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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D. COURSE IN LINGUISTIC, PHILOLOGICAL-LITERARY AND POLITICAL-SOCIAL SCIENCES

XXXIX CYCLE - 2023/2024 A.Y.

(issued by Rectoral Decree no. ____ of _____)

Deadline: 12:00 noon, September 19, 2023

ART. 1 – CALL

The call is announced for applications for admission to the PhD course in Linguistics, Philological-Literary and Political-Social Sciences, XXXIX cycle - 2023/2024 A.Y., with administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Perugia.

The course has a duration of three years and includes 9 places, 6 places of which with a University-funded scholarship and 3 places with an NRRP restricted topic scholarship co-financed using resources provided for by Ministerial Decree 118/2023 (NRRP PhD scholarships - Inv. 4.1).

The Course is divided into three curricula:

1. Linguistics and language teaching;
2. Italian philology, literature and arts;
3. International diplomacy and cooperation.

The following places are available for each of the three curricula:

Curriculum 1 – Linguistics and Language Teaching

CUN areas involved: 10 - Philological/literary, historical/artistic and antiquity sciences;

PLACES AVAILABLE: 3, of which:

- 2 STANDARD OPEN TOPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FINANCED WITH UNIVERSITY FUNDS
 - 1 RESTRICTED TOPIC SCHOLARSHIP FINANCED WITH NRRP RESOURCES – DM 118/23 - (NRRP PhD scholarship - Inv. 4.1)
- Research topic: "Language technologies for Italian L2/LS: tools, resources, databases and digital repertoires for research and teaching"

Curriculum 2 – Italian Philology, Literature and Arts

CUN areas involved: 10 - Philological/literary, historical/artistic and antiquity sciences.

PLACES AVAILABLE: 3, of which:

- 3 STANDARD OPEN TOPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FINANCED WITH UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Curriculum 3 - International Diplomacy and Cooperation

CUN areas involved: 14 – Political and Social Sciences; 12 - Law; 11 - Historical, philosophical, pedagogical and psychological sciences, 10 - Philological/literary, historical/artistic and antiquity sciences.

PLACES AVAILABLE: 3, of which:

- 1 STANDARD OPEN TOPIC SCHOLARSHIP FINANCED WITH UNIVERSITY FUNDS
- 1 RESTRICTED TOPIC SCHOLARSHIP FINANCED WITH NRRP RESOURCES – DM 118/23 - (NRRP PhD scholarship - Inv. 4.1)
Research topic: "Country Branding and national and international valorization of the Italian System"
- N. 1 RESTRICTED TOPIC SCHOLARSHIP FINANCED WITH NRRP RESOURCES – DM 118/23 - (NRRP PhD scholarship - Inv. 4.1)
Research topic: "Sports diplomacy in international relations"

The PhD Course will begin approximately in November 2023.

If there are not enough qualifying candidates to cover the number of scholarships assigned to a specific curriculum, the remaining scholarships will be assigned to candidates who are qualified in the rankings of the other curricula, based on the highest score obtained, with the exception of restricted topic scholarships with NRRP funds pursuant to D.M. no. 118/2023.

The number of places with a scholarship may be increased if there is further funding from external public or private bodies, obtained both through competitive tenders and through agreements. In these cases, where the new funding is restricted to specific topics and projects, the University reserves the right to resort to new selection procedures.

ART. 2 - RESTRICTED TOPIC SCHOLARSHIP FINANCED WITH NRRP FUNDS - D.M. 118/2023

Ministerial Decree no. 118 of 2 March 2023 decreed the allocation of resources from NRRP funds as part of the NextGenerationEU initiative for admission to XXXIX cycle PhD courses, active and accredited pursuant to D.M. 226/2021.

Research projects must be:

- a) consistent with the objectives and purposes of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, with the general strategy and the Detail Sheet of the NRRP Component;
- b) oriented towards the achievement of results measured with reference to any milestones and targets assigned to the Investment within the terms established by the Plan;
- c) compliant with the principle of "Do No Significant Harm" (DNSH) pursuant to Art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852, in line with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (European Commission Communication 2021/C58/01);
- d) suitable for addressing and bridging gender gaps;
- e) in support of the participation of women and young people, also in line with the provisions of decree-law no. 77 of 31 May 2021 (the so-called "Simplification Decree"), amended by conversion law no. 108 of 29 July 2021, relating to the management of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP).

