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2nd CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES – 41st cycle (AY 2025/26)

OPENING DATE for applications: **28 January 2026 – from 1:00 pm (CET)**
CLOSING DATE for applications: **27 February 2026 – before 1:00 pm (CET)**

This Call for Applications is available online on:

https://repo.units.it/docs/units_PhD_bando_en.41.pdf

Art. 1 – DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

1.1 – Purpose of the Call

The *Università degli Studi di Trieste*, hereinafter “University”, announces a selection for the awarding of additional doctoral positions within the following Doctoral Programmes on offer in the academic year 2025/2026 (41st cycle):

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES	ATTACHMENTS
Civil-environmental Engineering and Architecture	Attachment ICAA – 2nd Call
Earth Science, Fluid-dynamics and Mathematics. Interactions and methods	Attachment ESFM – 2nd Call

The above-mentioned attachments form an integral part of this Call for Applications and are posted on the web pages dedicated to each Programme (see art. 1.3).

An overview of the Programmes is detailed in the Educational offer available at this link: www.units.it/phd/programmes.

1.2 – Starting date of attendance

Attendance for PhD candidates admitted to the above-mentioned Programmes will start as from 1 May 2026.

1.3 – Attachments to the Call

The selection criteria, the schedule of examinations and other assessments, the number and type of doctoral places, as well as the documentation to be uploaded are posted on the attachments to this Call.

The above-mentioned attachments are available on the dedicated webpage of the relevant Programme through this link: <https://portale.units.it/en/research/phd/call>

Any addition or change that may occur after the publication of this Call will be announced on the mentioned attachments.

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 – Academic qualifications

Applicants must hold one of the following qualifications:

1. Italian second-level qualification “Laurea Magistrale”
2. Italian second-level qualification “Laurea Specialistica”
3. Italian degree awarded under the former university system (ie prior to D.M. no. 509/1999, as amended by D.M. no. 270/2004)

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4. comparable foreign academic qualification allowing access to Doctoral studies in the issuing country.

Some Doctoral Programmes may require specific university qualifications (see the relevant attachment for information).

Candidates who have not gained their degree by the deadline for applying to this Call are admitted upon the condition of graduating **by 31 October 2025**.

Candidates holding a PhD degree cannot be admitted to a Doctoral Programme in the event that the two programmes are considered to be equivalent, according to the assessment of the Doctoral Board.

2.2 – International degrees

Any second-cycle Higher Education qualifications obtained from a foreign institution and considered as equivalent to the required Italian degrees give access to the Doctorate.

The mentioned conditions apply to any candidate - irrespective of their nationality - holding a foreign degree issued by institutions both from a EU and a non-EU country.

International degrees are assessed by the Boards of Examiners for the sole purpose of admission to the Doctoral Programme, based on the level of the qualification, the length and/or the field of study of the degree programme, in compliance with the relevant laws in force in Italy and in the awarding country, as well as with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of foreign qualifications.

Art. 3 – ADMISSION APPLICATION

3.1 – Mode of application and deadline

Applications must be submitted via the university database system **by 27 February 2026, 1:00 p.m. (CET)**.

Applications sent by any other means will not be processed.

Documents uploaded upon submission of previous applications cannot be considered for the purpose of this Call.

After the closing date and time, the online system will no longer allow access to the application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete their application and pay the admission fee well in advance of the deadline, to avoid any possible crashing of the IT system and subsequent failure of the application process - due to the high number of last-minute applicants.

Applicants will receive an email message confirming submission. The date and time of application are certified by the online system, and a receipt thereof can be downloaded at the end of the process.

It is solely the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the application is submitted correctly, including the uploaded attachments. The Doctoral Office will not respond to individual inquiries about the status of applications.

By submitting the application, applicants accept the provisions of this Call for Applications and the applicable University Regulations on Research Doctorates.

3.2 – Application procedure

The application process consists of **three steps**:

- Registration
- Application
- Payment of the application fee

1) **Registration**

First-time applicants need to register on the University website in order to obtain their username and password which will allow them to move on to the second stage.

