



Allegato B

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL PHD COURSE IN FRONTIER SCIENCES IN SUSTAINABILITY, DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

XLII CYCLE - 2026/2027 Academic Year

SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ARTICLE 1 – THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

The second call for applications to Industrial PhD Course in *Frontier sciences in sustainability, diplomacy and international cooperation*, cycle XLII - 2026/2027 academic year, based at the **University for Foreigners of Perugia** - Department of International Human and Social Sciences (SUSI).

The Course has a duration of three years and it is divided into **two programmes**:

1. Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability;
2. Diplomacy and International Cooperation.

The PhD positions with scholarship available for each of the two programmes are specified below:

Programme 1 - Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability

**n. 1 subject-specific PhD position, co-funded by the Umbria Region on the research topic:
(Code: 2026_12_FRONTIER_AI_GOOD)**

CUN (National University Council) Areas and Scientific Disciplinary Fields covered

- **Area 09 - Industrial and information engineering:**
ING-INF/05 - Information Processing Systems (IINF-05/A)
- **Area 12 - Law studies:**
IUS/01 - Private Law (ex DM 639/24: GIUR-01/A);
IUS/13 - International Law (ex DM 639/24: GIUR-09/A)
IUS/21 Comparative public law (GIUR-11/B)
- **Area 13 - Economics and statistics:**

SECS-P/12 - Economic History (ex DM 639/24: STEC-01/B)

- **Area 14 - Political and social sciences:**

SPS/07 - General Sociology (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-05/A);

SPS/08 Sociology of Cultural and Communication Processes (GSPS-06/A)

Programme 2 – Diplomacy and International Cooperation

n. 1 subject-specific PhD position, co-funded by the Umbria Region on the research topic: (Code: 2026_13_FRONTIER_AI_PEACE)

CUN (National University Council) Areas and Scientific Disciplinary Fields covered:

- **Area 10 - Antiquities, philology, literary studies, art history:**
L-LIN/07 Spanish Language, Translation and Linguistics (ex DM 639/24: SPAN-01/C)
- **Area 11 - History, philosophy, pedagogy and psychology:**
M-STO/04 Contemporary History (ex DM 639/24: HIST-03/A)
- **Area 12 - Law studies:**
IUS/13 - International law (GIUR-09/A)
IUS/21 Comparative Public Law (ex DM 639/24: GIUR-11/B)
- **Area 14 - Political and social sciences:**
SPS/02 History of political doctrines (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-03/A – History of Political Thought)
SPS/04 Political Science (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-02/A);
SPS/06 History of International Relations (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-04/B);
SPS/08 - Sociology of Cultural and Communication Processes (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-06/A)
SPS/13 - History and Institutions of Africa (GSPS-04/C)

The number of PHD positions with scholarship may be increased if further funding from external, public or private bodies is obtained either through competitive tenders or through agreements, no later than the start date of the Course. In this case a special Rectoral Decree, for the possible availability of further slots, will be published on the University website at <https://www.unistrapg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/concorsi-e-selezioni-dottorati-assegni-borse-e-contratti-attivita-di-ricerca>.

If new funding is allocated to specific topics and projects, the University reserves the right to use new selection procedures.

This call for applications aims to allocate the places funded by the Umbria Region under the public call for expressions of interest 'PR Umbria European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) 2021–2027 – Education and Training Axis'. Specific Objective g) – Approval of the Public Call for Expressions of Interest to participate in the initiative "Supporting the completion of PhD programmes aimed at strengthening tertiary education. XLII cycle (academic year 2026/2027)", published in the Official Regional Gazette (BUR) No. 34 of 31 July 2026.

The scholarship places funded by the Umbria Region will only be made available following authorisation by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR), taking into account the favourable opinion already expressed regarding the accreditation of the PhD programme.

Should the authorisation and accreditation integration procedure result in a negative outcome, the places will not be made available; any selection procedure already completed will be deemed null and void, and those enrolled will be promptly notified by email.

