

CALL FOR ADMISSION TO PHD COURSES FOR THE XLI CYCLE

The deadline for this call is 1 pm (CEST) of May 13th 2025

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

1.1 The selection process has been announced at the University of Padova for admission to PhD Courses for the 2025/2026 academic year - XLI cycle (hereinafter 'selection process').

The research subjects, methods and criteria for candidate selection to be used for ranking purposes are indicated on the specific information sheet for each Course (Annex 1).

The information sheets also indicate:

- the number of funded and unfunded places that will be assigned according to the specific rankings for each Course;
- the number of places reserved for candidates with foreign qualification;
- the number of places financed by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Mission 4, component 2 "From research to business", funded by European Union NextGenerationEU. The places financed under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) are linked to the project National Centres (NC);
- the number of places with scholarship funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo to carry out a PhD in the framework of a cotutelle agreement with one of the partner institutions of the Arqus Alliance.

Scholarships bound to specific research topics as indicated in the information sheets compulsorily provide for the performance of the research activity on the basis of a specific Project, binding the scholarship holders to the performance of the same.

1.2 The number of places available with a scholarship, for any subject, may be increased with funding from public and private entities or following further ministerial calls.

All places funded by an external body or a Department will become available if the financing is confirmed; shouldn't these places become available, the number of unfunded places may also be reduced.

1.3 In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021, in order for PhD courses to go ahead, they may be subject to compliance checks on accreditation requirements, carried out by the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR). Therefore, only following the positive outcome of these checks may successful candidates enrol.

The use of the masculine gender has no discriminatory nature but it is understood as a gender-neutral language and responds only to the needs of more immediate communication.

Art. 2 – JOINT PHD COURSES

2.1 The following joint PhD Courses are activated at the University of Padova:

- Astronomy with the National Institute for Astrophysics - INAF
- Brain, Mind and Computer Science with the Bruno Kessler Foundation - FBK
- Fusion Science and Engineering with the University of Naples Federico II
- Human Rights, society and multi-level governance with the Tangaza University College (Kenya)
- Developmental Medicine and Health Planning Sciences with the Institute of Pediatric Research "Città della Speranza" (IRP)
- Physics with the National Institute for Nuclear Physics – INFN
- Religion, Culture and Public Life with the University of Turin, the University of Nicosia and the Catholic University of Uruguay
- Molecular sciences with the National Research Council – CNR
- Pedagogical, Educational and Instructional Sciences with the University of Trieste
- Historical, geographical and anthropological studies with Ca' Foscari University of Venice

2.2 Each agreement shall regulate relations between the Parties involved, their respective contributions and commitments, the organisation of the Course, the specific management of the financial resources and the learning resources made available by the institutions forming part of the agreement for each Course.

Art. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Anyone in possession of the following, regardless of nationality, may apply to take part in the selection process:

- diploma di laurea (pre-reform regime);
- laurea specialistica/magistrale (post-reform regime);
- Second-level academic qualifications awarded by AFAM (Higher Education in Art and Music) institutions.

3.2 Admission to the selection process for candidates who have not yet been awarded their academic qualification

Anyone yet to be awarded the required academic qualification, but who will have received it by and no later than September 30th 2025, may also apply to take part in the entry examinations. Otherwise, admission to the course will be denied.

Admission will be conditionally granted to these candidates, who will have to provide self-certification regarding the qualification awarded (or the certificate itself if the qualification was awarded in a non-EU country), together with an identity document by October 7th 2025. Said certification must be sent via email to phd.application@unipd.it. The self-certification (or the certificate itself if the qualification was awarded in a non-EU Country), must indicate the name of the university that awarded the qualification, the date it was awarded, the kind of degree (second-cycle Italian - degree, Master's Degree or equivalent qualification), and the grade achieved, together with a copy of a valid identity document.