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To register, applicants need to link to the page <https://esse3.units.it/Home.do> and select the language - where needed - from the menu in the top-right corner of the screen. For access, they are strongly advised to use [SPID](#) (*Sistema Pubblico di Identità Digitale*).

Applicants having the credentials for access to the university online services can proceed directly with the application (see step 2).

If an applicant has lost or forgot their username or password - or if their credentials no longer work after a long period of non-use - they can recover them following the instructions on the University portal (<https://portale.units.it/en/services/digital-services/password-recovery>).

Requests for password recovery sent close to the deadline for applications cannot be processed.

All communications to the applicants will be sent to the e-mail address they have entered on the University database. It is therefore recommended that applicants check that their account is still valid and active.

The University is not to be held responsible for any failed delivery of the notification.

2) **Application**

After registration, applicants need to log in through the University online services to submit their application. They must choose their PhD Programme from *Menu > Home > Admission test (restricted access and master degrees)*. After selecting the Programme, applicants must:

- complete their application following the guided procedure. The application can be accessed and edited as many times as needed before the deadline of application;
- upload the documents listed in the relevant attachment;
- fill in the names, email addresses and details of the reference persons, if applicable.

3) **Payment of the application fee**

At the end of the application process an invoice is generated for the purpose of payment of a € 30.00 fee. The fee payment is required for each application.

Information is available on the page [PagoPa](#).

The fee must be paid by **27 February 2026** (closing date for applying).

Applicants failing to pay within the first day of assessment of qualifications shall be excluded from the competition (see the relevant date on the attachment of the chosen Programme). Exclusion will be announced in the "Assessments" or "Ranking" files.

The fee is not refundable, except where more than one payment has been mistakenly made for the same application.

Only applicants coming from the [countries listed on the Ministerial Decree no. 166/2025](#) are exempted from the fee payment.

3.3 – Supporting documentation for international degrees

During the application process, candidates having graduated from a foreign University must upload a certificate of the required academic qualifications along with the relevant Transcripts of Records, as detailed in the relevant attachment. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide any other document that might be useful for consideration of their application (e.g. Diploma Supplement, "*Dichiarazione di valore*" issued by the Italian Consulate in the awarding country, Statement of verification delivered by CIMEA, Syllabi, etc.).

If the certificates are delivered in a language other than English, a translation in English or Italian must be uploaded. At this stage, the translation may be provided by the candidates themselves, who take full responsibility for the accuracy and truthfulness of the version.

Art. 4 – ADMISSION TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS

Modes and evaluation criteria of the admission tests, as well as the schedule, are advertised on the attachment of each Doctoral Programme, which shall constitute notification to all applicants. Any variation or update will be posted on the attachments.

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The selection process consists of an assessment of qualifications and an interview. Some PhD Programmes may also include a written test.

Interviews are public and can be attended in person or remotely, according to the instructions provided in the relevant attachment. Some selections require that the interviews are held only remotely.

Knowledge of English will be tested during the interview. Candidates may be required to have a minimum language level.

Any potential preference about the type of PhD places can be expressed by the candidates at the interview; however, it is not binding for the examiners.

The day and time scheduled for the interview will be posted in the Assessments file upon publication of the results of the assessment of qualifications. The Board of Examiners may agree with the candidate the exact time for the interview, where needed.

When sitting the examination, candidates must show proof of identity (ID card, passport or equivalent document issued by the government).

If the interview is held in person, any candidate unable to attend it can, however, apply for a remote interview. For this purpose, they need to complete and upload during the application process the "Videoconference form", available in the section "Forms for the selection", by 27 February 2026. After this deadline, applicants can still apply for the remote interview by sending the videoconference form within four days of the interview to the email address indicated in the relevant attachment, by giving reasons for their late request. Any requests sent to email addresses other than those indicated in the attachments will not be considered. The Board of Examiners will inform the candidates whether their request is accepted. If no reply is received, the request shall be deemed rejected and the candidate will need to attend the interview in person. Failure to do so shall result in the candidate's exclusion.

Failure to indicate on the form an e-mail account for the videoconference shall result in the applicant's exclusion. Candidates who have applied for videoconferencing can nevertheless attend the interview in person at the scheduled time.

