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ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025 – 40TH CYCLE  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL  
INTEREST (DIN) ADMINISTERED BY SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME  
– HERITAGE SCIENCE – EARTH OBSERVATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – PEACE  
STUDIES**

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO	law of May 9, 1989, n. 168
HAVING REGARD TO	law of November 30, 1989, n. 398
HAVING REGARD TO	art. 19 of Law of December 30, 2010, n. 240
HAVING REGARD TO	D.M. no. 226 of December 14, 2021
HAVING REGARD TO	Sapienza PhD Regulations
HAVING REGARD TO	the Report of the Instructional Committee for PhDs of 04.04.2024;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Academic Senate of 16.04.2024, no. 110;
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Board of Governors of 23.04.2024, no. 140;
HAVING REGARD TO	the Ministerial decree n. 629 of 24/04/2024 which provides for the funding, for the academic year 2024/2025, of three-year duration PhD scholarships to attend PhD programmes for digital and environmental transitions, for research of interest to the PNRR; for the Public Administration and cultural heritage from the PNRR, Mission 4, component 1 "Enhancement of the offer of education services: from nursery schools to the University" - Investment 3.4 "Didactics and advanced university skills" and Investment 4.1 " Extension of the number of research PhDs and innovative PhDs for public administration and cultural heritage";
HAVING REGARD TO	the Ministerial Decree n. D.M. n. 630 of 24/04/2024 which provides for the funding, for the academic year 2024/2025, of three-year duration PhD scholarships to attend innovative accredited PhD programmes - Academic Year 2023/2024, from the PNRR, Mission 4, component 2 "From Research to Enterprise" – investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative PhDs responding to the innovation needs of companies and promotion of recruiting researchers from businesses";
HAVING REGARD TO	Notice 341 of March 15, 2022, "Public notice for the presentation of intervention proposals for the creation of "Partnerships extended to universities, research centres, companies for the financing of basic research projects" to be financed in the underof the PNRR Mission 4 Component 2 Investment 1.3;
HAVING REGARD TO	the DD No. 1549 of October 11, 2022, which approves the funding for the Extended Partnership dedicated to the theme PE1 "Artificial Intelligence: Foundational Aspects";
HAVING REGARD TO	the resolution of the Academic Senate of 14.05.2024, no. 130 with which the doctoral scholarships were allocated to the individual Courses and

identified the PhD programmes consistent with the binding themes referred to in art. 11 para. 6 of Ministerial Decree 629/2024 and art. 8 para. 7 of Ministerial Decree 630/2024;

HAVING REGARD TO the agreements stipulated or the commitment letters signed with financing entities or enterprises to guarantee the co-financing of Doctoral scholarships for which such co-financing is provided;

HAVING the obligations of the subjects implementing the interventions financed by CONSIDERED the PNRR to ensure that PhD students can benefit from qualified and specific operational and scientific structures for study and research activities; to promote, in compliance with intellectual property, the valorisation of research results through an adequate circulation of the results pursued, in any case according to the principles of "Open science" and "FAIR Data"; to comply with the principle "do not cause significant damage" (DNSH) pursuant to art. 17 of regulation (EU) 2020/852 in line with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01); to establish suitable procedures to address and bridge gender inequalities and in support of the participation of women and young people;

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 the following exam-based open call for admission to PhD Programmes of National Interest (DIN) of the 40th cycle - academic year 2024/2025, administered by Sapienza University of Rome. All DIN PhD programmes last three years.
2. In **Annex A**, which is to be considered an integral part of this call, is indicated the list of the DIN Programmes, including potential curricula, the number of the available positions, with and without scholarship, scholarship type, the CUP code in the case of scholarships funded under the PNRR projects, any specific thematic requirements and the type of examination tests.  
**In the same Annex A is indicated the website where candidates will find the specific admission procedures and evaluation criteria.**
3. The number of places 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 SCHOLARSHIPIS AVAILABLE

**1. Type 1 - PNRR PhD scholarships pursuant to Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Ministerial Decree 629/2024**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph relate to programmes concerning:

