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**Object: Call for the Admission to the PhD Programme of National Interest in Food Science, Technology and Biotechnology– XXXIX Cycle - a.y. 2023/2024**

Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 at 12.00 (noon, Central Europe Summer Time)

### **ART. 1 - PhD PROGRAMME**

The Call for the admission to the National PhD Programme in Food Science, Technology and Biotechnology of the 39th cycle is open at the University of Turin with the assignment of doctoral scholarships funded by the University of Turin, other partner Universities or by external bodies or under the National Plan of Recovery and Resilience, Mission 4 Component 2 of the NPRR - "From Research to Business", referring to the Ministerial Decrees n. 117/2023 and n. 118/2023 within the NPRR funded by the European Union (Next Generation EU).

The selection and assignment of additional scholarships may take place on specific topics described in the PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) of the PhD Programme published on the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#)

The PhD programmes referring to the Ministerial Decrees 117/2023 and 118/2023 must start within 30th December 2023.

### **ART. 2 - ACCEPTED PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

For the activation of the PhD Programme of National Interest, the University of Turin has entered into agreements with the following Universities, hosting institutions of the programme:

- Libera Università di Bolzano;
- Università Campus Bio- Medico di Roma;
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore;
- Università degli Studi del Molise;
- Università degli Studi della Basilicata;
- Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro;
- Università degli Studi di Foggia;
- Università degli Studi di Messina;
- Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II;
- Università degli Studi di Palermo;
- Università degli Studi di Salerno;
- Università degli Studi di Sassari;
- Università degli Studi di Teramo;
- Università Politecnica delle Marche;
- Università degli Studi di Catania;

- Università degli Studi di Milano;
- Università degli Studi di Perugia.

### **ART. 3 - PhD POSITIONS**

Available positions may be consulted in the information sheet of the PhD programme (Annex 1).

The Information Sheet (Annex 1) of the PhD Programme is published on the Doctoral School website at the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#), along with the Curriculum Vitae template (Annex 2) and the Research Project template (Annex 4), which are integrative documents of this call.

The detailed information is the following:

- number of positions and their research topics;
- admission requirements;
- selection mode;
- evaluation criteria.

Updates are possible within and not beyond the call deadline concerning the following:

- any additional positions, apprenticeship contracts, and other kinds of funding available and/or allotted after the publication of this call;
- the list of research themes and specific research project topics.

Such updates will be given exclusively on the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#).

Pursuant to the MD 226/2021, the PhD programme can be activated after verification of possession of the accreditation requirements by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR). Successful candidates will therefore be able to enroll only following the positive outcome of this verification.

With reference to the scholarships pursuant to MD 117/23 (art. 7) and MD 118/23 (articles 7, 8, 9, 10), the MUR will proceed with the verification of eligibility of the projects for the support of NRRP and the ANVUR with the verification of the consistency with the requirements; once these checks have been completed, the MUR will communicate the final allocation of the funding due to each University.

Admission to the PhD programme referred to in this call is therefore to be considered subject to the positive verification of consistency and eligibility and the assignment of ministerial funding.

In the event that a position with scholarship does not pass the verification with a positive result, all interested parties will be promptly notified.

The interview will take place online. The dates and the link where to carry out the examinations, as well as any changes, will be published on the Doctoral School website at [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#) starting from 4th August 2023. This publication has the

value of an official notification for all legal purposes, therefore the candidates will not receive any personal communication regarding the summons for the tests.

The candidate must be available on the day and at the time established by the Board. Unavailability will result in the exclusion from the test.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, each candidate is required to identify him/herself before the interview begins, showing the same identity document already sent, in copy, as an attachment to the application.

Scholarships are assigned according to the ranking lists (Art. 9).

