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Allegato B

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

XLI CYCLE - 2025/2026 Academic Year

Applications must be submitted by 16 July 2025 at 23:59 pm (Italian Time) without any exception

ARTICLE 1 – THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Call for Applications is announced for admission to the PhD Course in *Frontier sciences in sustainability, diplomacy and international cooperation*, cycle XLI - 2025/2026 academic year, based at the **University for Foreigners Perugia** - Department of International Human and Social Sciences (SUSI).

The Course has a duration of three years, provides 9 slots and it is divided into **two programmes**:

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

The slots available for each of the two programmes are specified below:

Programme 1 - Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability

The following 4 slots are available:

- 4 Places/Slots with Scholarship co-funded partly with University funds and partly with funds from the project "Fenice - Internationalization and promotion of the territory, training paths on tourism, food and wine, sustainability and digital cultures" (hereinafter referred to as Project 'FENICE') referred to in the "Notice for the selection of projects for the promotion of research, technology transfer and university training to be financed in the regions of Lazio, Abruzzo, Umbria and Marche affected by the earthquake events of 2016 from the resources referred to in Article 1, paragraph 194 of Law Dec. 30, 2020, no. 178"

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

- Area 08 - Civil engineering and architecture:
ICAR/02 - Hydrology and Hydraulic and Maritime Structures (CEAR-01/B)
- Area 09 - Industrial and information engineering:



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ING-IND/11 - Building Physics and Building Energy Systems (IIND-07/B)
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)
- 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/13 - History and Institutions of Africa (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-04/C).

Programme 2 – Diplomacy and International Cooperation

The following 5 slots are available:

- 4 slots funded by the University;
- 1 slot without scholarship.

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/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).

If the number of successful candidates in the ranking list for the “Diplomacy and International Cooperation” programme is not sufficient to cover the number of slots available, the remaining slots will be awarded to the successful candidates in the ranking list for the “Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability” programme, based on the highest score obtained.



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The number of slots 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/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegno-e-borse>.

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

The PhD course is offered "subject to" accreditation by Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR), as stipulated by the Decree of the Ministry of University and Research 226 of 14 December 2021.

If the course is not accredited by ANVUR, the admission tests will not take place, and all applicants will be promptly notified. If ANVUR has not yet communicated the outcome of accreditation at the time of the competitive selection procedures, the tests will proceed as scheduled, and the successful candidates will be admitted to the course and enrolled "subject to" the positive outcome of the accreditation procedure. Any negative outcome of the accreditation procedure will result in the non-activation of the course for the XLI cycle. In this case, any completed competitive selection procedures will be considered null and void, and the enrolled students will be promptly notified by email.

Teaching Centres

The teaching activities related to the "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability" programme will be carried out in Norcia (PG), at the premises made available by the Municipality of Norcia, a partner of the University for Foreigners Perugia as part of the FENICE Project.

The teaching activities related to the "Diplomacy and International Cooperation" programme will be carried out in Perugia at the University for Foreigners Perugia.

The teaching activities common to both programmes will be carried out in Norcia, but the delivery mode will be "mixed" (doctoral students enrolled in the Diplomacy and International Cooperation programme will also be able to follow these teaching activities remotely).

The PhD Course will start indicatively on 1 November 2025

ARTICLE 2 – 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:

- Old system degree (prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99);
- Postgraduate specialisation degree (Ministerial Decree 509/99) or Master's degree (Ministerial Decree 270/04);
- 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;



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- d) An academic qualification obtained abroad at an officially recognised academic institution (Master's degree or equivalent), assessed as suitable by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of admission to the PhD course. 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 2025 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.

Anyone who has already received a scholarship, even partially, for attending a PhD course in Italy is not eligible for a further PhD scholarship.

