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**NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR THE ADMISSION  
TO PhD PROGRAMMES (AY 2021/2022 – CYCLE XXXVII)  
Additional NOP “Research and Innovation” scholarships  
Action IV.4 “PhD Programmes and Research contracts on Innovation  
subjects” and Action IV.5 “PhD Programmes on Green subjects”  
Ministerial Decree no. 1061 of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
*The official announcement is only in Italian***

#### Art. 1 – NOP R&I 2014-2020 additional positions and scholarships

In implementation of Ministerial Decree no. 1061 of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021, following the allocation of NOP R&I 2014-2020 resources of € 995,136.88, under Action IV.4 - " PhD Programmes and Research contracts on Innovation subjects ", and € 947,749.28, under Action IV.5 " PhD Programmes on Green subjects", for financing additional scholarships, public competitions based on the assessment of candidates' qualifications and exams are organized to fill positions with scholarships in the context of the PhD programmes of academic year 2021/2022 – cycle XXXVII, listed below, for which the University of Cagliari acts as home University.

NOP R&I 2014-2020 additional PhD scholarships are funded:

on Innovation subjects (Action IV.4), for PhD paths focused on innovation, enabling technologies and the broader digital theme, such as interventions to enhance human capital in the world of research and innovation;

on Green subjects (Action IV.5), for PhD paths focused on issues oriented to the conservation of the ecosystem, biodiversity, as well as the reduction of the impacts of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development.

	PhD PROGRAMME	AREA	POSITIONS	NOP R&I SCHOLARSHIPS 2014-2020 ON INNOVATION SUBJECTS	NOP R&I SCHOLARSHIPS 2014-2020 ON GREEN SUBJECTS
1	<i>Philosophy, Epistemology, Human Sciences</i> In collaboration with Universidade de Lisboa; Maxim Tank Belarusian State Pedagogical University	11a-11b-14- 01	2	1	1
2	<i>Physics</i> In collaboration with Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	02	2	1	1

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3	<i>Civil Engineering and Architecture</i> In collaboration with École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Toulouse - Laboratoire de Recherche en Architecture; Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès e con Université Bordeaux Montaigne	08a-08b 04-07-09 11a	1	-	1
4	<i>Electronic and Computer Engineering</i> In collaboration with Southwest Jiaotong University	09	3	2	1
5	<i>Industrial Engineering</i> In collaboration with Univerzitet u Novom Sadu; Univeristatea din Oradea	09	3	1	2
6	<i>Mathematics and Computer Science</i>	01 13a	4	2	2
7	<i>Molecular and translational medicine</i> In collaboration with Université Laval	05 06 03	2	1	1
8	<i>Neuroscience</i> In collaboration with Université Laval; Université Clermont Auvergne	05 06 11b	1	1	-
9	<i>Life, Environmental and Drug Sciences</i> In collaboration with Taipei Medical University - College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy; Universidade do Porto	05 03	2	1	1
10	<i>Chemical Science and Technology</i> In collaboration with Università degli Studi di Sassari	03 09 02	2	1	1

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11	<i>Earth and Environmental Sciences and Technologies</i> In collaboration with Universitat de Barcelona; Universitat de Girona	04 05 03 07 08b	4	1	3
12	<i>Innovation Science and Technology</i> In collaboration with Pushchino State University; École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Rabat; Universidade de Aveiro	06 03 09 05 04 08b	1	1	-
13	<i>Economics and Business</i> In collaboration with Sophia University Institute; Universitat Jaume I	13a-13b	2	1	1
14	<i>Legal Sciences</i> In collaboration with Université Sorbonne Paris Nord; Universidad de Salamanca	12	1	1	-
15	<i>History, Cultural Heritage and International Studies</i> In collaboration with Universidade Federal de Goiás	10 11a 14	2	1	1
16	<i>Philological and Literary, Historical and Cultural Studies</i> In collaboration with The University of Edinburgh and Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie	10	1	1	-

NOP R&I 2014-2020 scholarships for cycle XXXVII cycle are 33: 17 on innovation subjects; 16 on Green subjects. The available positions are 33, each one with a scholarship.

All positions include a mandatory research period in a company, from a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 12 months, and a mandatory period abroad of 6 months.