#### **ART. 4 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants of any citizenship and age can participate to this Call for Admission, provided that they meet one of the following requirements:

1. A degree awarded by an Italian University prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99, i.e. laurea vecchio ordinamento (L);
2. A second level degree awarded by an Italian University (pursuant to Ministerial Decrees 509/99 and 270/04, i.e. laurea magistrale (LM) or laurea specialistica (LS));
3. Second cycle academic qualification issued by the institutions belonging to the AFAM (Higher Artistic and Musical Education) sector suitable for access to PhD studies;
4. A Master's degree level or other eligible academic qualification of a second cycle degree awarded by an officially recognized foreign university and granting access to PhD studies in the Country where it was issued;
5. Bi-national Master's Degree/second level degree (double/multiple degree or joint degree).

In this case applicants may choose which degree to declare for the purpose of the application or may apply with the joint degree.

Applicants whose degrees will be awarded after call deadline may apply under the condition that their qualification is obtained within the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Should they not obtain the qualification within the established deadline, they will not be admitted to the PhD Programme, in case a position was offered.

**Applicants who apply under the condition of receiving their qualification from an Italian institution, shall submit a self-declaration** with the list of exams passed (all the exams in their “corso di laurea magistrale” and “corso di laurea triennale” or “corso di laurea a ciclo unico”), with grades, CFU (credits) and weighted average.

Applicants who already hold a PhD degree, or had a PhD scholarship in Italy (even if not completed) may apply to positions without scholarship.

**Only requirements and qualifications acquired within the Call for Admission deadline may be evaluated.**

## **ART. 5 - INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

In order to be considered eligible to apply within this call for PhD admission, higher education degrees awarded by non-Italian universities must be assessed comparable to an Italian second cycle degree and give access to PhD studies in the country that issued them.

For the sole purpose of admission to this selection process, the Examining Board (Art. 8) will assess the eligibility of foreign qualifications. The assessment of the eligibility of the foreign qualification is carried out on the basis of the documentation attached to the application for admission to this selection and, in the event that the documentation presented does not provide sufficient elements for the assessment, the Examining Board has the right to exclude these applications.

Applicants who hold an international qualification for accessing PhD studies must therefore upload into the online application procedure the following documents

1. Second cycle degree diploma or certificate - Master's Degree that allows admission to PhD level/3rd cycle studies in the home country, awarded by a recognized academic Institution, with final mark;
2. Transcripts of records of second cycle Degree with complete grading;
3. Any other document useful for the recognition of eligibility (such as the Diploma Supplement issued by the University or the Dichiarazione di valore in loco released from the Italian embassy/consulate in the country where the degree was issued, or a certification of eligibility issued by ENIC NARIC Centres).

**Applicants whose degrees will be awarded after the call deadline and therefore apply under the condition that their qualification is obtained 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** must provide the first cycle (Bachelor's degree) diploma or certificate and transcripts of records of first and second cycle degree programmes (or, if applicable) transcripts of records of the single cycle degree programme).

Whenever those official documents are in a language other than Italian, English or French, a complete Italian or English or French translation of such documents, certified as true copies by either the issuing institution, the Italian embassy/consulate, or an entity recognized by the Italian embassy/consulate, must be provided and uploaded into the platform, accordingly to the present regulations.

Applicants who obtained a recognition of eligibility issued by an Italian University to enter PhD studies (nostrification procedure), during the online application, must specify details of the above-mentioned declaration and submit the documents listed in points 1) and 2) of this article.

Recognition results of eligibility by the Examining Board will not be communicated personally to applicants. Results will be published exclusively on the Doctoral School website, at the [webpage Bando DN Food Science](#).

Applicants who are holders or who are applying for international protection and cannot submit the documents required in points 1), 2) e 3) of this article shall contact the PhD office ([dottorati@unito.it](mailto:dottorati@unito.it)) within the call deadline, which will start a dedicated assessment procedure.

#### **ART. 6 - APPLICATION AND DEADLINE**

Applicants can submit only one application for the PhD programme.

The application must be submitted only through the online platform, accessible on the Doctoral School website at the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#).

