Call for the admission to the PhD Programmes of the 38th cycle with assignment of PhD scholarships funded by the University of Turin or by external bodies or under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Mission 4 Component 2 of NRRP “From Research to Business”.

Deadline: 17th November 2022 at 12.00 (noon Central European Time).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ART. 1 – PhD PROGRAMMES**
The call for the admission to the following PhD Programmes of the 38th cycle is open at the University of Turin with the assignment of doctoral scholarships funded by the University of Turin or by external bodies or under the National Plan of Recovery and Resilience, Mission 4 Component 2 of the NRPP - "From Research to Business":

1. Business and Management;
2. Complex Systems for Quantitative Biomedicine;
3. Law and Institutions;
4. Physics;
5. Medical Physiopathology;
6. Computer Science;
7. Innovation for the Circular Economy;
8. Modeling and Data Science;
9. Neurosciences;
10. Cultural Heritage and Historical-Artistic, Audiovisual and Multimedia Production;
11. Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences;
12. Biological Sciences and Applied Biotechnologies;
13. Biomedical Sciences and Oncology;
14. Chemical and Material Sciences;
15. Pharmaceutical and Biomolecular Sciences;
16. Veterinary Sciences for Food and Animal Safety;
17. Sustainable Development and Cooperation (SUSTNET);
18. Technologies Driven Sciences for Cultural Heritage (Tech4Culture);
19. Translational Oncology

The selection and assignment of additional scholarships may take place on specific topics described in the PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) of each PhD Programme, published on the Doctoral School website at the page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR.
Research projects related to individual NRRP scholarships will have to comply with the following requirements of the related funding:

a) consistency with the objectives and purposes set out in Regulation (EU) 2021/241, together with the general strategy and the detail sheet of the NRRP component;

b) achieve the results commensurate with reference to milestones and targets eventually assigned to the investment within the terms established by the Plan;

c) comply with the principle of "do not cause significant damage" (DNSH) pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, consistently with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01);

d) addressing and closing gender inequalities;

e) support the participation of women and young people, in accordance with the provisions of the decree-law of May 31, 2021, n. 77 (so-called Simplification Decree), amended by the conversion law no. 108, relating to the management of the NRRP.

The number of positions with scholarship may be increased if funds are granted after the call is published. Such an increase will be published on the website at the page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR.

ART. 2 – PhD POSITIONS

Available positions may be consulted in the information sheet of each PhD Programme (Annex 1). The detailed information for each PhD Programme (Annex 1) and the Curriculum Vitae scheme (Annex 2), form an integral part of this call. The specific sheets for each programme are published on the PhD School website at the page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR.

The detailed information is the following:

● number of positions with or without scholarships, and specific research topics;
● admission requirements;
● selection procedure;
● evaluation criteria.

The dates and places where to carry out the tests, as well as any changements, will be published on the Doctoral School website at the page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR starting from 17th November 2022. 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.

It is possible to carry out the oral exam via videoconference, subject to authorisation by the Examining Board. To this end, the candidate must submit a reasoned request when completing the application pursuant to art. 5 or, in the event of impediments occurring after completing the application, with a reasoned request to be sent via email to the examination of the Examining Board whose email addresses will be available on the website of the Doctoral School at page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR. The candidate must be available on the day and at the time established by the Board. 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. Failure to connect, the unavailability of the candidate on the day or at the established time or failure to produce a valid identification document are grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure. These reasons for exclusion do not operate if the candidate, in possession of a valid identification document, arrives on the day set for the interview in order to take the oral exam in person.

Ranking lists (Art. 8, Election and evaluation procedure, ranking lists) will be published on the Doctoral School website at the page [2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR starting from the 14th of December 2022.](#)

**ART. 3 – 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 Decree 509/99 and Ministerial Decree 270/04, i.e. laurea magistrale (LM) or laurea specialistica (LS)).
3. A second level academic qualification issued by the institutions belonging to the AFAM (Higher Artistic and Musical Education) sector suitable for access to the doctorate.
4. A Master’s degree level or other equivalent academic qualification of second cycle level awarded by an officially recognized foreign university and granting access to PhD studies.
5. A Bi-national Master’s Degree/second level degree (double/multiple degree or joint degree). In this case applicants must choose which degree to declare for the purpose of the application.