The University for Foreigners of Perugia, in implementation of Ministerial Decree no. 118 of 2 March 2023, under the NRRP, Mission 4, component 1 "Strengthening of the offer of education services: from nursery schools to the University" - Investment 4.1 "Generic NRRPs" announces 3 scholarships on a restricted topic, funded by the European Union - NextGenerationEU for attendance in the XXXIX cycle PhD course, active and accredited pursuant to D.M. 226/2021.

The three PhD scholarships financed using NRRP resources pursuant to Ministerial Decree 118/2023 will focus on the following restricted topics:

1. NRRP Scholarship D.M. 118/23, topic restricted within the curriculum in Linguistics and Language Teaching

Research topic: Language technologies for Italian L2/LS: tools, resources, databases and digital repertoires for research and teaching

Description:

In line with the goals of the NRRP, in consideration of the crucial role that language technologies can play in making the learning and spreading of Italian L2 accessible and inclusive, a research project on the "sustainability and digital teaching of languages" is envisaged, with the creation, through technology, of specific MOOCs and SPOCs, databases and applications for foreign learners aimed at acquiring the specialized vocabulary of "Made in Italy" products (e.g. fashion, art, food and wine, etc.). More specifically, the research explores the potential of language technologies for Italian L2/LS, through the identification, study and creation of tools, resources, databases and digital repertoires for research and teaching Italian L2/LS, with reference in particular to academic Italian and to the language and jargon specific to the "Made in Italy" sphere.

In this regard, among the various tools created within the project, the creation of a repertoire of yesterday's and today's Made in Italy lexicons will be envisaged, as a tool for teaching the Italian language in Italy and in the world, and for the creating of cultural itineraries, in consideration of the essential relationship between language and culture.

The course intends to promote the development of new professional skills related to the teaching of Italian L2/LS in the world, making the best use of the resources, tools and digital repertoires as instrumental and functional elements for the creation of effective and innovative training courses.

The scholarship responds to the Mission 4 Component 1 as well as Mission 1 of the NRRP (Digitalization, Innovation, Competitiveness and Culture).

2. NRRP Scholarship D.M. 118/23, topic restricted within the curriculum in International Diplomacy and Cooperation

Research topic: Country Branding and national and international valorization of the Italian System

Description:

Ever greater importance is being given to the centrality of a country's tangible and intangible resources, making it the topic of increasing attention in the scientific literature. In particular, there is an interest in understanding how the valorization of the tourist and cultural heritage can contribute to the growth and valorization of the country as a system. Understanding this process takes on strategic importance especially for those countries – including Italy – engaged in a transition process within the NRRP.

The PhD scholarship is dedicated to the study from a historical perspective of the role that the tourist and cultural heritage, and more in general tangible and intangible resources, play in consolidating the "Italian system" and its international projection. The course also includes an analysis of the way in which this heritage contributes to the creation of a "national brand," which is associated with the definition of the country's international image and reputation, while at the same time strengthening its ability to attract foreign investments.

The study involves the identification of one or more tangible and intangible resources of the country-system to be analyzed from a historical perspective, with the possibility of adopting a comparative perspective as well.

The PhD scholarship intends to create new scientific and professional skills following the guidelines indicated by the NRRP, with reference in particular to the M1C3 mission on Tourism and Culture (Mission 1, Component 3, Tourism and Culture 4.0, and Component 3.1, Cultural Heritage for the Next Generation).

3. **NRRP Scholarship D.M. 118/23, topic restricted within the curriculum in International Diplomacy and Cooperation**

Research topic: Sports diplomacy in international relations

Description:

From the time of the first Olympics in Ancient Greece up to more recent events such as the “ping pong diplomacy” between the USA and the People’s Republic of China or the “cricket diplomacy” between India and Pakistan, sports have always had a prominent role in international relations.

The course is dedicated to the research and analysis of various topics in the broader field of “sports diplomacy,” such as sports as a tool for resolving conflicts and peace-building, the role of major sporting events in the context of bilateral and multilateral diplomatic relations, sports as a tool of cultural diplomacy, the impact of sports on public diplomacy and on soft power, the international governance of sports and its influence on international relations, sports as an accelerator of social change, gender dynamics in the context of sports diplomacy, the role of non-state actors in sports diplomacy, nationalism, sports and diplomacy.

The PhD scholarship intends to create new scientific and professional skills following the guidelines indicated by the NRRP, with reference in particular to the M1C3 mission on Tourism and Culture (Mission 1, Component 3, Tourism and Culture, Cultural Heritage for the Next Generation).

Restricted topic scholarships on the topics indicated require the carrying out of research activities on the basis of a specific Project, binding the assignees to carry out the same.

