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NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR THE ADMISSION TO PhD PROGRAMMES, AY 2022/2023 - CYCLE XXXVIII

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Art. 1 - PhD programmes

For the academic year 2022/2023 (Cycle XXXVIII) the University of Cagliari (UniCa) announces public selections for its PhD programmes, listed below:

	PhD PROGRAMME	AREA	POSITIONS	SCHOLARSHIPS UniCa (MUR funds for postgraduate scholarships and UniCa Depts.	OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS
1	<i>Philosophy, Epistemology, Human Sciences</i> In collaboration with Universidade de Lisboa; Maxim Tank Belarusian State Pedagogical University	11 14	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
2	<i>Physics</i>	02	7	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	1 by INFN 1 by 1 INAF-OAC
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 Jaurés e con Université Bordeaux Montaigne	08 04 07 09 11	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	



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4	<i>Electronic and Computer Engineering</i> In collaboration with Southwest Jiaotong University; Xidian University	09	10,1 on which reserved for scholarship recipients from foreign countries	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
5	<i>Industrial Engineering</i>	09	6	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
6	<i>Mathematics and Computer Science</i>	01 13	6	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	1 by ASI
7	<i>Molecular and translational medicine</i> In collaboration with Université Laval	05 06 03	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
8	<i>Neuroscience</i> In collaboration with Université Laval; Université Clermont Auvergne	05 06 11	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
9	<i>Life, Environmental and Drug Sciences</i>	05 03	6	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	1 by IMC Foundation International Marine Centre
10	<i>Chemical Science and Technology</i> In collaboration with the University of Sassari	03 09 02	8	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	3 by UniSs
11	<i>Earth and Environmental Sciences and Technologies</i>	04 05 03 07 08	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	



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12	<i>Innovation Science and Technology</i>	06 03 09 05 04 08	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
13	<i>Economics and Business</i> In collaboration with Sophia University Institute; Universitat Jaume I	13	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree) 1 by Dept. of Economics and Business	
14	<i>Legal Sciences</i> In collaboration with Université Sorbonne Paris Nord; Universidad de Salamanca	12	4	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
15	<i>History, Cultural Heritage and International Studies</i>	10 11 14	5	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	
16	<i>Philological and Literary, Historical and Cultural Studies</i> In collaboration with The University of Edinburgh and Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie	10	4	4 by UniCa (1 reserved for foreign candidates with foreign degree)	

For each PhD programme, specific details are given in annexes available at <https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca>, forming an integral part of the present Notice of Competition and including: scientific and disciplinary areas, Coordinator's name, location, possible collaborating institutions, duration, research topics and educational objectives, university degree required to access, number of available (ordinary and reserved) positions, number of



scholarships and granting institutions, selection procedures, reference person for each PhD programme. Any updated information will be published on the same webpage.

No. 73 scholarships are available: 64 are financed by MUR funds for postgraduate scholarships, 16 of which are reserved for foreign candidates holding a degree awarded abroad; 1 is financed by the National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN); 1 is financed by INAF-OAC - National Institute for Astrophysics - Astronomical Observatory of Cagliari; 1 is financed by A.S.I - Italian Space Agency; 1 is financed by the Dept. of Economics and Business; 3 are financed by the University of Sassari; 1 is financed by IMC Foundation – International Marine Centre.; 1 is co-financed by CNR-IRPI - National Research Council (CNR) - Research Institute for Geo-Hydrological Protection (IRPI) Perugia and by the Dept. of Chemical and Geological Sciences.

The following additional scholarships may also be available:

- INPS scholarships with specific research topic, for the PhD programmes in Industrial Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, Economics and Business, and Chemical Sciences and Technologies. They are reserved for the children and orphans of individuals registered for the Unified Management of Credit and Social Benefits, and of retired users of the Management for public employees. Scholarship recipients will be selected among the candidates who will gain a suitable position in the ranking lists for the admission to PhD programmes for the academic year 2022/2023, upon INPS verification of the right to benefit.