- research topics pertaining to digital and environmental transitions (Article 7 of the Ministerial Decree), research topics aimed at bringing about significant development of knowledge, including applied knowledge, in areas of interest of the PNRR (Article 8 of the Ministerial Decree), and applied research topics for Public Administrations (Article 9 of the Ministerial Decree), as regards the DIN in Artificial Intelligence;
- research topics pertaining to digital and environmental transitions (Article 7 of the Ministerial Decree) and research topics aimed at bringing about significant development of knowledge, including applied knowledge, in areas of interest of the PNRR (Article 8 of the Ministerial Decree), as regards the DIN in Earth Observation;
- research topics aimed at bringing about significant development of knowledge, including applied knowledge, in areas of interest of the PNRR (Article 8 of the Ministerial Decree), and applied research topics for Public Administrations (Article 9 of the Ministerial Decree), as regards the DIN in Peace Studies;
- applied research topics for Public Administrations (Article 9 of the Ministerial Decree) and research topics for cultural heritage (Article 10 of the Ministerial Decree), as regards the DIN in Heritage Science.

These types of scholarships entail:

- a) a bound research topic coherent with the specific projects, if not already individuated, which will be formalised by 1 September with procedures to be communicated to the winning recipients of such scholarships;
- b) mandatory periods of study and research abroad, even non-continuous and at multiple institutions, from a minimum of six (6) months up to a maximum of twelve (12) months over the three-year period, extendable to eighteen (18) months in case of joint supervision (cotutelle) of the thesis;
- c) the drafting, through the dedicated online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>), of a semi-annual report indicating the time commitment (divided into months at the company/institution if applicable, at the home institution, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the Coordinator of the PhD programme.

Furthermore, for the scholarships referred to in Articles 7 ("research topics pertaining to digital and environmental transitions"), 9 ("applied research topics for Public Administrations") and 10 ("research topics for cultural heritage") of the Ministerial Decree, the following are envisaged:

- d) further compulsory periods of study and research in companies, public administrations or research centres, including museums, institutes of the Ministry of Culture, archives, libraries from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, which may be non-continuous and at multiple institutions, over the three-year period.

## **2. Type 2 - PNRR PhD scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph, available to all DINs under the present call, concern innovative PhD programmes that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the hiring of researchers by companies. Such scholarships provide for partial co-financing of the scholarship by the host companies as well as:

- a) mandatory periods of study and research at the company from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, which may also be non-continuous and at multiple institutions, over the three-year period;
- b) further mandatory periods of study and research abroad, which may also be non-continuous and at multiple institutions, from a minimum of six (6) months up to a maximum of twelve (12) months over the three-year period, extendable to eighteen (18) months in case of joint supervision (cotutelle) of the thesis.

The periods of study and research referred to in letters a) and b) are distinct and must be carried out at different host institutions;

- c) a compulsory research topic coherent with the specific project under Ministerial Decree 630/24 (if not already individuated, will be formalised by 1 September with procedures to be communicated to the winning recipients of such scholarships);
- d) drafting, through the dedicated online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>), of a semi-annual report indicating the time commitment (divided into months at the company, at the home institution, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the Coordinator of the PhD programme.

The assignment of the scholarships referred to in this paragraph is subject to the condition of effectiveness pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 2 of this call for applications.

## **3. Type 3 - PhD scholarships financed by Extended Partnerships (PE)**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph, available only for the DIN in Artificial Intelligence, are financed by the projects under the PNRR Mission 4 Component 2 Investments 1.3 (Extended Partnerships) of which Sapienza is a beneficiary partner.

Therefore, the entire PhD path, training and research must be carried out in coherence with the topics and goals of the projects that fund the scholarship, in collaboration with the respective scientific referents of the Spoke and the project.

The winning candidate of the scholarship referred to in this paragraph must report on the research activities, as required by the PhD programme and the project, producing:

- a periodic summary of the main activities conducted, countersigned by the tutor and the scientific supervisor;
- suitable documentation attesting the activity conducted;
- a report indicating the time commitment.

#### **4. Type 4 - PhD scholarships financed by Departments and third parties**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are financed by public or private bodies, other Universities or Departments, Departments of excellence of Sapienza, some with a compulsory theme required by the funding body.

The assignment of the scholarships referred to in this paragraph is subject to the condition of effectiveness pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 2 of this call for applications.