Failure to attend the interview – in person or remotely - on the scheduled date and time, or to show a valid ID document, shall result in the candidate's exclusion.

The University of Trieste is not to be held responsible or liable for any technical failures that may impede the interview.

Art. 5 – APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES AND LEARNING IMPAIRMENTS

Candidates with a recognised disability pursuant to Law no. 104/1992, or with a disability of at least 66% may request special aids and up to 50% extra time for completing a written test, where applicable.

The request must be substantiated by a copy of the certificate from the Public Medical Board (the Italian *Commissione Sanitaria*), as provided by Law 104/1992, or official acknowledgement of disability.

Candidates with specific learning disorders (SLD) may request up to 30% extra time, and in the event of serious issues, special aids aimed at ensuring equal opportunities, provided they submit a medical certificate of diagnosis, in accordance with art. 3 of the Law no.170/2010 and the State-Regions Agreement of 24/7/2012.

Requests must be submitted in writing to the Disability and Learning Impairment Service (Servizio Disabilità e DSA). Candidates are advised to book an appointment by email or telephone at least 10 working days prior to the date of the examination:

tel. 040 558 2570/7663 - email disabili.dsa@units.it – webpage: <https://portale.units.it/en/services/disability>

Art. 6 – BOARDS OF EXAMINERS AND RANKINGS

Boards of Examiners are appointed by the Rector, considering, where possible, gender equality, to carry out a comparative evaluation of the candidates.

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The composition of the Boards will be posted on the “Board of Examiners” section of the relevant Doctoral Programme webpage (from Home > How to apply).

The Boards can carry out their work remotely while ensuring the security and traceability of communication.

The Board may appoint experts for technical advice on specific topics.

On completion of the evaluation process, each Board will draw up a shortlist in decreasing score order. Successful candidates will be offered the places by rank order.

Places and scholarships on subject-specific projects requiring particular competencies may be offered based on the best assessment obtained on such places.

The Doctoral Board will assign the places and scholarships, based on the minutes of the Board of Examiners.

The candidates’ preferences about the type of PhD places as well as the project submitted upon application are not binding for the examiners nor for the Doctoral Board.

Should two or more candidates obtain the same score on a non-funded place, priority shall be given to the under-represented sex (pursuant to art. 6 par. 1 of D.P.R. no. 487/1994) and, secondarily, to the younger candidate.

Should two or more candidates obtain equal score and assessment on a funded place, the income value of the candidate’s family, known as Equivalent Economic Indicator (ISEE), shall be considered for the scholarship allocation, and the lowest one shall prevail.

The results of the assessments and the final shortlists will be posted in the “Ranking and enrolment” section of the relevant Doctoral Programme webpage (Home > How to apply > Ranking and enrolment).

Rankings will also be posted on the official Notice Board of the University.

Candidates will be notified of the ranking publication on their personal e-mail account. The Doctoral Office is not to be held responsible for any failed delivery of the notification, or any invalid email account. It is highly recommended to make sure that emails sent by the University have not been delivered to the spam folder by the mail providers. It is also recommended not to use the student address assigned by the University of Trieste or another university, as the account may be deactivated at some point.

Art. 7 – ENROLMENT APPLICATION

7.1 – Procedure

Doctoral places are offered to successful candidates in each Doctoral Programme by rank order within the limit of the number of places available, except as provided for in art. 8.

Successful candidates must submit the enrolment application online. Applications sent by any other means will not be considered.

Applications must be completed **within 5 working days** of the opening date of enrolments. When the deadline expires on a Sunday or a public holiday, it is automatically extended to the next working day. The deadline will be posted on the ranking file. Publication thereof shall be deemed to constitute official notification.

After the deadline, the online system will no longer allow access to the application process and the candidate will lose their right to enrolment.

Incomplete applications or applications missing requirements will not be considered for admission and the vacant places shall be made available to the next eligible candidates on the list.

To apply for enrolment the successful candidates need to access the University online services and select “Enrolment” from *Menu > Home*.

After selecting the Programme, candidates must:

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- complete their enrolment application following the guided procedure
- pay the first instalment of fees.

