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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES**

Academic Year 2026/2027 – 42nd Cycle

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- HAVING REGARD TO Law of 09/05/1989, No. 168;
- HAVING REGARD TO Law of 30/11/1989, No. 398;
- HAVING REGARD TO Article 19 of Law of 30/12/2010, No. 240;
- HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree of 14/12/2021, No. 226;
- HAVING REGARD TO Notice "FIS 2", published by Directorial Decree No. 1236 of 01/08/2023, concerning the "*Competitive procedure for the development of fundamental research activities, under the Italian Science Fund 2022–2023*" and the related Reporting Guidelines;
- HAVING REGARD TO Notice "FIS 3", published by Directorial Decree No. 1802 of 21/11/2024, concerning the "*Competitive procedure for the development of fundamental research activities, under the Italian Science Fund 2024–2025*", as integrated and modified by Directorial Decree No. 63 of 23/01/2025, and the related Reporting Guidelines;
- HAVING REGARD TO Sapienza PhD Regulations, Rectoral Decree No. 1150 of 20/05/2024;
- HAVING REGARD TO the Regulation governing research grants at Sapienza University of Rome, pursuant to Article 18, paragraph 5, letter f) of Law 30/12/2010 No. 240, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 1089/2025 of 04/04/2025;
- HAVING REGARD TO the Regulation for the awarding of research contracts at Sapienza University of Rome, pursuant to Article 22 of Law 30/12/2010 No. 240, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 1155/2025 of 11/04/2025;
- HAVING REGARD TO the report of the Preliminary Committee for PhD Programmes, approved on 30/04/2026;

HAVING REGARD TO resolution No. 108/2026 of the Academic Senate dated 15/05/2026, by which the Sapienza PhD scholarships were allocated to the individual courses;

HAVING REGARD TO the agreements signed with funding bodies or companies to guarantee the financing of additional PhD scholarships;

WITH RESERVATION to any changes, updates or additions to this call, which will be announced, exclusively, through publication on the website <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/dottorati-di-ricerca>

## DECREES

### ART. 1 – ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Sapienza University of Rome announces a call for applications for admission to 94 PhD Programmes of the 42nd cycle, based on qualifications and examinations, or examinations only.

In **Annex A**, which is to be considered an integral part of this call, is indicated the list of the PhD programmes, including potential curricula; the legal duration of the PhD programmes; the number of the available positions and their type, with and without scholarship; the CUP code in the case of scholarships funded under specific projects, any restricted research topic, the type of examination tests, as well as the name of the Doctoral School to which they belong, where established.

**The same Annex A provides a link to the website – under the ‘Call for application (42<sup>nd</sup> cycle)’ section – for each PhD programme, where candidates will find the specific admission procedures and evaluation criteria.**

2. The number of positions with scholarship may be increased following further funding from external public or private bodies, obtained both through competitive calls and agreements. In such cases, where the scholarship is funded under a specific topic and project, the University reserves the right to initiate new selection procedures.

### ART. 2 – TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

1. **Sapienza PhD scholarships**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are entirely financed by Sapienza.

2. **PhD scholarships financed by third parties**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are financed by Departments, Departments of excellence of Sapienza, public or private bodies, other Universities or the Italian Science Fund (FIS). Some of these scholarships referred to in this paragraph are subject to a specific theme required by the funding body or by a specific project.

The assignment of the scholarships referred to in this paragraph is subject to the condition of effectiveness pursuant to Article 16 of this call for applications.

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

1. Access to the PhD programme is open to individuals of any age and nationality, who, by **31 October 2026**, hold a degree from the pre-Ministerial Decree 509/99 system (so-called "old system") or *laurea specialistica* and/or *magistrale* (Ministerial Decree No. 509/99 Ministerial Decree No. 270/2004), second-level academic qualifications issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM sector (Higher Education for Art, Music and Dance), or an official foreign degree corresponding to the second-cycle according to the Bologna Process qualifications framework and level 7 according to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), which allows access to the PhD programme at academic institutions in the country where it was issued and is recognized as suitable for access to the PhD programme in Italy (Master's degree or equivalent title, in any case with a written final thesis), and that does not present any "substantial difference" according to the principles of the Lisbon Convention and the national methodology adopted by the Italian ENIC-NARIC center (CIMEA)<sup>1</sup>.

The suitability of the foreign qualification is assessed by the Selection Committee (Article 11) solely for the purpose of the exams, without prejudice to subsequent checks of competence by the Administration in compliance with the applicable laws in Italy and the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for further studies (PhD programme).

