



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Admission to the Doctoral Programme in

BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES

42nd cycle

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

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N.B. The English translation of this document is provided as a support to the candidates and has no legal effects. The Italian version shall constitute the sole authentic text and will be referred to for any legal matters.

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The University of Trento opens the call for applications for the admission to the 42nd Cycle (Academic Year 2026/2027) of the Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences.

Deadline for application: June 23rd, 2026, hrs. 04.00 p.m. (Italian time)

Positions: no. 14

Scholarships: no. 12 (of which no. 6 on reserved topics)

Positions without scholarship: no. 2

Supernumerary positions without scholarship: no. 2 (see art. 8)

Positions are divided as follows:

Financer	no.	ID scholarship	Possible reserved topic
University of Trento	6	Please note: The winner of each scholarship will choose the laboratory where he/she will carry out his/her research activity, after a short "Lab Rotation", from the list available the document called "Laboratories".	
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology – Agreement with Consorzio Melinda SCA – CUP C65B25000610004	1	A	Characterization and functional evaluation of plant-derived extracellular vesicles for industrial application (Scientific Coordinators: Vito G. D'Agostino, Michela A. Denti)
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology – Project Armenise 2020 – CUP E69C20000420005	1	B	Axonal circRNA dysregulation in neurodegenerative disease (Scientific Coordinator: Marie-Laure Baudet)
The Pezcoller Foundation	2	C	Please note: The winner of the scholarship will choose from the list available the document called "Reserved scholarships C e D", and after a short "Lab Rotation", his/her research activity.
		D	
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology	1	E	Investigating the epigenetic events dictating lineage commitment in chronic liver disease and liver tumours Scientific Coordinator: Fulvio Chiachiera
Department of Cellular Computational and Integrative Biology – Project AIRC MFAG 2025 – CUP E63C25001800007	1	F	Identifying druggable targets for differentiation therapy in glioblastoma Scientific Coordinator: Denise Sighel
Positions without scholarship	2		
Total open positions	14		
Supernumerary positions without scholarship (art. 8):	2		

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 selection webpage in the reserved topic scholarship document.

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: for the scholarships on reserved topics which will be available after the publication of this call (and published on the selection webpage) it will be possible to apply by indicating in the online application the identifying letter of the chosen scholarship as published on the selection webpage.



Applicants who have already completed and sent the application before the publication of additional scholarships, can apply for those scholarships sending an e-mail to the secretariat of the Phd Programme (phd.bioscie@unitn.it), mentioning the new order of preference if necessary. The interest in additional position must also be expressly communicated to the Selection Committee before the interview.

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 42st Cycle in additional positions.

Scholarship amount: Euro 18.345,00 per year

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 Biomolecular Sciences](#)

Doctoral Programme website: <https://www.unitn.it/drbs/> (information on the Programme, admission to subsequent years and to the final examination)

Curricula activated: the Doctoral Programme consists of three curricula including different scientific areas:

1. Curriculum in Biomolecular Sciences
2. Curriculum in Bio - Industry
3. Curriculum in Quantitative Biology

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).

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, 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 October 31st, 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 November 6th, 2026, on**

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



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.

- Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognized 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.
- Applicants who have already obtained the Doctoral degree will be admitted to attend a second Doctoral Programme, after passing the selection procedure, provided that the prevailing subjects and scientific areas are different from those relating to the previous Doctoral degree. Applicants who have already benefited from a scholarship, even partially, cannot be assigned any scholarships in the new Doctoral Programme.

Art. 3 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- The application² must be **completed and submitted by hrs. 04.00 p.m. Italian time of June 23rd 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>
- 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.
- 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.
- When filling out the online application form, applicants are invited to express their preference for at least one of the three curricula that characterize the Doctoral Programme and to explain the reasons for the choice in the motivation letter (see point F in this article below).
Those wishing to compete for one or more reserved topic scholarships should declare this when completing the online application. Up to 3 reserved scholarships may be selected from those proposed. Regarding additional reserved scholarships added after the publication of this Call (additional positions), applicants will be required to express or confirm their interest before the oral interview. During the interview, applicant eligibility for the additional reserved scholarship/s will be specifically evaluated.