PhD paths financed with the scholarships mentioned above will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

For each PhD programme, specific details are given in annexes available at <https://unica.it/dottorataricerca>, forming an integral part of the present Notice of Competition and including: scientific and disciplinary areas, Coordinator's name, location, possible collaborating

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institutions, duration, research topics and educational objectives, university degree required to access, number of NOP R&I 2014-2020 additional available positions and scholarships, selection procedures, reference person for each PhD programme, description of doctoral training for each scholarship. Any updated information will be published on the same webpage.

### Art. 2 - Eligibility requirements for selection

Admission to PhD programmes is open to graduates, regardless of nationality, holding (ref. to the [Italian university system](#)):

- a degree awarded according to the Italian Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004 (*laurea magistrale*);
- a degree awarded according to the Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999 (*laurea specialistica*);
- a degree awarded according to the regulations established before the Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999 (*laurea*);
- academic qualification (2<sup>nd</sup> cycle university degree: Master-level) issued by a foreign university recognized as equivalent. The foreign university degree must be evaluated as suitable and equivalent, in terms of duration, level of degree and fields of study to the degree listed above and providing access to PhD programmes in the awarding country.

The Selection Committee will deliberate on its equivalence, in compliance with the current legislation in Italy and in the Country where it was issued, and with the international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for further studies for the sole purpose of the admission to the PhD programme.

The admission is also open to students who are going to graduate by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. These candidates will be admitted with reservation and will submit a certificate (only for degrees obtained abroad) or a self-declaration of their graduation together with a scanned copy of a valid ID. The certificate/self-declaration should be sent to [dottoratiemaster@unica.it](mailto:dottoratiemaster@unica.it), or delivered in person.

If the applicant is evaluated positively to be admitted to a PhD programme but he/she will not be awarded the necessary degree by the above-mentioned date, he/she will lose that suitable position and the scholarship benefit, if already awarded.

The submission of a research project consistent with the topic of the scholarship is also an admission requirement. A specific Selection Committee will assess its consistency, in accordance with the criteria set out in art. 3, par. 2, of Ministerial Decree. no. 1061/2021, prior to the evaluation of candidates' qualifications, and may determine, in the event of a negative result, the non-admission of the applicants to the next phases of the evaluation procedure.

### Art. 3 - How to apply

**To participate in the selection, candidates should apply through the online procedure** available on the webpage 'Servizi Online' of UniCa website at <https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do> from the date of the publication of the present Notice of Competition to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (local time).

The guidelines on how to apply are available at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>. At the following link, you will find a list of computers available for applicants: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo\\_s03\\_ss04.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo_s03_ss04.page).

According to art. 46 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, applicants must provide the following information for the online procedure:

- a. name and surname, Italian tax identification code (*codice fiscale*) – for candidates applying for the first time, place and date of birth, residence address, telephone number, e-mail and current address where any possible correspondence related to the selection can be sent;
- b. citizenship;
- c. exact name of the selected PhD programme;
- d. name of the University degree, date of graduation, final grade, name of the issuing University;
- e. to possess the eligibility requirements reported in the notice of competition and to be aware of the text of the notice;
- f. to be aware of being subject to penalty if any information provided is later found to be untrue according to the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, art. 76;
- g. to have read the [notice](#) no. 2016/679 issued according to the EU Regulations and the Italian Law in force, about the protection of people regarding the treatment of personal data, as well as on the free circulation of data;
- h. to give the consent to communicate and disseminate his/her own personal data for the purposes of the present PhD notice of competition.

According to art. 20 of Italian Law no. 104/92, applicants with disabilities must specify in their application the required assistance for their needs, including possible requests for additional time for the completion of the tests, by sending an e-mail to the [PhD and Professional Master Office](#), which could involve SIA - UniCa Office for Disability.

The sensitive data reported for this purpose will be kept secret and processed in accordance with the provisions currently in force.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION, APPLICANTS MUST PAY A FEE OF EUR 23.10, NOT REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The fee of EUR 23.10 can be paid through PagoPA system, within two days from the date of submission of the application. Please, refer to the following link for further information about how to pay the selection fee: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/studenti\\_s02\\_ss01.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/studenti_s02_ss01.page) (*Istruzioni pagamento*).

IN THE EVENT OF NON-PAYMENT, APPLICANTS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SELECTION.