2. Candidates who obtain the required degree to access PhD programme between the date of submission of the application and **31 October 2026** will be admitted "with reserve" until they obtain it.
3. Winners of positions without scholarship who are already enrolled in previous years may apply again for the same PhD program; however, if admitted, they must formally withdraw from their previous enrollment and notify the *PhD Office – Programmes and Careers* before completing the new enrollment.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cimea.it/pagina-metodologia-valutativa>

4. Those who have already obtained a PhD degree without a scholarship may apply in this call, provided that the predominant research topics and scientific-disciplinary sectors of the aspired PhD programme differ from those of the PhD programme for which the title was obtained.
5. Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a scholarship awarded for attending a PhD or equivalent programmes, at this University or another university in Italy, cannot benefit from another PhD scholarship. In the event of admission, it will be necessary to forgo the awarded scholarship **if positions without scholarship are available**.
6. When submitting the admission application, the candidate self-declares possession of the admission requirements referred to in this article pursuant to Article 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000.
7. The University carries out suitable checks, at any stage of the procedure, on the truthfulness of the self-certifications made by the candidate. If the check ascertains the falsity of the content of the declarations, the candidate will be excluded from taking the competitive tests or, if already enrolled as a winner of the competition, will be declared forfeited, without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for by Article 76 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000.

#### **ART. 4 – SIMULTANEOUS ENROLMENT AND INCOMPATIBILITIES**

1. Concurrent enrollment in PhD programmes and first- and second-level degree courses, including courses offered by Higher Education for Art, Music and Dance, is allowed.
2. Simultaneous attendance to PhD programmes and specialisation schools in the healthcare area with access reserved for doctors is compatible on condition that the emoluments are not accumulated. Since the remuneration related to the specialist training contract is non-waivable pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 368/99, it is possible to renounce the PhD scholarship only.
3. Simultaneous enrollment in PhD programmes and specialisation schools in the healthcare area open to non-medical professionals, as well as other non-healthcare specialisation schools, is allowed provided that emoluments are not accumulated. In such cases, it is at the candidate's discretion to choose which emolument to renounce.
4. In any case, renouncing the PhD scholarship at the time of enrollment will only be possible if non-scholarship positions are available, and in any case, within the number of positions without scholarship announced in the call, which will be assigned according to the ranking order.

5. Simultaneous enrolling in more than one PhD programme, or in both a PhD programme and first- or second-level Master's programme, for the same academic year is not allowed.
6. **Enrollment and registration for the second year of a PhD programme is incompatible with entering into a research contract pursuant to Article 22 of Law No. 240 of 30/12/2010.**
7. The **annual gross personal taxable income limit** to be eligible for the PhD scholarship is set at €16,243.00, excluding the scholarship itself. In case the income limit is reached, the PhD student must reimburse all PhD scholarship installments unduly received in the relevant tax year (1 January – 31 December of each year).
8. PhD scholarships cannot be combined with **research fellowships or other scholarships** awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions intended to integrate the training or research activities of scholarship holders through stays abroad, and with funding from the Fondo Giovani MUR (funding for young researchers). In case of subsequent incompatibility, any PhD scholarship installment unduly received must be reimbursed.
9. Those who have already benefited from a PhD scholarship, even partially, cannot receive a second one for the same qualification.

## **ART. 5 – APPLICATIONS**

1. When submitting the application, the candidates can declare the scholarship/scholarships they intend to compete for, indicating their potential preferences in order of priority.  
However, these preferences will not be binding for the Admission Commission mentioned in Article 11 in the allocation of the scholarships.
2. Some PhD programmes include reserved positions and/or supernumerary positions set out in Articles 7 and 8 below. Details of these provisions are described in Annex A.
3. It is not possible to compete for non-scholarship positions; however, it will be possible to renounce the scholarship, if awarded, only within the limit of the number of non-scholarship positions announced in the call, according to the ranking order.
4. **Applications must be submitted by 17 June 2026 at 14:00 (local time - CET).**
5. In order to submit the application, candidates must log in to [INFOSTUD](#), click on "*PhD Programmes*" section, select "**Submit a new application**", fill out the online form in all its parts, upload the required documents, **close, and submit the application**.  
The application can be modified at any time until it is closed and submitted.

Once the application has been closed and submitted, it can no longer be modified or resubmitted.

6. In order to access the competition, candidates must also pay the application fee through the PagoPA system integrated into the online application form, **within and no later than 17 June 2026 at 14:00 (local time – CET).**

**Only applications that are closed and submitted, with the corresponding fee paid within 17 June 2026 (local time – CET) will be considered valid for the competition.**

**Applications submitted or payments made by means other than those specified in this article (e.g. unsolicited PagoPA payments) will not be accepted.**

7. It is permitted to apply for multiple PhD programmes, provided the corresponding application fee is paid for each.
8. The receipt of submission and the PagoPA payment receipt must be kept by the candidate and presented to the Selection Committee and/or the *PhD Office – Programmes and Careers* if requested.
9. Detailed instructions for the submission of the application and making the payment are available at:

<https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/dottorati-presentazione-della-domanda> .

For IT assistance, candidates must use only the "**helpdesk**" button available on the application platform.

For all other information, it is possible to send an email to [ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it](mailto:ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it).

