



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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**UNIVERSITY OF TORINO  
Call for Admission for PhD positions – XXXVII Cycle  
Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 12.00 (noon, ~~Central European Time~~ **Central Europe  
Summer Time**)**

## ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

### **ART. 1 PhD PROGRAMMES**

The Call for Admission to the following PhD Programs of the University of Torino is open (XXXVII Cycle):

1. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMICS AND LAW
2. BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
3. COMPLEX SYSTEMS FOR QUANTITATIVE BIOMEDICINE
4. LAW AND INSTITUTIONS
5. LAW, THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE MARKET
6. ECONOMICS “VILFREDO PARETO”
7. PHYSICS
8. MEDICAL PHYSIOPATHOLOGY
9. GLOBAL HISTORY OF EMPIRES
10. COMPUTER SCIENCE
11. INNOVATION FOR THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY
12. HUMANITIES
13. EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE AND THERAPY
14. MOLECULAR MEDICINE
15. MODELING AND DATA SCIENCE
16. SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE
17. NEUROSCIENCES
18. AGRICULTURAL, FOREST AND FOOD SCIENCES
19. ARCHEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL AND HISTORICAL-ARTISTIC SCIENCES
20. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGIES
21. BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND ONCOLOGY
22. CHEMICAL AND MATERIAL SCIENCES
23. EARTH SCIENCES
24. PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES
25. PSYCHOLOGICAL, ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES
26. VETERINARY SCIENCES FOR FOOD AND ANIMAL SAFETY
27. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SUSTNET)



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## 28. TECHNOLOGIES DRIVEN SCIENCES FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE (TECH4CULTURE)

According to the Italian Regulation DM 45/2013, PhD programmes will be activated upon Ministerial accreditation. Successful applicants will be enrolled conditionally to the Ministerial accreditation.

### **ART. 2 PhD POSITIONS**

Available positions are:

- Positions with scholarships, including positions with fellowships bound to specific research topics;
- Positions without scholarships;
- Positions with apprenticeship contract;
- Positions covered by research grant (*assegno di ricerca*);
- Positions reserved to students with international qualifications;
- Positions reserved to students who are recipients of scholarships granted by foreign institutions;
- Position reserved to employees of private companies within specific agreement;
- Positions reserved to students selected within specific international mobility programmes or within specific agreements in which the University of Torino is involved.

Number and types of available positions (with or without scholarship), entry requirements, selection procedures, and evaluation criteria are defined in the PhD Program Information Sheet (Annex 1) available for each PhD Programme and integral part of the Call for Admission. The PhD Program Information Sheet (Annex 1) of each PhD Program are published on the Doctoral School website at the webpage indicated in art. 5 of this Call.

Both the list and number of positions available (with or without scholarship) and the research topics may be updated until the call deadline (**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**).

Dates and venues of entrance examinations will be published only on the Doctoral School website (please check art. 5) starting from the **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. The publication on the Doctoral School website is an official notification. Applicants will not receive any personal communication. Any changes to dates or venues will be published only on the above-mentioned website.

Positions will be awarded according to the merit ranking list. Ranking lists will be published on the Doctoral School website (please check Art. 8) starting from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

Applicants to positions reserved to students selected within specific international mobility programmes or within specific agreements in which the University of Torino is involved may enrol into the PhD Program upon approval of the PhD Program Doctoral Board. In this case, applicants shall contact the University PhD Office at [dottorati@unito.it](mailto:dottorati@unito.it).

### **ART. 3 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**



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

- A degree awarded by an Italian University prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99, i.e. *laurea vecchio ordinamento (L)*;
- 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)*);
- A Master's degree level or other equivalent academic qualification of second cycle level awarded by an officially recognised foreign university and granting access to PhD studies.

Applicants whose degrees will be awarded after call deadline (**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**) may apply under the condition that their qualification is obtained **within 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. Should they not obtain the qualification within the established deadline, they will not be admitted to the PhD Program, 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, may apply to positions without scholarship.

Only requirements and qualifications acquired within the Call for Admission deadline may 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 level degree (Art.3, point 1 and 2). The Examining Board (Art. 7) will carry out a comparative assessment of qualifications in order to award, for the sole purpose of admission to this selection process, the recognition of eligibility of international qualifications.