Italian and foreign applicants holding a degree issued in Italy, at the end of the online compiling procedure, will have to upload the following documents in PDF format (each file not exceeding 1 MB), named according to the indications published at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca> - “How to apply for PhD selection: Guidelines and forms”:

- Annex A “*Titoli valutabili e Curriculum Vitae*” (Qualifications to be evaluated and Curriculum Vitae) (form available at: <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>) – **MANDATORY FORM**;

- Annex B “*Dichiarazione sostitutiva di certificazioni del/i titolo/i di studio con esami e voti, CFU, media dei voti e data di immatricolazione*” (Replacement declaration of degree(s) listing exams and marks, credits and enrolment date) - form available at: <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>); it can be substituted with a self-declaration downloadable at the webpage of the University issuing the degree (note that CERTIFICATES RELATED TO THE DEGREE CANNOT BE ATTACHED; YOU CAN ONLY ATTACH SELF-DECLARATIONS OR REPLACEMENT (SELF)DECLARATIONS FOR CERTIFICATIONS). Applicants holding a degree issued by the

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University of Cagliari can download their replacement declaration for certifications from their personal webpage, in the reserved area of the online Students' services at <https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/>: “Autodichiarazione Conseguimento Titolo con Esami”;

- Annex C "Research project" (to be written on the form available at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>);
- two-sided coloured scanned copy of a valid ID, with a clear photo;
- other assessable documents, required in the specific annex describing the selected PhD programme.

According to art. 40 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, public bodies can no longer receive or request from private citizens certificates issued by other public institutions. Therefore, all qualifications must be provided only through a self-declaration of certifications or a self-declaration affidavit, according to articles 46 and 47 of the Italian Presidential Decree mentioned above. Publications and other qualifications issued by private bodies, which cannot be self-declared, must be provided in PDF format together with a self-declaration affidavit attesting their conformity to the original version, according to the articles 19 and 19-bis of the same Italian Presidential Decree.

**In case the Annex A is submitted as incomplete, failure to use it to declare one's qualifications and failure to provide them following the modes mentioned above, this can result in a partial or total non-evaluation by the selection committees.**

Both the form and the documents attached will be acquired by the University at the closing of the online enrolment procedure.

**DOCUMENTS CAN BE UPLOADED UNTIL 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. (LOCAL TIME).**

The EUR 23.10 fee can be paid from the date of the online submission of the application.

Foreign applicants holding a university degree issued abroad must fill in the online application and upload the following documents in PDF format (each file not exceeding 1 MB), named according to the indications published at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca> - “How to apply for PhD selection: Guidelines and forms”:

- certificate attesting the award of a 2<sup>nd</sup> level foreign degree necessary to access a PhD programme, including exams, their marks and average grade, with a translation in Italian or English;
- certificate attesting the award of a 1<sup>st</sup> level foreign degree, including exams, their marks and average grade, with a translation in Italian or English;
- signed Curriculum Vitae preferably in EU format, in English or Italian;
- Annex C "Research project" (to be written on the form available at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>);
- additional qualifications, certifications, publications (up to 5) and work experiences, detailed in English or in Italian;
- other possible documents, in English or Italian, required in the specific annex describing the selected PhD programme;
- two-sided coloured scanned copy of a valid ID, with a clear photo.

If the foreign degree has already been declared equivalent to the Italian degree reported in art. 2 by another Italian University, the candidate will report the reference of the University and the number of the Rector's decree declaring the equivalence.



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Otherwise, if the foreign degree has not been considered equivalent, the Selection Committee will deliberate on its equivalence, in compliance with the current legislation in Italy and in the Country where it was issued, and with the international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for further studies, for the sole purpose of admission to the PhD programme.

**EU citizens** can submit their replacement declarations according to articles 46, 47, 19 and 19-bis of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000.

**Non-EU citizens, legally resident in Italy**, can provide the above-mentioned replacement declarations, only with reference to situations, personal qualities and facts which can be certified or attested by Italian public bodies.

**In case of missing or incomplete qualifications, and failure to provide them following the modes mentioned above, this can result in a partial or total non-evaluation by the selection committees.**

Both the form and all the documents attached will be acquired by the University at the closing of the online enrolment procedure.

**DOCUMENTS CAN BE UPLOADED UNTIL 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. (LOCAL TIME).**

The EUR 23.10 fee can be paid from the date of the online submission of the application.

For each PhD programme, separate competitions are opened for positions with scholarships on Innovation subjects and Green subjects. Candidates who intend to apply to more than one PhD programme or to two procedures for the same PhD programme, must submit the application, pay the fee of EUR 23.10 and upload the documents provided for in this document for each competition.