10. **Complaints regarding system malfunctions near the deadline will not be accepted, and the participation fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.** Candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to complete the application process well before the deadline to ensure that support can be provided during the official working days and hours listed at:

<https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/phd-unit>

## **ART. 6 – ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES IN POSSESSION OF AN ACADEMIC DEGREE ACHIEVED ABROAD**

When submitting the application according to the guidelines in the previous Article 5, candidates in possession of an academic qualification obtained abroad must submit the following documentation:

- **For candidates with a qualification obtained in a country of the European Union:** pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 and subsequent

amendments and additions, a self-certification of the academic qualification with list of exams and related grades in Italian or English, pursuant to Article 3 of this call.

- **For candidates with a qualification obtained in a NON-EU country:** certification of the academic qualification, as per Article 3 of this call, with a list of exams and relative grades translated in Italian or English, authenticated through *Apostille*<sup>2</sup> or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized<sup>3</sup> by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country to whose education systems the qualification refers.

#### **ART. 7 – APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO POSITIONS RESERVED FOR EMPLOYEES OF COMPANIES OR AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS (*INDUSTRIAL PhDS ONLY*)**

**Exclusively for PhD programmes that offer this type of position**, as listed in Annex A, a number of positions with a separate ranking list are reserved – subject to passing the competitive examination – for employees of companies or organisations affiliated with Sapienza who do not intend to compete for the scholarship.

To this end, candidates must, in their application for admission—submitted in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 5 above—select the option “***Positions reserved for candidates on industrial PhD Programmes pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 4 of Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021***”, which can be found in the section “How to participate in the call of applications”.

In the same section, candidates must also declare, under their own responsibility:

- the name of the company or organisation affiliated to Sapienza where they are employed;
- the type of employment contract;
- the date of employment.

If admitted, candidates must submit, within 5 days of the publication of the separate ranking list, all documentation certifying the actual employment declared.

#### **ART. 8 – SUPERNUMERARY ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES WHO HOLD A SCHOLARSHIP FROM A FOREIGN STATE**

**Exclusively for PhD programmes that offer this type of position**, as listed in Annex A, a number of positions with a separate ranking list are reserved – subject to passing the competitive examination – for holders, at the moment of expiration of the present call, of a

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/specialised-sections/apostille>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.esteri.it/it/servizi-opportunita/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/legalizzazione-documenti/>

scholarship of the duration of at least three years funded by a foreign state, and who do not intend to compete for the PhD scholarship.

To this aim, candidates have to apply according to the modality indicated in Article 5 and have to select “***Supernumerary position for candidates holders of scholarships funded by foreign states pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 2 of Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021***”, which can be find in the section “How to participate in the call for applications”.

In the same section, candidates must also declare, under their own responsibility:

- the foreign state funding the scholarship;
- the start date of the funding;
- the end date of the funding.

If admitted, candidates must submit, within 5 days of the publication of the separate ranking list, all documentation certifying they are actually receiving the scholarship funded by the foreign state they declared.

#### **ART. 9 – CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**

1. Candidates with legally recognised disabilities pursuant to Article 3, paragraphs 1 and 3 of Law No. 104 of 05/02/1992 or holding disability certificates, who require special aids or additional time to take the test, must submit a request to the *Office for Students with Disabilities and Specific Learning Difficulties* by writing to [testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it](mailto:testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it). The request must clearly specify the type of support required.

**Requests must be submitted strictly by the deadline of this call** and must be accompanied by suitable certification issued by INPS or by the competent structures of the National Health Service (S.S.N.).

Particular cases will be evaluated taking into account the submitted certifications.

2. Candidates with a diagnosis of a Specific Learning Disorder (SLD) recognized under Law No. 170/2010 and Ministerial Decree No. 5669/2011, who require specific aids to take the admission test due to the type of SLD, must make an explicit request to the Office for Students with Disabilities and SLD, by writing to the following e-mail address: [testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it](mailto:testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it)

The request must clearly specify the type of support required and must be accompanied by valid SLD certification issued by structures of the National Health Service (S.S.N.) or by

accredited specialists or institutions. If the certification does not explicitly state that the issuing party is accredited, a note must be added providing evidence of such accreditation.

Based on the submitted certification, candidates will be granted an additional 30% of the time allocated for the admission test, and may also use a basic (non-scientific) calculator, which the candidate must bring themselves.

The SLD certification must be detailed and clear, indicating nosological codes and an explicit reference to the specific type of SLD (related to reading and/or writing and/or calculation).

**Requests must be submitted strictly by the deadline of this call.**

3. Candidates residing in foreign countries with a recognized disability or a diagnosis of SLD who wish to benefit from the above measures must write to the email address [testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it](mailto:testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it), submitting a legalized certification – where required by current international regulations – attesting to the status of disability, invalidity, or SLD issued in the country of residence; and an official translation of the certificate, either sworn by an official translator or certified by the diplomatic representations, in accordance with the original text, in Italian or English.

