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Admission to the 42nd cycle of PhD Programmes (a.y. 2026/2027): Call for applications

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Application deadline: May 6th, 2026, 1:00 p.m. (Italian time)

Art. 1 - Purpose of the call and general regulations

1. This call for applications, published on [Ca' Foscari's website](#) and in the online section of the Official University Register – Albo online, regulates access to the 42nd cycle of PhD Programmes of Ca' Foscari University of Venice (a.y. 2026/2027). Any amendments or additions to this call for applications will be published on the same website.
2. Annexe "A" is an integral part of this call for applications and is published alongside it.
3. By submitting your application online, you agree to the regulations mentioned in Article 6 of this call for applications and you accept and acknowledge all the terms and conditions outlined in this document.
4. Ca' Foscari University of Venice will email candidates any communication concerning this competitive selection process. The university will use the email address provided by the candidate during the online registration process. If you have any queries or require information regarding the call, documents, access to documents under the 1990 Law No. 241, or requests for civic access under Legislative Decree No. 33/2013, you can email the university. Any communication from the university will be considered received by the candidate on the date and time when it was sent. The administration cannot be held responsible for undelivered emails if you provided an incorrect address or have not informed the administration of changes in your address in a timely manner. Furthermore, the administration is not responsible for problems caused by third parties, unforeseen events, or force majeure.
5. Candidates are strongly recommended to submit early applications and not to wait until the last minute. The University cannot be held responsible for any dysfunction due to technical problems and/or overloading communication lines and/or of the OS.
6. Failure to comply with the regulations set out in this call for applications will result in exclusion from the selection process.

Art. 2 - Call for application and admission criteria

1. Ca' Foscari University of Venice announces the 42nd cycle of PhD Programmes for a.y. 2026/2027 in the following disciplines:
 - 1) Sustainable Chemistry in partnership with Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia IIT – Centre for Cultural Heritage Technology (CCHT);
 - 2) Law, Market and Person in partnership with the University of Southern Denmark;
 - 3) Economics;
 - 4) Philosophy and Educational Sciences in partnership with Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France;
 - 5) Computer Science in partnership with Masarykova Univerzita, Czech Republic;
 - 6) Engineering Physics and Materials, in partnership with Kansai Medical University, Japan, with National Cancer Institute - Centro di Riferimento Oncologico di Aviano – CRO, and in partnership with Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia IIT – Centre for Cultural Heritage Technology (CCHT);
 - 7) Italian Studies in partnership with Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria;
 - 8) Modern Languages, Cultures, and Societies and Linguistics in partnership with Sorbonne Université, France and with Univerza na Primorskem/Littoral University, Slovenia;
 - 9) Management;
 - 10) Science and Management of Climate Change;
 - 11) Environmental Sciences;
 - 12) Ancient Heritage Studies in partnership with the University of Trieste and the University of Udine;

- 13) History of Arts;
 - 14) Asian and African Studies, in partnership with Universität Heidelberg, Germany.
2. The PhD Programmes will be activated *sub condicione* to the accreditation by the Ministry of University and Research under Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021.
 3. Candidates are admitted to a PhD programme after passing a selection process that includes the **evaluation of their academic qualifications, a written examination (only for the PhD Programme in Ancient Heritage Studies) and an oral examination**. Annexe "A" defines research topics, the number of available positions, admission requirements, and selection criteria used to determine the admission ranking for each PhD Programme listed in paragraph 1.
 4. The **calendar of the examinations** (which will run approximately from the second half of May 2026), the composition of the Admission Panels and the dates when the final shortlist will be announced will be communicated with a notice published on the [University website](#) and in the online section of the Official University Register – Albo online) – on **May 13rd, 2026**. Publication of the online calendar is the only notice given of the examination date. The written examination for the PhD Programme in Ancient Heritage Studies is scheduled for May 18th, 2026, and will be held in person.
 5. The online publication of the above schedules shall be considered as official notification to all effects for the purpose of the call to oral exams.
 6. After the evaluation of their qualifications, all candidates who are admitted to the oral examination will sit the exam as described in the notice referred to in the previous paragraph. Oral examinations can be taken online, but candidates wishing to do so must request this option when completing their application (see Art. 6) and be available on the day and at the time determined by the Panel. At the very beginning of the interview candidates must show, under penalty of exclusion, the ID they had attached to their application. Failure to be available online or to present a valid identification document are grounds for exclusion from the selection process. These grounds for exclusion do not apply if the candidate, possessing a valid identification document, shows up on the scheduled interview day to undertake the oral exam in person. The Admission Panel may decide to conduct oral examinations online only.
 7. The number of available positions may be increased with a new provision in case of subsequent agreements and funding. Even if such an instance occurs, the deadline for applications remains unchanged.
 8. PhD Programmes last no less than three years and follow the academic calendar approved by the University. They will start by mid-September 2026 and will normally end by the end of September 2029. Four-year Doctoral Programmes (Economics, Management and Science and Management of Climate Change) will be completed by September 2030. Enrolment in a PhD Programme requires a total and full-time commitment. The Faculty Committee of each PhD programme will assess the incompatibility of any extra activities carried out by their PhD students. Unless otherwise specified in their research project, PhD students are required to spend a minimum of three months abroad for research, specialisation and training activities, subject to authorisation from the Faculty Committee.
 9. Some PhD courses with international curricula are established under special agreements with foreign universities. These courses include shared research objectives and programmes, mobility opportunities at partner universities and the possibility of obtaining a double or joint degree. Annexe "A" lists the PhD scholarships that are associated with these programmes.
 10. The teaching and research activities of PhD programmes set up in agreement with other universities, both Italian and international, will be coordinated by the universities involved. The PhD title will be awarded jointly for national agreements and as a double PhD for international ones.

Art. 3 - Admission requirements

1. To apply, you must have one of the following:
 - "*Laurea Specialistica*" or "*Laurea magistrale*" (A second-level degree available in Italy since 1999 after completing five years (or more) of university studies);
 - an Italian degree obtained before the system introduced by Ministerial Decree No. 509 dated 3 November 1999, No. 509 as amended by Ministerial Decree dated 22 October 2004, No. 270 (*Laurea vecchio ordinamento – Old degree system*);
 - second-level university qualifications granted by AFAM institutions (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale, "Advanced Artistic and Musical Training");
 - a **Master's degree qualification obtained abroad** – comparable in terms of level and academic discipline to the Italian qualification granting admission to the PhD Programme and recognised as suitable for admission to the selection process under Art. 4 below.
2. The type of academic qualifications required for admission to the selection process and any further requirements for each PhD Programme are specified in Annexe "A" of this call.
3. If the equivalence (equiparazione) of the Italian degree obtained before Ministerial Decree 509/1999 (*Laurea vecchio ordinamento – Old degree system*) with the degree classifications of the "*Laurea magistrale*" (second cycle qualification) is requested in Annexe "A", the equivalence must be self-certified by the candidate under Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, amended by Art. 15, paragraph 1 of Italian Law No. 183 of 12 November 2011. Equivalence cannot be self-certified by candidates if there is no univocal correspondence between the two degrees; where this is the case, candidates

must request equivalence from the University that issued the degree, in compliance with Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009.

4. The Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009 establishes the correspondence between degree classifications for the "*Laurea specialistica*" (second cycle degree) set out by Ministerial Decree 509/99 and degree classifications for the "*Laurea magistrale*" (second cycle degree) set out by Ministerial Decree 270/2004.
5. **Graduating students** can apply within the deadline set out in Art. 6 below, provided they obtain their degree **by November 15th, 2026**. Candidates who do not receive the qualification within the deadline will be excluded.
6. Candidates must have certified English proficiency of **at least B2 level** under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification **by December 31st, 2026**. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme. To learn more about the certifications accepted by the University and the exemption cases, see [the dedicated page on the University's website](#).
7. No applications will be accepted from candidates who are already enrolled in other PhD Programmes at Ca' Foscari University or, in the case of PhD Programmes in partnership with Italian universities, at the partner institutions.

