

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Admission to the Doctoral Programme in

Industrial Innovation

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 Industrial Innovation.

Partner Company: Adige S.p.A.

Deadline for application: August 28th, 2026, hrs. 04.00 p.m. (Italian time)

Positions: no. 33

Scholarships: no. 19 (of which no. 19 on reserved topics)

Positions without scholarship reserved to employees of partner companies engaged in highly qualified research activities:
no. 14 (of which 14 on reserved topics)

Positions are divided as follows:

Financer	n. Scholarship	Reserved Topic
Funded by Agenzia Nazionale per la Cybersicurezza (ACN)	1	A - Programmable Cyber Deception for Cloud-Native Network Resilience CUP E66E26000050001 (Additional scholarship: refer to Annex A for full details, which forms an integral part of this Announcement.)
University of Trento in collaboration with BLM Group Adige	1	B - AI-Driven contextual and conversational assistants for smart industrial machinery: from reactive support to proactive optimization
University of Trento in collaboration with DEDA Group	2	C - Audit-Ready Explanations and Runtime Monitoring for Black-Box AI Systems D - Provenance-Aware Agentic AI for Auditability in Data Center-Based AI Services
University of Trento in collaboration with NTE - mechatronics	2	E - Self-aware Industrial Machines Autonomous Supervision and Self-Healing via Large Language Models, Ontological Reasoning and Knowledge Representation F - Towards the Universal Mill - Real-Time Inline Granulometry via Instrumented Centrifugal Classification and Adaptive Speed Control for Multi-Material Grinding
University of Trento in collaboration with PAMA	1	G - Intelligent Fault Diagnosis and Root Cause Analysis in Industrial Machinery
University of Trento in collaboration with Roboze	1	H - Development of Advanced High-Performance Polymer Compounds and Process Optimization for Additive Manufacturing Using Roboze Technologies
Funded by Provincia Autonoma di Trento within the project "Trentino Energy Hub: materiali per batterie e idrogeno" in collaboration with Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)	5	I - Advanced Materials and Architectures for Solid-State and High-Temperature Electrochemical Cells J - Advanced materials and catalysts for the production and electrochemical use of low-temperature hydrogen K - Advanced materials and interfaces for next-generation batteries L - Plasma-assisted methane cracking and advanced catalysis M - Innovative Materials and Solutions for Redox Flow Batteries
Fondazione Bruno Kessler in collaboration with AI4IV SRL	1	N - Mixed analog/digital CMOS architectures for AI vision at the edge
Fondazione Bruno Kessler in collaboration with Alisco Italia srl	1	O - Robot learning for vision-based quality control
Fondazione Bruno Kessler in collaboration with Baker Hughes - Nuovo Pignone srl	1	P - Trustworthy 3D Reconstruction and Surface Modelling for Digital Twins and World Models
Fondazione Bruno Kessler in collaboration with Sony EUTDC	3	Q - IR imaging with antenna-coupled field-effect transistor detectors

		R - Self-Mixing-Interferometry integrated sensor and system for depth sensing S - Development and Characterization of Single Electron Bipolar Avalanche Transistors, built in custom microfabrication technology, optimized for high-sensitivity current mode photodetectors
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No. 14 positions reserved to employees of partner companies engaged in highly qualified research activities

Financer	n. PhD Executive	Reserved Topic
Adaptronics	1	AE - Modelling, Design and Experimental Validation of Electroactive Smart Transducers for Sensing Soft Robotic Systems
DEDA	1	BE - DevSecAIOps - Trustworthy and Secure AI-Enabled Software Systems
Dessaults Systemes	1	CE - Digital Twin Model Development for Manufacturing Process Modeling and Optimization
E4 Computer Engineering	1	DE - Autonomous Benchmarking and Energy-Aware Orchestration for Elastic HPC/AI Systems
Ladurner Ambiente Spa	1	EE - Research on a new generation of green and intelligent refuse collection vehicles
Prebiomics	1	FE - From dysbiosis to eubiosis: microbiome-based solutions for personalized periodontal care
Tassullo - MINIERA SAN ROMEDIO S.R.L.	1	GE - Next-Generation technologies for concrete repair and restoration
Fondazione Bruno Kessler	6	HE - Multi-Modal Modeling and Reasoning in Real-world Settings IE - CMOS-SPAD based sensors for quantum sensing JE - Multiscale Design of Green Nanostructured Membranes for Selective Separation and Water Reuse KE - Supporting Regulatory Compliance via Automatic and Semi-Automatic Approaches LE - Designing for Urgency: Interaction Design Frameworks to Support Clinical Decision-Making in Emergency Departments ME - Photonic integrated circuits for navigation systems
AI4IV srl	1	NE - Energy-Efficient Hardware-Software Co-Design for Real-Time Edge Vision based on the AI4IV Tensputer computing technology, a high-performance, energy-efficient accelerator architecture optimized for AI and the direct integration into on-edge CMOS chips.