#### **ART. 10 – ADMISSION EXAMS**

1. The purpose of the admission test is aimed at guaranteeing an adequate comparative evaluation of the candidates. **All testing modalities as well as the grids containing the evaluation criteria are published on the web pages of each individual PhD Programme - under the 'Call for application (42<sup>nd</sup> cycle)' section, shown in Annex A.**
2. **Candidates are required to attend at the stated date, time and venue without waiting for further convocation.** In addition, in order to be examined they shall provide a valid ID.
3. A foreign language test may be required, as reported on the web pages of the individual PhD Programme referred to in Annex A.
4. In the event of written test candidates must only use a black ink biro pen and the paper provided shall not be signed or made recognisable in any way, under penalty of exclusion. Reasons for exclusion may be the use of a different ink pen, use of pencil unless required, signature, correction fluids, etc.
5. Oral tests may also be held via videoconference if this is specified in the PhD programme webpage listed in Annex A. In case this method is not provided for, it may be nevertheless requested on the basis of documented, valid reason for being unable to attend, by submitting a request with sufficient notice prior to the date set for the examination, by writing to the email

address indicated on the same webpage. The request is subject to the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee.

Oral tests may also take place over several days, according to a schedule that will be published from the first scheduled day, as indicated on the PhD Programme webpage.

#### **ART. 11 – SELECTION COMMITTEE AND COMPETITION RESULTS**

1. The Selection Committees are appointed pursuant to the Sapienza PhD Regulations published on the website <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/dottorati-di-ricerca>.
2. In the case of PhD scholarships financed by third parties or Departments, the Selection Committees may be supplemented by a scientific expert from the funded projects.
3. For PhD programmes with multiple curricula, there will be a single competition with a single Selection Committee. The competition examinations are the same for all curricula as indicated on the individual programmes webpages listed in Annex A of this call. In the event of a written examination, separate set of questions may be set for each curriculum.
4. Meetings of the Selection Committee shall be held in person, either wholly or in part. One or more members may participate via videoconference.
5. For each completed examination, the Selection Committee publishes **the results on the website of the individual PhD programme - under the ‘Call for application (42<sup>nd</sup> cycle)’ section**, indicating, next to each candidate identified by their matricola (registration number), the score obtained. **The published results will include only those candidates who have passed the examinations**; if the oral examinations are spread over multiple days, the Selection Committee will post the evaluations of the candidates examined at the end of each day.
6. The results achieved by each candidate shall be made available on the personal application page dedicated to the call for applications, in the section dedicated to examination results.

#### **ART. 12 – RANKINGS AND APPROVAL OF ACTS**

1. Upon verification of the regularity of the selection procedures by the offices, the **final rankings** will be published exclusively on the following website:  
<https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/elenco-dei-corsi-di-dottorato>.
2. **The ranking lists will indicate the total score obtained in the admission examinations, any curriculum selected or assigned, and the scholarships awarded by the Selection Committees**, based on the eligibility assessments formally recorded in the official competition report.

**Candidates will be admitted to the PhD programmes in descending order of merit, until all available positions announced in the call have been filled.**

3. The ranking list is unified, even for PhD programmes structured into different curricula. The activation of each individual curriculum depends on the ranking position of the candidates who have been assigned to that specific curriculum.
4. In the case of a scholarship funded for a specific curriculum, it may be awarded only to a candidate ranked in a position within the number of funded positions available as announced in the call, **who has either opted for the aforementioned curriculum or has been deemed suitable for it** by the Selection Committee.
5. For all **eligible candidates who are not awarded a scholarship**, the rankings will indicate, in addition to the scores obtained in the admission examinations and any assigned curriculum, **one or more eligibility assessments for specific scholarships**, based on the evaluations expressed by the Selection Committees and recorded in the official competition report.
6. In the event that a scholarship awardee renounces or fails to enrol in the PhD programme by the deadline specified in the ranking, the scholarship will be reassigned, in order of ranking, **to the first eligible candidate (i.e., within the number of available PhD positions) who has been deemed suitable for that specific scholarship by the Selection Committees**. Any renunciation of the PhD programme or of the scholarship is irrevocable, and no further offers of positions or scholarships will be made in the event of subsequent reassignments.
7. **The allocation of any non-funded positions, if foreseen, will take place after the completion of the acceptance process for the funded positions announced in the call**, in accordance with the previous paragraph, and in ranking order.
8. In the event of a tie between candidates the winner will be chosen according to the following further criteria:
  - In the event of a tie for a position covered by scholarship the candidate with a less favourable economic condition will prevail, pursuant to the Prime Ministerial Decree No. 159, Article 8, paragraph 4 of 05/12/2013.
  - In the event of a tie for a position without scholarship, candidates with the following characteristics will prevail:
    1. higher graduation mark, obtained for the title that gives access to PhD;
    2. in the event of same graduation mark of the title that gives access to PhD, higher average mark;

3. in the event of same graduation mark and average mark of the title that gives access to PhD, achievement of the degree in the shortest possible time, considering the legal duration of the Programme;
  4. in the event of a tie in all of the above, younger candidates will prevail.
9. Upon publication of the rankings on the website <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/elenco-dei-corsi-di-dottorato>, a notification will be sent to the successful candidates via email to the address provided during the application process. **This notification will outline the procedures and deadlines for enrollment completion. Failure to comply with the enrollment requirements within the specified timeframe will result in the candidate being considered as having withdrawn, and the next candidate in line according to the ranking will be offered the position.**

The Administration assumes no responsibility in the event that a candidate cannot be reached, or for any miscommunication resulting from an incorrect address provided by the candidate, or from the candidate's failure to notify or delayed notification of changes to the contact details indicated in the application. Nor shall it be held liable for any postal, telegraphic, or electronic communication issues, or for delays or disruptions attributable to third parties, unforeseen circumstances, or force majeure.