With a further specific notice of competition, further 43 positions will be available, supported by scholarships on a specific topic, to be funded with the NPRR resources assigned to the University of Cagliari with Ministerial Decrees no. 351 and 352 of 9th April 2022, as below:

-21 scholarships on Ministerial Decree no. 351/2022, for the PhD programmes in: Philosophy, Epistemology, Human Sciences, 1 NPRR Research; Physics, 1 NPRR Research; Civil Engineering and Architecture, 1 Cultural Heritage, 2 Public Administration; Electronic and Computer Engineering, 3 Public Administration; Industrial Engineering, 1 NPRR Research; Mathematics and Computer Science, 1 NPRR Research, 1 Public Administration; Molecular and Translational Medicine, 1 NPRR Research; Life, Environmental and Drug Sciences, 1 NPRR Research; Chemical Sciences and Technologies, 1 Cultural Heritage; Earth and Environmental Sciences and Technologies, 1 NPRR Research; Innovation Sciences and Technologies, 1 Digital and environmental transitions; Economics and Business, 1 NPRR Research, 2 Public Administration; History, Cultural Heritage and International Studies, 1 Cultural Heritage, 1 Public Administration;

-22 scholarships on Ministerial Decree no. 352/2022, for the PhD programmes in: Civil Engineering and Architecture, 5, co-financed by M-lab S.r.l., Italcementi S.p.A., Criteria S.r.l., Ser.Lu. Costruzioni S.r.l.; Electronic and Computer Engineering, 7, co-financed by NEPSY S.r.l.,



Sarmed S.r.l., Wallife S.r.l., GNV HOLDING S.p.A., Abinsula S.r.l., Prensilia S.r.l., DEDEM S.p.A.; Industrial Engineering, 1, co-financed by STAM S.r.l.; Mathematics and Computer Sciences, 3, co-financed by NetService S.p.A., R2M Solution S.r.l., Maxtrino S.p.A.; Life, Environmental and Drug Sciences, 1, co-financed by Bioinnova S.r.l.s.; Chemical Sciences and Technologies, 4, co-financed by RINA Consulting - CSM S.p.A., ATI Erba Voglio Biomasse S.r.l. - Concimi biologici S.r.l., Monolithos Catalysts and Recycling Ltd., DE.P.A.S. Soc. Coop.; Economics and Business, 1 co-financed by Talent Services S.r.l.

The number of scholarships available for each PhD programme may increase in the event of further public and/or private funding, subject to the completion of the administrative steps before the completion of the enrolment procedure.

Scholarships funded by external institutions will be awarded depending on the transfer of funds to UniCa.

The available positions are 92, 57 of which are ordinary and supported by a scholarship, 18 are without a scholarship; 17 are reserved positions: 16 are reserved for foreign applicants holding a degree issued abroad, and 1 is reserved for scholarship recipients from foreign countries.

If not awarded, the reserved positions will not be available as ordinary positions.

PhD programmes will start only if, for each programme, at least three applicants will be selected and if they complete the enrolment procedure.

PhD programmes last 3 years and start on 1st October.

Art. 2 - Eligibility requirements for selection

Admission to PhD programmes is open to graduates, regardless of nationality, that, by the deadline of the competition, hold (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 (2nd 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 Examination Board 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 the enrolment date, which will be communicated on the website of the University of Cagliari at <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>, when the rankings will be published and the enrolment procedures will be opened, to be completed as indicated in art. 8. 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, 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.

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 30th August 2022 at 12:00 p.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.

According to the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, art. 46, 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 the 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 24.35, NOT REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The fee of EUR 24.35 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 (*Istruzioni pagamento*).

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

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINARY POSITIONS: ITALIAN APPLICANTS HOLDING A UNIVERSITY DEGREE ISSUED IN ITALY OR ABROAD; FOREIGN APPLICANTS HOLDING AN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE; APPLICANTS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP – ONE OF WHICH IS ITALIAN

Italian and foreign applicants holding a degree issued in Italy, and applicants with dual citizenship, one of which is Italian, at the end of the online compiling procedure, will have to upload the following documents in PDF format (each file not exceeding 1 MB):

- annex A *“Titoli valutabili e Curriculum Vitae”* (Qualifications to be evaluated and Curriculum Vitae) (form available at: <https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca>);
- annex B *“Dichiarazione sostitutiva di certificazioni del/i titolo/i di studio con esami e voti, CFU e data di immatricolazione”* (Replacement declaration of degree(s) listing exams and marks, credits and enrolment date) - form available at: <https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca>; 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 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”*;



- 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 programm.