**The application must be completed and submitted through the online platform by and not later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 at 12.00 (noon) Central Europe Summer Time.**

**An application submitted beyond this deadline and applications or attachments received by email or by any other way than the online platform will not be taken into consideration.**

Applicants must first register on the [PICA](#) (Piattaforma Integrata Concorsi di Ateneo) platform or access with SPID credentials (SPID credentials are mandatory for Italian applicants). Guidelines are provided on the Doctoral School website at the [webpage Bando DN Food Science](#).

Qualifications and documents required by the PhD programme and indicated in the Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) **must be uploaded** within the application.

All documents must be uploaded in PDF format file.

In order to submit the application, the candidate must pay the application fee (Art. 7) if applicable, according to the procedures provided for online.

Once completed, the application must be downloaded to be signed and re-uploaded into the platform following the instructions described in the online procedure. The lack of signature and/or of the identity document are grounds for exclusion from the selection.

In case of access to the online platform through SPID credentials, it is not necessary to sign the application.

At the end, the application will be registered to confirm the submission. Applicants may check the status of their application on the PICA platform, at the “MyPICA” personal webpage.

Applicants with a disability can apply for a specific request about an individualized entrance examination. Upon request, applicants with specific learning disorders may benefit from a 30% additional time as regards written examinations, where applicable. This request must be submitted following the information available in the online application procedure.

The application procedure through an online platform consists of multiple steps that, in some cases, can take several minutes.

As a consequence, applicants are strongly advised to submit their application well in advance before the deadline.

Applicants are responsible for verifying the correct completion of the online procedure.

Complaints pertaining to any malfunctioning system due to website traffic overload close to the deadline will not be accepted.

After the submission is completed on the platform it is no longer possible to make changes or to add documentation (with the exception of letters of reference, if requested), but it is only possible to withdraw the application and submit a new one. This entails the payment of a new fee, if applicable.

If the application is withdrawn and a new one is submitted, it is possible to recover the fee already paid for the withdrawn application and use it to pay for the new application.

#### **ART. 7 - APPLICATION FEE**

The application fee is € 50.00 for each application submitted. This payment is compulsory.

Payment must be made before submitting the application.

The fee paid for participation in the selection will not be refundable under any circumstances, including failing to submit the application.

**Applicants holding a foreign degree to access PhD programmes are exempt from paying the application fee.**

#### **ART. 8 - EXAMINING BOARD**

Examining Boards are composed according to the University Regulations about PhD programmes.

Examining Boards, one per each PhD programme, are responsible for the whole selection and evaluation procedure, from the eligibility step to the interview and the finalizing of the ranking list. Board composition will be published on the Doctoral School website at the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#) after the Call for Admission deadline.

#### **ART. 9 - SELECTION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE, RANKING LISTS**

The entrance exam, aimed at assessing the applicant's attitude to scientific research, will be carried out according to the criteria outlined in the PhD programme Information Sheet (Annex 1).

Assessment results will be published on the Doctoral School website at the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#)

If the PhD programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) provides scholarships bound to specific research projects or topics, the Examining Board may express an assessment of eligibility for the assignment of those scholarships bound to specific research projects/topics, by considering the specific skills, aptitudes and experiences of the applicants.

The final merit ranking lists of successful applicants will be published on the Doctoral School website at the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#) starting from 22<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This publication is the sole official communication. **Successful applicants will not receive any personal communication.**

Applicants will be admitted to PhD programmes according to the final ranking list of successful applicants and according to the available positions of the PhD programme, considering the information provided in the PhD programme Information Sheet with regard to positions with scholarships bound to a research topic.

Should successful applicants withdraw, their positions will be assigned to qualified applicants according to the order of the final merit ranking list.

If applicants have obtained the same score in the ranking list, scholarships will be awarded according to their respective financial situations, in accordance with the Italian legislation and regulation on the right to study. Positions without scholarship will be assigned to the youngest applicant.

#### **ART. 10 - ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS**

Successful applicants must confirm their enrolment into the PhD programme, with or without scholarship, **within 7 days from the publication of the final merit ranking list.**

Missing the deadline will result in the exclusion from the PhD programme.