Teaching Centres

The teaching activities related to the Industrial PhD Course in *Frontier sciences in sustainability, diplomacy and international cooperation* will be carried out at the University for Foreigners Perugia. The PhD Course will start indicatively on 1 november 2026.

ART. 2 – SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The PHD programme offers the following positions:

- A. **n. 1** position with a scholarship for a specific research topic within the “Liberal Arts and Sciences in Sustainability” curriculum, funded by the Umbria Region, titled: “AI for Good: Artificial Intelligence for Territorial Sustainability” (**Codice: 2026_12_FRONTIER_AI_GOOD**) ;
- B. **n. 1** position for a specific research topic within the “Diplomacy and International Cooperation” curriculum, funded by the Umbria Region, titled: “AI for Peace: The Umbria System as a National and International Hub for Peace Promotion” (**Codice: 2026_13_FRONTIER_AI_PEACE**).

A. Research Topic: “AI for Good: Artificial Intelligence for Territorial Sustainability” (Codice: 2026_12_FRONTIER_AI_GOOD)

Description:

The research project focuses on the study of artificial intelligence-based applications and/or strategies aimed at contributing to the achievement of selected targets under the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), translating global sustainability challenges into concrete solutions and/or strategies tailored to the specific characteristics of the regional context.

The research aims to explore the potential of Artificial Intelligence for the common good (AI for Good), analyzing the contribution that emerging technologies can make towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda, with particular attention to opportunities for innovation and development within the regional context. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective based on continuous dialogue between computer and engineering sciences, social sciences and legal studies, the research will investigate how artificial intelligence and data-driven approaches can be used to address the main sustainability challenges affecting the territory.

Areas of interest include, in particular but not exclusively, reducing inequalities and social vulnerabilities, designing inclusive communities, improving the quality of services, and promoting sustainability across its economic, social and environmental dimensions, while taking into account the specific characteristics and needs of the regional context. The ultimate objective is to define solutions and/or strategies that harness technological innovation as a driver of responsible development, capable of addressing global challenges while simultaneously responding to the needs of the local economic, institutional and social system.

Relevant Academic Disciplines: IINF-05/A; GIUR-09/A; GIUR-01/A; GIUR-11/B; GSPS-05/A; GSPS-06/A; STEC-01/B.

B. Research Topic: "AI for Peace: The Umbria System as a National and International Hub for Peace Promotion"

(Codice: 2026_13_FRONTIER_AI_PEACE)

Description:

The proposed project, which is fully aligned with the strategic framework of the PhD track in Diplomacy and International Cooperation, also directly contributes to the international strategy embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, it actively contributes to SDG 16, which promotes peaceful and inclusive societies and effective institutions. The project proposes the responsible use of artificial intelligence to help build a society—at local, national and international levels—committed to promoting dialogue and peace.

The project also makes a specific contribution to the regional context. It will help define more clearly and precisely what is meant by the "Umbria system". While this certainly encompasses an integrated network of economic and productive actors, it extends well beyond them. The Umbria system also includes a range of institutional, cultural, social and religious organisations that embody a value that has long contributed to defining the identity of the region. Through these values and institutions, Umbria projects itself internationally with an authority and influence that extend beyond its geographical size and productive capacity. Artificial intelligence will play a significant role in the project, enabling the mapping of institutions and the assessment of the impact of initiatives and events on a scale that would be difficult to achieve using other tools and methodologies. This will provide valuable insights not only into the results achieved by the Umbria system, but also into the development of more effective synergies and strategies for the future. The research project is based on the premise that the Umbria system, centered around the cities of Perugia and Assisi, represents a hub of international relevance for the promotion of dialogue and cooperation on issues related to peace. The celebrations marking the 800th anniversary of St Francis have provided an opportunity to formally acknowledge the importance of this regional hub, which has attracted prominent individuals and institutions of national and international standing.