3.3 Admission to the selection process for candidates with an academic qualification awarded abroad

Applicants with an academic qualification awarded abroad can be admitted to a PhD course only if the above-mentioned qualification is equivalent to a second-cycle Italian degree ("Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico"/"Laurea specialistica"/"Laurea magistrale") awarded at an officially recognized foreign academic institution, which grants admission to a PhD course in the education system/Country in which it was awarded (except for significant differences). Said qualification must be comparable to the Italian degree required for the admission to a PhD course (i.e. Master's Degree or another equivalent second-cycle degree).

The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Selection Board responsible for admission to the PhD course, in compliance with the relevant legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded and in accordance with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the pursuit of studies.

Admission to the selection process will be conditionally granted to those candidates in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad that has not yet been officially recognised as equivalent to a second-cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities.

To this end, when completing the online application process, the candidate must request that their qualifications be verified and attach the following documents:

A. For candidates with a degree already obtained:

- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of both first (Bachelor's) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grade;
- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of the list of exams/transcript of records of both first (Bachelor's) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grade;
- any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the suitability of the qualification held (e.g. Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA).

B. For candidates yet to be awarded the required academic qualification:

- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of first (Bachelor's) cycle degree, with grade;
- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of the list of exams/transcript of records of both first (Bachelor's) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grade;
- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) attesting the enrolment in a second cycle degree (Master's);

- any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the suitability of the qualification held (e.g. Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA).

The above-mentioned documents must be drawn up in Italian or English, under penalty of exclusion from the selection. In cases where self-certification is not permitted (e.g. non-EU candidate with a qualification obtained abroad), if the official documentation issued by the university where the degree was obtained is not already in one of the languages listed above, the candidate must attach also a certified translation in Italian or English. The Selection Committee evaluates the suitability of the foreign degree according to the documentation attached to the application, and can therefore exclude the candidate if such documentation does not provide sufficient information for the assessment.

In the event that the candidate has acquired two (or more) Level II qualifications, she/he must indicate, when completing the application, which qualification she/he intends to use for access to the doctorate.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION FORM

4.1 The application form to participate in the selection process may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati41>. Application forms must be submitted no later than 1 pm (CEST) on the announcement deadline date (**May 13th 2025**).

Candidates intending to apply for more than one Course must complete a separate application for each chosen Course.

Should the Course have more than one curriculum, candidates must indicate their order of preference. Preferences expressed on the application form will provide an indication of the candidate's interests and will not be binding for the Committee.

If the Course has more than one curriculum and separate rankings be drawn up, the candidate can apply for only one curriculum.

With regard to each Course, candidates must indicate whether they are exclusively competing for unfunded places. This choice cannot be changed afterwards.

With regard to each Course, candidates also wishing to compete for places with scholarships bound to specific research topics are obliged to indicate this in their application, selecting the relative subjects. This option will be a binding priority choice.

Scholarships bound to specific research topics are linked to specific curricula, if present, in accordance with the information provided on the sheet for each single Course.

Only candidates who have made a specific request to do so in their application may compete for bound research topics and reserved places. These choices are final.

4.2 All required documents to be submitted listed in the information sheet for the chosen PhD course must be attached to the application form, together with a copy of a valid identity document, with photo, preferably a passport. If the candidate is applying for more than one course, each application must be completed with the relative documents required. All documentation must be attached in pdf format or any other format foreseen by the specific doctoral course.

For all legal purposes, the application is to be considered as a self-certification of the data included therein and of the attached documents, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

A non-refundable payment of € 30.00 must be made for each application. This amount must be paid by the final deadline for submitting the application via "PagoPA".

After payment, it is still possible to modify one's application.

Once the application form has been completed, it must be printed, signed and re-uploaded following the instructions described in the online procedure, and a copy of a valid identity document must be attached. The absence of a signature, of the payment of the participation fee by the deadline and/or missing an identity document are grounds for exclusion from the selection process.