Applicants with an Italian qualification obtained or to be obtained are required to complete the specific section of the application as specified below:

- Degree attained: the candidate must self-certify the following information: type of degree, university, name of degree, actual date of degree, marks, duration in years of the course of study.
- Degree not yet attained: the undergraduate is required to self-certify the following information: type of degree, university, name of degree being obtained, expected date when the degree will be attained, duration in years of the course of study, credits obtained/total number of credits.

Applicants with a foreign qualification obtained or to be obtained are required to complete the specific section of the application and attach any documents required, as specified below:

- 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.
- Degree obtained abroad and not yet recognised as equivalent: candidates are admitted to the selection procedure subject to reservation and must request, in the online application, the evaluation of their degree.

In order to allow the Commission to carry out the evaluation of the suitability of the second level degree, for the purpose of admission to the selective procedure with reserve, it is necessary to attach to the application a copy of their academic degree required for admission to the PhD programme, accompanied by the list of the exams taken with relative credits and grades (Transcript of Records) and, if available, by the Diploma Supplement (only for students who obtained their university degree in EU countries), or Declaration of Value ("Dichiarazione di valore in loco") issued by the relevant Italian diplomatic authority in the Country where the degree was obtained, or the CIMEA Statement of Comparability (Centro di Informazione sulla Mobilità e le Equivalenze Accademiche, Academic Equivalence Mobility Information Center).

- Foreign degree still to be attained: In order to allow the Commission to make the assessment of the suitability of the title being pursued for the purpose of admission to the selective procedure with



reserve, it is necessary to attach the certificate of enrollment in the second level course of studies required for access to the PhD program, with a list of the planned examinations and the examinations taken with their credits and grades, also containing the indication of the expected date on which the degree will be achieved.

- Foreign degree attained or to be attained, with a university course divided into first and second level: the application must also be accompanied by the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to attain the relative degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree).

In the case of a foreign qualification attained or to be attained, with a university course divided into first and second level: the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to attain the relevant degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree) must also be attached to the application.

The above-mentioned required certificates, if drawn up in a language other than Italian or English, must be accompanied by an official translation into one of these languages (Italian/English) and certified as conforming to the original either by the University that issued them or by the competent Italian representations or by subjects recognised by the competent Italian representations in accordance with the provisions in force, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.

The Commission will **assess the suitability of the foreign degree** based on the documents enclosed with the application. If the documents submitted do not provide sufficient elements for the assessment, the Commission is entitled to exclude the relevant applications.

All candidates are admitted to the selection procedure subject to verification of the self-certified declarations pursuant to Presidential Decree no 445/2000 as amended.

At any time during the procedure, even after the start of the PhD course, the University may carry out checks on the accuracy of the statements submitted and request the submission of original documents. The University may order, at any time, by reasoned decision, the exclusion of candidates from the selection procedure or the disqualification from admission to the PhD course, on the grounds of non-compliance with the requirements prescribed by this notice, without prejudice to the criminal liability resulting from false declarations.

Candidates are also required to have an adequate knowledge of English (at a level equivalent to B2) and, for candidates with foreign citizenship, an adequate knowledge of Italian (at a level equivalent to B2), which will be ascertained by the Commission during the interview, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.

ARTICLE 3 – ADMISSION APPLICATION

Applications for admission to the PhD course must be submitted **exclusively** through the online application procedure available on the PICA (Cineca) web platform at <https://pica.cineca.it/unistrapg/dottorato41-susi>, **by 16 July 2025 at 23:59 pm (Italian Time) without any exception, under penalty of exclusion.**



Applications and documentation must be submitted exclusively through the PICA (Cineca) online procedure. Any documents sent in paper or electronic format to the University for Foreigners Perugia will not be accepted. The application serves as a self-certification of the data it contains and any attached documents, in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

To access the PICA platform and fill in the application form, you need to register at <https://pica.cineca.it/> (by selecting LOGIN at the top right of the page and then NEW REGISTRATION - please note that access with Public Digital Identity System (SPID) is active). At the end of registration, the system will send an e-mail to the e-mail address entered with the necessary information to confirm the registration.