Art. 4 - International qualifications

1. To assess the eligibility of foreign qualifications, candidates must provide:
 - a) certificate (preferably translated into English or Italian) of an academic qualification comparable to *Laurea Magistrale* (Master's degree) or a second-level academic degree;
 - b) *Transcript of Records* from the university that awarded the degree, preferably translated into English or Italian;
 - c) *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), or the [Academic recognition by ARDI](#) complete with the [CIMEA Statement of Verification](#) of foreign second-level final qualifications for accessing the PhD Programme.

Candidates must have a qualification that allows enrolment in a PhD programme in the country where the qualification was obtained.

2. The Admission Panel verifies the suitability of the foreign qualification according to regulations in force in Italy and in the Country where the qualification itself was awarded, in compliance with the international agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for further education.
3. Candidates who do not have the documents referred to in the previous paragraph 1, letter c) shall be admitted to the selection procedure conditionally and, if successful, must provide them during the online registration procedure or in any case by February 28th, 2027, the *Diploma supplement* or, if the qualification had been obtained outside the European Union, a copy of the diploma, translated and legalised in Italian or English language, together with the 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), or the [Academic recognition by ARDI](#) complete with the [CIMEA Statement of Verification](#) of foreign second-level final qualifications for accessing the PhD Programme.
4. In the event that the aforementioned documents provided by the candidate show that the academic qualifications are not valid for the purposes of enrolment in an academic course equivalent to a PhD, the candidate shall no longer be allowed to continue on the PhD programme and must return any funding already received.
5. At any time, the candidate may be required to submit further documentation to confirm eligibility.

Art. 5 - Required qualifications

1. The following qualifications are mandatory for admission to all the PhD Programmes listed in this call:
 - a. **curriculum vitae et studiorum** (preferably in the Europass European format);
 - b. **PhD research proposal**: information on how to draft a proposal is available for some PhD programmes on the [dedicated University webpage](#). Candidates can submit only one research proposal. The research proposal presented for the selection will not necessarily be the one developed by the PhD student during the PhD programme. The "Do No Significant Harm" (DNSH) principle, as per art. 17 - EU Regulation 2020/852, should be considered when drafting the proposal;
 - c. **A certificate listing exams and grades from your Master's degree** (related to *Laurea specialistica* or *Laurea magistrale* / *Laurea vecchio ordinamento* / AFAM second-level academic qualification, academic qualification obtained abroad); Italian and European Community citizens holding a qualification obtained in Italy must submit a self-declaration under the Presidential Decree No. 445 dated 28 December 2000, No. 445 as amended by Art. 15 paragraph 1 of Italian Law No. 183 dated 12 November 2011¹.

¹ As mere examples, you need to provide a *self-declaration* in cases such as enrolment in public registers, membership of professional orders,

2. A maximum of two letters of reference from university professors, researchers or other experts in the field are optional qualifications for all PhD Programmes. They must be submitted according to Article 6, paragraph 4 below. Annexe "A" lists some further optional qualifications for each PhD Programme.
3. Qualifications must be uploaded through the online application only, as described in Article 6 below.

Art. 6 - Application form

1. The application form must be sent to the PhD Office **by 1 PM (Italian time) on May 6th, 2026** following the online procedure described in paragraph 4 below and available [on the University website](#). Failure to follow this procedure results in exclusion from the selection.
2. **To participate in the selection process, a non-refundable payment of € 30.00 must be made.** The payment will not be refunded for applications that are not submitted, regardless of the reason for non-submission. During the application process, you will be required to attach proof of payment.
3. After selecting the call you want to apply for, you will be required to make the payment by clicking on "Make Payment" ("effettua il pagamento"). The payment can only be made via the PagoPA system by the application deadline. When the deadline expires, the link is deactivated, and it will no longer be possible to make the payment or complete the application. Applicants who have the IO App will receive a notification with the payment notice and will be able to proceed either via the app or through the PagoPA portal.
4. The procedure involves two stages, both mandatory for admission to the selection process:
 - a) **You must fill in and save the online application through the link provided for the specific PhD Programme you are applying to.** When the application is successfully saved, you will receive a confirmation email with a univocal application code. The code will identify you throughout the selection process (evaluation of qualifications, interview, etc.);
 - b) **Register on the University website.** This is necessary if you are accepted into the PhD Programme, when you need to confirm your acceptance (see Art. 10). If you have already registered (for example, when participating in previous calls for applications or if you are a former student of Ca' Foscari), please check and, if necessary, update your contact details.
Access to the personal area for confirmation purposes will take place as follows, depending on your status:
 - once registered, applicants of Italian nationality or currently residing in Italy (including Ca' Foscari's ex-students) must log in through SPID/CIE. PLEASE NOTE: access to the website will be possible from the day after registration. To obtain the SPID, visit the [dedicated webpage](#);
 - once they are registered, applicants of a nationality other than Italian who are not currently in Italy and have no student number and password may request their credentials through the [dedicated webpage](#).
5. Qualifications and publications, as described in Art. 5 and in Annexe "A", must be submitted in PDF format (maximum file size is 10 MB) and uploaded while filling in the online application form. Candidates may add, delete or modify the documents after completing the online application form described in section 4 above, provided they do so before the application deadline. It is mandatory that you attach a copy of a valid identity document.
6. Regarding reference letters, candidates must ask lecturers/specialists to submit their letters through the online procedure. In order to do so, candidates will enter the lecturers/specialists' email addresses when compiling the application, and the lecturers/specialists will receive an email with instructions on how to upload the reference letters. Such notification will be sent to them automatically only after the candidate has saved the application, as described in paragraph 4 above. Candidates will receive an email informing them that the reference letter was uploaded, but the letters will be visible only to the PhD Office and the Admission Panel. **Lecturers/specialists must upload reference letters by the application deadline. Letters directly uploaded by candidates or delivered via other means shall not be considered.**
7. Candidates who intend to apply for more than one PhD Programme must submit a separate application, complete with the necessary documents, for each Programme. Candidates who intend to apply for a PhD Programme with multiple *curricula* can apply for only one *curriculum*.
8. All documents in the previous paragraph 5 should be written in Italian or English or translated into Italian or English by and under the responsibility of the candidates.
9. Except for access qualifications described in Art. 3, paragraph 5 above, all qualifications must be obtained by the application deadline.
10. For positions reserved for foreign scholarship-holders, candidates must submit the relevant declaration.
11. Applications lacking the mandatory qualifications described in Art. 5 above shall not be considered.
12. The University will verify the validity of all applications after the submission deadline. Candidates who submit invalid applications will be excluded from the selection process and informed by email.

13. Candidates with disabilities or learning difficulties intending to use the support offered under Italian Law No. 104 dated 5 February 1992 must write it in their online application, indicating the type of support, aids or compensatory measures needed.
14. Candidates will be admitted to the selection process subject to the assessment that admission requirements are met; the verification procedure will comply with Art. 43 of Presidential Decree No. 445 dated 28 December 2000, n. 445. The University reserves the right to exclude candidates from the selection process at any time: the communication will be given to the e-mail address indicated by the candidate, under art. 6, paragraph 2. The University will also verify the truthfulness of self-declarations submitted by candidates: anyone submitting false declarations is punishable under the Italian Penal Code and all applicable laws.

Art. 7 - Admission Panels

1. The Admission Panels are composed of a minimum of three to a maximum of five members (a maximum of nine members only for PhD Programmes in partnership with at least three Italian universities), including the Chair. Gender balance will be considered whenever possible.
2. Up to two experts from public or private research institutions can join the Admission Panel, but the overall number of members must always be odd. The Panel may also seek the support of non-voting consultants to assess specific disciplines.
3. The Admission Panels may convene online.
4. Committees establish the assessment criteria and weighting of qualifications and examinations before the examination process, with regard to any aspects not covered by Annexe "A".
5. During the assessment of qualifications, the Admission Panel can also use the information provided in the *curriculum vitae et studiorum* submitted with the application.
6. For PhD Programmes with multiple *curricula*, there will be only one Admission Panel while tests may be different for each *curriculum*.
7. The Admission Panel, as part of the selection procedures, will assess the compliance of the research proposal with the requirements on "Do No Significant Harm" (DNSH), and ensure that the selection takes place in compliance with equal gender opportunities.