#### **ART. 13 – ENROLMENT TO PHD PROGRAMMES**

1. All PhD admitted candidates are required to pay a stamp duty of €16,00 and a regional tax of €140,00.
2. **As per this Call, Article 3, candidates who anticipate completing their master's degree by 31 October 2026** and are therefore temporarily unable to enrol, must communicate their intention to accept the position and enrol in the PhD programme as soon as they obtain their required degree, according to the modalities that will be indicated in the communication referred to in the Article 12, paragraph 9 of this call. Failure to respond by the deadline indicated in the ranking list shall be deemed as withdrawal from the position.
3. **Admitted candidates with a recognised disability** of at least 66% or with a disability recognised under Article 3, paragraph 3 or paragraph 1, of Law No. 104 of 05/02/1992, **are exempt from paying the regional tax**. Upon enrolment, they must provide documentation attesting to their status by writing an email to [ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it](mailto:ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it).

In the event of an erroneous payment of the regional fee where not due, reimbursement may be requested through the official website of LazioDiSCo<sup>4</sup>.

4. **Candidates admitted to the PhD programme holding a foreign master's degree** must also provide for the purposes of enrolment, by the date indicated in the communication referred to in Article 12, paragraph 9, the following documentation:

- a. **certificate of the academic qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call**, translated in Italian or in English, authenticated with an *Apostille*<sup>5</sup> stamp, or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized<sup>6</sup> by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country whose education system the qualification refers to;
- b. **transcript of records (ToR) of the academic qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call**, translated in Italian or in English, authenticated with an *Apostille*<sup>7</sup> stamp, or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized<sup>8</sup> by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country whose education system the qualification refers to;
- c. **statement of comparability**<sup>9</sup> of the academic qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call, issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre (CIMEA)<sup>10</sup>:

or:

- **Declaration of Value**<sup>11</sup> issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country whose education system the qualification refers to;

or:

- **Diploma Supplement** issued by the competent institution (if produced by higher education institutions according to standards agreed by the

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<sup>4</sup> <https://laziodisco.it/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/specialised-sections/apostille>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/legalizzazione-documenti/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/specialised-sections/apostille>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.esteri.it/en/servizi-consolari-e-visti/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/legalizzazione-documenti/>

<sup>9</sup> For countries that are signatories to the Lisbon Convention and listed in the Automatic Recognition Database (ARDI) [<https://ardi.cimea.it/it>] developed by CIMEA experts, it is possible to download a Certificate of Correspondence indicating the type of academic qualification in relation to the education system of the country in which the qualification was awarded. **The correspondence indicated in a certificate generated by the ARDI platform represents the outcome of a comparative opinion only and does not entitle the holder of the foreign qualification to any right to recognition of equivalence with the qualification required under Article 3 of this call.** The evaluation of academic qualifications for the purpose of admission to the PhD programme is the sole responsibility of the University, which reserves the right not to recognize qualifications that do not meet the requirements set out in the aforementioned Article 3, even after the conclusion of the selection procedures. This may result in exclusion from the PhD programme. The University also reserves the right to request any additional documentation deemed necessary for the evaluation of the qualification, in order to verify compliance with the admission requirements for the PhD programme.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.cimea.it/pagina-attestatodi-comparabilitae-verifica-dei-titoli>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.miur.gov.it/dichiarazione-di-valore>

Commission, the Council of Europe and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)), legalized (or with an *Apostille* stamp)

In addition to the aforementioned documentation, for the purposes of enrolment, the following must be produced within the deadline indicated in the communication sent by the University PhD Offices as per call, Article 12, paragraph 9:

1. **Passport** or, for EU citizens, a valid **Identity Card**;
2. **Visa** for "*post-graduate studies*", issued by the Diplomatic Representation – Embassy or Consulate – (only for non-EU citizens requiring an entry visa for long-term stays in Italy for the purpose of enrolment at higher education institutions);
3. **Tax identification number** (*codice fiscale*) issued by the competent authority or institution;
4. **Receipt of First Residence Permit Request for study purposes** (only for citizens of non-EU countries holding a visa for "*post-graduate studies*");
5. **Valid Residence Permit** (only for non-EU citizens regularly living in Italy). If the residence permit is expired, it is necessary to provide the Receipt of Renewal Request.