The application can be completed in one or more sessions; an application may be modified or supplemented as long as it has not been submitted ("draft" status).

Once the application has been completed, candidates must sign and forward it following the instructions described in the procedure, under penalty of ineligibility.

In case of access with SPID, the signature will not be required to submit the application.

The PICA IT system provides for different ways of signing the application.

For manual signature, download the pdf of the application onto your computer, print it out, sign it manually, scan it into a pdf file and upload it onto the platform. Applications with manual signatures must be visibly signed and the application scanned and uploaded to the platform must be complete in all its parts.

After submitting the application ("submitted" status) no changes can be made to it (please always save each page before moving on to the next).

Once the application procedure has been completed, applicants will receive an email confirming that the application has been submitted, which will also contain the **application identification code** (Application ID, to be kept).

Should you require technical assistance in completing the procedure, please refer to the Guidelines for filling in the application published on the institutional webpage <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse> and in the procedure itself; if you have any problems filling in the application, you can click on the assistance button at the bottom of each application page and follow the guided procedure for submitting a ticket to the Cineca consultant.

Only one application may be submitted per PhD course, for only one of the two programmes.

The following documentation in PDF format (maximum size 30 Mb for each attachment) must be attached to the application for admission to the selection, within the PICA online procedure via the "Upload" function, as indicated below:

- **Copy of a valid identity document, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure;**
- **Documents certifying that the degree** required for access to the Call for Applications has been attained, **under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure**, as indicated in Article 3 and below:
 - for candidates with a foreign degree recognised as equivalent to an Italian second-level degree by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities: documents certifying the equivalence of the foreign degree;
 - for candidates with a foreign degree attained without recognition of equivalence: a copy of the academic diploma held for admission to the PhD programme, accompanied by the list of examinations taken with the relative credits and marks (Transcript of Records) and, if the



university course is divided into first and second level, also the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken for the attainment of the relative degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree); if available the Diploma Supplement (only for students who obtained their university degree in EU countries), or Declaration of Value ("Dichiarazione di valore in loco") issued by the relevant Italian diplomatic authority in the Country where the degree was obtained, or the CIMEA Statement of Comparability (Centro di Informazione sulla Mobilità e le Equivalenze Accademiche, Academic Equivalence Mobility Information Center). If these documents are not yet available, the winners must necessarily present them as indicated in art. 7;

- in the case of candidates with a foreign degree yet to be attained: certificate of enrolment in the course of study whose final qualification is a prerequisite for access to the PhD, with a list of the examinations planned and examinations taken with the relevant credits and marks, also containing an indication of the expected date when the degree will be attained, as well as, if the university course is divided into first and second degrees, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken for the attainment of the relevant degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree);
- **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;
- **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;
- **Research project**, written in Italian or English, under penalty of non-assessment of the title in accordance with the 'Research Project Template' available in the online procedure;
- **Scientific publications** (copy), related to the research field of the chosen Programme, under penalty of non-evaluation of the title;
- **Other qualifications** deemed useful for the evaluation, specifically:
 - Relevant Master's level I degree;
 - Relevant Master's level II degree;
 - Relevant advanced training courses;
 - 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 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:



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

The project will only be assessed for admission to the programme and will not be a condition for the PhD project.

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.

At the end of the procedure, the application will be registered to confirm its submission. Applicants will receive a notification of receipt of the application with an **identification code** (application ID, to be kept) at the e-mail address indicated in the application. This code is used for identification of all the results published on the University website, on the page "Competitions 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/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

The applicant is solely responsible for the information and documents provided when completing the application. It is the candidate's responsibility to check that the procedure has been correctly completed and that all attachments have been correctly uploaded.

No complaints will be accepted for system malfunctions due to overloading of computer networks close to the deadline. Applicants are therefore invited to submit their application well in advance of the deadline.