It is possible to submit only one application for each subject relating to the same PhD programme.

**NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT TO APPLICANTS ADMITTED TO SELECTION.**

All applicants are admitted conditionally to the selection, and can be excluded in any moment, also after the admission tests, for lack of the requirements of this notice of competition.

The University will check the truthfulness of candidates' self-declarations/affidavits.

Without prejudice to criminal sanctions under the Penal Code and the related special laws (articles 75 and 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000), if the University administrative offices detect that the information declared by the applicant is mendacious or false, he/she will not be able to enrol.

Applicants should communicate any change of residence or other address used to apply.

All necessary communications will be sent by e-mail. The University administration declines all responsibilities in the case of a failure in communication, caused by inaccurate information regarding the applicant's e-mail address, or in the event that the candidate does not communicate a change in the e-mail address.

#### **Art. 4 - Admission tests**

Admission to PhD programmes is subject to a public selection, which verifies the applicant's preparation, his/her research attitude and knowledge.

The selection of candidates is made on the basis of the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae and an interview, as specified for each PhD programme in the Annex attached to this notice.

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The evaluation criteria are established by the Selection Committee, having a total of 100 points, distributed as follows:

- up to a maximum of 45 points
  - academic career: single-cycle degree (*laurea magistrale a ciclo unico*), 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> cycle degrees (*laurea magistrale/specialistica + laurea*); Italian degrees awarded according to the regulations established before Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; equivalent degrees)
    - ~ weighted average of examinations marks
    - ~ final grade of degree
    - ~ duration of the academic career
- up to a maximum of 15 points
  - experiences and further qualifications:
    - ~ study, research or professional experiences abroad before and after the award of a degree
    - ~ further qualifications or additional documents/certificates achieved up to five years prior to the publication of this notice of competition (e.g.: postgraduate qualifications, [language certificates](#), other qualifications and/or activities relevant for the purposes of the admission to the PhD programme);
    - ~ publications and professional experiences
- up to a maximum of 40 points
  - interview

The Selection Committee could define the assessment criteria and assess the qualifications also by video conference.

Candidates who pass the preliminary consistency check of their research project referred to in art. 2 will have their qualifications assessed.

Candidates who obtain at least 30 points in the evaluation of their qualifications and curriculum vitae (university career and experience and other qualifications) are admitted to the interview.

The results of the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae will be published anonymously on the University website, at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca> (Notices and deadlines).

The interview will take place via videoconference, on Microsoft Teams platform, through the "meeting" tool, subject to verification of the identity of the candidate through the presentation of the identity document attached to his/her application for the competition, and with methods suitable for guaranteeing the transparency and publicity of the test and the level playing field among the candidates.

The interview will mainly focus on the presentation and discussion of the candidate's research project, in order to assess the adequacy of the profile with regard to personal competence in the disciplinary field of the project, aptitude for scientific research and linguistic knowledge.

In compliance with art. 3. par. 2 of Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021, for the assessment of qualifications, the Selection Committee will also take into consideration the following criteria:



A) ADDITIONAL PHD SCHOLARSHIPS ON INNOVATION SUBJECTS (ACTION IV.4)	B) ADDITIONAL PHD SCHOLARSHIPS ON GREEN SUBJECTS (ACTION IV.5)
<p><b>a.a)</b> Relevance of the research project according to the ability to create a high added value, in terms of scientific, social and economic impact on the national territory, by fostering adequate research models and implementing professional profiles through the promotion of innovation and competitiveness expressed by the entrepreneurial system, through the promotion of research on innovation, digital and enabling technologies, supporting the enhancement of human capital, as a key factor for the development of research and innovation in Italy.</p>	<p><b>b.a)</b> Relevance of the research project according to the ability to create a high added value, in terms of scientific, social and economic impact on the national territory, by fostering adequate research models and contamination of knowledge and skills, in order to boost the development of innovative products and services with a reduced impact on the environment, focusing on the conservation of the ecosystem, the biodiversity, as well as reducing the impact of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development, as a contribution to promoting green recovery and overcoming the effects of the crisis in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><b>a.b)</b> Adeherence of the PhD programme research with the SNSI and the PNR, consistency with Law 240/2010 and Ministerial Decree no. 45/2013 on doctoral studies, with the aim of encouraging innovation and the exchange between the world of research and the world of production and qualification of the contribution of research projects in the innovation sectors (Law 240/2010, art. 24, par. 3 and subsequent amendments).</p>	<p><b>b.b)</b> Adeherence of the PhD programme research with the SNSI and the PNR, consistency with Law 240/2010 and Ministerial Decree no. 45/2013 on doctoral studies, through the funding of doctoral positions focused on Green subjects.</p>
<p><b>a.c)</b> Measurability of the expected results and potential impact of the intervention with reference to the aims of the REACTEU: presence within the project of the PhD programme of quantifiable and measurable targets consistent with the indicators provided for by the reference action of the NOP.</p>	<p><b>b.c)</b> Measurability of the expected results and potential impact of the intervention with reference to the purposes of REACTEU: presence within the project of the PhD Programme of quantifiable and measurable targets consistent with the indicators provided for by the reference action of the NOP.</p>