**N.B.** Candidates admitted to the PhD programme who require a visa for "*postgraduate studies*" must access the **UNIVERSITALY**<sup>12</sup> portal and complete the "**pre-enrolment application**". This application, following the necessary verifications, must be validated by the University PhD Offices. It must then be submitted by the candidate to the relevant diplomatic or consular representation in their country of residence.

Such validation by the University PhD Offices does not, under any circumstances, confer any right to the issuance of a visa or the subsequent residence permit, as the granting of these documents falls exclusively within the competence of the respective diplomatic-consular authorities and the Ministry of the Interior<sup>13</sup>.

#### **ART. 14 – SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. The annual amount of the scholarship is **€ 16.243,00** gross of statutory withholdings to be paid by students, pursuant to [Ministerial Decree No. 247/2022](#). The duration of the scholarship is equal to the legal duration of the programme. Scholarships are paid on a monthly basis.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.interno.gov.it/it/temi/immigrazione-e-asilo/modalita-dingresso/visto-e-permesso-soggiorno>

2. The amount of the scholarship is increased up to 50% for authorised periods abroad up to 12 months. Similarly, PhD students without a scholarship shall be granted an amount equal to 50% of the scholarship for any authorised periods of study or research abroad, for a maximum duration of 12 months.  
Such periods may be extended up to a total of 18 months for joint PhDs with international institutions.
3. The amount of the scholarship is increased to **€19.800,00** (gross of welfare charges borne by the recipient) for any first potential winner of a doctoral scholarship in the final rankings, holding a degree obtained abroad, and residing abroad (maximum one per PhD programme).
4. For international students, payment of the scholarship may in any case be made only after obtaining a tax identification number (*codice fiscale*) issued by the competent authority or institution.
5. The scholarship shall be suspended in the event of suspension of the PhD programme for a maximum period of six (6) months, in accordance with the University Regulations governing PhD Programmes.

#### **ART. 15 – “BUDGET FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES”**

Every PhD student, with or without scholarship, has a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad corresponding to 10% of the amount of the scholarship.

#### **ART. 16 – EFFECTIVENESS**

1. This Call is issued pending the accreditation of PhD programmes in accordance with Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021. For those programmes that are not accredited, activation for the 42nd cycle - academic year 2026/2027 will not proceed.
2. In the event of scholarships financed or co-financed by third parties, the assignment of the scholarship is subject to confirmation of the commitment through stipulation of a specific agreement.
3. **The payment of scholarships funded by third-party institutions is subject to the disbursement of the corresponding amount by the funding body to Sapienza, including for years following the first.**

#### **ART. 17 – PROCEDURE MANAGER AND PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

1. Pursuant to Article 5 of Law No. 241 of 07/08/1990, the Manager of the procedure referred to in this call is Dr. Georgia Pietralunga, Head of the *PhD Unit - Programmes and Careers* -

*Academic Programmes and Education Welfare Area – Sapienza University of Rome - Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5 - Rome - email address: [georgia.pietralunga@uniroma1.it](mailto:georgia.pietralunga@uniroma1.it)*

2. With reference to the provisions of EU Regulation No. 679/2016 of 27/04/2016 "GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION" concerning the protection of individuals and other subjects regarding the processing of personal data, specific information is provided as an integral part of this call (**Annex B**).

#### **ART. 18 – ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS**

Upon completion of the selection procedures, requests for access to documents may be submitted by sending a certified email (PEC) to [protocollosapienza@cert.uniroma1.it](mailto:protocollosapienza@cert.uniroma1.it) or, in the absence of a certified email account, to [ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it](mailto:ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it), indicating in the subject line: “Access to documents relating to the admission competition for the PhD Programme in ..., 42nd cycle – Academic Year 2026/2027”, and specifying in the request both the documents to which access is sought and the reasons for the request.

#### **ART. 19 – PUBLICATION**

This call, together with the English version, will be published with a notice on the Official Gazette's 4th Special Series – Competitions and Exams, on the University's website, on the European Euraxess website, and on the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) website.

#### **ART. 20 – REFERENCE REGULATIONS**

For matters not covered by this call, please refer to the current legislation and the University Regulations on PhD Programmes published on the University website at the following link: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/documento/regolamento-dottorati-di-ricerca>.

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**RECTOR**

Prof.ssa Antonella Polimeni

**ANNEX A - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES  
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**List of PhD Programmes**

On the web pages of each PhD Programme are indicated all the information, including the examination process and available positions and scholarships.

**[ADVANCES IN CARDIO-THORACIC AND VASCULAR PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND IMAGING](#)**

**[ADVANCES IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES, MICROBIOLOGY, LEGAL MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES](#)**

**[PhD SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY](#)**

**[ARCHITECTURE. THEORIES AND CONSTRUCTION](#)**

**[ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY](#)** (PhD Programme in agreement with the University of Padua. The administrative management is, in alternate years, by Sapienza or the University of Padua).

**[ASTRONOMY](#)** (PhD Programme in agreement with the University of Rome Tor Vergata. Administrative management alternates every year between Sapienza University and the University of Rome Tor Vergata. Upon completion of the cycle, a joint degree will be awarded).