Once submitted, the application cannot be modified.

Failure to upload the mandatory information and documents when filling in the application form cannot be corrected after the deadline of the Call for Applications.

Failure to upload the mandatory information and documents when filling in the application form shall include the uploading of empty files or files containing information of a different nature from that requested.

If **corrections need to be made to the submitted application**, the withdrawal procedure must be carried out in the PICA online platform and a new application must be submitted within the deadline of the Call for Applications.

All documentation submitted by applicants for the purpose of submitting applications will be subject to checks to ensure that it is complete. Any document found to be false will result in the exclusion of the candidate from



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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.

Candidates with disabilities (DIS) or Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) who wish to request the supports provided for by the regulations in force in the performance of the oral test must do so at the application stage, by filling in the relevant fields in the PICA 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 earlier than 3 years after 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 4 – 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 20/100 (minimum score for admission to the oral test: 10/20)

A. Degree marks related to the degree held, required for access to the PhD (maximum 3 points)

- 110 cum laude: 3 points
- 109/110 to 110/110: 2 points
- 105/110 to 108/110: 1 point
- Up to 104/110: 0 points

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



In the case of applicants with a foreign access certificate, where the candidate's declared vote and/or the result of the certificates within the application is not expressed on a 110 basis, the same will be reproporioned, by means of mathematical proportion, on the graduation grade scale provided for by the Italian university system. In the event that the reconfigured vote should have decimals, this vote will be approximated to the unit, by default or by excess, on the basis of cents (from 0.01 to 0.50 by default; from 0.51 to 0.99 by excess).

- B. **Scientific publications** related to the research area of the chosen programme (maximum 3 points).
The publication location and/or type of publication, originality, methodological approach and results will be assessed.
Publications must be submitted according to the indications given in Article 3 of this Call for Applications.
- C. **Dissertation summary** (maximum 12 points)
Linguistic accuracy and clarity, originality, methodological approach, results will be assessed.
For candidates who, on the date of submitting their application, have not yet achieved their degree, only the summary of the dissertation being finalised countersigned by the dissertation supervisor will be assessed (the application form will also require the name and surname of the supervisor and the institution to which they belong), under penalty of exclusion from the assessment of the degree.
The dissertation summary must be submitted in accordance with the instructions given in Article 3 of this Call for Applications.
- D. **Other qualifications** (maximum 2 points)
The following will be assessed: Relevant 1st level Master's degree; Relevant 2nd level Master's degree; Relevant postgraduate courses; Linguistic certifications in languages other than Italian and English.
Qualifications must be submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in Article 3 of this Call for Applications.

2) ASSESSMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: maximum score 30/100 (minimum score for admission to the oral test: 20/30)

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

The research project must be submitted according to the instructions provided in Article 3 of this Call for Applications.

3) REMOTE ORAL TEST: maximum score 50/100 (minimum score for passing the oral test: 30/50)

The oral test will be held in Italian or in English (as indicated by the candidate in the application phase).

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.

During the oral interview, the Commission will ascertain, at its sole discretion, the candidate's adequate knowledge of English (at a level at least comparable to B2) and, for candidates with foreign citizenship, adequate knowledge of Italian (at a level at least comparable to B2).



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Knowledge of the Italian and English languages, if ascertained at a level lower than that respectively required by the Call for Applications, is a condition for the Commission's declaration of the candidate's ineligibility and will consequently result in the candidate failing the oral test.

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 10/20, the Commission will not proceed to evaluate the research project.

A candidate who has obtained a score of no less than 10/20 in the assessment of qualifications and a score of no less than 20/30 in the assessment of the research project is admitted to the oral test.

The oral test is considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 30/50.

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 9 and 15 September 2025 by the Microsoft Teams platform.