Art. 8 - Final shortlist

1. Eligible candidates will be admitted to each PhD Programme according to the shortlist ranking until all available positions are filled.
2. PhD programmes with more *curricula* have only one final shortlist, and the activation of a specific curriculum depends on the ranking of the candidates who are applying for that *curriculum*.
3. Admission to each PhD Programme will be based exclusively on the online shortlists published on the [dedicated University webpage](#) and in the online section of the Official University Register – Albo online, according to the terms laid down in the online notice described in Art. 2, paragraph 4. Publication of the shortlist fulfils the document publication requirement: names will be indicated for successful and eligible candidates only. Candidates admitted will not be individually notified.
4. PhD scholarships – described in Art. 9 – will be allocated according to the shortlist, regardless of the candidates' citizenship. In the case of equally ranked candidates, scholarship allocation will consider the candidate's household income (calculated according to the criteria set out in the current legislation governing access to higher education).
5. Candidates ranked in more than one shortlist must choose one PhD Programme only.
6. PhD scholarships awarded for specific topics will be assigned by the Admission Panel (also taking into account any additional requirements described in Annexe "A" of this call for applications) based on the affinity with the research topics of the candidates' qualifications, their academic profile and the results of the selection examinations.
7. When a scholarship is linked to a specific topic, the winner cannot opt for a free-topic scholarship, regardless of the ranking position, even in the event of waiver and replacement referred to in art.11 below. The candidate(s) admitted with a PhD scholarship linked to a specific topic must develop the research theme indicated by the scholarship. In case of absence or waiver of suitable candidates, the scholarships may be "released" from the topic or any additional requirements if expressly established by Annexe "A".

Art. 9 - PhD scholarships

1. The PhD scholarship, which will be paid in monthly instalments, is € 16,243.00 per year, including social insurance contributions payable by the scholarship holder. It is exempt from local tax and income tax (IRPEF).
2. The PhD scholarship is renewable annually for the entire programme duration on the condition that the holder has completed the agreed activities every year, as verified by the PhD Faculty Committee.
3. The PhD scholarship may be increased by up to 50% for up to 12 months for three-year programmes (18 months for four-year programmes) in the case of a study period abroad authorised by the PhD Faculty Committee. This period can be

extended up to an overall maximum limit of 18 months for Joint Research PhD Thesis programmes with foreign universities or activated in partnership.

4. All PhD students with PhD scholarships are entitled to an annual budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, amounting to at least 10% of the scholarship.
5. A PhD scholarship cannot be combined with either research grants or other scholarships assigned for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions to integrate research or study periods abroad.
6. Candidates who received a PhD scholarship in the past cannot receive it again.

Art. 10 - Acceptance of the position and enrolment

1. To avoid exclusion, successful candidates must, **within three working days** from the date of publication of the shortlist on the University website (see online notice described in Art. 2, paragraph 4):
 - a) complete the online enrolment procedure;
 - b) pay the tax stamp and the [regional tax for financial aid](#).
2. To complete the online application form, access the Personal Area of the website as set out in Art. 6, paragraph 4, and proceed as follows: Home > Students services > Enrolment (former students should instead proceed as follows: Admission and enrolment > Enrolment).

As to the documentation to be attached in this phase, please refer to the provisions on the [dedicated University webpage](#). During the application process, the applicant must pay the relevant fees exclusively via PagoPA by clicking on the "Pagamenti" button at the end of the procedure.
The [dedicated webpage](#) contains instructions on how to make the payment.
3. Submission of the enrolment form and payment of the fees due within the prescribed three working days are mandatory requirements for acceptance of the position, under penalty of exclusion.
4. The enrolment procedure will be finalised in the back office by the Master and Post Lauream Office. Each student will receive an e-mail confirming the enrollment. The email will contain personal credentials (student identification number and password) to access the University's telematic and IT services. For students residing in non-EU countries, the enrolment procedure will be completed only after they have obtained their entry visa (by February 28th, 2027).
5. If the successful candidate is a graduating student, they are required to promptly notify, upon graduation, the Master and Post Lauream Office by e-mail to postlauream@unive.it, sending only the declaration of certification if they are an Italian or EU citizen holding a degree obtained in Italy. The enrolment procedure will be completed only after the candidate has gained the access qualification, which must be obtained by November 15th, 2026, under penalty of exclusion. For academic qualifications gained abroad, candidates must send appropriate certification attesting that they have obtained the qualification according to Article 4. Should the first-ranked candidate not accept the place, the candidate following in rank will be required, if they have not already done so, to submit the documentation mentioned above showing, under penalty of exclusion, that the qualification required for the access was obtained within the time limit referred to in Article 3, paragraph 5.
6. The Settore Accoglienza / Welcome Unit will support non-Italian candidates with administrative formalities, such as the issue of visas, residence permits, tax codes and enrolment in the INPS "gestione separata" scheme.
7. If the candidate is a foreign state scholarship-holder, they must send the certification of the grant funder to the Master and Post Lauream Office by email to postlauream@unive.it.
8. Enrolment in the PhD programme is compatible (pursuant to Law 33/2022 and Ministerial Decree 930/2022) with Bachelor's degrees, Master's degrees (Laurea magistrale, Lauree a ciclo unico), Postgraduate Schools, and Master of Research with no compulsory attendance, pending favorable evaluation by the competent governing bodies pursuant to applicable legislation. However, simultaneous enrolment in two PhD programmes is not permitted, except in the case of double/joint degree agreements. If you wish to attend an admissible second programme, you should promptly notify the Faculty Committee and the offices concerned. However, simultaneous enrolment in two PhD programmes is not permitted, except in the case of double/joint degree agreements. PhD candidates wishing to take advantage of the possibility of imultaneous enrolment must promptly inform the Faculty Committee and the relevant administrative offices. Additionally, candidates must declare their simultaneous enrolment in another programme using the "Further Declaration" (dichiarazione aggiuntiva) button available on the final enrolment screen page.

Art. 11 - Waiver and replacement

1. In case of waiver of the position, and strictly within the prescribed three working days from the publication date of the final shortlist on the University website, the candidate must give notice via email to postlauream@unive.it. After three working days without any explicit communication of waiver, the candidate will anyway be considered to have given up the position.
2. If one of the candidates waives, the position will be offered to the candidate next in rank in the final shortlist, under the criteria expressed in Art. 8, paragraphs 4 and 7. Candidates will be notified only by email. Acceptance must be communicated within three working days from the date of notice, using the same procedure indicated in Art. 10, paragraphs 1 and 2.

3. If the candidate who waives the position is awarded a PhD scholarship linked to a specific topic, the scholarship may be reassigned, following the ranking, only to eligible candidates who had applied for the same scholarship, except as otherwise provided in Annexe "A".
4. If the candidate renounces after he accepted the position, the fees paid will not be returned.
5. In case of waiver after the beginning of the teaching activities, and in any case within the first four-month period, the Faculty Committee will evaluate the opportunity to fill the available position with another successful candidate according to the final ranking.

Art. 12 - Tuition fees

1. The amount for university fees in the a.y. 2026/2027 includes:
 - a. tax stamp of € 16.00;
 - b. [regional tax for financial aid](#) of € 192.00 (subject to adjustment).
2. All PhD students are required to pay the tax stamp and the regional tax for financial aid only, except for the exemptions provided for by the regulations in force.
3. The amount of the regional tax for financial aid may be further reduced based on the student's financial status. Student fees will be calculated based on the "ISEE" declaration, including all reductions available to each student. Information regarding how to access fee reductions and relevant deadlines and how to submit the "ISEE" are available on Ca' Foscari University website at [dedicated page](#).

Art. 13 - PhD Programmes in Management and Science and Management of Climate Change: issue of qualification of Master of Research (Master Universitario di secondo livello)

1. PhD students enrolled in Management and Science and Management of Climate Change, who renounce to continue the studies or who achieve the PhD degree, will be awarded a *Master of Research (Master Universitario di secondo livello) in Management Studies* and *Master of Research in Science and Management of Climate Change*, according to Regolamento dei Dottorati di ricerca (PhD regulations). The issue of the qualification will take place only upon the request of the interested parties and upon fulfilment of all prescribed academic obligations.