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

Applicants who are employees of a company from a date not later than October 31st, 2026 and for a period of not less than 36 months may compete for places reserved for employees of the company itself¹.

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

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

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

Moreover, applicants selected by special committees for admission related to specific international mobility programmes in which the University of Trento participates, may also be admitted to the 42nd Cycle in additional positions.

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

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: <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/industrial-innovation>

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

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).

¹ The doctoral career of students working at the company ends when the working contract terminates before the end of the Doctoral Programme
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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, level², 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 penalty of exclusion**, the certificate awarded or a self-declaration pursuant to art 46 of D.P.R. 28.12.2000, n. 445 and subsequent amendments.
3. Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognised as **equivalent** to a second cycle Italian degree (*Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica/vecchio ordinamento*) will be considered as **requesting equivalence in their application**, by attaching the necessary supporting documents.
It is in the applicant's interest to provide all the elements useful for the assessment, especially if the education system of the country where the qualification was obtained is not comparable to the Italian one. The Selection Committee may require the applicant to provide additional documentation if deemed necessary for the purpose of assessing the eligibility.
4. Applicants who have already obtained the Doctoral degree will be admitted to attend a second Doctoral Programme, after passing the selection procedure, provided that the prevailing subjects and scientific areas are different from those relating to the previous Doctoral degree. Applicants who have already benefited from a scholarship, even partially, cannot be assigned any scholarships in the new Doctoral Programme.

Art. 3 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The application³ must be **completed and submitted by hrs. 04.00 p.m. Italian time of August 28th 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

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

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>

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notification has been received. There will be no liability with the University in the event that an application is not submitted correctly.

4. When filling out the online application form, applicants must choose up to a maximum of **3 scholarships on reserved topics**, specifying the order of preference. The order of preference is not binding for the Committee: during the oral examination the specific eligibility of the applicants will be evaluated.
Applicants must express their interest for reserved scholarships that will be made available after the opening of the present call (additional scholarships), application modalities will be available on the selection webpage.

5. **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 his/her photograph, personal data, number, place and date of issue, expiry date and signature;

B. Documents related **to Academic degree for admission to the Doctoral Programme:**

a. **Italian qualification:**

- **already obtained/to be obtained: a self-declaration**, in accordance with Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, stating the **list of passed exams** together with date, mark and credits obtained in each examination. A facsimile is available on the selection webpage but similar documents are also accepted as long as they report the information requested in the call.
If the qualification was issued by the University of Trento, the information will be acquired automatically.

b. **foreign qualification:**

- **already obtained:**
 - a **certificate attesting to the possession of a second level university qualification** (see art. 2 paragraph 1 letter c), issued by the institution that awarded it. The certificate must indicate the type of diploma, the date it was awarded and the relative grade;
 - a list of examinations taken to obtain the qualification to access a Doctoral Programme (academic transcript of records of the Master's degree) with relative credits (if provided for in the university system of the country that awarded the qualification), marks, rating scale and weighted average of the examinations (except from the thesis mark).
 - 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 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.
- 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 1 page, max 500 words);



