



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Admission to the Doctoral Programme in

HUMAN-CENTERED PRECISION MEDICINE

42nd cycle

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 42nd Cycle (Academic Year 2026/2027) of the Doctoral Programme in “Human-centered Precision Medicine”.

Deadline for application: 22nd July, 2026, hrs. 04.00 p.m. (Italian time)

Positions: no. 7

Scholarships: no. 7 (of which no. 1 on reserved topic)

Supernumerary positions without scholarship: no. 1

Positions are divided as follows:

Financer	No.	Possible reserved topic
University of Trento with the financial support of the Autonomous Province of Trento “Atto di indirizzo 2026-2028”	6	
Associazione “Parkinson Trento ODV”	1	A - COMBAT PD (Connectomics metrics as biomarkers for advanced treatments of Parkinson's Disease)
No. of positions overall	7	
Supernumerary positions without scholarship (see art. 9)	1	

The applicant can choose specific research scholarship/s. Each reserved scholarship is actually related to a specific research topic, for which specific skills are required.

The scholarships dedicated to specific research topics may be assigned only to those applicants who specifically apply for them.

Information on the specific research topics of the scholarships offered within the Doctorate are listed at the page <https://www.cismmed.unitn.it/en/node/216>.

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 said page. In the Application online, 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.

Important! Requesting to participate in the assignment of one or more scholarships with a specific topic implies priority for the assignment of these positions over those with a non-specific topic.

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: <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/precision-medicine>

Additional positions: scholarships on reserved topics which will be available after the publication of this call (and published on the selection webpage, with simultaneous update of the webpage <https://www.cismmed.unitn.it/en/node/216>) 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. In this case, the applicant can choose maximum two specific research scholarships, specifying 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 sending an email phd.cismmed@unitn.it, specifying the order of preference.

In any case, they must confirm their interest during the interview, explicitly informing the examining committee.

Moreover, applicants selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes (e.g. MSCA/DN) in which the University of Trento participates, may also be admitted.

Scholarship amount: gross annual amount of the scholarship is Euro 25.200,00 per year (second Tier)
Information about scholarships: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/scholarships-and-awards/phd-scholarships>

Duration of the course: Three years

Start of the Academic Year: November 1st, 2026



Official language: English. Furthermore, it is required to achieve at least a B2 level of knowledge of the Italian language by the second year of the course, in accordance with the internal regulations of the Doctorate.

Selection webpage: <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/precision-medicine>

Doctoral Programme website: <https://www.cismed.unitn.it/en/dottorato/the-human-centered-precision-medicine-doctoral-programme>

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 specialist or master's degree in Medicine and Surgery ("Laurea Magistrale in Medicina e Chirurgia, classe LM-41", according to the Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22.10.2004, or "Laurea specialistica, classe 46/S" according to the Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3.11.1999), or a degree in Medicine and Surgery issued under the previous regulations;
or
 - b. an equivalent foreign degree (*Master's degree*) in Medicine and Surgery 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 Admission 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 equivalent² 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 Admission 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, can participate to another Doctoral Course without scholarship, if the Announcement provides this position.

Art. 3 – CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH TOPICS OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Doctoral Programme in Human-centered Precision Medicine offers a higher education offers advanced training in clinical research that is strongly integrated with healthcare practice, adopting a person-centred approach and focusing on the personalization of care. The programme's main research areas, described in detail on the programme website (<https://www.cismed.unitn.it/en/node/210>), include:

- Medical disciplines: internal medicine, geriatrics, medical oncology, gastroenterology, infectious diseases, neurology, nephrology, rheumatology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and physical and rehabilitation medicine;

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

² More details at: <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico> - Point 3) "Nostrification procedure (equipollenza)".



- Surgical disciplines: general surgery, cardiac surgery, maxillofacial surgery, neurosurgery, vascular surgery, otorhinolaryngology, urology, gynecology, and musculoskeletal disorders;
- Service-related disciplines: anesthesiology and intensive care medicine, diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology, neuroradiology, laboratory medicine, pathology, hygiene, and public health.

Research activities will be conducted primarily in clinical settings, in collaboration with the Integrated University Health Authority of Trentino (ASUIT) or other institutions within the Italian National Health Service, under agreements with the Centre for Medical Sciences (CISMed) of the University of Trento.

The programme includes a mandatory research period abroad of no less than three months.

The curriculum requires the completion of 180 ECTS credits, obtained through:

- Conducting their own research project;
- Advanced training in clinical research methodology;
- Training in ethical and regulatory aspects of clinical research, including the principles of Good Clinical Practice (GCP);
- Integration of clinical, biological, and psychosocial data.

