Deadline for application: 25th June, 2026, hrs. 04.00 p.m. (Italian time)

The **2 positions** are related to the following specific research projects:

PHD PROJECT: 25-01	
Title	AI-aided automated cyber defense.
Description	The project advances the state of the art in comparison to existing approaches in ML-detection of vulnerabilities, ML-based vulnerability repairs, ML-base exploit generation where the existence of a state of the art dataset with perfect security fixes and working exploits to be compared against are already known. The target objective is to develop a realistic pipeline which assembles together pieces that do not assume perfect functioning of the previous step in the pipeline nor robustness of subsequent steps of the pipeline to arbitrary malfunction of the ML-step

PHD PROJECT: 25-32	
Title	AI-aided automated cyber offence
Description	The project focuses on automated exploit generation and AI-assisted offensive security by focusing on attacks that arise from incorrect software and cloud configurations and/or observed vulnerabilities. The research targets the design of an AI-augmented attack framework capable of automatically identifying, reasoning about, and exploiting misconfigurations, weak isolation boundaries, and flawed deployment assumptions in dynamic cloud–edge infrastructures. The work will combine ex-pertise in cloud and networking technologies, combined with AI and ML components. It will not necessarily assume perfect observability of the target system, flawless exploit generation, or robustness of subsequent attack steps to errors introduced upstream.

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. 3), 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.
- 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).



Art. 2 – DOCTORAL PROGRAMME AND FINANCIAL PROVISION

1. The successful applicants will be enrolled in the Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Trento
2. General information on the Doctoral Programme:
 - Duration:** Three years
 - Start of the Academic Year:** 1st November 2026
 - Official language:** English
 - Selection webpage:** [Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science](#)
 - Doctoral Programme website:** <https://iecs.unitn.it/>
 - Rights and duties of PhD students:** <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/register/information-phd-students/rights-and-duties-phd-students>
3. Depending on the specific PhD project awarded, the Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships PhD student will spend part of their time at the University of Trento and part of their time at the JRC, as outlined in the following scheme:

- PhD Project 25-01: AI-aided automated cyber defense

Period (Months)	Location	Focus
1–12	University of Trento	Mandatory coursework and definition of the research proposal
12–36	JRC, Ispra, Italy	Experimental research and technical validation activities
36–48	University of Trento	Thesis finalization and formal dissertation defense

- PhD Project 25-32: AI-aided automated cyber offence

Period (Months)	Location	Focus
1–24	JRC, Ispra, Italy	Research activities, including participation in equivalent intensive or online doctoral courses.
24–36	University of Trento	Focus on statistical and theoretical analysis.
36–48	University of Trento	Thesis finalization and formal dissertation defense

4. During the period spent at the JRC, the doctoral student will be employed by the JRC as a Grantholder pursuant to the Administrative rules of 30.10.2012 applicable to the recruitment of Grantholders under national law contracts within the framework of the research programmes managed by the JRC ([Grantholder Rules](#)) or any future rules that will replace the GH Rules. The national law of the JRC site where the Grantholder will be based shall apply to his/her contract of employment with the JRC- The salary and benefits are those of a JRC Grantholder Category 20, following the Grantholder Rules. The annual gross salary will be around Euro 45.000,00 euro and is subject to national income tax.
During their stay at the University of Trento, doctoral students receive a scholarship for 12 months, until the end of their third year. They will then receive an extension to their grant (completamento) until they defend their dissertation. The annual gross amount of the scholarship is Euro 21.750,00 (Tier II). Further information regarding scholarship terms and conditions is available at the following link: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/scholarships-and-awards/phd-scholarships>