No later than 5 September 2025, 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/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegno-e-borse>, 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. Preferably a computer (alternatively also a tablet or 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 5 – 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/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

Prior to the commencement of the selection tests, the members of the Committee, having viewed the list of participants, shall sign the statement that there is no incompatibility between them and the candidates, pursuant to Articles 51 e 52 of the civil procedure code.

The Selection Committee has full responsibility for the proper conduct of the selection procedures, with particular reference to the correct scoring as well as the correct drafting of the selection reports.

ARTICLE 6 – CLASSIFICATION LISTS

Once the competition tests have been completed, the Commission will draw up two merit lists, separated for each of the two programmes, (Programme Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability and Programme Diplomacy and International Cooperation) based on the sum of the marks obtained by each candidate in the assessment of qualifications, the assessment of the project, and the oral test.

The **ranking lists** will be published on the University's website on the "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/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>. This publication serves as an official communication to the interested parties; personal communications will not be sent.

Candidates will be admitted to the course, according to the order of the ranking of each programme, up to the number of slots and scholarships put out to competition.

The slot without scholarship will be awarded to the first eligible candidate, not a scholarship winner, with the highest score identified among those in the ranking.

In case of renouncement of the slot or scholarship, the position will be assigned by scrolling to the next candidate according to the order of the respective ranking, provided that it is not past one month from the beginning of the course.

The same scrolling mode shall also apply in the event of revocation or exclusion.

For equal merit, the assessment of the economic situation according to the D.P.C.M. of 09.04.2001 prevails in the allocation of slots with a scholarship. In the event that the rankings should present ex-aequo, interested candidates will be invited to produce appropriate certification, by the date indicated in the Decree of publication of the merit rankings.

For equal merit, the younger candidate/s will be given precedence in the allocation of the slot without a scholarship.

If the number of eligible students in the "Diplomacy and International Cooperation" Curriculum ranking is not sufficient to cover the number of available slots, the remaining slots, with or without scholarship, the candidates will be awarded suitable results in the ranking of the curriculum "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability", based on the highest score obtained.

ARTICLE 7 – COURSE ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

To be admitted to the PhD Course, the successful candidates must submit their application for enrolment and make the relative statements, within the deadlines indicated in the Rector's Decree announcing the publication of the ranking lists. The registration procedures will be published on the University website - www.unistrapg.it at the page:

<https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>. The successful candidates will not be sent any communication regarding the deadline for enrolment.

Those who do not enrol by the deadline and in accordance with the procedures published on the University website shall be considered to have renounced their slot for all intents and purposes (tacit renouncement), and the vacant positions will be assigned to those who have been placed on the ranking list.

Successful candidates who have yet to attain their admission qualifications are admitted to the Course and enrolled "with reserve", without prejudice to the obligation to attain their qualifications by 31 October 2025, of forfeiting their admission to the Course.

The attainment of the degree must be communicated to the University, through self-certification, promptly and in any case no later than 31 October 2025, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Call for Applications.

Successful candidates with a degree obtained abroad must also submit, together with the enrollment application, and in any case by 28.02.2026, the following documentation, if not submitted as an attachment to the application for the competition: the Diploma Supplement (only for students who obtained their university



degree in EU countries), or Declaration of Value ("Dichiarazione di valore in loco") issued by the relevant Italian diplomatic authority in the Country where the degree was obtained, or the CIMEA Statement of Comparability (Centro di Informazione sulla Mobilità e le Equivalenze Accademiche, Academic Equivalence Mobility Information Center). This documentation must be sent to the PhD Office by e-mail to both the following addresses dottorato@unistrapg.it and protocollo@pec.unistrapg.it by the above-mentioned deadline, under penalty of forfeiture.

If one of the aforementioned documents is not submitted by the enrollment deadline, enrollment will be made subject to a reservation, and the payment of the scholarship will be suspended as a precautionary measure until the reservation is lifted.

Candidates in possession of the access title obtained abroad will be excluded from the PHD Course with the obligation to return the scholarship installments unduly received, if as a result of verifications and checks, the title produced does not comply with the requirements of this notice.