Candidates who have submitted the enrolment application and paid the fees will be enrolled and given a student number, after completion of the requirements verification process by the Doctoral Office. The student credentials obtained upon registration on the University portal will give access to the online services (i.e. Moodle, e-mail account, etc.).

Successful candidates who are awarded a place with scholarship or other funding are not allowed to enrol in the PhD Programme while declining the scholarship.

7.2 – International candidates

Successful candidates from non-EU countries will have to register on the [University](#) platform and apply for an entry visa at the Italian Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence.

Upon enrolment, all non-EU nationals need to submit their **permit of stay** in Italy (allowing study at university) or – if still to be delivered – the receipt of their application for the permit to dottorati@amm.units.it

All successful candidates must apply for the Italian **tax code** – if they do not have one – and provide a copy thereof, along with their **address in Italy**. Recipients of doctoral scholarships also need to have a **bank account** in Italy (or elsewhere in the SEPA zone) and must enter online the relevant bank details logging in their “reserved area”.

7.3 – Candidates holding a foreign degree

To complete their enrolment, successful candidates holding a foreign academic qualification must submit the supporting documentation which was uploaded at the time of application for admission, i.e. their degree giving access to the Doctorate and the relevant Transcript of Record bearing the **legalization or Apostille** stamp. All documents must be accompanied by **official translations** in English or Italian (if they are delivered in a different language), i.e. translations must be legalized in the issuing country or sworn before a Court in Italy.

7.4 – Enrolment on reserved places

Selection procedures, including requirements and timelines, for reserved places might be different, and a separate ranking shall be made.

Candidates on reserved places who are granted a PhD scholarship from abroad or a fellowship funded by international mobility programmes (eg MSCA) need to submit proof of the scholarship award. In case of suspension or loss of the scholarship, the University has no obligation to finance the remainder of the scholarship.

Enrolment of candidates who have been selected within the framework of international programmes is allowed after approval by the Doctoral Board, provided that the candidate meets the qualifications as required by article 2.

Art. 8 – VACANT PLACES

8.1 – Submission of applications

Eligible candidates who have not been selected for a place and wish to be considered for a vacant place must file an application by the deadline established for enrolment of successful candidates (see art. 7.1).

Applications must be emailed to dottorati@amm.units.it using the dedicated form (“Intention to cover vacant places”), available on the page of each PhD Programme in the section “Forms and docs for enrollment” (Home > How to apply > Ranking and enrollment). Applications submitted outside the deadline cannot be considered.

Candidates who have been offered a non-funded place can decline such offer (irrevocably) by filing an application for a vacant funded place, provided they are eligible for the funded place.

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8.2 – Enrolment on vacant places

In the event of withdrawal or non-enrolment of any successful candidate, vacant places will be assigned by rank order to the eligible candidates who have applied for those places by the deadline.

Candidates entitled to be enrolled on vacant places must therefore apply for enrolment within the deadline which is posted at the bottom of the ranking and is deemed official notification.

The vacant places will be assigned within the limit of their number, where applicable.

Please note the following:

- to avoid delays in the Programme schedule, the time span for enrolling on vacant places might be shorter than those required under art. 7.1;
- any scholarship that shall remain vacant is also made available to candidates who have already enrolled on a non-funded place;
- the Doctoral Board may decide to assign the vacant places also following withdrawal of enrolled candidates, provided that the timely start of the PhD research and training is ensured.

Art. 9 – SCHOLARSHIPS

9.1 – General provisions

Scholarships are available for all applicants, save if otherwise stated in the attachments of the Doctoral Programme (reserved places).

Upon acceptance of the scholarship, candidates must meet the relevant requirements in accordance with DM 226/2021 and the University Regulations on Research Doctorates. Recipients of ESF+ scholarships must also meet the conditions required under the relevant funding programme, failing which they will lose the scholarship.

PhD students - except recipients of ESF+ scholarships - may decline or suspend their scholarship during the course of their studies, if they benefit from alternative and equivalent funding, while keeping their place in the PhD Programme, if approved by the Doctoral Board,

Scholarships are granted annually as from the actual start of the doctoral activity, and are renewed every year for the entire duration of the Programme (36 months), if the PhD student has successfully completed the planned activities, as assessed by the Doctoral Board.