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 30th AUGUST 2022, 12:00 P.M. (LOCAL TIME).

The EUR 24.35 fee can be paid from the date of the online submission of the application.

PROCEDURE FOR RESERVED POSITIONS: FOREIGN APPLICANTS HOLDING A UNIVERSITY DEGREE ISSUED ABROAD

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):

- certificate attesting the award of a 2nd level foreign degree necessary to access a PhD programme, including exams and marks, with a translation in Italian or English;
- certificate attesting the award of a 1st level foreign degree, including exams and marks, with a translation in Italian or English;
- signed Curriculum Vitae preferably in EU format, in English or Italian;
- up to 3 reference letter(s), in English or Italian, on institutional letterhead paper, dated and signed by a university professor or expert in the PhD scientific area(s), following the prescriptions of each annex;
- 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.



The application must be supported by university professors or experts in the fields of reference of the doctorate with up to 3 letters of introduction, drawn up according to the indications contained in the descriptive Annexes of the PhD programmes, in Italian or English, on letterhead of the institution to which the professor/expert belongs, dated and signed. Evaluators will send their letters directly to the email address phdcall_referenceletter@unica.it (object: surname and name of the candidate being evaluated and name of the PhD programme for which he/she is applying).

Letters uploaded directly by the candidates or sent in different ways will not be evaluated.

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.

Otherwise, if the foreign degree has not been considered equivalent, the Examination Board 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 Examination Boards.

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 30th AUGUST 2022, 12:00 P.M. (LOCAL TIME).

The EUR 24.35 fee can be paid from the date of the online submission of the application
IN CASE OF APPLICANTS WITH A DUAL CITIZENSHIP, ONE OF WHICH IS ITALIAN, THIS ONE PREVAILS ACCORDING TO ART.19, PAR. 2. OF THE ITALIAN LAW NO.218 OF 31ST MAY 1995. THEY SHOULD THEN FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE FOR ORDINARY POSITIONS
FOREIGN CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR THE RESERVED POSITIONS CANNOT APPLY FOR THE ORDINARY POSITIONS.



If candidates apply for more than one PhD programme, each application form must be accompanied by the requested documents, as reported in this article, and the payment of a EUR 24.35 fee for each application.

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.

APPLICANTS FOR ORDINARY POSITIONS

The selection of candidates who compete for ordinary positions is made according to one of the following methods, specified for each PhD programme in the annexes attached to this notice of competition:

- evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae, written test and interview;
- evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae and interview.

The evaluation criteria are established by the Examination Board, 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*), 2nd and 1st cycle degrees (*laurea magistrale/specialistica + laurea*); Italian degrees awarded according to the previous educational regulations; 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/written test and interview

The Examination Board could define the assessment criteria and assess the qualifications also by video conference.

Those candidates who obtain at least 30 points in the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae (university career and experience and other qualifications), when, for admission to the doctorate, the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae and an interview are considered; and those candidates who obtain at least 30 points in the evaluation of qualifications and a minimum score equivalent to 6/10 of the points available to the Examination Boards in the written test, when, for admission to the doctorate, the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae, a written test and an interview are considered, are admitted to interview.

The results of the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae, and of the written test – if any - will be published anonymously on the University website, at <https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca> (Notices and deadlines).

The interview will take place as specified in each PhD programme annex, personally or 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 selection tests will be scheduled in September 2022.



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 (written test and face-to-face interview) at scheduled time and date with a valid ID/passport.

In the event of a precise provision in the PhD programme annex, the candidates who are unable, for justified reasons, to take the interview at the selection venue, may be given the opportunity to carry it out via videoconference, on Microsoft Teams, on the same date and time established for face-to-face interviews, subject to verification of the identity of the candidate through the presentation of the same identity document attached to the application for participation in the selection, and with suitable methods to ensure the transparency and publicity of the test.

The request, accompanied by a scan of the candidate's identity document, must be sent to the email address of the contact person indicated in the annex of the doctorate, up to 3 days prior to the date set for the interview. The acceptance of the request is left to the discretionary and unquestionable evaluation of the Committee, which will communicate its decisions via email to the address used by the candidate to send the application.

If the Examination Board does not reply, the request will be deemed rejected and the candidate must be present at the place of the interview to take the test.

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

If candidates will not participate in the selection test, this will be considered as a waiver to the selection.