The online procedure for submitting the application form can be also accessed through SPID (Public Digital Identity System), by choosing the University of Padova from the list of providers available: in case of access via SPID, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

4.3 After closing the application, the candidate can, where applicable, request **reference letters** by completing the appropriate section on the application form. The candidate can request reference letters before May 19th 2025 at 1 pm (CEST). A notification for completion of the letter will be sent to the referee only after the application has been fully submitted. The referee will be automatically notified by the system and will have to personally complete the reference letter section in the online procedure and submit it by the deadline of **May 19th 2025 at 1 pm (CEST)**.

Reference letters attached by the candidate will not be taken into consideration.

4.4 The application is automatically sent to the University when the online procedure has finally been completed. Therefore, no paperwork needs to be delivered or sent to the University's offices.

4.5 Candidates are invited to complete applications for the selection process well in advance of the closing date specified in this competition notice.

Candidates are responsible for verifying that the procedure is completed correctly. No complaints will be accepted for any malfunctioning of the IT system due to overload experienced by candidates near the closing date.

4.6 Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) may support the admission tests with reasonable adjustments, making an explicit request to the Student Services Office - Inclusion. To this end it is necessary to:

- 1) request the individualized test through the dedicated online application;
- 2) send an email to inclusionestudenti@unipd.it specifying the supports, aids or compensatory measures needed (additional time assigned cannot exceed 30% for candidates with SLD and 50% for candidates with disability);
- 3) send the relevant documentation to the Student Services Office – Inclusion (inclusionestudenti@unipd.it), together with a copy of a valid identity document by 1 pm of May 13th 2025.

Useful documentation for reasonable adjustments includes:

- certification pursuant to Law 104/1992;
- civil disability certification;
- SLD diagnosis certification (issued after the age of majority, by facilities of the National Health Service or by specialists and accredited facilities).

Where not already specified, also attach the document proving the accreditation code or number or the conformity of the diagnosis issued by the relevant bodies.

Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) residing in foreign Countries must submit the certification about disability or SLD issued in the Country of residence, together with a sworn translation in Italian or English. On the basis of the documentation presented, and after possible interview with dedicated personnel (way to be agreed), supports for the test will be considered.

It is therefore recommended to contact the Student Services Office – Inclusion well in advance of the date of the test, by sending an email to inclusionestudenti@unipd.it.

Further information can be found at the following link: <http://www.unipd.it/accoglienza-prove-ingresso>.

Art. 5 – ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND ENTRY EXAMINATIONS

5.1 Information on selection procedures and the dates for examinations are provided in the information sheets specific to each Course.

For all intents and purposes, the examination dates indicated in the Course information sheets represent official notification. Candidates will therefore not receive any further call or notification regarding the entry examinations.

To take the examinations, candidates must connect on the day and at the time indicated in the aforementioned information sheets, providing a valid identity document (e.g. a national identity card, passport or driving licence).

5.2 Oral examinations will be considered passed if the candidate obtains a mark equivalent to at least 7/10.

If specified in the individual Course information sheet, the Committee will carry out a pre-selection on the basis of the academic qualifications presented by the candidate. Candidates who pass the pre-selection phase, obtaining a minimum score of 7/10, will be admitted to the oral examination.

The entry examination will be taken in the language(s) indicated in the Language(s) section of the specific information sheets for each Course, under the item "Admission exam".

5.3 Candidates will take the oral examination remotely only if they selected this option in the admission form; in this case the oral examination will via Zoom or, if not available in their country, another equipment agreed with the Commission. Candidates must guarantee that they will use a webcam in order to be correctly identified by the Selection Committee and that they will connect on the day of the oral examination.

For identification purposes, and under penalty of exclusion from the selection process, candidates are required to identify themselves showing the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application before the start of their oral exam.

Failure to connect or be reachable on the day and at the time agreed, or failure to show a valid identity document pursuant to the previous paragraph, may result in exclusion from the selection process.

The University of Padova shall accept no responsibility for any technical issues that may prevent the oral examination from being correctly carried out.

5.4 Oral examinations are public.

5.5 For candidates who have also submitted an application for scholarships bound to specific research topics , the Committee will also verify their suitability for the specific subject.