For exceptional reasons and for scientific needs, the PhD Board may grant an extension of the duration of the Programme and of the scholarship for no more than 12 months.

The PhD scholarship is paid out monthly for a total annual amount of **€ 16,243.00**, gross of national insurance contributions to be borne by the student. Payments are normally made on the 25th day of each month for the previous month of attendance of the PhD Programme.

The scholarship may be increased by a maximum of 50% for conducting research abroad for a limited length of time, i.e. not exceeding the number of months, as indicated in the relevant attachment to this Call. In any event, the scholarship increase can be granted only for uninterrupted stays abroad of at least thirty (30) days.

Any PhD student, whether employed or self-employed, can be awarded the scholarship if their income from work is not higher than €15,000 before tax and after social security contributions (in the academic year 2025/26 the applicable tax year is 2026). The doctoral scholarship, as well as any remuneration from tutoring activity according to art. 27, par. 2 and 3 of the Doctoral Regulations or deriving from occasional work, do not count towards the income amount. If the PhD student's income exceeds the mentioned limit, the scholarship will be suspended and withdrawn, and the student will have to pay back the relevant scholarship installments.

If exceeding the income limit, recipients of ESF+ scholarships shall be excluded from the PhD Programme.

Candidates who have already been awarded a doctoral scholarship once, even partially, are no longer eligible to receive another PhD scholarship.

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Scholarships cannot be granted along with fellowships or other grants, except scholarships awarded by Italian or foreign institutions for the purpose of supporting the PhD activity with stays abroad. With regard to ESF+ scholarships, respect of the EU principle of additionality of Union funding is hereby ensured, whilst avoiding double funding from other Union programmes for the same expenditure.

Should any PhD student decide to no longer work on the assigned project with their research group and supervisor, the Doctoral Board may revoke the scholarship and assign a new research project or else dismiss the PhD student.

9.2 – Scholarships funded by the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

The Region Friuli Venezia Giulia makes available resources of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), Regional Programme 2021/2027 - Priority 2 Education and Training (see notice attached to the Decree no. 9526 of 28 February 2025), to enhance competence and promote flexible upskilling and reskilling opportunities for all taking into account entrepreneurial and digital skills, better anticipating change and new skills requirements based on labour market needs, facilitating career transitions and promoting professional mobility.

By this initiative, the Region will grant PhD scholarships with the purpose of developing and strengthening the connections with the regional production system and research institutions through co-operation actions with companies or research institutions in the region, or through technology transfer of processes, products, applications or research results.

Granting of the regional funding has been approved by the Region following submission of the University project proposal, on 20 May 2025 (Decree no. 25444/GRFVG).

Candidates applying for ESF+ scholarships must meet all the requirements as per art. 2 and must be resident or domiciled in the Region Friuli Venezia Giulia from the start of the Doctoral Programme/project and for the entire length of their PhD, failing which they will lose their eligibility.

In addition to the responsibilities as set out in art. 15, recipients of ESF+ scholarships must submit a final report on their research and relevant results, countersigned by their supervisor. The PhD students will submit their three-year report at the end of the mandatory 36 months of attendance (excluding any suspension periods). Further instructions and deadlines will be given at a later stage.

The project and the scholarship can be suspended only in the event of:

- a) mandatory maternity leave;
- b) parental leave for up to six months, or nine in case of single parents;
- c) serious illness;
- d) other serious issues beyond the control of the PhD student preventing regular performance of the doctoral activity. In this event, the suspension needs to be approved by the Doctoral Board and by the Officer in charge at the Region.

In such circumstances, scholarship holders need to submit a substantiated application. The project shall be resumed at the end of the leave of absence.

The maximum amount of leave of absence that can be granted, by regulation, is no more than 12 months overall.

Termination of the project before completion is only possible - with no obligation to return the scholarship instalments received – when one of the conditions for suspension.

Scholarship holders shall return all ESF+ funded scholarship instalments received in the following situations:

- if they fail to submit their final report
- if they withdraw (except for the above-mentioned conditions for suspension)
- if they have exceeded the income limit as per art. 9.1.