The project aims to map the institutions and networks that, both historically and today, have contributed to promoting the ideals of peace in Italy, Europe and worldwide. What is currently lacking is a clear understanding of the actors involved and of the functions performed by the various institutions operating in Umbria in relation to these issues. The project will therefore first undertake a historical reconstruction of the various institutions, secular and religious, public and private, that have been involved in peace-related issues in different capacities.

The main actors to be included in this mapping process will include municipal and regional institutions, curial and diocesan institutions, as well as the network of foundations and third-sector organizations that have enriched the regional landscape over the years. A specific role has also been played by the University for Foreigners of Perugia, which, on the occasion of its centenary, launched an initiative to enhance and promote its documentary heritage. Within this process of mapping institutions and policies, artificial intelligence can play a highly significant role and provide valuable support to the social scientist conducting the research. More specifically, AI can be used to systematically integrate the various documentary sources that are currently being digitized. Furthermore, AI can be effectively employed in the study of major events of

international significance, from the – Perugia - Assisi Peace March to major interreligious dialogue initiatives, providing evidence and insights that purely qualitative analysis might overlook.

Relevant Academic Disciplines: GSPS-03/A; GIUR-11/B; GSPS-06/A; GSPS-04/C; HIST-03/A; GIUR-09/A; GSPS-04/B; SPAN-01/C; GSPS-02/A

ARTICLE 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those who, by the expiry date of this notice, hold one of the following qualifications may apply for admission to the PhD Course referred to in the preceding article, regardless of gender, age or nationality:

- a) Old system degree (prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99);
- b) Postgraduate specialisation degree (Ministerial Decree 509/99) or Master's degree (Ministerial Decree 270/04);
- c) Qualifications equivalent to the qualifications referred to in the previous points, or second-level academic qualifications awarded by institutions belonging to the AFAM (Advanced Artistic and Musical Education) sector;
- d) An academic qualification obtained abroad at an officially recognised academic institution (Master's degree or equivalent). This qualification must be comparable to the Master's degree (second level) and must be valid for enrolment in an academic course similar to the PhD in the country of origin.

Candidates who obtain the qualification referred to in points a), b), c) or d) no later than 31 October 2026 may also participate in the selection procedure. In this case, admission to the PhD course is conditional upon the actual attainment of the degree. Self-certification or documentation proving achievement of the qualification must be sent to the PhD Office (by e-mail to the following addresses dottorato@unistrapg.it and protocollo@pec.unistrapg.it) by the above-mentioned deadline, under penalty of forfeiture.

If the degree is not attained by the deadline indicated, the student cannot be admitted to the course.

The Commission will assess **the suitability of the foreign qualification** to be obtained on the basis of the documentation attached to the application for admission to the selection process. If the documentation submitted does not provide sufficient information for the assessment, the Commission reserves the right to exclude the relevant applications.

In the case of a foreign qualification obtained or to be obtained by a candidate who is not an Italian citizen, proof of **Italian language proficiency at B2 level** is also required: CELI, CILS, PLIDA, Cert.It, Ce.Co.L., to be documented by a copy of the language proficiency certificate. Certificates issued by universities in partnership with Italian Cultural Institutes abroad or other accredited bodies will also be accepted, as will diplomas in Italian language and culture obtained from the Universities for Foreigners in Perugia and Siena.

ARTICLE 4 – ADMISSION APPLICATION

1) SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Applications for admission to the PhD course must be submitted **exclusively** through the online application procedure available on the ESSE3 WEB (Cineca) web platform at <https://unistrapg.esse3.cineca.it/Root.do> ,

from 12.00 pm (Italian time) on 15 September 2026 and no later than 12.00 pm (Italian time) on 15 October 2026, failing which the application will be excluded.

There are two steps required to apply for admission to the course:

A. REGISTRATION ON THE UNIVERSITY'S ESSE3WEB

Go to <https://unistrapg.esse3.cineca.it> to register on Esse3WEB, click on 'Registration' in the top-right-hand menu and fill in the required details. Once registration is complete (on the "Registration complete" page), the applicant will see their login details.