5.6 If the PhD courses are structured in curricula and only one ranking will be drawn up, the Committee shall assign each candidate with a single curriculum in relation to the candidate's scientific profile, based on the examinations taken and the documentation provided.

5.7 In the case of PhD Courses with places/scholarships reserved for candidates with foreign qualification, the information sheet for each Course specifies if there are any different admission procedures and specific rankings for the admission of candidates with the requirements requested, or if there will be a single ranking for admission to the Course with places/scholarships reserved for eligible candidates with the requirements requested.

Art. 6 – SELECTION COMMITTEES

The Selection Committees are appointed by the Rector according to the proposal put forward by the PhD Board, in accordance with the [University Regulations governing PhD Programmes](#).

Art. 7 – RANKINGS AND ADMISSION TO COURSES

Upon conclusion of entry examinations, each Committee compiles the general ranking for admission to the Course based on grades achieved in the examinations. Candidates will be granted admission to the courses according to the Course ranking or any other specific ranking, if applicable.

If the candidate has been successful in their application to more than one PhD course, they will have to decide on one only Course upon enrolment.

7.1 The general ranking for admission to the Course will indicate whether candidates are eligible for the bound research topics they applied for and the assigned curriculum, if the PhD Course offers more than one curriculum.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the merit ranking.

If the successful candidate is eligible for a bound research topic, this scholarship will be assigned as a priority, as provided for by art. 4.

If several successful candidates are eligible for the same bound research topic, the Committee will award the scholarship based on the merit ranking.

If several bound research topics are available and a successful candidate is eligible for more than one of these topics, it is up to the Committee to decide how to award each scholarship.

7.2 If the PhD Course is structured into curricula and separate curriculum-based rankings will be drawn up, candidates are admitted to each curriculum up to the number of places available for that curriculum.

Should the number of candidates be lesser than the number of places available, not assigned to a specific curriculum, these places can be assigned to candidates applying for other curricula, according to their respective rankings.

If, on the deadline for the submission of the application (July 25th 2025), there should be vacant places not assigned to a specific curriculum, remaining places can be assigned to candidates applying for other curricula, according to their respective rankings as well as to what stated in art. 10.

7.3 If the individual information sheet for the chosen Course indicates specific admission procedures relating to candidates with foreign qualification, the Committee will compile specific rankings according to the indications provided.

If, on the other hand, the information sheet for the chosen PhD Course does not indicate any specific admission procedures relating to the aforementioned candidates, the reserved place will be awarded to the eligible candidates in possession of the necessary requirements, on the basis of the general merit ranking.

In any case, these places are reserved only for candidates who specifically applied for them.

If the place/scholarship is not awarded to anyone, it will be made available as an ordinary place and awarded according to the general ranking for admission to the Course.

If, at the end of enrolment procedures, any places become available, as a result of explicit or tacit enrolment withdrawal, these shall become vacant for other candidates, according to ranking, assigned curriculum and level of eligibility.

7.4 The Rector approves the selection proceedings and declares the ranking official for the admission of candidates. The rankings will be made public **from July 2nd 2025** through:

- Publication on the University's official register;
 - Publication on the University of Padua website: <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-courses-2025-2026>
- Successful candidates must enrol by **July 25th 2025**. Information on enrolment procedures will be published at the same time as the rankings.

Publication of enrolment deadlines are to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes.

No personal communication will be sent to the candidates. Candidates granted admission to the Courses are responsible for checking enrolment dates and procedures.

Art. 8 – PHD COURSES AND MEDICAL SPECIALISATION SCHOOLS

8.1 If successful in the selection process for a PhD, students enrolled at medical Specialisation Schools will be allowed to enrol in a PhD Course in compliance with the following conditions:

- a) compatibility, also in consideration of the distance between the seats, of the activities and commitment envisaged by the Specialization School and the PhD Course, certified by the Board of the Specialisation School and by the Academic Board of the PhD Course;
- b) incompatibility between the PhD scholarship and the emoluments, however denominated, received in relation to the activities of the specialization school.