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The instalments shall be returned to the University by bank transfer in accordance with the instructions that will be provided by e-mail upon the occurrence of the event.

Scholarships are awarded by the Doctoral Board according to the criteria set out in art. 9.2, taking into account that the selected candidates must help develop and strengthen the connections with the regional production system or research institutions through co-operation actions with companies or research institutions in the region, or through technology transfer of processes, products, applications or research results.

Recipients of ESF+ scholarships may conduct their research abroad for up to 6 months during the three years of the Programme. For this purpose, the scholarship amount may be increased as provided by art. 9.1.

Art. 10 – ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded by the Doctoral Board to successful candidates according to their rank order. Where applicable, the Board shall also consider the assessment of the candidate's competence in the specific research subject required by the place, with a view to allotting as many scholarships as possible.

Should two or more candidates obtain the same score on a funded place (except for subject-specific places), the income value of the candidate's family, known as Equivalent Economic Indicator (ISEE), shall be considered for the scholarship or grant allocation, and the lowest one shall prevail.

Successful candidates need to confirm acceptance of their scholarship using the appropriate form. Candidates who are granted ESF+ scholarships will also need to sign a specific document whereby they agree to comply with all obligations and conditions under the relevant programme.

Scholarships cannot be offered to candidates whose competence on the research subject has been assessed as unsatisfactory by the Board of Examiners.

Any scholarships that may be available after the publication of this Call for Applications, or after the selection process, can be assigned only providing that there are any successful candidates according to the criteria given above.

Art. 11 – FEES

Enrolled students pay tuition fees - where applicable - and the regional fee for Doctoral Programmes, as set out on the [Fees Policy](#).

In the event that the PhD students waive their scholarship over the academic year, they will be exempt from paying the fees as from the following year; should they waive it upon enrolment in their second or third year, they will be exempt from the payment as from that year.

Art. 12 – DOCTORAL PROJECT

Pursuant to art. 7 of the University Regulations on Doctorates, the doctoral student project consists in:

- a) developing - under the guidance of at least two supervisors - an individual research project in one of the research areas of the PhD Programme, as approved by the Doctoral Board;
- b) attending courses and other training activities, approved by the Doctoral Board, including complementary skill training provided by art. 4, par. 1 letter f) of D.M. 226/2021.

Training activities, both disciplinary and complementary, must be at least equal to 20 credit points (CFU) during the three years of the Doctorate.

The doctoral project involves an exclusive and full-time commitment, except for the provisions of art. 28 of the Regulations.

Art. 13 – DOCTORAL THESIS

At the end of the doctoral training, students shall take an examination in which they need to demonstrate to have achieved results of scientific relevance and originality by submitting a written thesis as provided for by art. 25 of the University Regulations on Doctorates.

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Doctoral theses are made public in Open Access, in compliance with the provisions of the Institutional [Open Access Policy](#).

Terms and conditions for admission to the final examination and for thesis submission are announced every year.

Art. 14 – CONDITIONAL ADMISSION AND EXCLUSION

Candidates are admitted to this competition, subject to verification that all requirements have been met. Therefore, the University may exclude a candidate from the competition at any time. The University shall also verify the truthfulness of the candidate's statements as well as the authenticity of the documents submitted. Any false statements or documents shall be punished as violation of the Criminal Code and of the laws regulating the matter.

Any non-compliance with the provisions as given in this Call for Applications as well as with the rules in force on Doctoral Programmes will lead to the candidate's exclusion from this competition.

Art. 15 – RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

All students are covered by mandatory national insurance against accidents at work, issued by I.N.A.I.L. (Italian Insurance Against Injuries and Accidents at Work) in compliance with art. 4 of decree D.P.R. no. 1124 of 30 June 1965. They are also provided with third-party liability insurance, which the University has contracted with a major insurance company. Please note that insurance only covers accidents that occur whilst carrying out the PhD activity.

Doctoral students from the Medical area can take part, on request, in clinical activities, provided they are licensed medical practitioners and are covered against professional risks.