The research project submitted for the purposes of this selection is not binding for the research activity to be developed during the doctoral path.

The selection tests will be scheduled within 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**DATES AND LOCATIONS OF SELECTIONS AND ANY VARIATION WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBPAGE <https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca>**

**THE WEB PUBLICATION WILL BE THE ONLY OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR THE ADMISSION TESTS.**

Candidates should be available for their admission test at scheduled time and date with a valid ID/passport.

The University of Cagliari declines any responsibility for any technical problem which might impede to give the interview.



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If candidates will not access the virtual room for their video conference interview at the scheduled time and date, this will be considered as a waiver to the admission test.

The candidate obtaining a minimum score of 60/100 will pass the selection.

#### **Art. 5 – Selection Committee**

The Rector appoints a Selection Committee, upon proposal by the PhD programme Academic Board. It is composed by three or five full members and two alternates, selected among university professors and researchers. Up to two Italian/foreign experts in the scientific areas of the PhD programme, belonging to public or private research institutions, can join the Selection Committee.

Committee members can be flanked by up to two experts of established reputation, whether Italian or foreign, from public and private universities and research organizations.

The Committee will be able to carry out its functions with the aid of telematic tools.

The Rector's decree appointing the Selection Committee will be published on <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>, after the deadline for the submission of applications.

#### **Art. 6 - Ranking list**

The Selection Committee will draw up the ranking list for each Innovation and Green scholarship, on the basis of the applicants' comparative evaluation, carried out in accordance with the criteria set out for the admission to each PhD programme, considering the total scores of each candidate. In case of candidates obtaining the same ranking position, the younger will prevail.

The ranking lists will be published on the webpage <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>.

**NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.**

#### **Art. 7 - Admission to PhD programmes**

Candidates are admitted to PhD programmes according to the ranking list and the number of positions available for the selected PhD programme.

If any of the candidates admitted withdraws before the start of the programme or does not complete his/her enrolment within the deadline, or he/she is excluded due to false declarations provided, or he/she does not graduate by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, the next candidate(s) in the ranking list will take that place. If a candidate is admitted contemporarily to several PhD programmes, he/she can choose only one of them.

The public employee admitted to a PhD programme will enter on request and compatibly with the requirements of the administration extraordinary leave for reasons of study for the duration of the PhD programme and will receive a scholarship. In the case of admission without a scholarship, or where the candidate renounces it, the person in extraordinary leave maintains the usual economic and welfare conditions from the public administration where he/she is employed. If, after the award of the PhD degree, in the following two years the employee decides not to continue to work for that public body, he/she must recover the amounts already received. The period of extraordinary leave counts for the employee's career development, retirement and social security treatment.

Civil servants who have already obtained the PhD degree, or who have been enrolled in the PhD programme for at least one academic year, benefiting from leave have no right to the extraordinary leave, either paid or not.

The students at a postgraduate medical school of the University of Cagliari who are admitted to a PhD programme the same University can attend both programmes. If the postgraduate student of the medical school attends the last year of the medical school, has the entry clearance of the School Board, and the activities undertaken in the two programmes are compatible, the duration of the PhD programme can be reduced to a minimum of two years.

The postgraduate student at a medical school, attending also a PhD programme, cannot be awarded a PhD scholarship.