8.2 In cases of joint attendance, the request for a reduction in doctoral activities is approved by the Academic Board of the PhD Course, after a positive assessment of the consistency of the research activities already carried out in the medical Specialization course with the doctoral project. In order to accept the application referred to in this paragraph, the opinion of compatibility, expressed by the Board of the Specialization School, of the doctoral project with the didactic purposes of the Specialization School is also required. If the application referred to in this paragraph is accepted, the PhD Course will have in any case a duration of no less than two years.

8.3 Joint doctoral and medical specialisation school attendance is not compatible with doctoral scholarships funded by PNRR, if applicable under the specific financing provisions.

Art. 9 – ENROLMENT

9.1 Successful candidates, with or without a scholarship, must enrol by **July 25th 2025**, following the procedures published together with the rankings.

Failure to enrol by the deadlines set for each Course will be considered as renunciation of the place (with or without a scholarship), which will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.

9.2 The enrolment form must contain all the attachments indicated in the instructions, including a copy of a valid identity document and a passport-size photograph; after concluding the enrolment procedure, the regional fee (art. 14) must be paid as indicated.

The simultaneous enrolment of students in two courses of study is allowed in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 33 of 12 April 2022 and the related implementing decrees.

When completing the enrolment form, the successful candidate declares, inter alia, that:

- They shall undertake to ask the competent body of the Course for authorisation to carry out work outside of the course;

and, if a scholarship holder:

- To have acquired the ORCID ID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID), indicating it;
- They have not already benefited from another PhD scholarship in the past;

- They will not accumulate the scholarship with another scholarship, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purposes of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad;
 - They are aware that the scholarship is only awarded to those who have a yearly income (gross sum) that is below the equivalent of a year's scholarship amount for the tax years when the scholarship will mainly be used, and shall provide prompt notification should their income exceed this limit;
 - They shall undertake to pay back the monthly scholarship instalments received in the academic year in which their income exceeded the limit;
 - To undertake to register with the INPS separate management as a parasubordinate and to indicate any registration with other social security funds;
- and, if holder of a scholarship bound to a specific research topic:
- They are aware that the scholarship bound to a specific research topic is awarded subject to the candidate carrying out the research indicated in the relative agreement and respecting the agreement's contents.

9.3 Candidates with a foreign qualification must also attach to their application:

- in case of academic qualifications awarded in non-EU Countries: a copy, in Italian or English, of the second-cycle degree as well as a copy of the certificate indicating the examinations taken and the relative grades, and Declaration of Value issued by Italian diplomatic or consular authorities or, alternatively, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA;
- in case of academic qualifications awarded in European Union Countries: Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for the second-cycle qualification or, alternatively, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC – CIMEA;
- a valid stay permit if already issued, or a copy of the request made to the competent authorities within 8 working days of arriving in Italy (only for non-EU citizens).

Should there be any doubts regarding the nature or validity of academic qualifications awarded in EU countries, the University reserves the right to request the certificate or a Declaration of Value. For further information on the Declaration of Value, visit the web page <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html>.

Candidates in possession of a foreign academic qualification who have not provided the required documentation requested at the time of enrolment will be enrolled conditionally and will be excluded from the PhD course, with the obligation of refunding scholarship instalments unduly received, if:

- They do not submit such documentation within 6 months of the start of the course;
- Following verification, the academic qualification does not meet the requirements of the present competition notice and does not permit enrolment on the PhD course.

Art. 10 – VACANT PLACES

Following explicit or tacit withdrawal by successful candidates before the start of the course, any vacant places will be assigned to the next candidates in the ranking, according to the criteria set out in art. 7.

Should any places with funding become available following withdrawals, the following may apply for such vacant places, according to the rankings: winners who already enrolled without scholarship, winners of a place without funding who haven't enrolled by the deadline for the enrolment, the other eligible candidates in the ranking. Those candidates who in the application form indicated that they competed exclusively for unfunded places cannot apply for vacant places with funding.