Those who already have login details for Esse3WEB at the University for Foreigners of Perugia do not need to register again but should use their existing credentials.

B. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Go to <https://unistrapg.esse3.cineca.it> to complete the application for admission to the course:

- log in to your personal account on Esse3WEB of the University for Foreigners of Perugia by clicking on 'Login' in the top-right-hand menu, using the login details obtained during registration;
- in the top right-hand menu, go to Registrar's Office > Admission Test
- select the course for which you wish to apply and complete the application with the required details and attachments.

Once you have completed the form, the 'Preliminary Registration Number' will be displayed at the top of the 'Competition for Admission' section on the final 'Competition Registration Summary' page; please make a note of this number (see Article 7). You can download the completed application form by clicking on the 'Print Application Form' button.

The application may be completed in one or more sessions; once submitted, the application may be amended until the deadline of this Call for Applications.

For more detailed information on completing the application, please consult the "Instructions for submitting the application via Esse3WEB-Unistrapg" published on the admissions notice webpage.

Applications and supporting documents submitted by any means other than the designated online procedure ESSE3 WEB (Cineca) will not be accepted; no documentation delivered or sent in paper or electronic format to the University for Foreigners of Perugia will be accepted.

Applicants may apply for only one of the two curricula offered by the PhD programme.

In their application, candidates must specify which scholarships they are applying for, as detailed below:

- application for admission to the **Programme 1 - Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability**
Applicants may submit up one application for the subject-specific PhD scholarship *AI for Good: Artificial Intelligence for Territorial Sustainability* (**Codice: 2026_12_FRONTIER_AI_GOOD**) referred to in Article 2.
- application for admission to the **Programme 2 – Diplomacy and International Cooperation**
Applicants may only apply for the subject-specific PhD scholarship *"AI for Peace: The Umbria System as a National and International Hub for Peace Promotion"* (**Codice: 2026_13_FRONTIER_AI_PEACE**) referred to in Article 2.

2) DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED

The following documentation must be submitted with the application for admission to the selection process:

- ✓ **Copy of a valid identity document**, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure;
- ✓ **Documentation certifying the qualification obtained or to be obtained**, failure to provide this will result in exclusion from the selection process, as it is a requirement for entry into the call for applications (see Article 3):
 - **If the qualification has been or is to be obtained in Italy:** The details of the qualification (university, title, date, grade achieved) must be included in the application by completing the relevant fields on the Esse 3 Web platform
 - **If the qualification has been or is to be obtained abroad:**

- A. Degree obtained abroad and recognised as equivalent to an Italian degree by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities: the name of the Italian university, the date and details of the measure by which equivalence was declared and the documentation attesting to the declaration of equivalence must be indicated.
- B. In the case of a qualification obtained abroad that has not yet been recognised as equivalent: candidates are admitted to the selection process on a provisional basis and must attach to their application the Diploma Supplement (only for those who obtained their university qualification in EU countries), or the Declaration of Value issued by the competent Italian diplomatic authority in the country where the qualification was obtained, or the CIMEA Certificate of Comparability (Centre for Information on Mobility and Academic Equivalences).

The aforementioned documentation must contain the following elements:

- nature and level of the institution that awarded the foreign qualification;
 - legal duration of the course of study;
 - entry requirements for the course;
 - any mark obtained in accordance with the current grading system;
 - the value of the qualification in the country of origin for the purposes of continuing studies.
- C. Foreign degree still to be attained: Candidates are provisionally admitted to the selection process and must attach to their application a certificate of enrolment on the degree programme, the final qualification of which is a prerequisite for admission to the PhD programme, together with a list of scheduled and completed exams, including the corresponding credits and marks, and an indication of the expected date of graduation.

If this certificate is written in a language other than Italian or English, it must be accompanied by an official translation into one of these languages (Italian/English) and certified as a true copy of the original either by the university that issued it, by the relevant Italian authorities, or by bodies recognised by the relevant Italian authorities in accordance with current regulations; failure to do so will result in exclusion from the selection process. In the case of a foreign degree to be obtained, where the university course is divided into first and second cycles: the application must also be accompanied by the first-cycle degree certificate (Bachelor's degree) and the list of examinations taken to obtain the relevant qualification (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree).