#### **5. Type 5 - Sapienza PhD scholarships**

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

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

1. Access to the PhD programme is open to individuals of any age and nationality, who, by **October 31, 2024**, hold a degree from the pre-Ministerial Decree 509/99 system (so-called "old system") or *laurea specialistica* and/or *magistrale* (D.M. 509/99 or D.M. 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 (Art. 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 2024** will be admitted "with reserve" until they obtain it.
3. Winners of places without a scholarship enrolled in previous years may be admitted to the competitive tests for the same PhD programme to which they are already enrolled, but they are required to formally renounce their previous career by notifying the "PhD Unit – programmes and careers" before enrolment and by notifying the Board of Professors (*Collegio dei Decenti*) before the start of activities.
4. Those who have already obtained a PhD degree without a scholarship can participate in this call, provided that the predominant research topics and scientific-disciplinary sectors of the aspired PhD programme are different from those of the PhD programme for which the title was obtained.
5. Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a scholarship to attend PhD or equivalent programmes, at this University or another university in Italy, cannot benefit from another PhD scholarship.
6. Pursuant to Article 11, paragraph 6 of Ministerial Decree 629/24 and Article 8, paragraph 7 of Ministerial Decree 630/24, those who have already accepted a PNRR scholarship in previous cycles, at Sapienza or other universities, even in the case of subsequent renunciation of the same and even without receiving any instalment, may not select a Type 1 or 2 scholarship among those available in this call for applications.
7. When submitting the admission application, the candidate self-declares possession of the admission requirements referred to in this article pursuant to art. 76 of law 445/2000.
8. 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 Law no. 445/2000.

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

#### **ART. 4 - SIMULTANEOUS ENROLMENT**

1. Attendance to PhD programmes and benefit of the scholarship are compatible with the simultaneous enrolment in any degree programme, including programmes provided by AFAM sector (Higher Education for Art, Music and Dance).
2. Joint attendance to PhD programmes and specialisation schools in the health area with access reserved for doctors and non-doctors is compatible on condition that the emoluments are not accumulated and the student renounces to the PhD scholarship (art. 7 paragraph 1 letter b) of the Ministerial Decree 226/21) without prejudice to the provisions of the following paragraph 3 of this article.
3. Type 1 and 2 scholarships referred to in Article 2 of this call for applications cannot be assigned to those already enrolled in Specialization Schools in the healthcare area with access reserved for doctors, due to the prohibited accumulation of the respective emoluments with those, which cannot be renounced, received as a result of the stipulation of the medical specialization training contract.
4. Attendance of PhD programmes is incompatible with the simultaneous enrolment in another PhD Programme and Advanced Professional Course (in Italian called "*Master di I e II livello*").

#### **ART. 5 – APPLICATIONS**

1. When submitting the application, the candidates declare their intention to compete for the scholarship. They may specify which PhD scholarship(s) they wish to apply for, indicating their preferences in order of priority.  
However, these preferences will not be binding for the Commission mentioned in Art. 10 in the allocation of the scholarships.

2. **Applications must be submitted by 10 July 2024 at 23:59 pm (local time) without any exception.**

To submit the application, candidates must login to [Infostud](#), go to the "PhD Programmes" section, fill out the online form, proceed with uploading the required documents, and then close and submit the application.

The application can be modified until it is closed and submitted.

Only applications submitted by and no later than 10 July 2024 at 23:59 pm (local time) will be considered valid for the competition.

**Once closed and submitted, the application is unmodifiable and cannot be resubmitted.**

**The participation application once submitted, cannot be modified and can no longer be resubmitted.**

It is permitted to apply for more than one PhD programme.

**To participate in the competition, candidates must also pay the participation fee through the PagoPA system integrated into the online form.**

It will be possible to pay the participation fee for the competition by and no later than 10 July 2024 at 23:59 pm (local time).

In the case of applications for multiple programmes, a participation fee must be paid for each application submitted.

**Only applications that are "closed and submitted" with the corresponding payment will be considered valid for the competition.**

The receipt of the submitted application and the payment receipt must be kept by the candidate and presented to the Selection Committee and/or the PhD Sector - programmes and careers if requested.

Complaints due to any IT system malfunctions near the deadline will not be accepted, nor will the participation fee be refundable in any case; therefore, candidates are advised to complete the application process well in advance of the deadline to allow the Offices to provide the necessary assistance.

Instructions are available at <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/dottorati-presentazione-della-domanda> and the help-desk service is active within the application portal.

**Applications submitted or payments made in a manner other than that indicated in this article will not be accepted.**

## **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 art. 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 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 art. 3 of this call.
- **For candidates with a qualification obtained in a NON-EU country:** certification of the degree, as referred to in Article 3 of this call, with a list of exams and relative grades translated in Italian or English and legalized<sup>2</sup> (or with *Apostille*<sup>3</sup>).