It should be noted that in the event that the MUR does not pay the funding for covering the restricted topic PhD scholarships D.M. no. 118/23, the University will finance the same through its own funds.

ART. 3 – PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION

Applications for admission to the PhD course referred to in the previous article can be submitted by those who possess the following titles by the expiration date of this announcement:

- a) university degree under the old system (prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99);
- b) specialist degree (Ministerial Decree 509/99) or master’s degree (Ministerial Decree 270/04);
- c) academic qualification equivalent to the degrees referred to in the previous letters, or second-level academic qualifications issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM sector (Higher Art and Music Education);
- d) analogous academic qualification obtained abroad at an officially recognized academic institution (Master’s degree or equivalent), judged suitable by the selection board for the sole purpose of entering the PhD program. This qualification must be comparable to the Italian “Laurea Magistrale” in terms of level and must be valid for enrollment in an academic course similar to a PhD in the country of origin.

Candidates awaiting the obtaining of the Italian or foreign academic degree can submit a conditional application, provided that the degree is obtained by October 31, 2023. In the event of failure to obtain the degree by the deadline indicated, admission to the course will be denied.

Undergraduate candidates who are selected for admission are required to promptly notify the University of the attainment of the degree, indicating the date and the grade/score, and in any event no later than October 31, 2023, by sending the self-certification statement proving the attainment of the degree to the Servizio Interdipartimentale Ricerca Nazionale e Internazionale (National and International Research Interdepartmental Service) (by email to the addresses dottorato@unistrapg.it and protocollo@pec.unistrapg.it), under penalty of forfeiture.

Candidates will be able to apply for only one of the three curricula of the course.

Anyone who has already benefited, even partially, from a scholarship to attend a doctorate course in Italy is

not eligible to receive an additional doctoral scholarship. In this case it will not be possible to apply for a NRRP D.M. 118/23 scholarship.

Candidates who have obtained or are about to obtain an Italian degree are required to fill in the specific section in the PICA online procedure as specified below:

- If the degree has been obtained, the candidate is required to self-certify the following information: type of degree, University, name of the degree, effective date of awarding of the degree, grade/score, duration of the study course in years.
- If the degree has not yet been obtained, the undergraduate student is required to self-certify the following information: type of degree, University, name of the degree being awarded, presumed date when degree will be awarded, duration in years of the course of study, credits earned/total credits.

Candidates who have obtained or are about to obtain a foreign degree are required to fill in the specific section in the PICA online procedure and to attach/enclose any documents requested, as specified below:

- If the degree obtained abroad has been recognized as equivalent to an Italian second level degree by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities, it is necessary to indicate the name of the University, the date and details of the provision by which the equivalence was declared.
- If the degree obtained abroad has not yet been recognized as equivalent, the candidates will be admitted to the selection procedure subject to confirmation, and they must request the evaluation of the degree held in the online application. In applying for equivalence with the Selection Committee for access to the selection, candidates are required to attach a copy of the academic diploma held to the PICA online application, necessary for access to the PhD course, accompanied by the list of exams taken with related credits and grades/scores (Transcript of Records) and, if available, the Diploma Supplement and/or the Declaration of Local Value of the degree issued by the Italian diplomatic-consular representative in the country in which the diploma held was obtained.
- If the foreign degree is yet to be obtained, in order for the Board to be able to assess the suitability of the degree being obtained for the purpose of admission to the selection procedure subject to confirmation, it is necessary to attach the certificate of enrollment with the list of the exams to be taken and of the exams taken with the related credits and grades/scores, also containing the indication of the presumed date of attainment of the degree.

In the case of a foreign degree obtained or to be obtained, if the university course is divided into first and second levels, the first level diploma (Bachelor's degree) and the list of exams taken to obtain the related degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's Degree) must also be attached to the PICA online application.

Certificates in Italian or English will be accepted; certificates provided in other languages will exclude the candidate from the competition.

The Board assesses the suitability of the foreign degree on the basis of the documentation attached to the application for admission to the competition. The Board may exclude the candidate if the documentation presented does not provide sufficient information for the assessment.

All candidates are admitted to the competition procedure subject to verification of the self-certification statements pursuant to DPR no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and riders.

The University may carry out checks on the veracity of the declarations produced and request the presentation of the original documents at any time during the procedure, even after the PhD course has begun. The Administration may order at any time, with a justified provision, the exclusion of candidates from the competition procedure or the forfeiture of admission to the PhD Course, due to lack of the prerequisites set forth in this announcement, without prejudice to the criminal liability resulting from the making of false statements. This provision will be communicated to the interested party by registered letter with return receipt.