VACANT PLACES – PRIMARY PHASE

Candidates with the right to a vacant place will be notified through publication of the list of replacement candidates at the address <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-courses-2025-2026> from **July 30th 2025**.

Candidates will be required to enrol by August 7th 2025, as provided for in art. 9.

VACANT PLACES – SECONDARY PHASE

From **August 26th 2025**, any further available places will be published and interested candidates must submit their **applications** by August 28th 2025 according to the procedure indicated. Candidates who have submitted their applications for vacant places will be contacted directly by the office and will have to complete enrolment by September 2nd 2025. Successful applicants without funding who are interested in a vacant place with funding may apply for a place if, within the time allowed, they have also tacitly given up a place without funding.

No personal notifications will be sent to the candidates.

Any places that may become available by September 30th 2025 can be reallocated according to the merit ranking.

Art. 11 - SCHOLARSHIPS

11.1 For scholarships bound to specific research projects, the research subject will also be specified. Holders of these scholarships are under the obligation to carry out the research activities specified in the agreement between the University and the institution providing funding for the scholarship, and must respect the contents of the agreement.

11.2 Scholarships are only awarded to those who have a yearly income (gross sum) that is below the equivalent of a year's scholarship amount for the tax years when the scholarship will mainly be used. Should the scholarship holder's income exceed this limit, they will lose their right to the scholarship for the academic year in which the limit was exceeded. In this case, the PhD student concerned will be obliged to pay back any monthly scholarship instalments already received.

Should applications have equal merit, the assessment of the applicant's economic situation is the deciding factor in awarding a scholarship. This is calculated pursuant to ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) values. Unfunded places will be awarded to the younger applicants.

11.3 In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree 247 dated 23 February 2022, published on the Official Gazette no. 80 of 5/4/2022, the annual amount of the scholarship is € 16.243, gross sum, less national insurance and pension contributions payable by the recipient to INPS (Italian National Institute for Social Security), pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26 et. seq. of (Italian) Law no. 335 dated 8 August 1995, and subsequent amendments and integrations.

For the following PhD courses, the gross annual amount of the scholarship recipient is € 18,643.00, determined by the amount set by the Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of Education n. 247 of 23/02/2022, equal to € 16,243.00, increased by an annual supplementary quota of € 2,400.00:

- Industrial Engineering
- Information Engineering
- Mechatronics and Product Innovation Engineering
- Land, Environment, Resources, Health
- Developmental Medicine and Health Planning Sciences
- Molecular Medicine
- Statistical Sciences

11.4 PhD scholarships cannot be used together with other scholarships, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purpose of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad.

11.5 The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for any time spent abroad.

11.6 The scholarship takes effect when the holder effectively begins to attend the course.

The scholarship is paid in deferred monthly instalments.

Anyone who has already benefited from a PhD scholarship, cannot do so for a second time.

11.7 In the case of joint PhD courses in agreement with other institutions (see art. 2 of the present announcement), the management of financial resources, including scholarships, is defined and governed by the individual agreements in place. The places reserved to candidates with the admission qualification obtained at the Tangaza University College within the PhD course in Human Rights, society and multi-level governance, are financed with a scholarship provided directly by the Tangaza University College. The places reserved for candidates with a qualification obtained abroad within the PhD Course in Religion, culture and public life are financed directly by the Catholic University of Uruguay and the University of Nicosia in the form of exemption from the payment of fees.

11.8 With regard to PhD scholarships financed under the PNRR calls for proposals, all places must be filled with a scholarship (not renounceable), as provided for by Ministerial Decree 301/2022 at par. 3.3 letter e), if applicable to the specific financing.

Art. 12 - ACCOMMODATION PLACES AT THE "CASA DELL'ASSISTENTE PROF. VIRGILIO DUCCESCHI"

12.1 The University of Padua provides 24 accommodation places at the "Casa dell'Assistente Prof. Virgilio Ducceschi" in via Marzolo 14/16, Padua, among which **8** are reserved for students enrolled in the academic year 2025/2026 in the first year of PhD courses at the University of Padua.