## **ART. 7 – CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.esteri.it/it/servizi-consolari-e-visti/italiani-all-estero/traduzione-e-legalizzazione-documenti/legalizzazione-documenti/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/specialised-sections/apostille>



1. Candidates with legally recognised disabilities pursuant to art 3, para. 1 and 3 of law 104, February 5, 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) and attaching the documentation certifying the recognition of disability or the certificate of invalidity.
2. Candidates are granted additional time up to a maximum of 50% more than that defined for the test and, depending on the certification presented, the assistance of a tutor for writing and/or reading, an interpreter L.I.S, a basic calculator, an accessible table. Requests must be received strictly by the closing date of the call for applications.
3. Students with learning disabilities recognised pursuant to law 170/2010 and Ministerial Decree 5669/2011, requiring specific tools for the test shall make an official request at the Office for Students with Disabilities and Specific Learning Difficulties [testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it](mailto:testaccesso.inclusione@uniroma1.it) and sending proper certification provided by Italian National Health Service structures (Italian acronym SSN), or by specialists and accredited structures. Learning Difficulties certificates must mention the specific code and caption of the Learning Difficulty it refers to (reading, calculus, writing).
4. Candidates will be granted additional time for the admission test, equivalent to 30% of the standard exam duration, based on the type of disability certification they present. Additionally, applicants will be allowed to use a basic non-scientific calculator (subject to the type of disability certification presented), which they must provide themselves.

#### **ART. 8 – ORGANISATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHD STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAMME**

1. Scholarships of types 1, 2, 3 and 4 may be bound to a specific theme and/or location, and are offered within a framework of extensive sharing of the facilities necessary for carrying out teaching and research activities aimed at realizing the doctoral project. Therefore, the enrolled PhD students involved in a single, joint and shared teaching-scientific project, primarily conduct their research at the location responsible for the scholarship they hold, but they are guaranteed mobility among the different locations for scientific and training purposes.
2. The doctoral activity begins on 1 November of the first year of the programme and ends on 31 October of the third year of the programme.

#### **ART. 9 – ADMISSION EXAMS**

1. The admission exam to the DIN PhD programmes is aimed at guaranteeing an appropriate 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 DIN PhD programme, shown in Annex A.**
2. Candidates are required to arrive in the stated place, date and time without attending further convocation, as indicated in the course webpage shown in Annex A. Candidates shall provide an ID to participate in the test.
3. The oral examination may also be conducted via videoconference as indicated on the course webpage referenced in Annex A. If this mode is not provided, it can still be requested for proven and documented reasons of impediment by submitting an application to the PhD Coordinator, with adequate notice prior to the scheduled date of 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. The oral examination may also take place over several days, according to a schedule that will be made available from the date indicated on the same webpage.
4. A foreign language examination may also be included, as specified on the webpages of the individual DIN PhD programme mentioned in Annex A.

#### **ART. 10 – 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. The Selection Committees consists of at least three members chosen from full or associate professors or researchers from Italian and foreign universities, or qualified research institutions in disciplines pertaining to the scientific areas of the PhD Programme. In the case of a Committee formed by more than three members, the members of the Committee external to the Board of Professors must be at least two. The Committee may be supplemented by the addition of no more than two experts chosen from public and private research bodies and institutions, including foreign ones, provided they have documented particular expertise in the disciplinary areas of the training programme.
3. In the case of Type 3 scholarships, the Selection Committees may be supplemented by a scientific expert from the funded projects.
4. For DIN 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 Course webpages listed in Annex A of this Call.

5. The meetings of the Selection Committee are held in person, either wholly or in part. Remote participation by one or more members is possible.
6. The Selection Committees will define, in preliminary meetings, the methods of application of the evaluation criteria indicated in the grids published on the individual DIN Course webpages, which will be reported in the competition minutes.
7. In the case of scholarships with a specific theme, the Committee will ensure that the candidates have a scientific and cultural profile consistent with the topic of the scholarship awarded, indicating this in the competition minutes.
8. For each examination conducted, the Committee will publish the **results on the website of the individual DIN PhD Programme**, indicating, next to each candidate, identified by their Student ID number (in Italian "*matricola*"), the score obtained. The published results will only show the candidates who have passed the examinations; if the oral examinations are spread over several days, the Committee will display the evaluations of the examined candidates at the end of each day.
9. The Committee will publish the final outcome document indicating the overall score obtained and the eligibility for the specific scholarship.