Art. 14 - Processing of personal data

1. The University undertakes to use the personal data provided by the candidate for the fulfilment of the call procedures and for institutional purposes in compliance with the provisions laid down in Regulation EU 2016/679 ("*General Data Protection Regulation* - GDPR") and applicable national legislation (Legislative Decree 30 June 2003, no. 196 "Code regarding the protection of personal data") as amended from time to time. The information on personal data processing is published [online](#).
2. In compliance with the principles set out in the law mentioned above, participation in the selection process implies consent to publishing the personal data of successful and eligible candidates on the University website.

Art. 15 - Patents, privacy, intellectual property and personal data protection

1. By participating in this call, the candidate accepts the provisions of the University regarding patents, privacy and intellectual property, the protection of personal data and the treatment of the University for statistical or scientific research purposes.
2. In case of enrolment, the candidate undertakes to sign the relevant declaration on the matter.

Art. 16 - Reference regulations and offices responsible

1. For all matters not provided for by this Call for Applications, reference should be made to Italian legislation governing PhD Programmes and to the current regulations of the University, the following in particular: "Regolamento generale di Ateneo" (General Regulations of the University), "Regolamento didattico di Ateneo" (Teaching Regulations of the University), "Regolamento dei Dottorati di ricerca di Ateneo" (Regulations of the University PhD Programme), "Regolamento carriere delle studentesse e degli studenti" (Regulations of student careers), "Regolamento di Ateneo per la valorizzazione della conoscenza" (University Regulations for the Enhancement of Knowledge), as well as its Annexe "Linee guida IP e riservatezza nei contratti di ricerca" (IP Guidelines and Confidentiality in Research Contracts).
2. Further information regarding this Call for Applications can be found on the [University website](#) or requested by emailing the PhD Office **exclusively** at phd.application@unive.it. Emails sent to different addresses are not guaranteed a response.
3. For more information on accepting positions and enrolment, as described in Art. 10 and Art. 11 above, contact the Master and Post Lauream Unit by email to postlauream@unive.it.

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4. Under Article 5 of Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, "New rules on administrative procedure and right of access to administrative documents" and subsequent amendments and additions, the Person in charge of the Procedure is Sabrina Daneluzzi – Director of the PhD Office, Research Area.

Annexes: 1

Annexe "A" - Fact sheets for current PhD Programmes

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PHD IN SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE	4
PHD IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	8
PHD IN ANCIENT HERITAGE STUDIES	10
PHD IN HISTORY OF ARTS	4
PHD IN ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES	8
<i>Total</i>	89

1 - PHD IN SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY

PROGRAMME TAUGHT ENTIRELY IN ENGLISH

Research topics	
Sensors, Development of sustainable processes and renewable materials; Sustainable organic syntheses; Water purification; Carbon capture and storage; Development of catalytic, photocatalytic and biocatalytic systems; Energy conversion and storage; Recycling and valorisation of waste.	

Admission requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica or Laurea magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree) in STEM disciplines (Science - Technology - Engineering - Mathematics); • or a degree in STEM disciplines (Science - Technology - Engineering - Mathematics) obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999); • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad in STEM disciplines (Science - Technology - Engineering - Mathematics). 	

Places available with scholarship	
MUR/University scholarships co-funded by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems.	6
Other scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 funded by IIT linked to the theme: "Innovative mesoporous nano-systems for historical surfaces". The scholarship focuses on developing advanced mesoporous nanomaterials for the conservation of historical surfaces. The PhD candidate will design, synthesize, and optimize these materials, integrating them into innovative formulations, and testing their effectiveness on representative samples. The ultimate goal is to evaluate their potential for real-world applications in cultural heritage conservation. Further details on the doctoral scholarship and the CCHT IIT laboratories, located at the innovative H-Farm research hub. • 1 funded by Eureka S.p.a. linked to the theme: "Study and development of innovative sustainable technologies, characterization methods and materials for cleaning machines" (PI: prof. Alvisè Perosa). 	2
Places reserved for foreign candidates with scholarship	1
Total number of places available	9

Admission process	
Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications. The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13 rd , 2026, on the University website .	

Languages	
Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31 st , 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).	

Qualifications accepted for assessment	
Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)	
Optional qualifications:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Documented research activity; • Publications; • Postgraduate diplomas. 	

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- up to 40 points for qualifications, of which 20 for the research proposal, 3.5 for each of the two reference letters and 13 for the qualifications listed in the submission (minimum score for admission to the oral interview 24/40);
- up to 60 points for the oral interview (minimum score: 36/60).

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

The interview will mainly focus on the research proposal, the topic of the candidate's dissertation, and any further scientific experience of the candidate. Candidates will also be interviewed about their motivation and how they would develop the research proposal.

The questions will also try to ascertain the candidates' aptitude for scientific research and will test their language skills.

Assessment criteria during the interview: clarity, competence and methodological rigour.

2 - PHD IN LAW, MARKET AND PERSON

PHD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH DENMARK UNIVERSITY (DENMARK)

ITALIAN-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>
Private Law; Public Law; Constitutional Law; Business Law; Economics Law; Labour Law; International Law; European Union Law; Comparative Law.

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica (second cycle/Master's degree) in 22/S Law or 102/S Theory and Techniques of Legal Texts, or Laurea magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree) in LMG/01 Law, or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, harmonised under the Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009; • Laurea specialistica (second cycle/Master's degree) in 64/S Economic Sciences or 84/S Managements Studies, or Laurea magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree) in LM-56 Economics or LM-77 Business and Economic Sciences or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, harmonised under the Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009. To be admitted for selection, candidates must have acquired, during their entire university studies, at least 48 ECTS in the academic disciplines of Area 12 – Law Studies. At least 5 of these ECTS must be in the academic discipline IUS/01 - Private Law and 5 ECTS in IUS/S08 - Constitutional Law or IUS/09 – Public Law; • Laurea specialistica or Laurea magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree) in other fields or degrees obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, harmonised under the Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009, as long as candidates have acquired in the course of their university career, at least 30 ECTS in the academic disciplines under Area 12 – Law Studies. At least 5 of the latter must be in the academic discipline IUS/01 - Private Law, 5 ECTS in IUS/09 – Public Law or in IUS/08 - Constitutional Law; 15 ECTS must be from the academic disciplines IUS/04 – Commercial Law, IUS/05 - Economics Law, IUS/07 - Labour Law, IUS/13 – International Law or IUS/14 - EU Law; and other 5 ECTS in other academic disciplines; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad in an academic discipline comparable to the Italian qualification granting admission to the PhD Programme. <p>The Admission Panel will verify that the candidates meet the background qualification requirements at a preliminary meeting. The required qualifications must not have been obtained more than 8 years before the issuing of the Call.</p>

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
MUR/University scholarships of which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 co-funded by the Department of Economics. • 1 tied to the PhD programme in partnership with South Denmark University (Denmark). The winner must spend a research period of 6 to 18 months at the partner university. <u>In the event of a lack of suitable candidates or their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.</u> 	4
Other scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 funded by the Department of Economics through the “Progetto di Eccellenza 2023-2027” (Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016, Art. 1, Paragraphs 314-337 – 2017 Budget Law – CUP H73C22001920001) on research topic: “Vulnerability and law”. 	1
Total number of places available	5

<i>Admission process</i>
Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications. The Admissions panel will verify and assess adequate knowledge of the Italian language to ensure the proper accessibility of the educational activities; the admission interview will be conducted in Italian or English, at the candidate's choice. The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13 rd , 2026, on the University website .

Languages

Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)* at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).

Qualifications accepted for assessment

Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)

Optional qualifications:

- Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts;
- Scientific/academic qualifications: monographs, book chapters or articles (with ISBN) or essays and “note a sentenza” (case comments) on journals (with ISSN) on topics related to the subject of this PhD;
- Other qualifications: evidence of research experience at Italian or foreign universities or research institutes; awards, scholarships and certificates of merit; previous Master's degree or other university courses of further education or specialisation, including linguistic ones. All qualifications must be relevant to the research topics of the PhD programme.

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- up to 40 points for qualifications, 18 of which for the PhD research proposal and 4 for each reference letter (minimum score for admission to interview 25/40);
- up to 60 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

Oral examination: candidates will be interviewed about their academic qualifications, PhD research proposal, and other topics related to the PhD programme.