- ✓ **Certification of Italian language proficiency at B2 level:** CELI, CILS, PLIDA, Cert.It, Ce.Co.L. – only for candidates who are not Italian citizens, if the qualification was obtained or is to be obtained abroad; this is an entry requirement for the call for applications (see Article 3), and failure to meet this requirement will result in exclusion from the selection process. Certificates issued by universities in partnership with Italian Cultural Institutes abroad or other accredited bodies will also be accepted,

as will diplomas in Italian language and culture obtained from the Universities for Foreigners of Perugia and Siena;

- A. **Dissertation summary** (relating to the degree for admission to the PhD course), in Italian or English, of no more than 10,000 characters including spaces, accompanied by a summary bibliography of the dissertation of no more than 3,000 characters including spaces, under penalty of non-assessment of the title; if the degree has not yet been awarded, the summary of the dissertation in progress must be attached, countersigned by the dissertation supervisor, under penalty of non-assessment of the title;
- B. **Copy of Master's dissertation**, for candidates with an access degree already obtained or, for candidates with a foreign degree, a copy of the dissertation relating to the academic diploma required for access to the PhD;
- C. **Research project**, written in Italian or English, in accordance with the 'Research Proposal Template' available on the call for applications webpage, and consistent with the specified theme for which the application is being submitted under penalty of non-evaluation of the title;
- D. **Scientific publications** (copy), related to the research field of the chosen Programme, under penalty of non-evaluation of the title;
- E. **Other qualifications** deemed useful for the evaluation, specifically:
 - Relevant first level university Master's qualification;
 - Relevant second level university Master's qualification;
 - Relevant advanced training courses;
 - English language certificates (at least B2 level);
 - Language certifications for languages other than Italian and English
 of which certificates and self-certifications on possession must be attached, under penalty of non-evaluation of the qualification;
- ✓ **Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum** (preferably in European or Europass format) in Italian or English, signed in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;

The **research project** submitted as an attachment to the application must be consistent with the specified theme for which the application is being submitted, and drafted in Italian or English, under penalty of non-evaluation of the title, using the "Research Project Template" attached to the Call for Applications and available in the online application procedure, and must be no longer than 15,000 characters, including spaces, abstracts and notes, and excluding bibliography.

The Project must include:

- an abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, including spaces),
- current status and contextualisation of the subject,
- methods,
- expected results,
- bibliography.

Scientific publications must be submitted as an attachment to the application, in electronic format (pdf), indicating the author, year of publication, publishing house, name of the journal, ISSN or ISBN or ISMN code. Reference may not be made to documents or publications submitted to this or other authorities, or to documents attached to another application to take part in another selection procedure.

For the purposes of this selection, published scientific publications pertaining to the field of research of the chosen Programme will be eligible for evaluation.

Works printed in Italy must comply with the requirements of Article 1 of Legislative Decree 660 of 31 August 1945.

For publications or works printed abroad, the date and place of publication must be indicated.

Only those degrees held on the closing date of the Call for Applications and submitted as an attachment to the application will be assessed.

All documentation submitted by applicants for the purpose of submitting applications will be subject to checks aimed at verifying its authenticity and truthfulness. Any document found to be false will result in the exclusion of the candidate from the selection procedures at any stage of the procedure, even after the tests have been held and the selection process has been completed. Any documentation found to be false will be pursued in accordance with the law.

The University may order the exclusion from the competitive selection of candidates whose documentation is found to be faulty or who provide false self-declarations, even after enrolment and the start of the course. Should the candidate be excluded after admission to the course, he/she shall also be required to repay any scholarships received. In this case, exclusion will be ordered by Rectoral Decree.

3) DISABILITIES (DIS) AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS (SLD)

Candidates with disabilities (DIS) or specific learning difficulties (SLD) who wish to request the support provided for under current regulations for the oral examination must do so at the application stage by completing the relevant fields on the Esse 3 Web platform.