ART. 4 – APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The application for admission to the PhD course must be submitted exclusively through the online procedure available on the PICA (Cineca) web platform at the address:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unistrapg/dottorato39>

Applications for admission to the competition must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, September 19, 2023.

To access the PICA platform and complete the application form, applicants must register on the site <https://pica.cineca.it/> (selecting LOGIN at the top right of the page, and then NEW REGISTRATION (NUOVA REGISTRAZIONE) - it should be noted that access with SPID is not activated). At the end of the registration, the system will send an email to the email address entered with the information necessary to confirm the registration.

The application can be compiled in one or more sessions: as long as an application has not been submitted ("in draft" status), changes or additions can be made to it.

Once the application has been completed, candidates must sign it as indicated in the procedure in order to submit it (failure to sign will make the application inadmissible).

After sending the application ("submitted" status) it is no longer possible to make any changes to it (please always save each page before moving on to the next).

Once the application submission procedure has been completed, candidates will receive an email confirming delivery, which will also contain the application identification code (application ID, which must be kept).

If you need technical information on how the procedure works, please see the Guidelines for completing the application published on the institutional web page <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegno-e-borse> and within the procedure itself; if you have problems when completing the application, click on the support at the bottom of each page of the application and follow the guided procedure for opening the ticket to the Cineca consultancy.

Only one application can be submitted for the PhD course, and for only one of the three curricula.

The candidates must specify in the application which scholarships they intend to compete for, within the curriculum of interest, as detailed below:

- For applications for admission to the curriculum in Linguistics and Language Teaching, up to a maximum of two candidacies may be submitted: one for the standard scholarship financed with University funds, and another for the restricted topic scholarship financed with NRRP resources – D.M. 118/23 "Language technologies for Italian L2/LS: tools, resources, databases and digital repertoires for research and teaching."
- For applications for admission to the curriculum in Italian Philology, Literature and Arts, only one single candidacy may be submitted, for the standard scholarship financed with University funds.
- For applications for admission to the curriculum in International Diplomacy and Cooperation, up to a maximum of two candidacies may be submitted: one for the standard scholarship financed with University funds, and another for one of the two restricted topic scholarships financed with NRRP resources – D.M. 118/23 (alternatively):
 - restricted topic scholarship financed with NRRP resources – D.M. 118/23 – "Country Branding and national and international valorization of the Italian System";
 - or:
 - restricted topic scholarship financed with NRRP resources – D.M. 118/23 – "Sports diplomacy in international relations."

It is not possible to apply for more than one restricted topic scholarship.

The option to compete also for a restricted topic scholarship is configured as a binding priority choice. Therefore in the case of assignment of a restricted topic scholarship financed with NRRP resources - D.M. 118/23, the candidacy for the standard open topic scholarship financed with University funds is considered to be annulled. Furthermore, in the case of assignment of restricted topic scholarship financed with NRRP resources – D.M.

118/23, the waiver of the scholarship is equivalent to the waiving of the PhD program.

In the event of the non-eligibility and/or non-assignment of a restricted topic scholarship, the application remains valid for the standard open topic scholarship financed with University funds.

All the degrees and academic qualifications required by the call and a valid identity document must be attached to the application form.

Only the degrees and academic qualifications held on the Call expiration date will be evaluated.

All documentation must be attached in PDF format (maximum size 30 Mb for each attachment) in the online PICA procedure using the "Upload" function.

More specifically, the following documentation must be attached to the application:

- Degree/academic qualification (certificates or self-certifications) or, in case of a degree not yet obtained, certificates or self-certifications specified in Art. 3 of this Call;
- Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum (preferably in European format or Europass format) in Italian or English, pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and riders;
- Degree thesis (relating to the admission qualification to the PhD Course), in Italian or English, or in the case of a degree thesis in another language, the thesis together with a brief summary in Italian or English of the thesis, which has a minimum length of 3000 characters including spaces;
- Research project(s);
- Any publications relating to the curriculum of the PhD Course for which the application is being submitted;
- Valid identity document.

The research project, written in Italian or English, must have a maximum length of 15,000 characters including spaces, abstract and notes, and excluding the bibliography.

The project must include:

- abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, spaces included);
- state of the art and contextualization of the topic;
- methods;
- expected results;
- bibliography.

The project will be evaluated exclusively for admission purposes and does not constitute a binding commitment to the PhD project, with the exception of the restricted topic NRRP scholarships.