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

- MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS** (failure to upload one or more mandatory attachments will result in automatic exclusion from the selection)
 - Identifying document (ID):**
A copy of the applicant's valid **identity card** (only EU citizens) or **passport** (non-EU citizens), in particular of the pages reporting his/her photograph, personal data, number, place and date of issue, expiry date and signature;

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



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 (*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.

• **to be obtained:**

- a **certificate of enrolment in a course of study that allows admission to a Doctoral Programme** (see art. 2 paragraph 1 letter c), with a list of the examinations successfully passed, credits obtained in each examination (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, rating scale (*academic transcript of records*) and the possible award date.

If the university studies carried out abroad are divided into first and second level, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to obtain that degree (academic transcript of records of the Bachelor's degree) should also be attached.

If the aforementioned **documents** are **not in English**, they must be accompanied by a **translation** in Italian or in English **made provisionally by the applicant** who takes responsibility for the accuracy of the translation and its compliance with the original text.

C. **Curriculum vitae et studiorum** in Italian or English, preferably according to the Europass model containing:

1. all academic degrees held and any university enrolments in progress must be specified in detail (please also specify the High School diploma details);
2. details on research experience and period spent abroad
3. possible list of publications. Please only attach some of the publications, the Selection Committee will evaluate only the list.

D. **Summary of the Master's degree thesis** written in English explaining the reasons for the choice of the subject, the research methodology, and the results obtained (max 3,000 characters, spaces included);

E. **English language certification establishing a minimum level of B1** according to CEFR³. The following exceptions are accepted:

- a. applicants who are native speakers of English must attach a declaration to this effect
- b. applicants who attended a Bachelor's or Master's level course taught entirely in English must attach a self-declaration stating that the courses were held in English, mentioning the University webpage where the information about the official language is provided

Candidates who are unable to provide a valid certificate and do not fall under the listed exceptions may attach a self-declaration stating their B1 level of English proficiency. During the evaluation of qualifications, the minimum score for English language proficiency will be awarded. The Commission will subsequently assess the candidates' actual competence during the interview phase.

F. **Motivation letter written in English** describing the applicant's reasons for pursuing the Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences at the University of Trento (max 3,000 characters spaces included). The letter must also include detailed reasons for the applicant's choice of the selected curriculum/a, and any experience acquired while conducting dissertation relevant to the chosen Curriculum, work or research related to Biomolecular Science topics.

G. **Brief research project written in English** that will be used solely for evaluation purposes and will not be binding for the purposes of the possible research activities carried out by the applicant during the Doctoral Programme. The project may focus on a topic of interest of the applicant, possibly related to the core disciplines of the Doctoral Programme in Biomolecular Sciences. The project should not exceed two pages (about 4,000 characters, spaces included), divided into the following sections: "Background and Rationale" and "Objectives" and "Methodologies" of the project;

³ Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.



- H. **Referees: two (2) 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) an e-mail with instructions and a forwarding method to the referee. Applicants are recommended to make sure that their referees submit the letter of presentation within **June 27th 2026**: although sending the letter is not a reason for exclusion, it will have a negative weight on the evaluation.

6. **OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Any other title, as for example international certifications also about your linguistic competence (e.g. the certification of GRE test or similar);
- B. Other documents and qualifications deemed helpful for evaluation and to attest to the candidate's research aptitude (postgraduate study and research activities, language certifications, and scholarship certificates);
- C. Copy of bachelor's degree (undergraduate or bachelor's degree) and its transcript;
- D. 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.

7. 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 Biomolecular Sciences, 42nd cycle - Supplement to application") **by June 23rd, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time**. Additional documents submitted by other means will be disregarded.
8. 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, F, G must be submitted in English by all applicants.**
9. 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.**
10. 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 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.

⁴ 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](#)

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



2. The selection procedure is designed to rank, comparatively, the knowledge and aptitude of the applicants to carry out research in areas related to the Doctoral Programme and the chosen research curricula.

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

- All the mandatory applicant's qualifications listed in previous art. 3 (academic degree, research project, English knowledge, motivation letter, reference letters);
- an interview, in English. The interview will assess the applicant's basic knowledge about the Doctorate scientific areas, the previous research and professional experience, and qualifications declared in the application. During the interview, candidate's eligibility for the reserved scholarships will be specifically evaluated.