Applicants whose degrees will be awarded after the call deadline may apply under the condition that their qualification is obtained within the 31st January 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 awarded in Italy, or benefitted from a PhD Scholarship in Italy (even if not completed) cannot benefit from another PhD scholarship.

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

**ART. 4 - 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 equivalent to an Italian second cycle degree (Art. 3, points 1 and 2). For the sole purpose of admission to this selection process, the Examining Board (Art. 7) will carry out a comparative assessment of qualifications in order to award the recognition of eligibility of international qualifications.

Applicants who hold a foreign second cycle degree must therefore upload within the online application procedure the following documents:

1. First and second cycle degree diplomas or certificates - Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree (allowing admission to PhD studies/3rd cycle studies in the home country) awarded by a recognised academic Institution, with final mark;
2. Transcripts of records of both first and second cycle Degree Programs with complete grading;
3. Any other document useful for the recognition of eligibility (such as the Diploma Supplement or the Dichiarazione di valore in loco issued by the University or the Italian embassy/consulate in the country where the degree was issued, respectively; or a certification of eligibility issued by ENIC NARIC Centres).

Applicants whose international degrees will be awarded after the call deadline and therefore apply under the condition that their qualification is obtained within 31st January 2023, must provide the documentations listed above, with the exception of the Master’s Degree Diploma or certificate.

Whenever those official documents are in a language other than Italian, English or French, a complete Italian or English or French translation of said 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 within the platform.

Applicants who obtained a recognition of eligibility issued by an Italian University to enter PhD studies must submit in their applications the official declaration together with documents listed in points 1) and 2).

Recognition results of eligibility will not be communicated to applicants. Results will be published by the Examining Board exclusively on the Doctoral School website at page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR. This publication has the value of an official notification for all legal purposes.

Applicants who are holders or are applying for international protection must contact the PhD office (dottorati@unito.it) within the deadline of this call, that will start a dedicated qualifications assessment procedure.

**ART. 5 - APPLICATION AND DEADLINE**

Applicants can submit only one application for each PhD Programme. Applications must be submitted only through the online platform, accessible on the Doctoral School website, at page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR by and not later than 12.00 (Central European Time).
Time) of 17th November 2022. An application submitted beyond this deadline will be not taken into consideration and applicants will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Applications received by email or by any other way than the online platform will not be taken into consideration.

Applicants must register on the PICA (Piattaforma Integrata Concorsi di Ateneo) platform first or access with SPID credentials (SPID credentials are mandatory for Italian applicants). Guidelines are provided on the Doctoral School website 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR.

Qualifications and documents required by the chosen PhD Programme and specified in the Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) must be uploaded within the application. In case of application to more than one PhD Programme, each application must be accompanied by the relevant qualifications and documents required. All documents must be uploaded in PDF format file.

Where required, candidates must pay the application fee (Art. 6) according to the instructions provided for by the online procedure in order to submit their application.

Once completed, the application must be downloaded to be signed and re-uploaded in 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 disorder 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 to more than one PhD Programme is possible.

Applicants are kindly invited to submit their application well in advance before the deadline. Applicants are responsible for verifying the correct completion of the online procedure. Once the application is submitted, applicants can no longer edit it or upload any documents. After the application submission, applicants can only delete the application and submit a new one and this will imply paying another application fee in the cases where it is foreseen.
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.

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

**ART. 6 - APPLICATION FEE**
The application fee is € 50.00 for each application submitted. This payment is compulsory for each application submitted.

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 whose degree to access PhD is awarded by a foreign university are exempt from paying the application fee.

**ART. 7 - EXAMINING BOARD**
Examining Boards are composed according to the University Regulation of the PhD School and PhD Programmes.
Examining Boards, one for 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 page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR after the Call for Admission deadline.

**ART. 8 - 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 PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1).
Assessment results for PhD Programmes will be published on the Doctoral School website at the page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR.
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/themes, by considering the specific skills, and experiences of the applicants.