A facsimile is available for drafting the research project, not to be understood as binding.

The places in the competition covered by restricted topic scholarships on the topics indicated require the carrying out of research activities on the basis of a specific Project, binding the assignees to carry out the same.

Applicants interested in NRRP D.M. 118/23 scholarships must therefore submit a research project consistent with the restricted topic; failure to do so will result in non-admission to the evaluation of the candidacy for the scholarship.

In the case of applications for both a free topic scholarship and for a restricted topic scholarship (within the same curriculum), two separate research projects must be submitted and attached.

Published scientific publications are eligible for evaluation for the purposes of this competition. For works printed in Italy, the obligations established by Art. 1 of D.Lgs. no. 660 of 31-8-1945 must be fulfilled.

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

The publications may be presented in electronic format (PDF), indicating the author, year of publication, publisher, name of the publication, and the ISSN or ISBN or ISMN code.

Reference to documents or publications submitted to this or other administrations, or to documents attached to another application for participation in another competition, is not permitted.

The application is for all legal purposes a self-certification of the data contained in it and in the attached documents, made pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of DPR 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and riders.

At the end of the procedure, the application will be registered to confirm that it was submitted. Candidates will receive, at the e-mail address indicated in the application, a notification of receipt of the application form with

an identification code (application ID, which must be kept). This code is necessary for the identification of all results published on the PhD in linguistic, philological-literary and political-social sciences web page - University for Foreigners of Perugia <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that the procedure has been completed correctly and that all attachments have been correctly uploaded.

Any methods for submitting the application and documentation other than the PICA online procedure will not be accepted. Therefore, no delivery or shipment of paper or electronic material must be made to the University for Foreigners of Perugia.

Applications that are not correctly completed by the deadline (not sent, or submitted in a manner other than the above) will not be considered valid for admission to the competition.

Claims for system malfunctions due to computer network overload problems the near the time of the deadline will not be accepted. Applicants are therefore invited to submit their application well in advance of the deadline. Once the application is submitted, it can no longer be edited.

If corrections must be made to a submitted application, it is necessary to carry out the withdrawal procedure on the PICA online platform and submit a new application.

Candidates with disabilities (DIS) or with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) who intend to request the assistance provided for by required by current regulations must do so during the application stage, by filling in the specific fields provided in the PICA platform. The certification of disability must be:

- issued by the INPS (Italian social security), pursuant to Law no. 118 of 30 March 1971 (civil invalidity);
- or
- issued by the public health structure for the area, pursuant to Law no. 104/92 and subsequent amendments (disability certificate).

SLD certifications must:

- meet the criteria of the 2011 Consensus Conference;
- be issued by national health service structures or by accredited bodies no earlier than 3 years prior to the date of the admission interview, except in the case of certifications drawn up after the age of majority (Art. 3, Law no. 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 24/07/2012).
- be complete with diagnosis and reference nosographic codes, according to Law 170/2010.

Candidates with disabilities or with specific learning disabilities (SLD) residing in foreign countries who intend to take advantage of the measures referred to in the previous paragraph must present a certificate certifying the status of disability or SLD issued in the country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation in Italian or in English. Failure to enter the documentation online within the terms set out in this call will not give the right to use the requested assistance.

ART. 5 – EXAMS

Admission to the course is based on academic qualifications and an oral exam.

During the oral exam, the candidates will have to present the research project(s), and specifically the theoretical bases of the research and the critical and technical tools they intend to use, as well as the possible impact of the research on the advancement of knowledge and practices. Candidates must also demonstrate knowledge of the bibliography relating to the research topic.

During the interview, the candidate's preparation, aptitude for scientific research, the methods they intend to use, and cultural requirements will also be ascertained. The qualifications presented will also be discussed, and the candidate will have to show that they have good knowledge of the English language.

Specifically, for open topic scholarships and also for restricted topic scholarships pursuant to Art. 2 of the call, the research project (or research projects in the event that the candidate applies for both for an ordinary University scholarship and for a restricted topic NRRP scholarship within the same curriculum) must focus on the scientific-disciplinary sectors specified below:

Curriculum 1 – Linguistics and Language Teaching	The research project presented by the candidate must focus on the following scientific-disciplinary sectors: L-LIN/01, L-LIN/02, L-FIL-LET/12.
Curriculum 2 – Italian Philology, Literature and Arts	The research project presented by the candidate must focus on the following scientific-disciplinary sectors: L-FIL-LET/10, L-FIL-LET/11, L-FIL-LET/12, L-FIL-LET/13, L-ART/03.
Curriculum 3 - International Diplomacy and Cooperation	The research project presented by the candidate must focus on the following scientific-disciplinary sectors: SPS/02, SPS/04, SPS/06, SPS/07, IUS/21, M-STO/04, L-LIN/07.