Applicants who hold international qualifications must therefore upload within the online application procedure the following documents:

1. **First and second cycle degree diplomas - Bachelor's and Master's Degree level** that allow admission to PhD level/3<sup>rd</sup> cycle studies in the home country, awarded by a recognized academic Institution, with final mark;
2. **Transcripts of records of both first and second cycle Degree 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);

**Failure to provide the documents listed in points 1) and 2) will result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.**



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Whenever those official documents are in a language other than Italian, English or French, a complete Italian or English or French translation and certified as true copies by either the issuing institution or 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 exclusively on the Doctoral School website, at the webpage "[Partecipare al bando](#)"

Applicants that are holders or are applying for international protection shall contact the PhD office ([dottorati@unito.it](mailto:dottorati@unito.it)) that will start a dedicated assessment procedure.

## **ART. 5 APPLICATION AND DEADLINE**

Applicants can submit only one application for each PhD program.

Applications must be submitted **only through the online platform**, accessible at the Doctoral School website at the "[Partecipare al bando/Submitting your application](#)" webpage.

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

**Applications must be submitted through the online platform by and not later than the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 12.00 (noon) ~~Central European local time~~ Central Europe Summer Time. Application submitted beyond deadline will be not taken into consideration and applicants will be excluded from the selection procedure.**

Applicants must register on PICA (*Piattaforma Integrata Concorsi di Ateneo*) platform first or access with SPID credentials. Guidelines are provided on the Doctoral School website at the "[Partecipare al bando/Submitting your application](#)" webpage.

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

In order to submit the application, the candidate must pay the application fee (Art. 6) according to the procedures provided for by the online procedure.

Once completed, the application must be downloaded to be signed and re-uploaded in the procedure 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.



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At the end the application will be registered to confirm the submission.

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

Application to more than one PhD Program 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. After the submission is completed on the online procedure it is not possible to make changes or to add documentation (with the exception of letters of reference, if requested). It is only possible to delete the application and submit a new one. Complaints pertaining to any system malfunctioning due to website traffic overload close to deadline will not be accepted.

After submitting the application, the candidate may, in cases where it is envisaged, request letters of reference by filling in the appropriate section. The candidate can request the letters of reference within the same deadline for submitting the application (**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 12.00 noon Italian time**). The referee will be automatically notified by the system and must personally fill in the reference letter form present in the online procedure and send it by the deadline of **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 11.59 p.m. (Italian time)**. Letters of reference attached by the candidate will not be considered.

PhD Programmes may offer positions "reserved to applicants with international qualifications" and positions "reserved to students who are beneficiaries of scholarships granted by foreign institutions". This information is provided in each PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1). During the online application procedure, applicants who intend to compete for these positions must select the PhD programme labelled "POSITIONS RESERVED – INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS". Whenever a PhD programme offers both reserved and non-reserved positions, applicants must **choose amongst one of the two**.

## **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.

**Applicants participating into the Call for admission to PhD programs with international qualifications are exempt from paying the application fee.**

## **ART. 7 EXAMINING BOARD**

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



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Examining Boards, one for each PhD Program, are responsible for the whole selection and evaluation procedure, from the eligibility step to the interview and the finalizing of ranking list. Board composition will be published on the Doctoral School website at the "[Partecipare al bando/Submitting your application](#)" webpage after the Call for Admission deadline.

## **ART. 8 SELECTION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE, RANKING LISTS**

The entrance exam, aimed at assessing 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 whose selection involves a minimum threshold to access to the next step will be published on the Doctoral School website at the "[Partecipare al bando/Submitting your application](#)" webpage.

### **Entrance examinations will take place online.**

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 applicants.

During entrance examination, the Examining Board may test foreign language skills chosen by the applicant in the application within those indicated in the PhD Program Information Sheet.

The **final merit ranking lists** of successful applicants will be published on on the Doctoral School website at the "[Partecipare al bando/Submitting your application](#)" webpage starting from **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**.

This publication is the sole official communication. Applicants will not receive any personal communication.

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

Should successful applicants withdraw, their positions shall be assigned to qualified applicants according to the order of the final merit ranking list, except as provided for reserved positions, positions with scholarships bound to research topics, and position with apprenticeship contract.

If applicants have obtained the same score in the ranking list, scholarships will be awarded according their respective financial situations, pursuant to the Italian Regulation D.P.C.M. 09/04/2001. Positions without scholarship will be assigned to the youngest applicant, pursuant to the Italian Regulation Article 3 of Law N. 127 dated 15/05/1997.