- E. **Statement of purpose:** a short statement (max 1 page, max 500 words) in English highlighting the reasons for undertaking doctoral research and in particular for choosing the Doctoral Programme in Industrial Innovation at the University of Trento
- F. **English level certification** TOEFL, Proficiency or others) establishing a minimum level of B1 according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Applicants who are native speakers of English must attach a declaration to this effect. The following exceptions are accepted:
- 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;
 - if the applicant **studied or carried out research abroad for 6-months minimum** in a country where English proficiency is required, a certification by the institution where the applicant carried out the activity, stating the level of English obtained, is sufficient (EU citizens may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union);
 - if the applicant **worked for 6-month minimum** in a company or institution where the knowledge of English is required, a certification by the company or the institution stating the regular use of English in the tasks performed is sufficient; EU citizens may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union;
 - if the applicant **passed five or more English language exams** during Bachelor or Master's degree, a certificate by the university stating the level of English obtained is sufficient (EU citizens may deliver a self-declaration, according to art. 46 of Presidential Decree n. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, only for activities that have been carried out at a public institution of the member countries of the European Union); Pag. 5 di 10 Translation of Announcement no. 739 issued on July 21, 2025
- G. **A brief research project:** written in English. The project must be on the research topic/s selected in the online application. The project will have to be no longer than three pages (about 1,500 words bibliography included) and should include the following sections: "State of the art", "Objective(s)", "Methods" e "Expected results and impact". For each specific topic which the applicant wishes to undertake a brief research project must be submitted. The research project description must be different from the Statement of purpose.

6. OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

- A. **List of publications.** Please do not send the entire publications, as the Selection Committee will evaluate only the list.
- B. any other title, as for example international certifications (e.g. the certification of GRE test - Graduate Record Examination or similar);
- C. any additional qualifications useful for assessing the applicant's attitude towards research (Master's thesis, scientific publications, any documents regarding awards, post-graduate studying and research activities, language certifications, scholarships);
- D. copy of the first-level academic degree (Bachelor's degree) and transcript;
- E. up to three (3) of referees working at universities or national and international research institutions, with details of their email addresses. The system will automatically ask the referees to upload a reference letter for the applicant.
The applicant must not send the reference letter.
Once the relative section of the application has been completed and saved by the applicant, the system automatically sends (within 24 hours) to the indicated referee an e-mail notification containing instructions and transmission methods.
Applicants are recommended to make sure that their referees submit the letter of presentation by September 01st, 2026.
- 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 qualification⁵** 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 **equivalent⁶** to a second cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, **the equivalence provision (Rectoral Decree)** must be attached.

- 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 Industrial Innovation – First call, 42nd cycle - Supplement to application") **by September 01st, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Italian time**. Additional documents submitted by other means will be disregarded.
- 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, E and F must be submitted only in English.
- 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.**
- 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

- 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.
- The selection procedure is designed to rank, comparatively, the knowledge and aptitude of the applicants in regard to research in areas related to the Doctoral programme and the chosen Research Area.
The selection is made on the basis of assessment of the applicant's qualifications according to art. 3.
The Selection Committee may contact the applicant for an in-depth interview or a video-interview concerning the material submitted. This interview will not entail additional points.
- Competences on the specific subjects of the reserved scholarships or fellowships will be assessed during the evaluation process by the Selection Committee based on the research projects submitted.
- The Selection Committee will award a maximum of 100 points. **Assessment of qualifications** will be passed with a minimum score of **65/100**.

The **date of the assessment of qualifications** will be published on the selection webpage at least 20 days in advance. The results of the assessment of qualifications and the exact date and time of the interviews will be published on the selection webpage.

⁵ 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](#)

⁶ Details at <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico> - Point 3) "Nostrification procedure (equipollenza)".

Art. 5 – RANKINGS

1. At the end of the selection procedure, the Selection Committee draws up one ranking list and one separate ranking list for each position reserved to employees of partner companies engaged in highly qualified research activities.
2. The available positions and the positions reserved to employees of partner companies engaged in highly qualified research activities are assigned to short-listed applicants according to:
 - a. the position in the ranking list;
 - b. for the reserved scholarships/positions reserved to employees of partner companies engaged in highly qualified research activities, the applicant's eligibility for that specific reserved position.

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](#):
 - **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.

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.