12.2 Applicants may only request accommodation when applying for the present call.

12.3 The ranking list for admission to the residency as of November 1st 2025 within the limit of the available places will be published on the University's Official Online Bulletin Board as of **July 5th 2025** and will also be available on the University's website <https://www.unipd.it/en/accommodation-places-casa-assistente-prof-virgilio-ducceschi>.

Please read carefully the conditions and obligations for these positions as detailed in Annex no. 2.

Art. 13 AFFILIATION TO THE GALILEAN SCHOOL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

13.1 The Scuola Galileiana di Studi Superiori - Galilean School of Higher Education (SGSS) offers **3** places for doctoral students, which include the doctoral student's affiliation to the SGSS and a series of benefits (free board and lodging, mobility bonus, research budget).

13.2 Applicants may only apply for these positions during the application stage of this call.

Please read carefully the conditions and obligations for these positions as detailed in Annex No. 3.

Art. 14 – ENROLMENT AND TUITION FEES

14.1 PhD students are exempt from university tuition fees and must only pay an amount corresponding to the regional fee for the right to education and stamp duty.

14.2 PhD students may request exemption from payment of the regional contribution, quantified as per the ISEE presented. For PhD students with a scholarship, the quota for the aforementioned contribution, quantified as per the ISEE, will be withheld from the scholarship payment.

14.3 The amounts referred to in point 1 can be consulted in the Fees and contributions table for those enrolled in PhD courses for the 2025/2026 academic year. This table will be published on the University of Padova website at the address: <http://www.unipd.it/ricerca/dottorati-ricerca/tasse-borse-studio-opportunita-dottorati>.

Art. 15 – COURSE START DATES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS

15.1 Courses will begin on **November 1st 2025**. Admission to a PhD Course is a full time, exclusive commitment.

15.2 For doctoral students from outside Europe who require a visa to enter Italy, the possibility of starting research activities remotely is provided, subject to the positive opinion of the Coordinator of the doctoral course. This possibility is granted upon proof of submission of the visa application at the relevant Embassy or Consulate, to be made as soon as the application procedure is completed.

Arrival in Italy must take place by January 31st, 2026.

15.3 Non-European Union citizens must be in compliance with the regulations on entry visas and residence permits.

15.4 PhD students are obliged to carry out the activities relating to their approved research plan and to present a report on the activities and research carried out to the competent body of the Course at the end of each year, as well as the PhD thesis, complete with original contributions, at the end of the course. Theses must be submitted in accordance with the procedures established in the University for PhD courses.

Information on the organization of training and research activities for each PhD Course is available on the webpage <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/list> under the section Educational Offer and on the pages of each PhD Course.

15.5 PhD students are obliged to carry out the activities relating to their approved research plan and to present a report on the activities and research carried out to the competent body of the Course at the end of each year, as well as the PhD thesis, complete with original contributions, at the end of the course. Theses must be submitted in accordance with the procedures established in the University for PhD courses.

After evaluating the activities carried out by the PhD student, the competent body of the Course will deliberate whether to admit the PhD student to the next year of the course. With a substantiated decision, the Doctoral Board may also propose to the Rector that the student be excluded from continuing the Course.

Art. 16 – OBTAINING THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

The PhD is awarded upon successfully passing the final examination. This examination consists of an oral discussion with the candidate on their thesis.

The supervisory committees for the final examination will be formed and appointed in compliance with the Regulations for PhD courses.

Art. 17 – PROPERTY OF RESULTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

17.1 Intellectual and industrial property rights on the results obtained by the PhD student, including but not limited to software, patentable or non-patentable industrial inventions, know-how, models, data and data collections, are regulated in accordance with current legislation, the University Regulations and, if applicable, on the basis of individual agreements with Universities, Enterprises and Bodies involved.