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

FOREIGN CANDIDATES HOLDING A DEGREE AWARDED ABROAD, APPLYING FOR THE RESERVED POSITIONS

Foreign candidates holding a degree obtained abroad, applying for the reserved positions supported by a scholarship, will be selected on the basis of the evaluation of their degrees, CVs and interview, as detailed in each PhD programme Annex.

The evaluation criteria are established by the Examination Board which has a total of 100 points, distributed as follows:

- up to a maximum of 40 points ▪ CV
- up to a maximum of 20 points ▪ reference letters
- up to a maximum of 40 points ▪ interview



The Examination Board could define the assessment criteria and assess the qualifications also by video conference.

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/dottoratiricerca> (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 selection tests will be scheduled within September 2022.

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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.

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 - Examination Board

The Rector appoints an Examination Board, upon proposal by the PhD programme Academic Board. It is composed, in respect, if possible, of gender balance, of three or five effective members and two alternates, identified among professors, university researchers and experts in possession of high and proven scientific or professional qualification in the disciplinary areas of the PhD programme.

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

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



Art. 6 - Rankings

The Examination Board will draw up the ranking list for reserved positions and ordinary positions, 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/dottoratiricerca>.

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.

In the event of failure to enroll within the prescribed date, of renunciation of the eligible candidates before the start of the courses, of forfeiture due to ascertained non-truthfulness of the substitutive declarations submitted, or of forfeiture due to failure to obtain the qualification for access to the doctorate within the deadline referred to in art. 2, the same number of candidates will take over according to the order of the ranking. Taking over after the start of the courses can be allowed no later than the following two months, subject to obtaining the favorable opinion of the Academic Board.

If a candidate is admitted contemporarily to several PhD programmes, he/she can choose only one of them.

Public employees admitted to PhD programmes benefit, for the normal duration of the programme, from the leave provided for by collective bargaining or, if employed under public law, from extraordinary leave for study purposes, compatibly with the needs of the administration, pursuant to art. 2 of Law no. 476 of 13th August 1984, with or without grants and unless explicitly waived, only if enrolled for the first time in a doctoral programme, regardless of the subject area.

The students of a postgraduate medical school who are the winners of the competition for admission to a PhD programme organized by the University of Cagliari, may be admitted to the joint attendance of the specialization school and of the PhD programme, with possible reduction of the duration of the doctorate to a minimum of two years, with the authorization, respectively, of the Board of the specialization school and the Board of the doctorate, issued after evaluation of the compatibility of the activities and of the commitment required by the



specialization school and the doctoral programme, also in consideration of the distance between the respective locations.

The student of the specialization school admitted to the joint attendance cannot receive the 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 five days starting from the day of the publication of the ranking.**

To complete the enrolment, candidates must pay a stamp duty of EUR 16.00 through PagoPA system within 4 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 (*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 2nd 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 1st level degree.

THE DOCUMENTS ABOVE MUST BE PREVIOUSLY SENT BY E-MAIL TO dottoratiemaster@unica.it WITHIN FOUR 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 EDUCATION COURSES IN ITALY](https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2022/Circolare_2022_2023_EN.pdf)" (https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2022/Circolare_2022_2023_EN.pdf).

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 - tcubeddu@unica.it; webpage 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 application and declare:

- to be/not to be enrolled in another degree programme, professional master or non-medical specialization course;
- to be/not to be enrolled in medical schools of specialization;
- to be/not be enrolled – and commit not to enroll – in another PhD programme for the entire duration of the 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 be aware that the admission to a doctorate entails an exclusive and full-time commitment, without prejudice to the law in force;
- to undertake to carry out the activities of the doctorate assiduously and to fulfill the educational obligations according to the programme and in compliance with the deadlines scheduled by the Academic Board, also with reference to the level of knowledge of English to be acquired at the end of the doctorate, and to carrying out, over the three-year period, research and training activities consistent with the doctoral project, at university institutions or highly qualified foreign research bodies, for a period of a mandatory minimum duration of 6 months;