4. Note that the acceptance of a position must include the payment of stamp duty and the payment of the "provincial tax for the right to higher education" - TDS (except for exemption cases). At present, no fees are charged to doctoral students to access courses and attend them, with the exception of the aforementioned annual provincial tax for the right to study (TDS).
5. Admitted applicants who do not accept the position by the above-mentioned deadlines will lose their right to registration, and their places will be offered to the next applicants on the relevant ranking.
6. 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.
7. If a successful applicant **withdraws or is excluded during the first three months of the first year**, the Doctoral Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with the next applicant on the relevant ranking, considering the acquired eligibility for reserved scholarships.
8. At the end of the enrolment period, doctoral students must communicate via e-mail (*industrial-innovation@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 November 6, 2026**, on penalty of exclusion from the Doctoral Programme. In the case of a lack of communication and failure to arrive in Trento by the above-mentioned deadline Doctoral student will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Doctoral Programme.

Art. 7 – ENROLMENT ON THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

1. Enrolment on the Doctoral Programme, only for admitted applicants who have accepted the position as mentioned above, will be automatically formalized as soon as the accreditation for the academic year 2026/2027 has been confirmed by the Ministry of University and Research. If accreditation is not confirmed, applicants who have accepted a position will receive timely notification via email, and the fee for the Right to Education (TDS) will be refunded.
2. In order to complete the enrolment process, those applicants who have obtained their academic qualifications abroad must, upon their arrival in Italy, show the official documents (the original ones or certified copies of them) relative to their academic record that have already been submitted in scanned form during admission to the selection phase or upon acceptance of the position, thereby enabling the appropriate checks of the validity of the qualifications to be conducted, also through the national information centres on the recognition of foreign qualifications belonging to the ENIC-NARIC network. Until that time, applicants are provisionally admitted to the course and may be excluded if they do not fulfil the requirements.

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

1. Without prejudice to the Italian law on copyright (legislative decree 633/1941 and subsequent amendments), intellectual and industrial property rights on the results eventually achieved by the PhD student, including (but not limited to) software, industrial inventions patentable or not, know-how, models, data and data collection, are regulated in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations and, if necessary, according to the provisions in the individual agreements with universities, companies or entities 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. 9 – REFERRAL RULES

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

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

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AGENCY

Following the approval of the final ranking list related to the Call for Funding of PhD Scholarships in the field of cybersecurity by the National Cybersecurity Agency (NCA), determina prot. n. 215430 del 19.06.2026 based on D.D.G prot. n. 112148 del 5/3/2026. and the successful submission of the project proposal by the University of Trento (Project XLII_123964_121_UniTN), an additional scholarship funded by NCA is being offered within Research Area for the development of the following research project:

Scholarship: A - Programmable Cyber Deception for Cloud-Native Network Resilience **CUP E66E26000050001**.

The project's characteristics, timeline, objectives and expected outcomes are clearly outlined in the research project's description. This can be found on the web page: reserved topic scholarships.

In accordance with the Implementing Regulations of the NCA Call for Proposals, the PhD student who won the scholarship must commit to the following:

- carry out the doctoral studies in accordance with the research project that has been accepted for funding (see research project sheet);
- sign the declaration of intent, which has been completed in accordance with the template provided by the Agency;
- if applicable, spend a period of mobility abroad; submit an annual report on the research activities carried out, according to the template prepared by the NCA, including any publications in progress or completed, etc; Since the submission of the application, the applicant is aware of the following:
 - the use of the NCA name, brand, or any other distinguishing feature for advertising or promotional purposes is prohibited, with the exception of instances where the doctoral scholarship's funding is acknowledged;
 - without prejudice to the moral rights of authorship held by the doctoral students, the University and the Agency shall each hold 50% ownership of the research results generated by the NCA-funded project.;
- The scholarship will be revoked in the following cases:
 - a) implementation of the doctoral studies that deviates from the project that was accepted for funding
 - b) termination of the doctoral programme, negative outcome of the annual assessment for the renewal of the scholarship, withdrawal from the scholarship, award of the degree
- the University retains the right to recover from the beneficiary any amounts received.