For the enrolment procedure, successful applicants must confirm their enrolment through the online procedure described on the Doctoral School website at the "[Enrollment](#)" webpage and upload into the same platform as follows:

The applicants **holding an Italian qualification** must upload the following documents:

1. FORM A - Enrolment form;
2. FORM B - Bank account details;
3. FORM C - Declaration about job activities;
4. Copy of an Identity Document and of the Italian Tax Code (Codice Fiscale);

The applicants **holding international qualifications** must upload the following documents:

1. FORM A - Enrolment form;
2. FORM B - Bank account details;
3. FORM C - Declaration about job activities;
4. Copy of an Identity Document and of the Italian Tax Code (Codice Fiscale);
5. Original or certified copies of Master's Degree;
6. Original or certified copies of Master's transcripts;
7. Original or certified copies of the "Dichiarazione di valore in loco" or Diploma Supplement (as per Art. 5) or a certification of eligibility issued by ENIC NARIC Centres.

**Within 7 days from the publication of the final merit ranking list**, successful applicants must also pay the tuition fees for enrollment to the PhD Programme as set out in the University [Regulation of Taxes and Contributions](#).

The enrollment procedure is considered properly completed only if the fee payment is regularly made.

**Successful applicants who applied under condition** of obtaining their Master Degree or equivalent second cycle degree must communicate the date of the award of their qualification **by and not later than 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023** and proceed as follows:

- Candidates with **qualifications obtained in Italy** must complete and send to the PhD Office (dottorati@unito.it) the Annex 3, available on the Doctoral School website on the [Enrollment](#) page.
- Candidates with **qualifications obtained abroad** must send a copy of the Master's degree diploma or certificate of achievement to the PhD Office ([dottorati@unito.it](mailto:dottorati@unito.it)).

Successful applicants who do not provide the documentation within the terms and conditions set in this article lose the right to enroll in the PhD programme.

#### **ART. 11 - SCHOLARSHIPS: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Available scholarships will be assigned by the PhD Programme Board.

The annual amount of the PhD scholarship is € 17.500 (gross amount). This sum is subject to separate I.N.P.S. welfare contributions (gestione separata). The annual amount of the PhD scholarship may be different according to the funding body, please check Annex 1.

The scholarship is confirmed on a yearly basis, provided that the PhD candidate has completed the required programme activities during the year and that the PhD Board admits them to the following year.

The Scholarship is paid on a monthly basis.

The increase in the scholarship is established at fifty percent, for a total period not exceeding twelve months, for carrying out research activities abroad as provided for in the training plan. This period may be extended up to eighteen months for co-tutelle doctorates, in consortium or agreement with foreign subjects.

PhD Scholarships cannot be combined with any other kind of scholarship, except for those awarded by national and international institutions to support PhD students' training periods abroad. PhD Scholarships cannot be combined with a research fellowship (*assegno di ricerca*).

Scholarships are not compatible with specialist training contracts, in accordance with the Italian Legislative Decree N. 368/1999, nor with apprenticeship contracts.

Individuals who have obtained a PhD degree in Italy or have benefitted in Italy from a previous PhD scholarship (entirely or in part) cannot be awarded a second PhD scholarship.

All PhD positions funded with NPRR calls, including MD 117/2023 and MD 118/2023, must be covered by the related scholarships (not waivable), as per MD 301/2022, par. 3.3 lett.e).



## ART. 12 - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD CANDIDATES

Admission to a PhD programme obliges PhD candidates to full time attendance of the PhD programme. PhD candidates must attend courses and carry out research and study activities assigned to them by the hosting Department of the University, according to the procedures set out by the PhD programme Board.

PhD candidates may carry out tutorial activities for undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as supplementary teaching activities as part of their training project; these activities are not eligible for an increase of scholarship. All activities must be previously authorized by the PhD Board for a maximum of forty hours per academic year.

Any possible income derived from paid activities may not exceed the amount of the PhD scholarship set out by the MUR.

Regarding the attendance of PhD courses and the award of the PhD degree, the University Regulation of the Doctoral School and PhD Programmes shall apply.