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

## **ART. 9 ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION**



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Successful applicants holding international qualifications must confirm their enrolment into the PhD program through the same on-line procedure used for submitting the applications **within 30 days from the publication of final merit ranking list.**

**Missing the deadline will result in exclusion from the PhD program.**

**For the enrolment procedure, successful applicants must confirm their enrolment through the online platform at** on the Doctoral School website at the "[Immatricolazione/Enrolment](#)" webpage **and upload in the same platform the following documentation:**

1. Enrolment form [FORM A](#);
2. Bank account details [FORM B](#);
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 copies of Bachelor's and Master's Degree;<sup>1</sup>
6. Original or certified copies of Bachelor's and 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;

**Within 30 days** from the publication of final merit ranking list, successful applicants must also **pay the tuition fees for enrolment to the PhD Program** as set out in the [University Regulation of Taxes and Contribution](#).

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 31 October 2021 by sending Annex 2**, available on the Doctoral School website at the "[Immatricolazione/Enrolment](#)" webpage to the PhD Office by email ([dottorati@unito.it](mailto:dottorati@unito.it)).

International applicants are requested to set a meeting with the PhD Office ([dottorati@unito.it](mailto:dottorati@unito.it)) in order to complete their enrolment and verify the original documents specified under points 5, 6 and 7. **Only after the meeting, enrolment will be considered as completed.**

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 Program.

## **ART. 10 ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING ITALIAN QUALIFICATION**

Successful applicants holding Italian qualifications must confirm their enrolment into the PhD programme through the same on-line procedure used for submitting the applications **within 30 days from the publication of final merit ranking list.**

**Missing the deadline will result in exclusion from the PhD program.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.





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**For the enrolment procedure, successful applicants must confirm their enrolment through the online platform available** on the Doctoral School website at the "[Immatricolazione/Enrolment](#)" webpage **and upload in the same platform the following documentation:**

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3. **Declaration about job activities** [FORM C](#)
4. Copy of identity document and of the Italian Tax Code (*Codice Fiscale*);

**Within 30 days** from the publication of final merit ranking list, successful applicants must also pay the tuition fees for enrolment to the PhD Programmes as set out in the [University Regulation of Taxes and Contribution](#).

Applicants who applied under condition of obtaining their Master Degree or equivalent second cycle degree within 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 must communicate the date of the award of their **qualification within 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 by sending Annex 2**, available on the Doctoral School website at the "Immatricolazione/Enrolment" webpage, to the PhD Office by email ([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 enrol in the PhD Program.

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

Available scholarships will be assigned by the Doctoral Board of PhD Programme.

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 in arrears. The amount of the scholarship is increased for any research period spent abroad by 50%. This period must not exceed half of the duration of the PhD course. Scholarships funded by an external body and those that do not provide such benefits may not be eligible for this increase.

Scholarship bounded to specific projects are scholarships funded within specific project or arrangements with external bodies that entail carrying out research on a specific research topic. Applicants with scholarships funded by external bodies must become acquainted with the specific conditions applicable to their scholarship as set out in the agreement with the funding body.

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*).





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Scholarships are not compatible with specialist training contracts, in accordance with Legislative Decree N. 368/1999 and with apprenticeship contracts (Apprendistato di Alta Formazione e Ricerca)

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

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

Admission to PhD programs obliges PhD Candidates to full time attendance of the PhD program. PhD Candidates must regularly attend courses and carry out research and study activities assigned to them by the relevant 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 authorised by the Doctoral Board for a maximum of forty hours per academic year. The limit is not applicable after the third year of the PhD Program.

PhD Candidates in medicine may participate in clinical assistance activities.

Regarding attendance of PhD courses and achievement of the PhD qualification, the Doctoral School and PhD Programs University Regulation shall apply.

## **ART. 13 INCOMPATIBILITY**

Enrolment in a PhD Program is incompatible with enrolment in other undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, Italian University master courses, other PhD Programmes and specialised courses organised by private institutions pursuant to art. 17, paragraph 96, Law 127/1997.

Applicants registered in any of the above-mentioned courses must comply with the PhD enrolment requirements within 15 days from enrolment, under penalty of exclusion from the PhD program.

The relevant incompatibility rules are set out in the Doctoral School and PhD Programs University Regulation.

## **ART. 14 CODE OF ETHICS**

PhD Candidates must comply with the [Code of Ethics](#) of the University Community issued by the University of Torino.

## **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 REFERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORINO**

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

The English translation of the Call for Admission is not binding for legal purposes. In the event of dispute or disagreements, the Italian version of the Call prevails.