Further indications

All PhD students must undertake a minimum overall period of three months of specialization at a foreign university or research centre, to be carried out in one or more slots according to the indications provided by the PhD Faculty Committee. After assessing the candidate's curriculum, the PhD Faculty Committee may request the acquisition of further ECTS in the academic field and disciplines under Area 12 – Law Studies to improve the candidate's profile, or for in-depth research in a specific subject.

3 - PHD IN ECONOMICS

ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>
Microeconomics, Economic Theory, Public Economics, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Health Economics, Economics of Ageing, Labour Economics, Development Economics, Macroeconomics, Finance, Financial Economics, Economics of Natural Resources and Climate Change, Environmental Economics, Regional Economics, Econometrics, Financial Econometrics, Time Series Econometrics, Bayesian Econometrics, Microeconometrics, Network Econometrics, Quantitative Finance, Mathematics for Economics, Computational Economics, and Economic Statistics.

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. <p>The admissions qualification must be obtained no more than 5 years before the date of the issue of the Call.</p>

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
MUR/University scholarships of which 1 co-funded by the Department of Economics.	3
Other scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 funded by the Department of Economics with co-funding from "Progetto di Eccellenza 2023-2027" (Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016, Art.1, paragraphs 314-337 – Budget Law 2017 – CUP H73C22001920001) tied to the research topic: "Vulnerability of Social and Economic Systems". 	2
<i>Places reserved for foreign candidates with scholarship</i>	1
Total number of places available	6

<i>Admission process</i>
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p>The interview will be in English.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>

<i>Languages</i>
Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31 st , 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).

<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>
<p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Optional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Academic publications, including book chapters and working papers; • Motivation letter written in English, explaining the reasons for pursuing a PhD in Economics at Ca' Foscari; • Other certification deemed useful in support of application (score obtained in GRE, GMAT, TOEFL or other standard tests; specialist master's or other postgraduate courses; research experiences at other universities or research centres; awards and certificates).

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- up to 75 points for qualifications, 30 of which for the PhD research proposal, 5 for the motivation letter, 8 for each reference letter, 20 for the CV and 4 for academic publications (the minimum admission score for the interview is 45/75);
- up to 25 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

The interview will be in English, focusing on the research proposal and on previous studies and training.

4 - PHD IN PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITÉ PARIS I PANTHÉON – SORBONNE (FRANCE)

ITALIAN-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

CURRICULUM IN PHILOSOPHY – CURRICULUM IN EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

Candidates can apply for only one of the following PhD curricula (Art. 6, par. 5 of the call)

<i>Research topics</i>
<p>Philosophy Curriculum: Theoretical Philosophy; Philosophical Hermeneutics; Moral Philosophy; Bioethics; History of Philosophy; History of Ancient Philosophy; History of Medieval Philosophy; History of Philosophy of the Renaissance; History of Modern Philosophy; History of Contemporary Philosophy; History of Science; Philosophy of Religion; Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Language; Aesthetics; Philosophy of Science; Philosophy of the Social Sciences; Logic.</p> <p>Educational Sciences Curriculum: General Pedagogy; Cognitive Sciences; Social Pedagogy; Intercultural Pedagogy; Labour Pedagogy; Developmental Psychology; Methodology and General Didactics; Technologies for Education and Didactics; Social Psychology; Neuroscience; Special Pedagogy; System Assessment and Educational Research; Philosophy of Education.</p>

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a second-level university qualifications granted by AFAM institutions (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale, "Advanced Artistic and Musical Training"); • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad.

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tied to the Philosophy curriculum as part of the PhD programme in partnership* with Université Paris I Panthéon – Sorbonne (France). The winner must spend a research period of 6 to 18 months at the partner university. A basic knowledge of French is required and will be tested during the interview. <u>Should the agreement not be finalized, or in the event of a lack of suitable candidates/their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.</u> 	4
<p>Other scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 funded by the ERC P-AGE project, focused on the theme: "Social Defence: Uncovering the Transnational Epistemology of the Punitive Age" (GA: 101164328, CUP: H74119000710006, Principal Investigator: Prof. Xenia Manuela Chiaramonte). The ERC P-AGE project questions the foundations of punishment and aims to develop research pathways to explore contemporary punitive reason through a theoretical, historical, and legal approach. Candidates are required to propose a line of inquiry into the long-term discourse regarding social defense as an implicit episteme of punishment and its current transnational relevance. The ultimate aim is to understand how and why punishment has become the most frequent response to an increasing range of social issues. 	1
Total number of places available	5

* Agreement No. 855 of April 15, 2026

<i>Admission process</i>
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p>The interview will be in Italian.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>

Languages

Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)* at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call). The PhD programme is mainly taught in Italian. Candidates who are not native Italian speakers are expected to have a good knowledge of Italian, which will be assessed during the interview.

Qualifications accepted for assessment

Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)

Optional qualifications:

- Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts;
- Postgraduate diplomas;
- Postgraduate specialisation courses, attended either in Italy or abroad;
- Research activity carried out in private and/or public bodies under contracts, scholarships, research assignments, either in Italy or abroad;
- Publications.

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:
up to 57 points for qualifications, 43 of which for the PhD research proposal and 3 for each reference letter. The minimum score for admission to the interview (research proposal + qualifications) is 28/57;
up to 43 points for the oral interview

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

The candidate's scientific qualifications, research proposal and curriculum vitae.

5 - PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MASARYKOVA UNIVERZITA (CZECH REPUBLIC)

ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

Research topics	
All topics related to the academic discipline in question, regarding both theoretical foundations and applications: the research topics developed in the PhD programme focus on the following: Bioinformatics, Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, Deep Learning, Computing Systems and Performance Evaluation, Data and Web Mining, Databases, Distributed and Parallel Systems and Algorithms, Formal Methods in Computers Science, Foundation of Programming Languages, Cybersecurity, System and Network Security, Web Security, Cryptography, Multimedia Information Systems, Human-Computer Interaction, Program Analysis and Verification, Web Technologies, Data Science.	
Admission requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. 	
Places available with scholarship	
MUR/University scholarships of which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tied to the research topic "Cybersecurity" as part of the PhD programme in partnership (<u>agreement currently being finalized</u>) with Masarykova Univerzita (Czech Republic). The winner must spend a research period of 12 to 18 months at the partner university. <u>Should the agreement not be finalized, or in the event of a lack of suitable candidates/their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.</u> • 1 co-funded by the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics on "Fund for the Financing of University Departments of Excellence" five-year period 2023-2027 (Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016, Art.1, paragraphs 314-337 – Budget Law 2017 – CUP H73C22001920001) and tied to the research topic "Physics-Aware Machine Learning for Hydrodynamic and Contaminant Transport Forecasting". • 1 co-funded by the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics. 	5
Total number of places available	5
Admission process	
Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications. The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13 rd , 2026, on the University website .	
Languages	
Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31 st , 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).	
Qualifications accepted for assessment	
Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications) Optional qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Scientific activity; • Academic publications; • Postgraduate diplomas. 	

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- Up to 60 points for qualifications, 44 of which for the PhD research proposal and 3 for each reference letter (the minimum admission score for the interview is 40/60);
- Up to 40 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

Computer sciences disciplines relevant to the topic of the candidate's research proposal.