Further information regarding the organization of the programme's educational and research activities, progression to subsequent years of study, and requirements for the award of the doctoral degree is available in the Programme Regulations, published at: <https://www.cismed.unitn.it/en/node/198>

Art. 4 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The application³ must be completed and submitted by hrs. 04.00 p.m. Italian time of 22nd July 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>
2. To finalize the application a non-refundable application fee of € 30 is to be paid through **PagoPA payment system**⁴ 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:**

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

⁴ More information at: <https://www.unitn.it/en/study/fees-scholarships-accommodation/tuition-fees/how-pay-your-fees>



- ⇒ **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 b), 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 b), 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 Italian or English, they must be accompanied by a translation in Italian or in English made 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 English, preferably according to the [Europass model](#). The CV must detail all academic degrees, whether completed or in progress (high school diploma, bachelor's degree, master's degree, postgraduate masters, doctorate, advanced training or specialization courses, list of any scientific publications, etc.). Please do not attach the entire publications, as the Admission Committee will only evaluate only the complete list of references for their retrieval (via Scopus, WoS, Arxiv, Google, etc.).
- D. **Letter of motivation/intent: in English** (maximum 2,000 characters, including spaces) specifying: the reasons for pursuing the PhD in Human-Centered Precision Medicine, your objectives and research interests, and any experience gained during your thesis, work, or research.
- E. **Research project proposal:** a text in English (maximum 5000 characters, spaces included, "MPCP_Research_Proposal_Template" is downloadable from the selection webpage) on one of the Doctoral research areas or, for those intending to apply for the topic-specific scholarship(s), on the topic(s) of the chosen scholarship(s). The research interests of the members of the Doctoral Programme Committee are listed at <https://www.cismed.unitn.it/en/node/203> and can be used to prepare the Statement of purpose. Information regarding the research projects of the topic-specific scholarships is available at <https://www.cismed.unitn.it/en/node/216>.
- F. **Abstract of the Master's degree thesis** in English structured as follows: context and objectives of the work; methodology adopted; main results and conclusions. The summary should be no longer than 500 characters (including spaces). Alternatively, candidates who have not yet completed their thesis should indicate the title (provisional or final) and the name of their supervisor.
- G. **English level certification 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 declaration⁵ 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. A self-declaration, in accordance with Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, can be attached only by EU citizens.

OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- H. any other title, as for example international certifications (e.g. the certification of GRE test - Graduate Record Examination or similar);
- I. any additional documents and qualifications useful for assessing the applicant's attitude towards research (scientific publications, any documents regarding awards, post-graduate studying and research activities, language certifications, scholarships) ;
- J. copy of the first-level academic degree (Bachelor's degree) and transcript;
- 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

- Statement of comparability of foreign university qualification⁶ 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 to a second cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree) must be attached.

5. 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 "Human-centered Precision Medicine", 42nd cycle - Supplement to application") **by the deadline indicated at art. 1.** Additional documents submitted by other means will be disregarded.
6. Only documents, originals or copies, in English and Italian will be taken into consideration for the selection by the Admission 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, E and F must be submitted only in English.
7. 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.**
8. 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. 5 – EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

1. The evaluation is made by a 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.
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.
The selection is made on the basis of:

⁶ 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 statement of comparability of qualifications relating to the countries of the Lisbon Convention can be downloaded directly and free of charge through [ARDI – Automatic Recognition Database Italia](#)



- assessment of the applicant's qualifications according to art. 4;
- an interview in English which is designed to assess the applicant's preparation and motivations.

During the oral exam, the Admission Committee will assess eligibility for the topic-specific scholarships for which the applicant has indicated a preference.

Important: The request to participate in the selection process for one or more topic-specific scholarships indicates that the specific scholarship/s will be awarded in priority to those without a specific topic.

3. The Admission Committee will award a maximum of 100 points divided as follows:
- 0 – 50 points: assessment of qualifications and research project
 - 0 – 50 points: interview.