### **Art. 8 - Enrolment in PhD programmes**

In order to enrol, successful candidates must first fill in the enrolment form available at <https://unica.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>, uploading a recent passport size photo in digital format (bitmap or jpeg), a scanned copy of a valid ID/passport and a self-certification (available at <https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca>), filled in and signed, **within 3 days starting from the day of the publication of the ranking list.**

To complete the enrolment, candidates must pay a stamp duty of EUR 16.00 through PagoPA system within 2 days from the date of your application (ref. to the following link for further information about how to pay the stamp duty: [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/studenti\\_s02\\_ss01.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/studenti_s02_ss01.page) (*Istruzioni pagamento*)).  
The stamp duty can be paid from the date of submission of your enrolment application.

#### **ENROLMENT OF CANDIDATES HOLDING A FOREIGN ACADEMIC DEGREE**

Successful candidates holding a foreign academic degree, at their arrival in Cagliari, must submit to *Settore Dottorati e Master - Segreteria Post Lauream* the following documents:

1. original or certified copy of your 2<sup>nd</sup> level degree valid to access PhD education;
2. original legalized translation into Italian of your degree;
3. original statement of value (*Dichiarazione di valore in loco*) of the foreign degree issued by the competent Italian diplomatic representative in the Country where the academic qualification has been issued (<http://www.miur.gov.it/web/guest/dichiarazione-di-valore> - <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx>), or a Diploma Supplement in original;
4. original or certified copy of your 1<sup>st</sup> level degree.

**THE DOCUMENTS ABOVE MUST BE PREVIOUSLY SENT BY E-MAIL TO [dottoratiemaster@unica.it](mailto:dottoratiemaster@unica.it) WITHIN 2 DAYS AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF YOUR ENROLMENT APPLICATION.**

If unable to respect the deadline mentioned above, the candidates holding a degree issued abroad should deliver the requested documents within a new deadline set in accordance with the PhD and Professional Master office. NO EXTENSION TO THIS SECOND DEADLINE WILL BE ALLOWED.

Foreign PhD candidates are required to comply with the [“Procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications, for higher](#)



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[education courses in Italy for the academic year 2021/2022](https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/) (<https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>; <https://www.university.it/index.php/public/percorsi>).

**ENTRY VISA AND RESIDING PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING MEASURES DURING THEIR STAY,** WILL BE MANAGED BY THE OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS' COOPERATION AND MOBILITY PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAGLIARI. APPLICANTS SHOULD REFER TO: Tiziana Cubeddu, Head of the Office, tel. +390706758442, email [euraxess@unica.it](mailto:euraxess@unica.it) - [tcubeddu@unica.it](mailto:tcubeddu@unica.it); webpage [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo\\_s07\\_ss05\\_sss02.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/ateneo_s07_ss05_sss02.page).

The enrolment procedure will be completed when the PhD and Professional Master office of the University of Cagliari will have verified the completeness and accuracy of the application and the required documents, as well as the receipt of the EUR 16.00 payment, within the deadline above.

Those successful candidates who do not comply with the requirements for their enrolment, will automatically be considered as withdrawn and the next candidate(s) in the ranking list will take their place; the University office will inform by e-mail the next candidates and invite them to enrol within a deadline specified in the email.

Successful candidates must provide a self-certification attached to the enrolment application and declare:

- to be aware that a contemporary enrolment in more than one Italian/foreign University and/or higher education institution is prohibited, as well as the contemporary enrolment to more than one study course at the same university; and that he/she is not enrolled – and will not enrol - in another degree programme, professional master, PhD programme, for the entire duration of the PhD programme;
- to be/not to be enrolled in non-medical schools of specialization; if enrolled, he/she commits to stop or suspend the attendance before of the enrolment in a PhD programme;
- to have/not to have been previously awarded another scholarship for a PhD programme;
- to have/not to have a research grant;
- to attend the PhD programme, as prescribed by its Academic Board, being aware that the admission to a doctorate entails an exclusive and full-time commitment, without prejudice to the law in force;
- to obtain the Academic Board authorization for work activities, also if already started at the moment of enrolment;
- to be aware that the scholarships are granted to students whose annual gross income does not exceed the amount of EUR 15,343.28;
- not to exceed an annual gross income of EUR 15,343.28 for fiscal year 2022; to communicate promptly if this limit has been exceeded, so losing the right to the scholarship and paying back the monthly amount of the scholarship received during the year in which the limit has been exceeded;
- to be aware that the scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships, except those awarded by national or foreign institutions for periods spent abroad and deemed useful for the research and educational activities of the PhD student;
- to/not to benefit from another scholarship;
- to be interested in being granted a scholarship with a specific research topic;
- to be interested in being granted a NOP R&I additional scholarship on Innovation/Green subjects;

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- to be aware that the granting of a scholarship bounds the beneficiary to carry out a specific research topic;

- to be aware that the fruition of the scholarship entails the obligation to carry out, over three years, research and/or study activities at a university or research institution abroad for a period of at least 6 months, on pain of the withdrawing the grant.