#### **ART. 11 – RANKINGS AND APPROVAL OF ACTS**

1. The rankings will indicate the sum of the marks obtained in the admission tests. Candidates will be admitted to the DIN PhD programmes in descending order of scores, up to the number of places available.
2. The ranking list is single even for the DIN PhD Programmes divided into curricula. The activation of a particular curriculum will depend on the position in the ranking of the candidates who have applied for that curriculum.
3. For candidates admitted **with a PhD scholarship**, the rankings will show, in addition to the scores obtained in the admission examinations and the chosen curriculum (if any), **the specific scholarship assigned** as per Article 2. The specific scholarship will be assigned based on the eligibility assessments expressed by the Committee and reported in the final outcome document referred to in Article 10.
4. In the case of a scholarship funded for a specific curriculum, it can only be assigned to the candidate placed in a useful position in the ranking (i.e., within the number of available PhD places) who has opted for that curriculum or has been deemed eligible for that curriculum by the Committee.
5. For **candidates admitted without a scholarship and for eligible non-admitted candidates**,

the rankings will show, in addition to the marks obtained in the admission tests and any chosen curriculum (and/or possibly the curriculum(s) for which the Committee has attributed suitability), suitability for the specific scholarship(s), based on the suitability assessments expressed by the Committee, reported on the final outcome document referred to in the previous art. 10.

6. In the event of a renunciation or failure to enroll by the winner of a scholarship of any type by the deadline indicated in the rankings, the scholarship will be reassigned on a sliding scale based on the score to the first eligible candidate placed in the ranking (i.e., within the number of available PhD places) who has been deemed eligible for the specific scholarship by the Committee.
7. After verification of regularity of procedures by the PhD Unit - programmes and careers, the **final rankings** will be published exclusively on the website <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/elenco-dei-corsi-di-dottorato>.
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 place covered by scholarship the candidate with a less favourable economic condition will prevail, pursuant to the Prime Ministerial Decree n 159, art. 8, para. 4 of December 5, 2013.
  - In the event of a tie for a place without scholarship candidates with the following characteristics will prevail:
    1. higher graduation mark;
    2. in the event of same graduation mark, higher average mark;
    3. in the event of same graduation mark and average mark, 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 place.

## **ART. 12 – ENROLMENT TO PHD PROGRAMMES**

1. All PhD admitted candidates, including those admitted in supernumerary as per Articles 7 and 8 of this call, are required to pay a stamp duty of €16,00 and a regional tax of €140,00.
2. **Candidates who anticipate completing their master's degree by 31 October 2024** and are therefore temporarily unable to enrol, must communicate their intention to accept the place and enrol in the PhD programme as soon as they obtain their required degree, according to the methods that will be indicated in the communication referred to in the art. 11 para. 9 of this call. Along with their communication of intent, they must attach a scanned copy of their identification document. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. The communication of intent and the attached ID scan must be received by the deadline published on the rankings. Failure to meet this deadline will be considered a withdrawal of the place.
3. PhD students with a recognised disability of at least 66% or with a disability recognised under Article 3, para. 3 or para. 1, of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, are exempt from paying the regional tax. Upon enrolment, they must provide documentation attesting to their status to the PhD Unit - programmes and careers at the email address [ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it](mailto:ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it).
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 11, paragraph 9:
  1. **certificate of the academic qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call**, authenticated with an *Apostille*<sup>4</sup> stamp, or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized<sup>5</sup> by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country whose education system the qualification refers to;
  2. **transcript of records (ToR) of the academic qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call**, in the original language, authenticated with an *Apostille*<sup>6</sup> stamp, or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized<sup>7</sup> by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country whose education system the qualification refers to;
  3. **official Italian translation of the aforementioned certificates under letters a) and b) of this paragraph**, if the certificates are not already issued in Italian or English. Both documents must be legalized<sup>8</sup> (or with an *Apostille*<sup>9</sup> stamp);

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<sup>4</sup> See note 3

<sup>5</sup> See note 2

<sup>6</sup> See note 3

<sup>7</sup> See note 2

<sup>8</sup> See note 2

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4. **statement of comparability**<sup>10</sup> of the academic qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call, issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre (CIMEA)<sup>11</sup>:

or:

- **Declaration of Value**<sup>12</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 Commission, the Council of Europe and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)), legalized<sup>13</sup> (or with an *Apostille*<sup>14</sup> stamp)