The Selection Committee will evaluate during the interview, the eligibility of applicants for the reserved scholarship(s) for which they have expressed preference

Important notice: the applicant's choice to compete also for the reserved scholarships, implies the priority of awarding the reserved scholarships over the unspecified theme scholarships.

3. The Selection Committee will award a maximum of **100 points**, of which:

0-60 points: assessment of qualifications;

0-40 points: interview.

Applicants obtaining a minimum score of 40/60 for the assessment of qualifications will be admitted to the interview, which will be passed with a minimum score of 25/40. Applicants who have passed the interview and obtained an overall score of 65/100, will thus be short-listed.

4. The date of the assessment of qualifications will be announced at least 20 days in advance on the selection webpage.

5. The applicants can choose⁶ to interview as follows:

1. **in person at the University of Trento;**

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

The interview date, time, and place will be posted on the call for selection webpage. Possible changes will be solely posted on the selection webpage.

To simplify the identification procedures, the identification document shall be the one attached when filling in the online application.

The applicant's not showing up or connecting for the interview, whatever the reason, or not being reachable on the day and at the time set for the examination, or not providing a valid identification document constitute grounds for exclusion.

Art. 5 – RANKINGS

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Selection Committee draws up one ranking list.
2. Positions with or without scholarship are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:
 - a. the position in the ranking;
 - b. for reserved scholarships and positions reserved to applicants working for academic institutions or research centers, the applicant's eligibility for that specific position.
 - 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 final ranking 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](#):

⁶ The choice has to be made in the relevant section while applying online



- **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**.

N.B.! Admitted applicants with a qualification that has not been awarded in Italy must deliver (if they had not already done so during the application phase – “Application procedure”) the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area (email: phd.office-st@unitn.it) **by November 6th, 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*⁷ 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 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.

- 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** (November 1st, 2026), the next applicant on the ranking will be offered the position, if entitled to it based on the eligibility assessment for reserved scholarships. The latter must submit his/her acceptance of the position **within 4 days** starting from the day after the day on which the communication from PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area is sent.
- 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.
- At the end of the enrolment period, doctoral students must communicate via e-mail (phd.bioscie@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 October 20th 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

- 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

⁷ 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.



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 – SUPERNUMERARY POSITIONS

1. According to art. 18, par. 3 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Programmes, and up to the number of positions indicated in art. 1 (no more than 2), supernumerary applicants may be admitted without a scholarship paid by the University, after passing the selection procedure, if they fall within one of the following categories:
 - a) shortlisted foreign applicants who are granted scholarships by other entities;
 - b) shortlisted applicants from countries with which a specific inter-governmental agreement has been signed, and with which an ad-hoc agreement with the University is then made, without the University of Trento being required to assume any financial obligations;
 - c) research fellows (Assegnisti di ricerca) whose contract lasts for a minimum of 24 months as from the starting date of the Programme and researching a subject relevant to the Doctoral Programme; such relevance has to be determined by the Doctoral Programme Committee;
 - d) Italian civil servants or under Italian public law regime. Admission is subject to placement on leave under Art. 2 of the Law of 13.08.1984 no. 476 and subsequent amendments.
2. Short-listed applicants who wish to assert their requirements for supernumerary positions shall request for such admission by submitting appropriate documentation proving their status via e-mail to the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area, **within 8 days** from the next day of the publication of ranking lists. Supernumerary admission is determined by the number of supernumerary positions listed in art. 1 following the order in the ranking.
3. After verification of the documents referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, applicants admitted to supernumerary positions will receive an e-mail notification from the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area and must deliver their acceptance within the deadline specified in the e-mail text itself.
4. Any applicant selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes in which the University of Trento participates, may also be admitted to positions additional with respect to the quota specified at point 1 of this article.

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

1. Without prejudice to the Italian 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 involved⁸.
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. 10 – 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.

⁸ See <https://www.unitn.it/en/third-mission/recognising-value-research/intellectual-property>



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 as a result of participation in this selection will be carried out in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("GDPR") and Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003, as subsequently amended.

Information about the personal data processing is provided to interested parties upon registration for the selection and can be consulted in the selection 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