- to undertake to ask the Academic Board for authorization to carry out tutoring activities for the students of 1st and 2nd level degree courses, even if paid; supplementary teaching activities within the limit of forty hours for each academic year; paid work activity, even if already existing at the time of enrollment in the doctorate;
- to be aware that the scholarships are granted to students whose annual gross income does not exceed the amount of EUR 16,243.00;
- not to exceed a gross income of EUR 4,060.75 for the last trimester of fiscal year 2022 and an annual gross income of EUR 16,243.00 for fiscal year 2023; 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 scholarship is revoked, moreover, in the event of failure to carry out the mandatory period abroad provided for by art. 12, par. 2, of the University Rules and Regulations on PhD programmes, and that the revocation determines the obligation, for the beneficiary, of the total or partial refund of the sums received;
- 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 possible additional scholarship funded by INPS;
- to be aware that the granting of a scholarship bounds the beneficiary to carry out a specific research topic;
- to be aware that the granting of scholarships funded by external bodies depend on the transfer of funds to the University of Cagliari.

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 (*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 https://unica.it/dottoratiricerca
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Regional Tax for the right to university education (if due)	EUR 140.00	Within 1 st March 2023
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Art. 10 - Scholarships

As indicated for each PhD programme in art. 1 and in Annexes published on the webpage <https://unica.it/dottoraticerca>, scholarships will be awarded with Rector's Decree on the basis of the rankings drawn up by the Examination Boards.

Scholarships with a specific research topic will be granted only to candidates successfully positioned in the rankings, obtaining the best score and a positive evaluation on the adequacy of their CV to that specific research topic.

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

The scholarships have a total duration of three years and are renewed annually with managerial provision, provided that the PhD student has completed the programme of activities planned for the previous year, verified by the Academic Board.

The annual amount of the scholarship is EUR 16,243.00, 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 12 months, extendable up to 18 months for doctorates in cotutelle agreement with foreign universities and for those activated in associated form. The increase on the scholarship is not paid when the PhD student stays in his/her country of origin or residence, except for exceptions authorized by the Rector in relation to special cases.

The Scholarships are paid out exclusively to PhD students not receiving an annual gross income higher than EUR 16,243.00. 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.

The revocation of the scholarship, with the consequent obligation for the beneficiary to repay the total or partial sums received, is made in case of: failure to carry out the compulsory period abroad, at universities or highly qualified research institutions, provided for by art. 12, par. 2, of the University Rules and Regulations on PhD programmes; negative assessment of the Academic Board and the consequent non-admission to the following year of the doctoral PhD programme; withdrawal from the scholarship; failure to obtain the PhD degree.



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/contract.

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.

Art. 11 - PhD students' attendance and obligations

The PhD programme entails an exclusive and full-time commitment.

The PhD students are required to carry out the PhD activities assiduously and to fulfill the educational obligations according to the programme and in compliance with the deadlines approved by the Academic Board, also with reference to the level of knowledge of English to be acquired at the conclusion of the doctorate, and to carry out, over the three-year period, research and training activities consistent with the doctoral project, at highly qualified foreign university institutions or research institutions, for a period with a mandatory minimum duration of 6 months.

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 excluded PhD student cannot enroll again in the same doctorate.

Attendance of the doctorate and the disbursement of any scholarship received are suspended in cases of maternity, paternity and parental leave and serious and prolonged duly documented illness.

They can also be suspended, for a maximum duration of six months, at the request of the PhD student, with the favourable opinion of the Academic Board, for serious and proven family reasons.



The suspension period, during which the PhD student retains the right to any scholarship received, must be recovered at the end of the three-year legal duration of the doctorate.

At the end of the suspension period, the disbursement of the scholarship starts from the resumption of attendance of the PhD programme, up to the total duration of the scholarship.

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 that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation, 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 PhD programme at the University of Cagliari or other Italian and foreign universities, as well as with research contracts described in art. 22 of Law no. 240 of 30th December 2010 and subsequent amendments and additions.

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, 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.

Art. 15 - Responsible person for procedures

According to art. 5 of the Italian Law no. 241, issued on 7th 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.

Art. 16 - Reference

The laws and regulations for PhD programmes (art. 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3rd 1998, as amended by art. 19 of Law of no. 240 of December 30th 2010; Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14th December 2021, containing *"Regulations about the procedures for the accreditation of*



locations and PhD programmes and criteria for the establishment of PhD programmes by accredited bodies"; Rector's Decree no. 296 of 21st March 2022, *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*).

The Rector
Prof. Francesco Mola
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