6 - PHD IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS AND MATERIALS

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE - CENTRO DI RIFERIMENTO ONCOLOGICO DI AVIANO – CRO

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KANSAI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (JAPAN)

ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

CURRICULUM IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES – CURRICULUM IN BIO AND NANOMATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES

Candidates can apply for only one of the following PhD curricula (Art. 6, par. 5 of the call)

<i>Research topics</i>	
<p>Curriculum in Information Technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging technologies for information; Design and implementation of devices for monitoring and the Internet of Things (IoT); Thin-film electronics and sustainable materials; Electronics and optoelectronics of low-dimensional materials; Superconductivity in thin films and X-ray scattering techniques; Optical materials and light emission processes; Ultrafast and nonlinear optics; Complex systems and statistical physics; Statistical mechanics of soft matter; Numerical simulations and big data techniques for the management and modelling of complex systems; Theoretical and computational biophysics; Quantum modelling in nanoelectronics and spintronics; Telecommunication systems and quantum networks. <p>Curriculum in Bio and Nanomaterials Technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding biological mechanisms through experimental, quantitative and computational approaches to improve diagnostics and therapies; Development of complex biological models to study microbiota-host interaction for the development of precision and personalized therapy: Study of microbial community dynamics in response to drugs, nanomaterials and pollutants; Design and development of bio and nanomaterials and their engineering including biopolymers, for biomedical applications, such as drug delivery, tissue engineering, theranostics and biosensors; Development of intelligent materials and nanomaterials and soft robotics technologies for applications in the field of biomedicine, sensors and actuators; Theranostics: synthesis of organic (polymeric and/or micelle) or inorganic (mesoporous) nanostructures for drug delivery and as contrast medium for optical and/or magnetic imaging; Advanced ceramic materials for medical applications; study of their interaction with biological systems, degradation processes and biofilm formation; Simulation and numerical design of nanostructures obtained by self-assembly of anisotropic objects, or by DNA and protein folding; Development and optimization of sustainable energy systems. 	
<i>Admission requirements</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. 	
<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 co-funded by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems. 1 co-funded by the Department of Molecular Sciences and Nanosystems tied to the research topic: "Biomolecular and Material Science and Technology, Stem Cell Research, Genomic Medicine, Photoimmunology, Rehabilitation Medicine" within the framework of the agreement with Kansai Medical University, (Japan). The winner must spend a research period of 6 to 12 months at the partner university in Japan. <u>In the event of a lack of suitable candidates or their withdrawal, the scholarship will be no longer tied.</u> 1 co-funded by Project PRIMA 2023_QUIPACK "Food value chain intelligence and integrative design for the development and implementation of innovative food packaging according to bioeconomic sustainability criteria" (CUP H73C23001270005, PI: prof. Giovanni Antonio Salvatore). <u>In the event of a lack of suitable candidates or their withdrawal, the scholarship will be no longer tied.</u> <p>Further information on the page.</p>	5

<p>Other scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 funded by the National Cancer Center - Centro di Riferimento Oncologico - CRO in Aviano tied to the research topic: “Development, production and application of targeted therapies in cancer and human diseases”. The project or part of the project could be carried out at the CRO in Aviano. • 1 funded by RARA Factory S.r.l. tied to the research topic “Development of an AI-guided method for high-throughput materials growth and characterization”. Further information on the page. • 1 funded by the Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia IIT – Centre for Cultural Heritage Technology (CCHT) tied to the research topic: “Hybrid nano-materials for advanced conservation of historical materials”. The scholarship focuses on developing hybrid nanomaterials for the conservation of cultural heritage materials, using nano-silica, biopolymer, and graphene-based 2D materials. The PhD candidate will design, synthesize, and optimize these nanomaterials to prevent degradation and enhance material durability. The project will involve testing these advanced formulations on representative case studies to assess their effectiveness in real-world conservation applications. Further details on the doctoral scholarship and the CCHT IIT laboratories, located at the innovative H-Farm research hub. 	4
<i>Places reserved for foreign candidates with scholarship</i>	2
Total number of places available	11

<p>Admission process</p> <p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>
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<p>Languages</p> <p>Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).</p>

<p>Qualifications accepted for assessment</p> <p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Optional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Certified scientific activity; • Publications; • Postgraduate diplomas; • Organization or active participation in informative scientific events, voluntary work, participation in committees or scientific or non-scientific projects.

<p>Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications</p> <p>The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 50 points for qualifications, 20 of which for the PhD research proposal, 5 for each reference letter and 20 for other qualifications (the minimum score for the admission to the interview is 30/50); • up to 50 points for the oral interview. <p>Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 70/100</p>
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<p>Interview content</p> <p>The interview will mainly cover the research proposal, the topic of the degree thesis, and the scientific experience of the candidate. The candidate will also explain the reasons for choosing the topic of the proposal and how he/she intends to develop it in practice.</p> <p>The Admission Panel will verify the aptitude of the candidate for scientific research. Linguistic proficiency will also be assessed.</p> <p>Assessment criteria: clarity, competence and methodological rigour of exposition.</p>

7 - PHD IN ITALIAN STUDIES

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALPEN-ADRIA-UNIVERSITÄT KLAGENFURT (AUSTRIA)

ITALIAN-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>
Editing, analysis and interpretation of literary texts from the Middle Ages to the contemporary period, either in Italian or by Italian authors who have written in Latin, Greek, Provençal, Old French, as well as in modern languages or dialects or jargons. Relationship between the Italian language, literature and culture, and ancient and modern cultures and literatures which have come into contact with the former. Vernacular versions and translation of texts especially to and from Latin. Issues in historical linguistics and the history of Italian linguistics, of Medieval Latin-based languages and Italian dialects and the description of varieties of Italo-Romance languages of the past and the present. Literary civilisation of north-eastern Italy. Perspectives of Italian Literary Criticism.

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<p>Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or second-level university qualifications granted by AFAM institutions (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale, "Advanced Artistic and Musical Training"); • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. <p>The required qualifications must not have been obtained more than 5 years before the publication of the Call.</p>

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
MUR/University scholarships of which:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 co-funded by the Department of Humanities. • 1 tied to the PhD programme in partnership with Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt (Austria). The winner must spend a research period of 12 to 18 months at the partner university. <u>In the event of a lack of suitable candidates or their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.</u> 	4
<i>Places reserved for foreign candidates with scholarship for a PhD student with a scholarship from the China Scholarship Council – CSC</i>	1
Total number of places available	5

<i>Admission process</i>
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p><u>The interview will be in Italian.</u></p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>

<i>Languages</i>
Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31 st , 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).

<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>
<p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Optional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Thesis or, if it is still being written, the part of it that is available; • Postgraduate scholarships; • Attendance of postgraduate specialisation courses with a duration of at least six months; • Academic publications.

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- Qualifications: 50 points, of which 40 for the PhD research proposal and 2 for each reference letter. The minimum score for admission to the interview (research proposal + qualifications) is 30/50;
- Interview: 50.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

The interview will focus on the candidate's thesis (or the part of it that is available) and research proposal. Aptitude for research and expertise in the academic discipline of the proposal will also be assessed.

8 - PHD IN MODERN LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES AND LINGUISTICS

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SORBONNE UNIVERSITÉ (FRANCE)

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERZA NA PRIMORSKEM/UNIVERSITY OF PRIMORSKA (SLOVENIA)

THE PROGRAMME IS TAUGHT IN ITALIAN AND IN THE STUDY LANGUAGES

CURRICULUM IN MODERN LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES – CURRICULUM IN LINGUISTICS

Candidates can apply for only one of the following PhD curricula (Art. 6, par. 5 of the call)

<i>Research topics</i>	
<p>Modern Languages, Cultures and Societies Curriculum: They include the areas listed below, encompassing stylistic, rhetorical, philological, historical, and epistemological aspects, considered from a culture-specific and/or a cross-cultural perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglo-American cultures and literatures; English language, culture and literature; English-speaking postcolonial cultures and literatures; French and Francophone cultures and literatures; Hispanic American cultures and literatures; Iberian languages, cultures and literatures (Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese); Lusophone cultures and literatures of Latin America and Africa; German and Austrian languages, cultures and literatures; Slavic and Balkan area languages, cultures and literatures: Albanian, Bulgarian, Czech, Croatian, Greek, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, and historical Slavic-ecclesiastical language areas; Scandinavian languages, cultures and literatures; Comparative literature. <p>Within the academic disciplines in the sectors mentioned above, there will be disciplinary approaches and contributions based on the study of languages (Language and translation) applied to foreign literatures and cultures (e.g., stylistic, rhetorical, computational, philological, translation, etc.); as well as comparative and interdisciplinary approaches and contributions, always having as their aim the study of literary texts and cultural phenomena. In comparative and interdisciplinary studies, the principle of the centrality of culture and literature of reference will be crucial, in which language students will deepen their research and write the related doctoral thesis.</p> <p>Linguistics Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Didactics of foreign languages and Italian to foreigners; Linguistics applied to deafness and language disorders and typical and atypical language acquisition; Computational linguistics; Historical linguistics; Theoretical linguistics (generative grammar); Variational linguistics and sociolinguistics; Grammar theory, in synchronic and diachronic perspective; Philological sciences. 	
<i>Admission requirements</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; or second-level university qualifications granted by AFAM institutions (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale, "Advanced Artistic and Musical Training"); or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. 	
<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 co-funded by the Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies, that establish a period of up to six months of research abroad. 1 tied to the PhD programme in partnership (agreement currently being finalized) with Sorbonne Université (France). The winner must spend a research period of 6 to 18 months at the partner university. The interview will also assess the knowledge of French – level B2 is the minimum requirement, if possible certified by a recognised body. At the time of enrolment at Sorbonne Université, level B2 will be required, certified by SELFEE - Centre d'examens FLE of Sorbonne Université or by l'Alliance Française or a French embassy. <u>Should the agreement not be finalized, or in the event of a lack of suitable candidates/their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.</u> 1 tied to the PhD programme in partnership with Univerza na Primorskem (Slovenia). The winner must spend a research period of 6 to 18 months at the partner university. <u>In the event of a lack of suitable candidates or their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.</u> 	5