Disability certification must be:

- issued by the local health authority (INPS), pursuant to Law No 118 of 30 March 1971 (civil invalidity);
- or
- issued by the competent public health facility for the territory, pursuant to Law 104/1992 and subsequent amendments (disability certificate).

SLD certificates must:

- meet the 2011 Consensus Conference criteria;
- be issued by NHS facilities or accredited bodies no more than 3 years before the date of the admission interview, except in the case of certifications issued after the age of majority (Article 3 of Law 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 24/07/2012).
- be complete with diagnosis and nosographic reference codes, according to Law 170/2010.

Applicants with disabilities or specific learning disorders (SLD) residing in foreign countries, who wish to benefit from the measures referred to in the previous paragraph, must present a certification attesting to their disability or SLD condition issued in their country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation in Italian or English. Failure to submit the documents online by the deadline specified in this notice will not entitle the applicant to the requested assistance.

ARTICLE 5 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

The admission examinations are based on qualifications, research project and oral test.

The Selection Committee can award a total of 100 points.

The score is broken down as follows:

1) ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: maximum score 30/100 (minimum score for admission to the oral test: 15/30)

- A. **Degree marks** related to the degree held, required for access to the PhD (maximum 5 points)
- 110 cum laude: 5 points

- 108/110 to 110/110: 4 points
- 105/110 to 107/110: 3 points
- 102/110 to 104/110: 2 points
- 99/110 to 101/110: 1 point
- Up to 98/110: 0 points

For applicants who have not yet obtained their degree on the date of application, a mark of 0 (zero) will be awarded.

For candidates holding a foreign qualification, where the grade declared by the candidate and/or indicated in the certificates submitted with the application is not expressed on a 110-point scale, it will be converted proportionally to the grading scale used by the Italian university system. Where the converted grade includes decimals, it will be rounded to the nearest whole number: decimals from 0.01 to 0.50 will be rounded down, while decimals from 0.51 to 0.99 will be rounded up.

- B. **Scientific publications** related to the research area of the chosen programme (maximum 5 points).
The publication location and/or type of publication, originality, methodological approach and results will be assessed.
- C. **Dissertation summary** (maximum 15 points)
Linguistic accuracy and clarity, originality, methodological approach, results will be assessed.
- D. **Other qualifications** (maximum 5 points)
The following will be assessed:
- Relevant first level university Master's qualification (maximum 2 points for each qualification);
 - Relevant second level university Master's qualification (maximum 3 points for each qualification);
 - Relevant postgraduate courses (maximum 1 point for each qualification);
 - English language qualifications at least equivalent to level B2 (3 points);
 - Linguistic certifications in languages other than Italian and English (maximum 2 points for each certification);

2) ASSESSMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: maximum score 30/100 (minimum score for admission to the oral test: 15/30)

The following will be assessed: linguistic accuracy and clarity, originality, methodological approach, reasoned reference bibliography and expected results.

3) REMOTE ORAL TEST: maximum score 40/100 (minimum score for passing the oral test: 20/40)

The oral test will be held in Italian.

The interview will focus on the research project presented by the candidate, on the candidate's educational background and on the research topics inherent to the proposed project.

The candidate's research aptitude, skills and knowledge will be assessed.

The assessment of the university qualifications and the research project will precede the oral test.

In the event that for the evaluation of qualifications the candidate does not achieve a minimum score of 15/30, the Commission will not proceed to evaluate the research project.

Candidates who have achieved a mark of at least 15 out of 30 in the assessment of their research project are eligible to sit the oral examination.

The oral test is considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 20/40.

The final mark is the sum of the marks obtained in the assessment of the qualifications, the assessment of the project, and the oral test.

In order to be **eligible for admission** to the PhD course, a minimum score of **60/100** must be achieved in the overall assessment of the tests.

The remote oral test will take place between 22 and 23 October 2026 by the Microsoft Teams platform.