**[AUTOMATIC CONTROL, BIOENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH](#)**

**[PRIVATE AUTONOMY BUSINESS, WORK AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE](#)**

**[BIOCHEMISTRY](#)**

**[BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY](#)**

**[ENVIRONMENTAL AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY](#)**

**[CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY](#)**

**[HUMAN BIOLOGY AND MEDICAL GENETICS](#)**

**[INNOVATIVE BIOTECH SOLUTIONS FOR SENSORY ORGANS DISEASES](#)**

**[CIVILIZATIONS OF ASIA AND AFRICA](#)**

**[COMMUNICATION, SOCIAL RESEARCH AND MARKETING](#)**

**[CYBERSECURITY](#)**

**[DATA SCIENCE](#)**

DIGITAL CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE, PATHOLOGY, AND CUTTING-EDGE THERAPEUTICS

PUBLIC LAW

PUBLIC, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

ROMAN LAW, THEORY OF LEGAL SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE LAW OF MARKETS

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMICS

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE FOR ENERGY AND INDUSTRY

EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL HEPATO-GASTROENTEROLOGY

EUROPEAN PHD IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL STUDIES

EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE

PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY

PHILOLOGY AND HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICS

ACCELERATOR PHYSICS

GENETICS AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

HERITAGE SCIENCE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

INFRASTRUCTURES AND TRANSPORT

AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ENGINEERING

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING-BASED ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING

ELECTRICAL, MATERIALS, RAW MATERIALS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING

INDUSTRIAL AND MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING

**ENGINEERING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**IINNOVATION IN IMMUNO-MEDIATED AND HEMATOLOGICAL DISORDERS**

**MEDICINA TRASLAZIONALE E NUOVE TECNOLOGIE**

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

**CLASSICAL AND MODERN ITALIAN STUDIES**

**JOINT INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL REPRESENTATIONS, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION**

**LINGUISTICS** (PhD program in partnership with the University of Roma Tre. The administrative management alternates every three years between Sapienza University of Rome and the University of Roma Tre. For the 42nd cycle, the administrative management is handled by the University of Roma Tre. At the end of the program, a joint degree will be awarded)

**MANAGEMENT, BANKING AND COMMODITY SCIENCES**

**MATHEMATICS**

**THEORETICAL AND APPLIED MECHANICS**

**MOLECULAR MEDICINE**

**MATHEMATICAL MODELS FOR ENGINEERING, ELECTROMAGNETICS AND NANOSCIENCES**

**MODELS FOR ECONOMICS, TERRITORY AND FINANCE**

**MOLECULAR DESIGN AND CHARACTERIZATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: FROM DRUG TO FOOD**

**MORPHOGENESIS AND TISSUE ENGINEERING**

**MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**NETWORK ONCOLOGY AND PRECISION MEDICINE**

**CLINICAL EXPERIMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE AND PSYCHIATRY**

**PHD PROGRAM IN BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE**

**EARTH OBSERVATION**

**LANDSCAPE, CITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**PLANNING, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE TECHNOLOGY**

SENSORINEURAL PLASTICITY

CHEMICAL PROCESSES FOR INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT

DYNAMIC AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND MENTAL FUNCTIONING: RESEARCH METHODS IN FORENSIC

CHEMICAL SCIENCES

STUDIES IN MEDIAEVAL PHILOLOGY, PALEOGRAPHY, ROMANCE STUDIES

EARTH SCIENCES

LIFE SCIENCE

DOCUMENTATION STUDIES, LINGUISTICS AND LITERATURE

ENDOCRINOLOGICAL SCIENCES

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

PHD SCHOOL IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF STATISTICAL SCIENCES

SERVICE DESIGN FOR PUBLIC SECTOR

SPERIMENTAZIONE PRE-CLINICA E APPLICAZIONI INNOVATIVE DIAGNOSTICHE-TERAPEUTICHE NELLE SCIENZE BIOMEDICHE E CHIRURGICHE

HISTORY OF ART

HISTORY AND CULTURES OF EUROPE

HISTORY, ANTHROPOLOGY, RELIGIONS

HISTORY, REPRESENTATION AND RESTORATION OF ARCHITECTURE

STRUCTURAL AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

INTERNATIONAL PHD IN GERMANIC AND SLAVIC STUDIES

STUDIES IN ENGLISH LITERATURES, LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION

POLITICAL STUDIES

ADVANCED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES

INNOVATIVE BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN DISEASES OF SKELETON, SKIN AND ORO-CRANIOFACIAL DISTRICT

**ANNEX B - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES  
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**Information notice to data subjects**

Pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of EU Regulation No. 679/2016 of 27/04/2016, the *General Data Protection Regulation* (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulation”), and Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, the *Personal Data Protection Code*, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10/08/2018, containing provisions to align national legislation with the European Regulation.

**Data Controller**

Sapienza University of Rome, represented by its legal representative *pro tempore*, with registered office at Piazzale Aldo Moro No. 5, 00185 Rome.