<p>Other scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 funded by the Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies on “Fund for the Financing of University Departments of Excellence” five-year period 2023-2027 (Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016 - Budget Law 2017, Art.1, paragraphs 314-337 CUP H73C22001950001) tied to the research topic: “Project on cultural, linguistic and literary adaptation, which may include the ways in which texts and genres are transformed across centuries and geographical areas, as well as the way language adaptation can be the product of interaction among languages, contexts and linguistic variations”. • 1 with funds from Progetto Erasmus+ SPREADACS (CUP: H77G25000200006) tied to the research topic: “Language and Communication in Deaf and Deafblind People: Socio-Haptic Communication”. Candidates are required to have (i) advanced skills in Italian Sign Language and Italian Tactile Sign Language; (ii) knowledge of the communication systems of deafblind people; (iii) professional or volunteer experience working with deafblind people. • 1 funded by AB Holding S.p.a. with predefined research topic: the project investigates diversity and intercultural dynamics within the framework of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as an organizational framework. While acknowledging their socio-cultural origins, the research focuses on their application in the corporate environment, with its associated regulatory and economic constraints. The goal is not to propose social rebalancing interventions, but to understand how encounters with the Other can transform diversity into a resource. Therefore, ethical and informed relationships that foster organizational effectiveness are explored, avoiding categorical approaches. The study aims to identify practices and skills for respectful and productive interactions, valuing the uniqueness of individuals. Availability for frequent international travel—both within and outside the EU—is required (an average of 5 days per month). Previous work experience in a corporate context is preferred. • 1 funded by the Istituto di linguistica computazionale “Antonio Zampolli” CNR-ILC (Pisa) and by Progetto CHANGES-CREST tied to the research topic: “Bringing Germanic Lexicographical Heritage into the Digital Age: Reusable Retro-Digitization of Historical Dictionaries”. Applicants are expected to demonstrate a sound knowledge of TEI Lex-0 and a basic familiarity with the morphology of the ancient Germanic languages. 	5
<i>Places reserved for foreign candidates with scholarship</i>	1
Total number of places available	11

Admission process

Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.

The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, [on the University website](#).

Languages

Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)* at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).

Only for candidates in Modern Languages, Cultures and Societies Curriculum:

Candidates are required to specify in their CV the knowledge of two languages chosen from: Albanian; Bulgarian; Catalan; Czech; English; French; German; Modern Greek; Polish; Portuguese; Russian; Serbo-Croatian; Slovenian; Spanish; Swedish, German.

Qualifications accepted for assessment

Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)

Optional qualifications:

- Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts;
- Academic publications;
- Other degrees and academic qualifications obtained in Italy or abroad (specialist Master's courses, postgraduate schools, postgraduate specialisation courses, PhDs);
- Research grants and postgraduate scholarships.

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- up to 50 points for qualifications, 40 of which for the PhD research proposal and 2 for each reference letter (minimum score for admission to interview: 40/50);
- up to 50 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

Only for candidates in Modern Languages, Cultures and Societies curriculum: the interview (in Italian) involves a discussion of the candidate's area of interest, research proposal and any scientific work submitted, in addition to an assessment of proficiency in the two foreign languages chosen. International candidates will take their interview in a bridge language other than their mother tongue (English, Spanish, French or German); their proficiency in Italian will also be assessed.

Only for candidates choosing the Linguistics curriculum: The interview (in Italian or English) involves a discussion of candidate's area of interest, research proposal and any scientific work provided with the submission

9 - PHD IN MANAGEMENT

ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>	
<p>Accounting, Financial Management and Corporate Reporting, Sustainability, Organization Theory and Design, Human Resource Management, Strategic Management, Marketing, Industry Studies, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Network Theory, Technology Management, Innovation for social and environmental impact, Managerial Economics, Game Theory, Critical Management, Corporate governance and financial markets, Banking and finance, Organisational History, Sociology of Quantification, Behavioural Economics, Operations Research, Labor law and industrial relations.</p> <p>The distinctive research strands and fields of the Venice School of Management, to which the PhD program belongs, include: Digital transformation and AI; Sustainability, ethics and social impact; Soft skills and leadership; Business Networks; Culture and creativity; Tourism; Food and wine; Mobility.</p> <p>PhD Students are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Venice School of Management's Research Lab.: Agri-Food Management & Innovation, Digital Impact Lab, Centre for Automotive & Mobility Innovation, Network Organisation, Information, and Strategy, MacLab Management of Arts and Culture Lab, Industry and Labour 4.0, Public and No-Profit Management, Sustainability Lab, Lab International Management to Asia.</p>	
<i>Admission requirements</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. <p>The required qualifications must not have been obtained more than 8 years before the publication of the Call.</p>	
<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
MUR/University scholarships	4
Scholarships are co-funded by the Venice School of Management.	
Total number of places available	4
<i>Admission process</i>	
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p>The interview will be in English.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>	
<i>Languages</i>	
<p>Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).</p>	
<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>	
<p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Optional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Academic publications including working papers; • Other certification that candidates consider useful in support of their applications (score obtained in GRE, GMAT, TOEFL or other standard tests; specialist master's or other postgraduate courses; statements of research experiences in other universities or research institutions; awards and certificates). 	

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- up to 55 points for qualifications, of which up to 25 for the PhD research proposal, 6 for each reference letter and 18 for qualifications (minimum score for admission to interview 35/55);
- up to 45 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

Discussion of the research proposal and possible future developments, discussion of previous education and research, motivation for study and research at doctoral level with full-time commitment for a four-year programme, assessment of English language skills at advanced level.

Further information

The title of *Master of Research in Management Studies* will be awarded, pursuant to Article 13 of the call.

10 - PHD IN SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>
<p>General research topics include the dynamics of climate variations and change; methods and techniques for the management of climate change and its impacts; assessment of economic impacts of climate change; cost-benefit analysis of mitigation and adaptation policies; other issues related to climate change and management of climate-change-related environmental and socio-economic processes.</p> <p>More specifically, the PhD Programme focuses on: Climate, Atmospheric, Ocean Dynamics; Physical and Biophysical Impacts of Climate Change; Climate Change and the Built Environment; Climate Change Economics and finance; Analysis of Climate Change Impacts and Policies; Socio-Economic Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation Strategies; Risk Assessment and Decision Support System for Environmental Impacts of Climate; Domestic and International Climate Policy.</p>

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. <p>The required qualifications must not have been obtained more than 10 years before the publication of the Call.</p>

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 co-funded by International Centre for Climate Change Research and Studies – CSRCC, tied to the research topic: “Multi scale modelling of climate change impacts on Mediterranean coastal systems” , that establish a period of up to six months of research abroad. • 1 co-funded by International Centre for Climate Change Research and Studies – CSRCC, tied to the research topic: “Participatory approaches for building climate resilience in Venice” , that establish a period of up to six months of research abroad. <p>For more information on scholarships and on CSRCC, see the page.</p>	4
<p>Other scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 funded by the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change – CMCC* 	2
<p>Total number of places available</p>	6

* Rector's Decree no. 323 dated 23 April, 2026

<i>Admission process</i>
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p><u>The interview will be in English.</u></p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>

<i>Languages</i>
<p>Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).</p> <p>If applicable, candidates can submit their TOEFL score. Its congruity with CEFR B2 level will be evaluated by the Admission Panel.</p>

<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>
<p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p>

Optional qualifications:

- Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts;
- GRE General test score (Graduate Record Examinations);
- Specialist master's or other postgraduate courses, including thesis title and abstract in English;
- Academic publications with abstracts in English;
- Research experience acquired at universities or research institutes.