No later than 20 October 2026, the following will be published on the University website on the page "Competitive Selections and selections for Doctorates, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure at <https://www.unistrapg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/concorsi-e-selezioni-dottorati-assegno-borse-e-contratti-attivita-di-ricerca>, the marks obtained for the assessment of qualifications and for the Research Project, the list of candidates admitted to the oral test and the timetable for the on-line interview, as well as a notice announcing the procedure for the interview and any other communication concerning this selection. This diary serves as a formal convocation and no personal communications will be sent in this regard.

Failure to be present on the day and at the time of the interview will be considered as implicit renouncement of participation in the selection, whatever the cause.

Candidates may not request to be convened on a day or at a time other than that set, unless they are prevented from attending for health reasons, which must be duly documented. The request, duly accompanied by a medical certificate, must be received only and exclusively by certified e-mail at the following address: protocollo@pec.unistrapg.it by the scheduled date and time.

In order to enable the interview to be conducted remotely, applicants must provide an e-mail address and telephone contact in their application and must be equipped with the following IT support:

1. Computer/Tablet/Smartphone, provided they have a fast connection speed;
2. Webcam;
3. Microphone and speakers or headphones with microphone.

Please note that the use of a webcam is mandatory and that you must have your identification document on hand to show before the oral test.

On the day and at the time set for the oral test, candidates must be available at the contact provided and will be required to identify themselves before the interview begins by presenting the same identification document already provided as a mandatory attachment to the application.

Failure to be connected, unavailability of the candidates on the appointed day and time or failure to show a valid identity document will be grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure. In order to verify that the connection works, candidates may be invited via Teams to take a technical connection test prior to the online oral interview.

Should technical connection problems occur during the test:

- if this problem affects the connection of one or more Commissioners, the interview is automatically postponed;
- if this problem relates to the connection of the candidates, the Commission may postpone the interview for good reasons, while respecting the principles of non-discrimination and equal treatment of candidates.

ARTICLE 6 – SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall be formed and appointed by Rector's Decree in compliance with the regulations

in force and as established by the Regulation governing PhD courses at the University for Foreigners Perugia. The composition of the Committee will be published on the University website on the page "Competitive Selections and selections for Doctorates, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure, at the address <https://www.unistrapg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/concorsi-e-selezioni-dottorati-assegni-borse-e-contratti-attivita-di-ricerca>.

ARTICLE 7 – CLASSIFICATION LISTS

Following the competition examinations, the Selection Board will draw up two separate ranking list, one for each of the specified subject area referred to in Article 2 of this notice.

The rankings will be published by **28.10.2026**, on the University website, under "Competitions and Selections for Doctorates, Grants, Scholarships, and Contracts for Research Activities," in the section dedicated to the selection process, at:

<https://www.unistrapg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/concorsi-e-selezioni-dottorati-assegni-borse-e-contratti-attivita-di-ricerca>.

This publication constitutes official notification to interested parties.

Each candidate will also be able to view the results of the competition within their reserved area on Esse3WEB by returning to the "Admission Competitions" page (from the menu at the top right of the page, select Office > Admission Test).

Candidates will be admitted to the PhD Programme in the order in which they appear in the respective ranking list, up to the number of positions available under this Call for Applications.

In the event of a candidate renouncing a place, it will be assigned to the next highest candidate in the respective ranking order, provided that no more than one month has passed since the start of the course.

The same ranking procedures also apply in the event of forfeiture or exclusion.

In the event of equal merit, for the allocation of scholarship positions, the financial situation will prevail, pursuant to the Prime Ministerial Decree of April 9, 2001. In the event of a tie in the rankings, interested candidates will be asked to submit appropriate certification by the date indicated in the Rector's Decree publishing the merit rankings.