Art. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND JRC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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, level¹, 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 31st 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) **by 6th 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. The selection, recruitment and the security clearance processes are subject to EU and national applicable legislation² and to the internal rules and regulations of the EU Institutions. The recruitment of third-country nationals is also subject to the issuance by the Member State where the JRC site is located of a residence and work permit for the period of the stay at JRC.
5. **JRC Specific Eligibility Criteria:** applicants should, prior to the start of the employment contract with the JRC have the nationality of a Member State of the EU or [a country associated to the EU Research Framework Programme](#) in force or being resident in a EU Member State since at least five years and be enrolled in a PhD programme. The selected candidate will have no more than 6 months from the request for confirmation of interest in the position, to produce proof of enrolment in the doctoral study program.
For applicants with third-countries nationality the recruitment is subject to a security clearance and to the issuance of a residence and work permit in Italy for the period of the stay at JRC.
6. 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. 4 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The application³ must be **completed and submitted by hrs. 04.00 p.m. Italian time of 25th June, 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](#)
 - **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](#)
 - **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](#). To register a guest account: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Registration/en/Home>

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

² including Directive (EU) 2016/801 of the European Parliament and of the Council 11 May 2016 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of research, studies, training, voluntary service, pupil exchange schemes or educational projects and au pairing (OJ L 132, 21.5.2016, p. 21).

³ The applicant can choose either Italian or English to fill in the application online.



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. **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. 3 paragraph 1 letter c), issued by the institution that awarded it. The certificate must indicate the type of diploma, the date it was awarded and the 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. 3 paragraph 1 letter c), with a list of the examinations successfully passed, credits obtained in each examination (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, rating scale (*academic transcript of records*) and the possible award date.
If the university studies carried out abroad are divided into first and second level, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to obtain that degree (academic transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree) should also be attached.
 - C. **Curriculum vitae et studiorum** in 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 field of horizontal cyber security, any experience gained during the preparation of the degree thesis relevant to the field of horizontal cyber security. 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;
- declaration 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.

5. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- F. 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

- Statement of comparability of foreign university qualification⁴ 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**⁵ to a second cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, **the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree)** must be attached.

6. The University will accept additional documents to be included in the application submitted if sent by email to ateneo@unitn.it (**Subject:** "Application ID number- applicant's Surname and Name – Doctoral Programme in Information Engineering and Computer Science – CDP JRC, 42nd cycle - Supplement to application") **by 25th June, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time.** Additional documents submitted by other means will be disregarded.
7. 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 C, D and E must be submitted only in English.
8. All applicants are admitted to the selection procedure **conditionally upon ascertainment that they fulfill the admission requirements (art. 3)**. 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**

⁴ 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](#)

⁵ Details at <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico> - Point 3) "Nostrification procedure (equipollenza)".



reasons, decide the exclusion of applicants lacking the requirements specified in the present call.

9. 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.
10. In addition, **the JRC will ask the selected candidate to provide the following supporting documents:**
 - updated CV – signed;
 - a recent (no older than 6 months) criminal record abstract of the country(ies) of nationality, unless the candidate never resided in that country, or resided in that country only until the age of 18 and from the country(ies) where the candidate resided for more than 6 months in the 2 years preceding the recruitment;
 - if applicable: Visa (the JRC will support the candidate with the administrative procedure for obtaining the residence/work permit);
 - copy of student's passport or identity card;
 - legal entity form and financial identification form duly filled in, signed and dated;
 - if relevant: marriage certificate and birth certificate of children.Studies / Experience certificates:
 - copy of the university degree/s and
 - proof of enrolment in a university doctoral studies programme. This proof must be provided before the Grantholder contract may start and within six months from the date of the position's offer.

The JRC reserves the right to request additional documents in order to ensure the compliance with all requirements and specific rules applicable to JRC sites.

The selected candidate must also be recognized as medically fit to carry out the work activities foreseen. To this end the candidate must undergo, in advance and independently, the medical checks specified by the JRC.

Art. 5 – SELECTION PROCESS AND RANKINGS

1. The selection of applicants for each available position will be conducted in two consecutive stages:
 - a. **pre-selection by University of Trento:** the evaluation is made by a committee appointed by the Rector upon advice from the Executive Committee, in accordance with the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes. It must consist of at least three members selected from teaching and research staff at Italian or foreign institutions who are qualified in fields relevant to the Doctoral Programme. The committee can be supplemented by up to two additional experts, including international ones, drawn from public or private research centers.