Contact details:

E-mail: [rettricesapienza@uniroma1.it](mailto:rettricesapienza@uniroma1.it)

certified e-mail: [protocollosapienza@cert.uniroma1.it](mailto:protocollosapienza@cert.uniroma1.it)

**Contact details of the Data Protection Officer**

Contact details:

E-mail: [responsabileprotezionedati@uniroma1.it](mailto:responsabileprotezionedati@uniroma1.it)

Certified e-mail: [rpd@cert.uniroma1.it](mailto:rpd@cert.uniroma1.it)

**Director of Area for Educational services and support for access to Education**

PhD Giulietta Capacchione

**Legal basis for data processing**

Pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 1, letters (c) and (e), and Article 9, paragraph 2, letter (b) of the Regulation, as well as Articles 2-sexies, paragraph 2, letter (d), and 2-octies, paragraph 3, letter (a) of Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30/06/2003.

**Purpose and description of data processing:**

The data are processed by Sapienza University of Rome in compliance with the applicable legal framework, the call for applications, and the University Regulations on PhD Programmes, for the following purposes:

- management of the selection procedure;
- management of the ranking lists;
- verification of the fulfillment of the requirements for participation in the selection procedure and the absence of grounds for exclusion;
- verification of the truthfulness of the declarations submitted;
- verification of the candidate's disability, whether chronic or temporary, for the possible provision of accommodations during the admission exams, as provided for by current legislation (the provision of data for this purpose is optional, and failure to provide them will result in the inability to guarantee such accommodations).

The data will be used exclusively for the institutional purposes indicated, within the scope of applicable laws, regulations, or contractual provisions.

### **Nature of the personal data strictly necessary for the stated purpose**

**Common personal data:** identity data, residential address, telephone numbers, email addresses, identity documents, academic qualifications.

**Special categories of personal data:** medical data.

The provision of personal data is mandatory, including for the purpose of verifying the eligibility criteria for participation, under penalty of exclusion from the procedure. The data will be processed in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance, and necessity as set forth in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the GDPR.

The processing of personal data is carried out by personnel specifically designated and authorised by the University. The data will be processed and stored by the competent offices in electronic format on servers located within the University and, if necessary, in paper format, using tools that ensure the security and confidentiality of the data subjects. The data will be processed only by individuals authorised and assigned to manage the selection procedure.

### **Information, consent, and consequences of refusal**

Consent to the processing of personal data is essential for carrying out the activities described above. You may choose not to provide some or all of the requested data. However, refusal may result in the inability to fulfil legal obligations.

The provision of data is mandatory.

Refusal to provide the data will prevent the Data Controller, the Data Processor, and the authorised staff from carrying out the necessary data processing operations, and consequently, it will not be possible to register for the competition or manage the related procedural activities.

### **Data storage and retention**

The data will be stored (in electronic form) indefinitely, in accordance with the relevant legislation. The management and retention of personal data collected for the purposes indicated in this notice will take place on servers located within the University.

### **Notes on Data Subject Rights**

The data subject is hereby informed that they may request from the Data Controller, where applicable, access to their personal data pursuant to Article 15 of the Regulation, rectification pursuant to Article 16 of the Regulation, erasure pursuant to Article 17 of the Regulation (provided that such erasure does not conflict with legal obligations regarding data retention or the need to protect the University and its personnel in case of legal disputes), or restriction of processing pursuant to Article 18 of the Regulation.

Furthermore, the data subject may object to the processing under Article 21 and exercise the right to data portability under Article 20 of the Regulation.

### **How to Exercise Rights and Lodge a Complaint with the Supervisory Authority**

Without prejudice to the above, the data subject may exercise their rights under Articles 15–22 of the GDPR by using the contact details provided on page 1 of this privacy notice. For further information, they may consult the **Guide to Exercising Rights**, available on the dedicated section “Esercizio dei diritti in materia di protezione dei dati personali” of the following webpage: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/settore-privacy>.

In case of a violation of the Regulation, the data subject has the right to lodge a **complaint** with the Supervisory Authority pursuant to Article 77 of the Regulation. In Italy, this function is performed by the Data Protection Authority (Garante per la Protezione dei dati personali): <https://www.garanteprivacy.it>.

### **Categories of Data Subjects**

This privacy notice applies to applicants to the competitive call for admission to the PhD programmes for the 2026/2027 academic year – 42nd cycle.

Submitting the application for participation in the selection procedure entails the processing of personal data for the purpose of managing the procedure itself.

### **Categories of Recipients**

Personal data may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with applicable national and European legislation.

In particular, data may be shared with:

- PhD programme coordinators external to Sapienza University of Rome;
- External companies managing IT systems;
- Members of the Selection Committees;
- The Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR);
- The CINECA Consortium;
- Certifying authorities for the verification of declarations made under Presidential Decree No. 445/2000;
- The judicial authorities.

### **Data Communication and Transfer Abroad**

Personal data may be communicated abroad, specifically to academic institutions and/or funding bodies involved in the selection procedure.