To be assigned a NOP R&I additional scholarship, the successful candidate must also attach the specific declaration required by the Regulations attached to the Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021, according to which, accepting the scholarship:

a) formally undertakes to carry out the mandatory research stays (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months) in a company and abroad (6 months), at the same time certifying that he/she is aware that failure to comply with the minimum period will result in the revocation of the scholarship;

b) certifies to be aware that the modification of the project objectives and of the expected results (if not previously authorized by the Italian Ministry of University and Research) will result in the revocation of the scholarship and the total refund of any amounts already received;

c) certifies to be aware that any negative opinion of the Academic Board and the consequent non-admission to the following year of the PhD programme, as well as a scholarship withdrawal, will result in the revocation and the obligation to return the sums already received for the current year, and that failure to obtain the PhD degree will result in the revocation and the obligation to return the sums already received for the last year of the PhD programme;

d) certifies that at the moment he/she does not benefit from other scholarships, and undertakes, for the entire duration of the additional scholarship, not to take advantage of other scholarships, except for those admissible pursuant to of the national legislation in force.

#### Art. 9 - Taxes and fees

The PhD students are exempted from paying an enrolment and attendance fee. For each academic year, of enrolment, they are required to pay the stamp duty and the Regional Tax for the right to university education (if due), according to the instructions published [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/studenti\\_s02\\_ss01.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/studenti_s02_ss01.page) (*Istruzioni pagamento*), within the deadlines below:

Stamp duty	EUR 16.00	By the time of enrolment; at the beginning of each academic year within the deadline published on the official webpage <a href="https://unica.it/dottoratoricerca">https://unica.it/dottoratoricerca</a>
Regional Tax for the right to university education (if due)	Amount determined by Regione Autonoma della Sardegna	Within 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022

#### Art. 10 - Scholarships

As indicated for each PhD programme in art. 1 and in Annexes published on the webpage <https://unica.it/dottoratoricerca>, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the ranking lists drawn up by the Selection Committee.



Scholarship granting procedures, as well as information about fulfilments needed to allocate them, will be published on the webpage mentioned above.

The scholarships are annual and can be renewed provided that the PhD student has completed the programme of activities for the previous year, verified by the Academic Board.

The annual amount of the scholarship is EUR 15,343.28, gross of tax deduction (INPS “*Gestione Separata*” to the beneficiary: 1/3) and net of the University deduction (2/3).

The amount of the scholarship is increased to 50%, according and proportionally to the duration of the PhD student’s stay abroad at universities or research institutions, when he/she is authorized by the Academic Board or, upon its delegation, by the Coordinator, if the stay does not exceed 3 months, for a maximum of 18 months. The increase on the scholarship is not paid when the PhD student stays in his/her country of origin or residence.

The Scholarships are paid out exclusively to PhD students not receiving an annual gross income higher than EUR 15,343.28. Exceeding that limit will result in the loss of the scholarship and implies the duty to give back the monthly payments already received for a specific year.

Over the three-year PhD programme, PhD students holding a scholarship are required to carry out research and/or study activities at a university or research institution abroad for at least 6 months. If a PhD student doesn’t complete his/her period abroad, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and he/she will be asked to give it back partially or totally.

The PhD scholarships cannot be added to other grants awarded for any purpose, except for those from Italian or foreign institutions useful to integrate the PhD student’s educational and research activities with periods abroad, nor to any other research fellowship.

The scholarships will be paid in monthly deferred payments. The payment of the first monthly instalment will be done after the conclusion of the administrative and fiscal procedures needed to allocate them, after PhD students will have provided all the relevant documents.

Those PhD students who benefited, although partially, of a PhD scholarship in the past, cannot apply a second time for another PhD scholarship.

The non-admission of the scholarship to the funding from NOP R&I 2014-2020 resources referred to in Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021, following the admissibility check by the competent Ministerial Office, and the scholarship withdrawal entail the loss of the status of doctoral student.