ARTICLE 8 – COURSE ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

To be admitted to the PhD programme, **successful** candidates must:

- **Complete the pre-enrolment procedure between 28 october 2026 and 30 october 2026**, in accordance with the procedures published on the University website at: <https://www.unistrapg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/concorsi-e-selezioni-dottorati-assegni-borse-e-contratti-attivita-di-ricerca>. No personal notification regarding the enrolment deadline will be sent to successful candidates. At the time of enrolment, the successful applicant must also pay the stamp duty (€16.00) and the regional tax for the right to education (€140.00) via PAGOPA;
- send the following by email to dottorato@unistrapg.it **by 30 october 2026**
 - o a declaration of employment (using the appropriate form);
 - o a declaration of registration with the INPS separate pension scheme (using the appropriate form);

- o a declaration providing bank details for the payment of the grant (using the appropriate form);

Successful candidates who have yet to obtain the admission qualification will be admitted to the Program and enrolled "conditionally." They must obtain the qualification by October 31 2026, under penalty of forfeiture of admission to the Program.

Successful completion of the qualification must be communicated to the University, via self-certification, promptly and in any case no later than October 31, 2026, as provided in Article 3 of the Call for Applications.

ARTICLE 9 – SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship amount is € 22.417,68 per year, gross of social security contributions paid by the scholarship holder, increased by 50 percent for a total period of no more than 06 months, funded by the regional call, if the doctoral student is authorized to conduct research abroad.

The PhD scholarship is disbursed in monthly instalments in arrears, lasts one year and is renewed annually for the duration of the course provided that the PhD student has been admitted to the following year by the Board of teachers.

Starting from the first year, each registered PhD student is guaranteed a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad amounting to 10% of the annual gross amount of the scholarship.

The scholarship is subject to the payment of national social security contributions to INPS under the separate account pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 26 of Law 335 of 8 August 1995, as amended, at the rate of two-thirds to be paid by the administration and one-third by the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship recipient is responsible for registering with the INPS separate account management system.

PhD scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships for any reason whatsoever, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions to supplement the PhD student's research activities with stays abroad.

A PhD scholarship cannot be awarded to anyone who has previously received it, even partially.

ARTICLE 10 – INCOMPATIBILITY

Enrolment in the PhD course is not possible concurrently with enrolment in another PhD course - apart from co-supervised dissertations - or in a Bachelor's or Master's degree course with mandatory attendance.

Concurrent enrolment in a PhD course and in a Bachelor's or Master's degree course with not mandatory attendance is permitted.

Concurrent enrolment in a PhD course and in an Italian first- or second-level university Master's programme is subject to the positive assessment of the respective governing bodies, after verifying the existence of the conditions for the acquisition of the knowledge and skills required to achieve the educational objectives of each course.

ARTICLE 11 - PROCEDURAL MANAGER AND INFORMATION SUPPORT

In accordance with the provisions of Law 241/90, Chapter II, as amended and supplemented, the person responsible for the procedure referred to in this call for applications is Dr Cristina Erme, Head of the PhD Office. The administrative contact for this call for applications is Dr Chiara Maiorfi.

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ARTICLE 12 – DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 679 of 2016 on the protection of personal data and in implementation of Legislative Decree 101 of 10 August 2018, the personal data provided by candidates will be processed by the University for Foreigners Perugia solely for managing the selection procedure referred to in this Call for Applications.

The complete privacy policy regarding the processing of the data provided and the identification of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be viewed at: <https://www.unistrapg.it/it/trasparenza/privacy-e-protezione-dati-personali>

ARTICLE 13 – REFERENCE STANDARDS AND ADVERTISING

For all matters not covered by this Call for Applications, reference is made to the relevant laws and regulations in force.

This Call for Applications will be published on the University's website.

It will also be publicised on the website of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MUR) and on the European Euraxess website.

The notice of publication of the Call for Applications on the institutional website will be published in the Official Gazette, Special Series - Selection Procedure and Examinations.

The Call for Applications is available on the University for Foreigners Perugia website at the following address:

<https://www.unistrapg.it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/concorsi-e-selezioni-dottorati-assegni-borse-e-contratti-attivita-di-ricerca>.

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