ARTICLE 8 – SCHOLARSHIPS

The amount of the scholarship is € 16,243.00 per year gross of social security charges to be paid by the fellow, which is increased by 50 per cent for a total period not exceeding 12 months if the PhD student is authorised by the Board of teachers to carry out research activities abroad, in accordance with the University Regulations on PhDs.

This period may be extended up to a maximum total of 18 months for PhDs co-supervised by foreign subjects. 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 PhD student 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 9 – REGIONAL STUDENT TUITION FEE

In accordance with current legislation, PhD students, with or without a scholarship, are only required to pay the regional tuition fee of € 140.00.

Tuition is to be paid through the PagoPA system according to the instructions that will be provided at the time of enrolment. There is no enrolment fee for the PhD course.



ARTICLE 10 – OBLIGATIONS OF PhD STUDENTS

PhD students are required to attend the PhD course and to carry out continuous study and research activities within the structures allocated for that purpose, according to the procedures to be established by the Board of teachers.

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

Civil servants enrolled in the PhD courses are subject to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1, of Law 476 of 13 August 1984; Article 52, paragraph 57, Law 448 of 28 December 2001 and Article 19, Law 240 of 30 December 2010.

Doctoral candidates, if they intend to undertake external or internal paid activities, even occasional and of short duration, which allow them to acquire skills relating to the educational scope of the doctorate, are required to give prompt notice to the College of Professors, which after having verified that they are compatible with the successful course, may authorise the course to be held.

Doctoral candidates may request the suspension of their course for a maximum period of six months in accordance with national and university regulations.

ARTICLE 11 – ATTAINMENT OF DEGREE

The PhD degree ("Research PhD" or "PhD") is granted at the end of the course by the Rector and is attained upon passing the final examination.

The final examination selection board will be formed and appointed in accordance with current legislation and the University Regulations governing PhD courses.

ARTICLE 12 – INTERNATIONAL JOINT-SUPERVISION PHD THESIS AGREEMENTS

Under a special international co-supervisory agreement, to be finalised normally by the end of the first year of the course, entered into by the University for Foreigners Perugia with a foreign university, the PhD dissertation may be conducted under the joint direction of two dissertation directors, one from each of the two institutions. Research activities may be carried out, for alternating periods, at the two sites, according to the procedures established by the partner universities and in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 – 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.



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Concurrent enrolment in a PhD course and a Master's degree course 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 14 - PROCEDURE MANAGER

Pursuant to the provisions of Law 241/90, Chapter II, and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the procedure referred to in this notice is Paola Tricoli, Head of PhD Office.

PhD Office

e-mail: dottorato@unistrapg.it

Telephone numbers: 0755746351-276-477.

ARTICLE 15 – 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/node/4947>

ARTICLE 16 – 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/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>

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Prof. Valerio De Cesaris

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Annex

Research Project Template
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PHD COURSE IN
FRONTIER SCIENCES IN SUSTAINABILITY, DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION

XLI CYCLE - 2025/2026 Academic Year

CANDIDATE'S NAME AND SURNAME _____
PROJECT TITLE: _____

Proposed in support of the application below (only one option can be selected):

- ☐ Curriculum 1 "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability": Scholarship position co-funded partly with University funds and partly with FENICE project funds
- ☐ Curriculum 2 "Diplomacy and International Cooperation": Place with/without University -funded scholarship

RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Note for compilation: the research project presented in attachment to the application must be written in Italian or English and must have a maximum length of 15,000 characters, including spaces, abstract and notes, and excluding bibliography.

The Project must include:

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



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WARNING - Please note that the proposed project:

- *must be attached in pdf format within the PICA platform using the "Upload" function;*
- *will be assessed solely for the purpose of admission and will not be binding on the PhD project.*

Date _____

Candidate's signature _____