Any negative opinion of the Academic Board and the consequent non-admission to the following year of the PhD programme, as well as the scholarship withdrawal, entail the revocation and the obligation to return the sums already received for the current year; failure to obtain the PhD degree entails the revocation and the obligation to return the sums already received for the last year of the PhD programme.

### **Art. 11 - PhD students’ attendance and obligations**

The admission to a PhD programme entails an exclusive and full-time commitment. The PhD students should attend their PhD activities on a full-time basis according to the PhD programme approved by the Academic Board, also with reference to the level of English to be acquired at the end of the PhD

programme. The PhD students can work as tutors, provide integrative teaching activity and be employed according to the Rules and Regulations about PhD programmes in force at UniCa.

At the end of each academic year, the Academic Board evaluates the PhD student's activity, through appropriate forms of assessment, under which he/she can be admitted to the following year or, on a reasoned decision, excluded in the event of a negative evaluation. The exclusion from the programme may be asked also in case of non-participation in the organized activities, unjustified and prolonged absences, or if the PhD student works without the prior authorization of the Academic Board.

Being excluded means losing the PhD student's position and the scholarship, if due.

The attendance and the scholarship will be suspended in case of maternity leave, severe, prolonged and certified illness.

The period of suspension will be made-up at the end of the PhD programme, whose legal duration is 3 years.

Requirements for NOP R&I 2014-2020 scholarship recipients

NOP R&I 2014-2020 scholarship recipients are requested to:

- carry out the research stays (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months) in companies and abroad (6 months) provided for in the doctoral path associated with the scholarship;
- not to make substantial changes to the research project admitted for funding, without prior authorization from the Ministry of University and Research;
- report on the activities carried out on a bimonthly basis, by uploading in the specific platform <http://dottorati.miur.it> a report indicating the time commitment (divided into months at the home University, in the company, abroad) and a summary of the main activities, which will be verified and validated by the PhD Coordinator;
- write and send to the PhD Coordinator the annual report on the activities, using the appropriate ministerial form.

### **Art. 12 - Award of the PhD degree**

The PhD degree is awarded upon completion of the PhD programme, after passing a final examination, consisting in the defence of a PhD thesis in front of an Examination Committee, selected and appointed according to the Rules and Regulations on PhD programmes.

### **Art. 13 - Incompatibility**

The enrolment in a PhD programme is incompatible with the enrolment in other undergraduate, PhD, specialization courses, professional masters or non-medical specialization schools at the University of Cagliari or other Italian and foreign universities

Those PhD students who attend a non-medical specialization school will be suspended from their specialization course until the end of the PhD programme.

### **Art. 14 - Personal data treatment**

The University of Cagliari is the controller for the personal data treatment, according to the EU Regulations 2016/679 about the protection of individuals with regard to the treatment of personal data,



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as well as the free circulation of these data and the and of the Code regarding the protection of personal data - Legislative Decree n. 196/2003, respecting human dignity, fundamental rights and freedoms of the person. The notice on data treatment for the category 'citizens' is available at [https://www.unica.it/unica/it/utility\\_privacy.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/it/utility_privacy.page).

#### **Art. 15 - Responsible person for procedures**

According to art. 5 of the Italian Law no. 241, issued on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1990, the responsible person for the administrative procedures is Ms. Monica Melis, Head of the PhD and Professional Master Office, tel. +390706756494, e-mail [dottoratiemaster@unica.it](mailto:dottoratiemaster@unica.it).

#### **Art. 16 - Reference**

The laws and regulations for PhD programmes (Law of July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1998, no. 210, art. 4, as amended by the Law of December 30<sup>th</sup> 2010, no. 240, art. 19; the Ministerial Decree of February 8<sup>th</sup> 2013, no. 45, containing "Regulations about the procedures for the accreditation of locations and PhD programmes and criteria for the establishment of PhD programmes by accredited bodies"; the Rules and Regulations on PhD programmes in force at the University of Cagliari) are the reference documents for all matters not listed in this announcement.

#### **Art. 17 - Publicity**

The present notice of competition will be published, in Italian and English, on the website of the University of Cagliari, on the website of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR), and on the website of Euraxess. The notice of its publication will be published on the Official Journal of Italian Republic (*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana – IV Serie speciale, Concorsi*).

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