The final merit ranking lists of successful applicants will be published on the Doctoral School website at the page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR, starting from the 14th of December 2022.
This publication is the sole official communication. Applicants will not receive any personal communication.

Applicants will be admitted to PhD Programmes according to the final ranking list of successful applicants and, if provided in the Information Sheet, according to their suitability for positions bound to specific research topics, as per the Examining Board’s assessment, up to the completion of the number of PhD positions per each PhD Programme, considering the information provided in the PhD Programme Information Sheet with regard to reserved positions and 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 and to the above mentioned suitability for positions bound to specific research topics.

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, whereas, positions without scholarship will be awarded to the younger candidate.

Applicants who are successful in more than one selection have to choose only one PhD position.

ART. 9 - ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING AN INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION WITH OR WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP

Successful applicants for positions with or without scholarship, holding international qualifications, must confirm their enrolment into the PhD programme through the same on-line procedure used for submitting the applications within 20 days from the publication of 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. Information about how to enrol and enrolment forms are available on the Doctoral School website at the page Enrollment. In order to enrol, successful candidates are required to upload in the enrolment online platform the following documentation:

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

ART. 10 - ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING AN ITALIAN QUALIFICATION WITH OR WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP
Successful applicants, with or without scholarship, holding Italian qualifications must confirm their enrolment into the PhD programme through the same on-line procedure used for submitting the applications within 20 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 platform available on the Doctoral School website at the page Enrollment and upload in the same online platform the following documentation:

1. Enrolment form FORM A;
2. Bank account details FORM B (only for positions with scholarship);
3. Declaration about job activities FORM C;

Within 20 days from the publication of the final merit ranking list, successful applicants must also pay the tuition fees for enrolment to the PhD Programme as set out in the Contribution and tuition fees regulations.

Applicants with or without scholarship, who applied under condition of obtaining their Master Degree or equivalent second cycle degree within the official starting date of the PhD Programme, must communicate the date of the award of their qualification by sending Annex 3, available on the Doctoral School website at the page Enrollment, to the PhD Office by email (dottorati@unito.it) within and not later than 31st January 2023.

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

ART. 11 - SCHOLARSHIPS: GENERAL CONDITIONS
Available scholarships will be assigned by the Doctoral Board of the PhD Programme.

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1 If documents requested under points 5 and 6 are in a language other than Italian, English or French, a complete Italian or English translation and certified as true copies by either the issuing institution or the Italian embassy/consulate must be provided and uploaded within the platform.
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 Doctoral Board admits them to the successive PhD year.

The Scholarship is paid monthly, with reference to the activities carried out and verified in the previous month.

The increase in the scholarship is established at fifty percent, for a total period not exceeding twelve months (except for the period of eighteen months scheduled for cotutelled or agreement PhDs), for carrying out research activities abroad as provided for in the training plan.

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 and with apprenticeship contracts (Apprendistato di Alta Formazione e Ricerca).

**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 regularly 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 Doctoral Board of the PhD programme.

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 Doctoral 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 Italian Research Ministry.

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

**ART. 13 - INCOMPATIBILITY**

The relevant incompatibility rules are set out by the current legislation.
ART. 14 - ETHICAL CODE
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 Torino Codici di Comportamento (https://www.unito.it/sites/default/files/reg_integrita_scientifica_2016.pdf).

ART. 15 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA AND RIGHT OF ACCESS
I 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 Il titolare, DPO e trattamento dei dati.

ART. 16 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROCEEDINGS
The Responsible for the administrative procedure, according to art. 5 comma 1 of the Italian Law. 241/90: the Chair of each Examination Board, for the procedure concerning admission trials, from their appointment till the publication of the final ranking list; the Head of the Research Direction for all the proceedings regarding the Call for Admissions.

ART. 17 - REFERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORINO
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. Possible amendments or additions to this call will be published on the website of the PhD School at page 2 tornata XXXVIII ciclo e PNRR.
The English translation of the Call for Applications is not binding for legal purposes. In the event of dispute or disagreements, the Italian version of the Call prevails.

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