17.2 PhD students who realize that they made an invention must immediately inform their supervisor or the Director of the Department, who, from that moment on, shall maintain the confidentiality and notify without delay the Settore Trasferimento di Tecnologia (Technology Transfer Office) of the University in order to proceed with the evaluation of the results linked to the invention as well as to the appropriate protection measures.

17.3 Candidates who compete for bound research topics undertake to accept the provisions relating to intellectual property agreed in the Convention between the University and the funding body.

17.4 In any case, the PhD student is guaranteed the opportunity to carry out the usual permitted publishing activities, which should be planned in a manner compatible with the protection of any results.

Art. 18 – SPECIAL CASES

Recipients of funding to support research, selected in the context of international projects (Marie Skłodowska Curie), may be admitted to the courses, subject to the approval of the Academic Board, which will verify the suitability of the research subject compared with the scientific-disciplinary subject matters covered by the course and will also assess the eligibility of the grant holder for admission purposes. Candidates benefiting from fundings/grants deriving from specific agreements signed by the University of Padua as well as foreign scholarship holders may also be admitted to reserved places. For information on how to participate in the selection process, candidates belonging to these categories must contact 'Ufficio Dottorato di Ricerca' (PhD office) via email, using the address phd.application@unipd.it.

Art. 19 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

The processing of personal data provided by candidates collected for the purposes identified in this notice takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR). Further information can be found here: <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy>

Art. 20 – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to art. 5 of Italian Law no. 241 dated 7 August 1990 (New rules regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the individual responsible for proceedings is Elena Pavan – Chief Administrative Officer of the Ufficio Dottorato di Ricerca (PhD Office).

Art. 21 – NOTES AND WARNINGS

Disclaimer: this is a translation of the selection announcement for PhD Courses. Its purpose is to provide information to international students. It has no legal value. The only official and legally binding source is the original Italian announcement.

21.1 The present announcement is to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. No personal notifications will be sent to the candidates.

Any amendments or integrations to the present announcement shall be notified through:

a) Publication on the University's official register;

b) Publication on the University of Padua website: <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-courses-2025-2026>

21.2 Candidates can take part in the selection process, subject to verification that they meet the requirements stated in the announcement. Verification will be carried out in accordance with art. 43 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 dated 28 December 2000.

The University will check the truthfulness of the declarations which candidates have provided to substitute certificates and, therefore, may exclude candidates from the selection process at any given moment. Anyone making false declarations will be punished in accordance with the penal code and special applicable laws.

At any given moment, even after Courses have begun, the University may carry out checks into the truthfulness of the declarations provided and may, by a substantiated decision, exclude candidates for failing to meet the requirements set out in the announcement.

21.3 The University shall assume no responsibility for the loss of any notifications resulting from the candidate providing inaccurate indication of their contact and residence details or caused by failure or delay to communicate any variations of these details. The University shall not be held responsible for any telecommunications or postal errors which are not the fault of the University itself.

21.4 Any matters not covered by the present announcement shall be governed by current applicable rules and legislation and, specifically: Italian Ministerial Decree no. 226 dated 14 December 2021; University Regulations on PhD courses; Agreements with other institutions for the creation of PhD courses and agreements for PhD funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

In case of technical issues, please contact the Support Service using the procedure available at the bottom of the webpage <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd>

For assistance with completion of the online application:

- Write to phd.application@unipd.it; we cannot guarantee that emails sent to other addresses will be read;
- Telephone Help Desk service at +39 331 6502029 available Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.30 am (CEST).

For information on the PhD course: Contact the telephone numbers indicated in the information sheet for the PhD course you are interested in, under the section "Further information".

This selection announcement is available on the website at <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-programmes-calls-and-admissions> and a copy is available at 'Ufficio Dottorato di ricerca' (PhD Office), in Via Martiri della Libertà no. 8 – 35137 Padova.

To find out the days when 'Ufficio Dottorato di ricerca' (PhD Office) may be closed, please check the University website.

Padova,

The Rector
Prof. Daniela Mapelli