5. In addition to the aforementioned documentation under paragraph 4 of this article, for the purposes of enrolment, the following must be produced by the date indicated in the communication referred to in Article 11, 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 Revenue Agency;
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.** Foreign candidates requiring a visa for "*post-graduate studies*" must first access the UNIVERSITALY<sup>15</sup> portal and complete the relevant "pre-enrolment application", which must

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<sup>10</sup> For the countries that are signatories to the Lisbon Recognition Convention listed in the *Automatic Recognition Database* <https://ardi.cimea.it/it>, developed by CIMEA experts, it is possible to download a *Statement of Correspondence* by type of qualification of the country whose education system the qualification refers to. The document produced by this ARDI platform does not provide statements of comparability for individual qualifications but describes the main types of academic and final upper secondary school qualifications from the countries that have signed the Lisbon Convention and provides a comparative opinion on their correspondence with Italian qualifications. The aforementioned statement of correspondence produced by the ARDI platform does not in any case constitute proof that the individual qualification is effectively comparable to the "corresponding" qualification referred to in Article 3 of this call; therefore, the University reserves the right to request any further documentation useful for meeting the qualification requirement for access to the PhD programme.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.cimea.it/pagina-attestati-di-comparabilita-e-verifica-dei-titoli>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.miur.gov.it/dichiarazione-di-valore>

<sup>13</sup> See note 2

<sup>14</sup> See note 3

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>

subsequently be presented to the Italian Diplomatic Representation in their place of residence once digitally validated by the PhD Unit – programmes and careers.

### **ART. 13 - SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. The annual amount of the scholarship is € **16.243,00** gross of statutory withholdings to be paid by students, pursuant to M.D 247/2022. The duration of the scholarship is equal to the legal duration of the programme. Scholarships are paid on a monthly basis.

**Payment of the scholarship financed by external bodies is subject to the payment of the amount owed to Sapienza by the body.**

2. The amount of the scholarship is increased up to 50% for authorised periods abroad up to 12 months. Such periods may be extended up to a total of 18 months for joint PhDs with international institutions.
3. The **gross annual salary** limit to benefit from the scholarship is € 16.243,00 – scholarship excluded
4. The examples of partial or total incompatibility to benefit from the scholarship are determined by the regulation in force. In particular, scholarships cannot be accumulated with research grants or other scholarships granted at any title, exception made for scholarships assigned by national or international institutions which are useful to integrate the training and research activity of scholarship holders and with financing from MUR funding for young researchers
5. In the event of sudden incompatibility, the instalments for the scholarship wrongfully received must be returned. This refers to the whole academic year or any received fraction. Those who have already benefited from a study scholarship cannot benefit from a second one under the same title.
6. 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, as referred to in Article 3 of the present call, and residing abroad (maximum one per PhD Programme).
7. Attendance of the PhD programme and/or use of the scholarship may be suspended for a maximum of six (6) months as provided for in Article 16bis of the University PhD Regulations, following a written request from the doctoral student, in the following cases: a) military or civil service; b) study or fixed-term work opportunities that are not incompatible with subsequently resuming doctoral activities; c) serious and documented illness; d) caregivers of beneficiaries under Law no. 104/92; e) foreign students awaiting a visa.
8. The provisions protecting parenthood set forth in the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Policies of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of 23 October 2007, apply to doctoral students.

#### **ART. 13bis – SCHOLARSHIPS TYPE 1 AND 2 – ANNULMENT AND FORFEITURE**

1. By submitting the application, the candidate in the event of **assignment of a scholarship type 1 or 2** (art.2 of this call), accepts that:
  - a) The enrolment to the PhD and allocation of the scholarship is subject to the positive results of MUR checks on coherence and correspondence of the project to the thematic areas subject to the PNRR projects
  - b) That the modification of the project objectives and expected results (if not previously authorized by the MUR) will result in the revocation of the study scholarship and the restitution of any amounts already received in the semester in which the revocation occurred, unless otherwise provided for by ministerial provisions;
  - c) That any negative assessment by the Board of Professors (*Collegio dei Docenti*), pursuant to Article 16 bis of the Sapienza PhD Regulations, will result in the revocation of the study scholarship, exclusion from the PhD programme, and the restitution of the scholarship amounts already received for the semester in which the revocation occurred, unless otherwise provided for by ministerial provisions;
  - d) That withdrawal from the PhD programme will result in the restitution of the monthly instalments received in the semester in which the withdrawal was submitted, except for the instalments received in relation to the half-yearly periods of activity already carried out or in case of different ministerial provisions;
  - e) That the request for withdrawal, even temporary, from the use of a Type 1 or 2 scholarship alone, in the event that proper reporting has not been carried out within the terms provided for by the respective decree and/or subsequent communications implementing it, will result in the forfeiture of said scholarship and the restitution of the monthly instalments received in the semester in which said withdrawal was submitted, unless otherwise provided for by ministerial provisions. In any case, the periods of suspension referred to in Article 13, paragraphs 7 and 8 of this call for applications are safeguarded.
2. In the event of withdrawal or revocation of a Type 1 or 2 scholarship, the remaining amount may be used to allow another candidate to take over only until 30 April 2025.