The online interview will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform during the period from September 20 to September 28, 2023.

A notice will be published on the University website at the address <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse> with the procedures for carrying out the interview, the dates and times for calling each candidate, and any other communication concerning this selection. This schedule serves as a formal convocation and no personal communications will be sent in this regard.

The unavailability of candidates on the day and at the time for carrying out the interview will be equivalent to an implicit renunciation of participation in the selection, whatever the cause may be.

In order to allow the interview to take place remotely, candidates must provide an e-mail address and a telephone number on their application form and guarantee the use of a video camera to allow the Examination Board to identify and see the candidate during the exam.

On the day and at the time established for the exam, candidates must be available at the contact address/number provided and will be required to identify themselves before the interview begins, by showing the same identity document sent previously as an attachment to the application.

Failure to make the connection, the unavailability of the candidates on the established day and time or the failure to show a valid identification document will be grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

If technical connection problems should arise during the exam, and if this problem concerns the connection of one or more Commissioners, the interview shall automatically be postponed to another date. If the problem concerns the connection of the candidates, the Board may justifiably postpone the interview to another date, in compliance with the principles of nondiscrimination and equal treatment between the candidates.

The failure of the candidate to present themselves for the test will be considered renunciation of the selection.

ART. 6 – EXAMINATION BOARD AND ITS DUTIES

The Examination Board is formed and appointed by Rectoral Decree in compliance with current laws and on the basis of that established by the Regulations governing the PhD Courses of the University for Foreigners of Perugia.

The Board evaluates each candidate according to a possible score of **100 points**, of which **20 points** for degrees/qualifications, and **80 points** for the discussion of the Research Project and an interview to ascertain the candidate's aptitude for scientific research.

Evaluation Criteria	Degree/Qualifications Evaluation	Maximum score 20 points
	Degree grade/score	Maximum score 3 points

	Degree thesis relating to the admission qualification to the PhD course	Maximum score 7 points
	Scientific publications related to the curriculum of the chosen PhD course (attached to the application)	Maximum score 5 points
	Other qualifications	Maximum score 5 points
	Research Project and interview (oral	
	Research Project and interview	Maximum score 80 points

Only the degrees/qualifications presented and held by the candidate on the Call expiration date will be evaluated.

The minimum score for eligibility is 60/100. The interview is considered passed if the candidate obtains a score of at least 50/80.

The evaluation of degrees/qualifications will precede the oral exam; the evaluations will be made public before the exam.

ART. 7 – RANKINGS

Once the competition tests have been completed, the Board compiles the merit ranking for each type of scholarship on the basis of the sum of the scores obtained by each candidate for the degrees/qualifications and for the oral exam.

The rankings are divided according to curriculum (Linguistics and Language Teaching; Italian Philology, Literature and Arts; International Diplomacy and Cooperation) and by type of place and scholarship (standard scholarship financed with University funds; restricted topic scholarship financed with NRRP D.M. 118/23 funds). In case of renouncement of the scholarship, the scholarship is assigned to the next candidate in the order of the respective ranking.

The same happens in case of forfeiture or exclusion, provided that a month has not passed since the beginning of the course.

In the case of equal merit, the candidates' economic situation will be assessed for the assignment of scholarships, determined in accordance with the current laws. Therefore, in the event that there are ties in the rankings, the candidates concerned will be invited to produce the aforementioned certification, by the date indicated in the Rectoral Decree of approval.

The rankings will be published on the University website.

Candidates are admitted to the Course according to the order of the respective ranking until the places available are filled.

If the number of suitable candidates is not sufficient to cover the number of scholarships assigned to a specific curriculum, the remaining scholarships will be assigned to candidates who are found to be suitable in the rankings of the other curricula, based on the highest scores obtained (with the exception of restricted topic scholarships with NRRP funds pursuant to D.M. no. 118/2023, cf. Art. 2).

If the candidates have submitted two candidacies, one for an ordinary open topic scholarship financed with University funds and one for a restricted topic NRRP scholarship, the option of choosing to compete for the place with a restricted topic is configured as a binding priority choice.

Therefore, in the event of the assignment of a scholarship for a restricted topic, the candidacy for a scholarship for an open topic is considered to be annulled. The non-acceptance of the restricted scholarship is therefore equivalent to withdrawal from the PhD program.