Before the start of their activity, any PhD student shall inform the University Prevention and Protection Service of the type of activity they will perform by filling out the dedicated form. [See further information](#).

PhD scholarships are subject to deductions of national insurance contributions, as provided by art. 2 par. 26 of Law 335/95 and subsequent amendments.

For this purpose all PhD students holding a scholarship must register online with the National Institute for Social Security (INPS) under a separate scheme ("Gestione Separata") within 30 days of the start date of the PhD Programme.

Any doctoral candidates - with the exception of students whose scholarships are funded by a foreign country or by international mobility programmes - are entitled to at least 10% of a PhD scholarship (as set out by the Ministry of University and Research) for their research expenses.

To civil servants attending the Doctoral Programmes apply the provisions pursuant to art. 12 par. 5 of D.M. 226/2021.

Students wishing to perform any working activity outside their PhD project will have to be authorized by the Doctoral Board which will evaluate consistency with the PhD activity.

Students cannot be simultaneously enrolled on two Doctoral Programmes (with the exception of co-tutelles), but they may be enrolled on a Doctoral Programme and a different degree programme within the limits set out by D.M. no. 930 of 29 July 2022 and D.M. no. 933 of 2 August 2022.

Joint attendance of a Doctoral Programme and a postgraduate Medical Training Programme (residency) is allowed, provided that the doctoral scholarship and the residency salary are not received concurrently, in compliance with art. 7 of D.M. 226/2021 and art. 28 of the University Regulations on Doctorates.

Further information on rights, duties, and compatibility of PhD attendance with other activities, are available on the University Regulations on Research Doctorates.

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Art. 16 – DATA PROCESSING - ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS - OFFICER IN CHARGE

All personal data collected for the purpose of this competition shall be processed and stored, including by automated means, in compliance with art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Provision of personal data is mandatory, as they are required to manage the recruitment process. Failure to provide them will result in the applicant exclusion from this competition.

The Data Controller is the University of Trieste having its legal address in Piazzale Europa, 1 – 34127 Trieste.

The data used for the mentioned purposes will be disclosed to or accessed by staff and their co-workers, as instructed by the Controller.

The University may also disclose the controlled personal data to other public administrations, should this be required for the execution of their public functions, as well as to other public bodies, where disclosure is mandatory pursuant to EU provisions or laws and other legal acts.

The collected data are filed and managed by means of University's servers and/or - should this be required for the administrative management - external servers of service providers, who – for the sole purpose of the required service – may access personal data if duly designated as Processors pursuant to art. 28 of the GDPR Regulation.

Participation in the competition implies tacit consent to the online publication of the applicants' names and results.

By virtue of artt. 15-21 of the said Regulation, applicants have a number of rights, namely the right to access their personal data, to request to have them rectified, completed or erased or to have the processing of their data restricted, by sending their request via email to the Controller or the Data Protection Officer: ateneo@pec.units.it or dpo@units.it.

Where applicable, candidates have the right of access to the documentation related to this competition, under existing law (L. 241/90 and D.P.R. 184/2006).

The Officer in charge of the administrative procedure is the Head of the Doctoral Office of the University of Trieste, pursuant to Law 241/1990. As regards assessment of the candidates, the Chair of each Board of Examiners is in charge of the relevant procedure.

Any scientific publications submitted by the candidates at the time of application shall be used only for the assessment of candidates and the formation of merit lists. Foreign qualifications may be submitted to third parties for the purpose of assessment or verification.

Art. 17 – FINAL PROVISIONS

Selection procedures are managed to ensure maximum transparency, impartiality and publicity to potential recipients.

The University ensures equal opportunities to men and women concerning access to the Doctoral Programmes, in accordance with its gender equality policy (*Piano di azioni positive - PAP*).

As for ESF+ scholarships, the EU “horizontal principles” are hereby ensured, ie sustainable development including the DNSH principle (“*do no significant harm*”), equal opportunities, non-discrimination and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

For any issues not expressly regulated by this Call, the general provisions in force and the [Regulations on Research Doctorates](#) of the University (Rectoral decree no. 261/2022 and subsequent modifications) shall apply.

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