The assessment of qualifications and the research project (maximum 50 points) is carried out on the basis of the following criteria and parameters:

- Academic background and CV (max. 15 points)
 - Consistency of the educational background with the PhD Programme topics;
 - quality of the academic record (degree grade or, for applicants who have not yet graduated, cumulative grade point average);
 - Experience in clinical research, internships, clinical activities, or other relevant professional activities;
 - aptitude for scientific research, as evidenced by the CV, previous experiences, and motivation letter;
 - license to practice medicine in Italy;
 - international experiences, participation in research projects or scientific activities.
- Additional qualifications (max. 10 points)
 - Scientific publications, if any;
 - Master's thesis abstract and relevance to the PhD Programme topics;
 - additional qualifications demonstrating aptitude for research (awards, certifications, etc.);
 - relevant professional postgraduate masters;
 - participation in scientific boards, societies or national/international academies;
 - participation in national/international conferences.
- Research project (max. 25 points)
 - scientific and clinical relevance of the proposal;
 - consistency with the PhD Programme topics and, where applicable, with the topic-specific scholarship;
 - clarity and structure of the project;
 - originality and potential contribution to the literature;
 - methodological soundness;
 - feasibility of the project.

Applicants obtaining a **minimum score of 35/50** for the **assessment of qualifications and research project** will be admitted to the interview.

As regards to the **interview**, the Admission Committee has a **maximum of 50 points** available.

The interview is intended to assess:

- the candidate's knowledge and preparation in the research areas covered by the PhD Programme;
- the ability to discuss and justify the proposed research project;
- motivation and aptitude for research;
- clarity of presentation and critical analytical skills;
- English language proficiency.

The interview is successfully passed with a **minimum score of 35/50**.

The results of the assessment of qualifications (research project included) and of the oral examination will be published on the selection webpage⁷.

4. The date, time, and location of the University of Trento (if in person) for the oral exams will be announced at least 20 days in advance on the selection website.
Any changes will be communicated using the same methods.

⁷ The results will be associated with the application ID, through which each candidate can identify themselves.



The applicants can choose⁸ to hold the interview as follows:

1. at the University of Trento, Palazzo Consolati, Via Santa Maria Maddalena 1, Trento; or
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 University assumes no responsibility for any technical issues that prevent the oral exam from being conducted properly.

To take the interview, candidates should present the identification document 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. 6 – RANKING

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Admission Committee draws up one ranking list sulla base dei punteggi ottenuti dalle/dai candidate/i nella valutazione dei titoli, del progetto e nella prova orale.
1. Positions with or without scholarship are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:
 - 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.
2. Non-allocated scholarships on reserved topics will result in the reduction of the number of positions available.

Art. 7 – 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.
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**.

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**:

- *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*⁹ 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.

⁸ The choice has to be made in the relevant section while applying online

⁹ 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.



In the case of loss of student status, the applicant must return the scholarship instalments eventually received.

4. 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.
5. 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. 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.
- (1) At the end of the enrolment period, doctoral students must communicate via e-mail (phd.cismed@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. 8 – 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. 9 – 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, 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 phd.office-st@unitn.it **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. 10 – INCOMPATIBILITIES, SIMULTANEOUS ATTENDANCE AND PROHIBITIONS ON ACCUMULATION

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of D.M. No. 226 of 14 December 2021, simultaneous attendance of the Doctoral Programme in Human-centred Precision Medicine and a Medical Specialisation School is permitted, provided that the following conditions are met:
 - a. Compatibility assessment: concurrent enrolment is subject to verification of compatibility between the two training programmes, with particular regard to workload, compulsory attendance, distance between locations and planned clinical



- and research activities. This compatibility must be formally certified by two concurring resolutions: one by the Specialisation School Council, authorising joint attendance; and one by the Doctoral Programme Committee, defining the integration procedures and the individual doctoral activity plan.
- b. Personalised study plan: in the case of simultaneous attendance, the Doctoral Programme Committee may decide to remodel the training and scientific production requirements, without reducing the overall level of training, in order to allow the proper conduct of clinical and research activities. No reduction in the compulsory activities required by the Specialisation School is permitted;
 - c. Financial arrangements: simultaneous attendance does not entitle the student to combine a specialist training contract with a doctoral scholarship. Specialisation students who have been awarded a scholarship may enrol in the Doctorate programme by renouncing the doctoral scholarship, while maintaining the specialist training contract.
2. The duration of the Programme may be reduced to two years, instead of three, in cases of joint attendance of the PhD Programme and the Medical Specialisation School, subject to the opinion of the Doctoral Programme Committee, which may decide to recognise documented training or research activities carried out during the specialisation, consistent with the objectives of the Doctoral Programme and of an adequate scientific level.

Art. 11 – 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 involved¹⁰.
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. 12 – 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, 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 selection webpage.
6. The reference office is the PhD Office - Scientific-Technological Area, email: phd.office-st@unitn.it.
7. The Admission 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

¹⁰ See <https://www.unitn.it/en/third-mission/recongnising-value-research/intellectual-property>