The selection process compares applicants' knowledge and aptitude for the specified research projects to which the positions refer. It is based on an assessment of all the mandatory applicant's qualifications listed in previous art. 3.

At the conclusion of this phase, the committee will establish a shortlist of two to five candidates per position. This shortlist, along with the candidates' applications, will be sent to the JRC host unit for the final selection stage;
 - b. **final selection by JRC in agreement with the University of Trento:** JRC shall verify the eligibility of the applications in accordance with the [Grantholder regulations](#). JRC appoints a panel for each position consisting (at least) of a president from the recruiting unit, PhD supervisor or another member of the unit, and a representative of Unit JRC.S.4. The JRC invites a representative of the University of Trento to act as an observer.

All shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview, after which the panel will establish a final list by ranking the applicants. The first-ranked selected candidate will be contacted by the JRC to confirm their interest in the position. If the position is accepted, the recruitment process starts (including verification by JRC-HR of all requested supporting documents as listed in art.3). Following the conclusion of the selection process, the JRC will inform all applicants of the outcome of their application and provide the University of Trento with the final ranking and a formal declaration of intent to recruit the final winner of the position. The successful applicant will then be contacted by the University of Trento regarding enrolment.
2. The criteria and evaluation methods of selection are structured as follows
 - **pre-selection phase:** a maximum of 100 points shall be awarded for the assessment of qualifications. To be considered for the shortlist, applicants must achieve a minimum score of 70/100 points. The committee will then compile a shortlist based on the highest scores achieved, with a minimum of two and a maximum of five candidates within the top quintile for each position.
 - **final selection phase:** a maximum of 100 points shall be awarded for the interview.

Applicants who obtain a minimum score of 70/100 points are considered to have passed the interview.
3. The date of the assessment of qualifications will be published on the selection webpage at least 20 days in advance.



- The results of each selection phase, as well as the final ranking lists (using the applicants' application IDs) will be published on [selection's webpage](#). The publication of these lists on the website shall constitute official notification to all applicants. Successful applicants will not receive individual notification, as the ranking list of applicants will be published on the website.

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

- Applicants are admitted to the Doctoral Programme based on the relevant final ranking until all available positions have been filled.
- Should two applicants obtain the same score, regarding the award of the positions, 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.
- 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
- 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) **by 6th 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*⁶ 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 6th, 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 6th, 2026 will be "conditional" and the applicants will lose their right to continue the Doctoral Programme, and the employment contract at the JRC will be cancelled, 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 from the University of Trento.

- 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).
- 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.
- If a successful applicant withdraws **before the beginning of the Doctoral Programme** (1st 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.

⁶ 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.



8. 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.
9. For Doctoral students starting a position at the University of Trento, if they cannot be in Trento at the beginning of the academic year for justified reasons, they must submit adequate motivation and justification via e-mail (iecs.school@unitn.it) **by 4th November 2026 at the latest**, otherwise they will be excluded from the doctoral programme. Failure to arrive in Trento by the beginning of the academic year and lack of communication will result in the Doctoral student being deemed to have withdrawn from the 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, University regulations and the specific provisions of the CDP Agreement No. 50063. If necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or entities involved⁷ will also apply.
2. By derogation from general rules, all results created by the PhD student during the term of the CDP Agreement No. 50063 shall belong to University of Trento, regardless of whether the student is considered personnel of the JRC or UniTrento at the time of creation. However, if the results consist of improvements or updates of existing software or modelling owned by the JRC, the Intellectual Property Rights shall belong to the JRC.
3. 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 Programme Regulation, to the Collaborative Doctoral Partnership (CDP) programme between the JRC (Joint Research Centre) and the Higher Education Institutions (HEI), to the administrative rules applicable to the recruitment of grantholders under national law contracts within the framework of the research programmes managed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) 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.

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



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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.
6. The reference office is the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area, email: 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