The acceptance of scholarships labelled as NPRR (Ministerial Decrees 117/2023 and 118/2023) entails the following obligations:

- produce a half-yearly report indicating the time commitment (divided into months in the company, at the Department, abroad, if required) and a summary of the main activities carried out;
- for NPRR MD 117/2023 scholarships:
  - spend, within a triennium, a study and research period in *companies* of a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, also non-continuous; spend, within a triennium, a study and research period *abroad*, also non-continuous, of a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for by art. 9, point 3, of the University and Research University Decree 226/221;
- for scholarships pursuant to MD 118/2023:
  - NPRR research: spend, within a triennium, a period of study and research *abroad*, also non-continuous, of at least six (6) months up to the limit provided for by art. 9, point 3, of the University and Research University Decree 226/221;
  - Digital and Environmental Transitions: spend, within a triennium, a period of study and research in *companies or research centres*, also non-continuous, of at least six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months; spend, within a triennium, a study and research period *abroad*, also non-continuous, of a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for by art. 9, point 3, of the University and Research University Decree 226/221;
  - Public Administration: spend, within a triennium, a period of study and research in *Public Administrations, companies or research centres*, also non-continuous, of at least six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months; spend, within a triennium, a study and research period *abroad*, also non-continuous, of a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for by art. 9, point 3, of the University and Research University Decree 226/221;
  - Cultural Heritage: spend, within a triennium, a period of study and research in *companies, research centres or Public Administrations, including museums, institutes and training institutions of the Culture Ministry, archives and libraries*, also non-continuous, of at least six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months; spend, within a triennium, a study and research period

*abroad*, also non-continuous, of a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for by art. 9, point 3, of the University and Research University Decree 226/221;

- ensure compliance with the obligations regarding communication and information provided for by art. 34 of the (EU) 2021/241 Regulation, indicating in the project documentation that the Programme is financed under the NPRR, with explicit reference to the financing by the European Union and to the NextGenerationEU initiative (e.g. using the phrase "funded by the European Union - NextGenerationEU"), adding the emblem of the European Union in the project documentation, and providing adequate dissemination and promotion of the Programme, also online, both web and social, in line with the provisions of the NPRR Communication Strategy;
- comply with the principle of not causing significant damage to environmental objectives, pursuant to Article 17 of the (EU) 2020/852 Regulation and ensuring consistency with the NPRR positively evaluated with the Decision of the ECOFIN Council of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **ART. 13 - INCOMPATIBILITY**

For the incompatibility regime, please refer to the provisions of current legislation.

### **ART. 14 - ETHICAL CODE, CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE DIGNITY OF WORKERS AND STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURIN, REGULATION ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY**

PhD Candidates must comply with the [Ethical Code, the Code of conduct](#), and the Regulation on Research Integrity of the University Community issued by the University of Turin at the link [https://www.unito.it/sites/default/files/reg\\_integrita\\_scientifica\\_2016.pdf](https://www.unito.it/sites/default/files/reg_integrita_scientifica_2016.pdf).

### **ART. 15 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA AND RIGHT OF ACCESS**

Personal data provided by the applicants will be processed, pursuant to the EU Regulation n. 679 of 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR), for the execution of tasks outlined in this Call.

The complete information regarding the data processing method is available at [University Policy Data](#).

### **ART. 16 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROCEEDINGS**

The Responsible for the administrative proceedings regarding the selection process is the Chair of the Examination Board, from the eligibility step till the publication of the final ranking list. The Responsible for the administrative proceedings regarding the Call for Admission is Dr. Antonella Trombetta, Head of the Research Direction.

### **ART. 17 - REFERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURIN**

For all other terms and regulations not expressly set out in this Call, the University Regulation of the Doctoral School and PhD Programmes shall apply.

Any changes or additions to this Call will be announced on the Doctoral School website on the [Bando DN Food Science webpage](#).

Validation: the Head of the Research Direction

Dr Antonella Trombetta

(IT document signed with digital signature pursuant to Legislative Decree n. 82/2005)

Signature: The Rector

Prof. Stefano Geuna

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