#### **ART. 14 – “BUDGET FOR RESEARCH ACIVITIES” AND “BUDGET FOR RESEARCH ABROAD” TO NON-BENEFICIARIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Every PhD student, with or without scholarship has a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad corresponding to 20% of the amount of the scholarship.



PhD students without scholarship will also have access to an amount corresponding to 50% of the scholarship parametrised on a research period abroad of a maximum of 12 months, beforehand authorised by the PhD Programme Coordinator and confirmed by the host institution. Such period can be extended to a maximum of 18 months in case of joint agreements (cotutelle) with international bodies.

#### **ART. 15 – EFFECTIVENESS**

1. This Call is issued pending the accreditation of PhD programmes in accordance with Ministerial Decree 226/2021. For those programmes that are not accredited, activation for the 40th cycle - academic year 2024/2025 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.

#### **ART. 16 – PROCEDURE MANAGER AND PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

Pursuant to art. 5 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 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.

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. 17 - PUBLICATION**

This call, together with the English version, will be published 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. 18 - 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>.

**RECTOR**

Prof.ssa Antonella Polimeni

**ANNEX A**  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL**  
**INTEREST (DIN) ADMINISTERED BY SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME**  
**– HERITAGE SCIENCE – EARTH OBSERVATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – PEACE**  
**STUDIES**  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025 – 40TH CYCLE

**List of PhD Programmes of National Interest (DIN)**

On the web pages of each DIN PhD programme are indicated all the information, including the examination process and available places and scholarships.

- [NATIONAL PHD IN HERITAGE SCIENCE](#)
- [NATIONAL PHD IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE](#)
- [NATIONAL PHD IN EARTH OBSERVATION](#)
- [NATIONAL PHD IN PEACE STUDIES](#)

**ANNEX B**  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL**  
**INTEREST (DIN) ADMINISTERED BY SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME - ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**2024/2025 – 40TH CYCLE**

**Controller of the data**

Sapienza University of Rome is the owner of the data processing; the legal representative of the University is the pro tempore Rector.

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Contact details of the Data Protection Officer

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**Legal basis and aims of the data processing**

In accordance with art. 6 of the Regulation, the data processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the legitimate exercise of official authority.

Personal data will only be processed for purposes of the conducting of the PhD programmes and for candidates' application.

Namely, the information will be collected and processed for the following purpose:

- verification of the requirements to participate to the competitive examination.

**Nature of data provision and consequences of potential refusal.**

The data collected will be processed fairly and lawfully, in accordance with the law. The treatment will be made also by means of computer and telecommunication tools appropriate to guarantee the safety and protect the confidentiality. The handling of the data is mandatory. The refusal will make impossible the application to the call.

**Processing methods and authorized data processors**

The collection of data is carried out in compliance with the principles of relevance, completeness, and non-excessiveness in relation to the purposes for which they are processed. The processing of the aforementioned data is carried out through manual, paper-based, and computerized procedures, by entering them into paper and/or electronic archives solely for the purpose of fulfilling legal requirements or for administrative and educational purposes, by authorized individuals responsible for data processing.

**Rights of the data subject.**

The data subject will have the right to obtain from the controller the access of the data related to him or her are being processed, (art. 15 of the Regulation), the rectification without delay of inaccurate or

incomplete personal data (art.16 of the Regulation), the erasure (art. 17 of the Regulation), the restriction (art. 18), portability (art. 20 of the Regulation). The data subjects have the right to object to processing their personal data (art. 21 of the Regulation). In case of violation of the provisions above, the data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority.

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**The application to competitive examination implies the knowledge of the information above.**