In the event of the non-eligibility and/or non-assignment of a restricted topic scholarship, the candidacy remains valid for the ordinary places with the open topic scholarship.

No personal communications will be sent; the publication of the merit rankings has the value of official communication to the interested parties.

ART. 8 – ADMISSION TO THE COURSE AND ENROLLMENT

For the purposes of admission to the PhD Course, the winning candidates must submit an application for enrollment and make the relative statements within the deadlines indicated in the Rectoral Decree for the publication of merit rankings. No communication regarding the enrollment deadline will be sent to the winners.

The procedures for enrollment will be published on the University website – www.unistrapg.it on the page: <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

Those who fail to enroll within the established deadlines and according to the procedures published on the University website will be considered to have withdrawn from the place (tacit withdrawal) for all intents and purposes, and the vacant places will be assigned to those who hold the next highest position in the merit ranking.

The winning candidates admitted who have yet to obtain the admission degree/qualification are enrolled "subject to confirmation," without prejudice to the obligation to obtain the degree/qualification by October 31, 2023; failure to do so shall result in the forfeiture of admission to the Course.

The attainment of the degree/qualification must be promptly communicated to the University by means of self-certification by October 31, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 3 of the Call.

Winners with a degree/qualification obtained abroad must also submit the following documentation together with the enrollment application, if it has not already been submitted as an attachment to the application to participate in the competition:

1. degrees/qualifications obtained outside the European Union: Declaration of local value of the degree/qualification issued by the Italian diplomatic-consular representation in the country in which the degree/qualification was obtained;
2. degrees/qualifications obtained in European Union countries: Diploma Supplement in English.

Candidates in possession of the foreign degree/qualification will be excluded from the PhD course with the obligation to reimburse the scholarship installments unduly received, if the degree/qualification produced does not comply with the requirements of this call.

ART. 9 – SCHOLARSHIPS

The amount of the scholarship is €16,243.00 per year gross of social security contributions to be paid by the scholarship holder, increased by 50 per cent for a total period not exceeding 12 months if the PhD student is authorized by the Teachers Board to carry out research activities abroad.

This period can be extended up to a maximum of 18 months for doctorates in co-supervision with foreign subjects.

The PhD scholarship is paid in deferred monthly installments; it has a duration of one year and is renewed annually for the duration of the course, on condition that the PhD student has been admitted by the Teachers Board for the following year.

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

The scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management pursuant to Art. 2, paragraph 26 of Law no. 335 of 8 August 1995 and subsequent amendments, in the proportion of two thirds to be paid by the administration and one third by the scholarship holder. The scholarship holder has the obligation to register for the separate INPS management.

PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except with those granted by national or foreign institutions for integrating the research activity of the PhD student with periods spent abroad.

PhD scholarships cannot be awarded to those who have received a scholarship previously, even partially.

With regard to PhD scholarships financed as part of the NRRP calls (D.M. 118/2023), all places must be filled with a scholarship (not waivable), as provided for by D.M. 301/2022, par. 3.3, letter e).

Furthermore, PhD students who are beneficiaries of these scholarships are required to carry out the project funded.

ART. 10 –REGIONAL TAX FOR THE RIGHT TO STUDY

In accordance with Law 210 of 3 July 1998, with Art. 13 of the Regulation governing university PhD courses, with Law no. 232 of 11 December 2016 "State budget for the 2017 financial year and multiyear budget for the 2017-2019 three-year period," paragraph 262, and the Resolution of the Regional Council of Umbria no. 923 of 23 July 2012, doctoral students, with or without scholarship, are required to pay only the regional tax for the right to study, equal to €140.00.

The fee must be paid through PagoPA upon enrollment.

ART. 11 – OBLIGATIONS OF THE DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Doctoral students are required to attend the PhD course and to continuously carry out study and research activities within the structures intended for this purpose, according to the procedures that will be established by the Teachers Board.

The University is responsible for the burden of providing insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability for the entire duration of the course.

Public employees enrolled in doctoral courses are subject to the provisions of Art. 2, paragraph 1, of Law 476 of 13 August 1984; by Art. 52, paragraph 57, Law no. 448 of 28 December 2001 and by Art. 19, Law 240 of 30 December 2010.

The carrying out of compatible activities is permitted, subject to authorization by the Teachers Board. These external, occasional and short-term activities must not in any way conflict with the activity carried out by the doctoral student.

For the entire duration of the course, it is forbidden for the students to hold permanent jobs.

Maternity leave and absences due to serious and documented illness may lead to the suspension of the course, subject to a resolution by the Teachers Board. In the event of a suspension lasting more than thirty days, the disbursement of the scholarship will be suspended and will resume at the end of the suspension.

In the event of unjustified absences or non-fulfillment of obligations, the Teachers Board may propose by its own resolution to remove the PhD student from the course. In this case, the PhD student shall be obliged to reimburse the full scholarship or any installments received, with reference to the year in question.

Students enrolled in PhD courses can carry out limited teaching activities for undergraduate students, as part of the programming carried out by the Teachers Board, in agreement with the Departments and in compliance with the provisions of current law.

In addition to the obligations set forth in the University Regulations on PhD matters, as required by D.M. 118/2023, PhD students awarded scholarships under D.M. 118/2023 must at the time of enrollment undertake to:

- produce a report every six months indicating the time commitment and a summary of the main activities carried out, also declaring that they comply with the principle of "doing no significant harm to the environment." The reporting will take place through the appropriate online platform (<https://dottorati.mur.gov.it>) and using the forms present therein;

- carry out the envisaged mandatory study and research periods abroad, from a minimum of six (6) up to a maximum of twelve (12) months over the three-year period;
- ensure compliance with the obligations regarding communication and information provided for by Art. 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all the documentation that the Program is financed under the NRRP, with explicit reference to the financing by the European Union and to the NextGenerationEU initiative, reproducing the emblem of the European Union in the documentation;
- comply with the principle of doing no significant harm to environmental objectives, pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The winner of a place with a scholarship financed with NRRP DM118/2023 funds who is a public employee, or who becomes one during their doctoral studies, is required to submit an application to the Institution to which they belong to be placed on extraordinary leave for study purposes without pay for the duration of the course. If they do not obtain the aforementioned unpaid leave, they will not be able to enroll or continue the course of study.

Revocation of the scholarship is foreseen for the following cases:

- a) carrying out of the doctoral program in a manner different from the project admitted for funding, where the necessary authorization by the MUR has not been previously requested and subsequently granted;
- b) failure to carry out the minimum period of study and research abroad. The University for Foreigners of Perugia may take action against the beneficiary for the reimbursement of the amounts received.

ART. 12 – ATTAINMENT OF THE DEGREE

The title of doctor ("Dott. Ric." or "Ph.D.") is granted at the end of the course by the Rector and is achieved upon passing the final exam, which can be repeated only once.

The examination board for the final exam will be formed and appointed in accordance with current laws in force and the University Regulations governing doctorate courses.

ART. 13 – INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR DOCTORAL THESES IN CO-SUPERVISION

As part of a specific international co-supervision agreement stipulated by the University for Foreigners of Perugia with a foreign university, normally to be finalized within the 1st year of the course, the PhD thesis can be carried out under the common direction of two thesis directors, one for each of the two institutions.

The research activity can be carried out over alternating periods at the two structures, on the basis of the procedures established by the partner universities and in compliance with what is specifically regulated in the Agreement.

ART.14 – INCOMPATIBILITY

Enrollment in the PhD course is incompatible with enrollment in another doctoral course - except for thesis co-supervision cases - or in a bachelor's or master's degree course with mandatory attendance.

Concurrent enrollment in a doctorate course and a bachelor's or master's degree course with non-mandatory attendance is permitted.

Concurrent enrollment in a doctorate course and a master's course is subject to the positive assessment of the respective governing bodies, subject to verification of the existence of the conditions for acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve the educational objectives of each course.

ART.15 – HEAD OF THE PROCEDURE

Head of the procedure:

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ART. 16 – DATA PRIVACY

Pursuant to Art. 13 of EU Regulation no. 679 of 2016 regarding the protection of personal data provided and in implementation of D.Lgs. no. 101 of 10 August 2018, the personal data provided by candidates will be processed by the University for Foreigners of Perugia for the purposes of managing the selection procedure referred to in this call.

The complete information regarding the method of processing the data provided and the indication of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be seen at the address: <https://www.unistrapg.it/node/4947>

ART. 17 – REFERENCE STANDARDS AND DISCLOSURE

For anything not covered by this call, reference is made to the applicable laws and regulations in force. This call will be published on the University website.

It will also be publicized on the MUR website and on the European Euraxess website.

The notice that the call has been publicized on its institutional website will be published in the Official Journal, special series - Competitions and Exams.

The call for applications is available on the website of the University for Foreigners of Perugia at the following address:

<https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>

For the RECTOR
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The PRORECTOR
Prof. Rolando Marini

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