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- 60 points for qualifications, of which 23 for the proposal, 6 for each reference letter, 25 for CVs (including other qualifications). The minimum score required for admission to the oral exam is 40/60;
- up to 40 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 65/100

Interview content

The interview, in English, will involve a discussion of the candidate's research proposal and motivations, as well as evaluating skills acquired in subjects necessary for quantitative analysis and model generation, such as mathematics and statistics. The interview will assess the candidate's competencies in foundation subjects and their motivation and adequate skills to communicate in English fluently.

Further information

Admitted candidates whose mathematical skills are not considered adequate are required to attend a preparatory course in Math.

During the second or third year, all PhD students must carry out a study/research period at an international university or research institute.

A *Master of Research in Science and Management of Climate Change* may be awarded as described in Art. 13 of the Call for Applications.

11 - PHD IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

ENGLISH-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

Research topics	
Environmental and Earth Sciences; Biology and Ecology; Environmental chemistry; Green Chemistry; Environmental remediation and technologies; Microbiology; Environmental biotechnologies.	
Admission requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. <p>The required qualifications must not have been obtained more than 10 years before the issuing of the Call.</p>	
Places available with scholarship	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 co-funded by Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics and by “Fund for the Financing of University Departments of Excellence” five-year period 2023-2027 (Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016, Art.1, paragraphs 314-337 – Budget Law 2017 – CUP H73C22001930001) tied to the research topic: “Assessing emerging pollutant risks in a changing climate: chemical fate modelling for the Northern Adriatic Sea”. • 1 co-funded by Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics and with funds of “Progetto Greendigo” (Project number: 101257710, Project name: Biosolutions for Denim Dyeing within the Planetary Boundaries, Call: HORIZON-EIC-2025-PATHFINDEROPEN - Topic: HORIZON-EIC-2025-PATHFINDEROPEN - Type of action: HORIZON EIC Grants, CUP H73C25001510006, PI: prof.ssa Elena Semenzin) tied to the research topic: “Absolute Environmental Sustainability Assessment of biosolutions for the textile sector”. • 1 co-funded by ISMAR-CNR Venice and tied to the research topic: “Integration of high-resolution hydrodynamic modelling, data fusion and climate/management scenarios for the development of coastal digital twins”, that establish a period of up to six months of research abroad. 	6
<p>Other scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 funded by GreenDecision Srl and tied to the research topic: “Assessment of safety and sustainability of chemicals and materials in the early stages of research and development”. • 1 co-funded by Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics and with funds of “Progetto Greendigo” (Project number: 101257710, Project name: Biosolutions for Denim Dyeing within the Planetary Boundaries, Call: HORIZON-EIC-2025-PATHFINDEROPEN - Topic: HORIZON-EIC-2025-PATHFINDEROPEN - Type of action: HORIZON EIC Grants, CUP H73C25001510006, PI: prof.ssa Elena Semenzin) tied to the research topic: “Methods and tools for the exposure assessment of environmental and human targets to chemicals and materials throughout the life cycle of innovative products and/or processes in the textile sector”. 	2
Total number of places available	8
Admission process	
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>	
Languages	
<p>Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).</p>	

<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>
Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications) Optional qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts;• Scientific activity;• Academic publications;• Postgraduate diplomas.
<i>Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications</i>
The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• up to 70 points for qualifications, 42 of which for the PhD research proposal and 5 for each reference letter (the minimum score for admission to the interview is 50/70);• up to 30 points for the oral interview.
Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 65/100
<i>Interview content</i>
The interview will be carried out in English. It will cover the academic fields of the research proposal and may include a discussion of the qualifications submitted by the candidate

12 - PHD IN ANCIENT HERITAGE STUDIES

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF TRIESTE AND UNIVERSITY OF UDINE ITALIAN-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>
Literatures and philologies of the ancient world (Greek language and literature; Latin language and literature; classical philology; papyrology; Greek and Latin palaeography; early Christian literature; Medieval Latin literature); Archaeology (prehistoric and protohistoric archaeology; history of art and archaeology of the ancient Near East; Egyptology; classical archaeology; Etruscology and Italic archaeology; ancient topography; Medieval and Christian archaeology); Ancient history (Greek history and epigraphy; Roman history and Latin epigraphy; history of the ancient Near East; Assyriology, numismatics; history of ancient historiography). Interdisciplinary topics: Linguistics; History of ancient philosophy; History of Medieval philosophy; Classical tradition; History of the religions of the ancient Mediterranean; Digital humanities.

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica (second cycle/Master's degree) in one of the following: 2/S - Archaeology; 5/S – Archivistics, Bibliography and Library; 11/S – Conservation of Scientific and Industrial Heritage; 12/S – Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage; 15/S – Philology and Classical Literature; 16/S – Modern Philology; 17/S - Philosophy and History of Science; 18/S – Theoretical, Moral, Political and Aesthetic Philosophy; 24/S – Computer Science for the Humanities; 40/S – Italian Language and Civilisation; 41/S-African and Asian Languages and Literature; 44/S - Linguistics; 72/S – Religion Studies; 83/S Economics for environment and culture; 93/S – Ancient history; 94/S – Contemporary History; 95/S – History of Art; 96/S - History of Philosophy; 97/S – Medieval History; 98/S – Modern History; • or Laurea magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree) in one of the following: LM-2 - Archaeology; LM-5 - Archivistics, Bibliography and Library; LM-11 – Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage; LM-14 – Modern Philology; LM-15 – Ancient Philology, Literature and History; LM-36 – Languages and Literature of Africa and Asia; LM-39 - Linguistics; LM-43 – Information Technology Methods for the Humanities; LM-64 – Religion; LM-76 Environmental and Cultural Economics; LM-78 – Philosophy; LM-84 – History; LM-89 – History of Art; LMR/02 – Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage; • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, harmonised under the Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009; • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad in an academic discipline comparable to the Italian qualification granting admission to the PhD Programme. <p>The required qualifications must not have been obtained more than 10 years before the issuing of the Call.</p>

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 funded by Ca' Foscari University of Venice. • 3 funded by University of Trieste* • 3 funded by University of Udine* • 1 co-funded by the Department of Humanities of Ca' Foscari University of Venice. 	10
Total number of places available	10

* Rector's Decree no. 264 dated 3 April, 2026

<i>Admission process</i>
<p>Assessment of qualifications, written examination (scheduled in person for May 18th, 2026 as provided in Article 2, paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Call for Applications) and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p>

<i>Languages</i>
<p>Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).</p> <p><u>Candidates must indicate in their CV that they have knowledge of a second language (in addition to English), which must be either French, German, Spanish, or Modern Greek. Knowledge of this language will be ascertained during the oral interview.</u></p> <p><u>The language of the country of origin is not assessable.</u></p> <p><u>Italian is the official language of the PhD programme and therefore knowledge of this language is a prerequisite for participation in teaching activities.</u></p>

<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>
<p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Optional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Academic publications; • Postgraduate diplomas, Specialist Master's Programmes or SSIS (Post-Graduate Teacher Training College) diplomas; • Scientific activities such as: participation in and management of archaeological excavations, organisation of laboratories; scholarly and publishing activities; collaborations with Museums and Cultural Heritage Bodies; presentations at conferences and seminars; • Extracurricular learning activities; • Teaching in secondary schools or universities; • Extracurricular internships and placements; • Foreign language certificates.

<i>Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications</i>
<p>The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 35 points for the written test (the minimum score for admission to the interview is 24/35); • up to 35 points for qualifications, 25 of which for the PhD research proposal and 2 for each reference letter; • up to 30 points for the oral interview. <p>Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100</p>

<i>Admission tests subjects</i>
<p>The written examination will consist, at the candidate's choice, in a translation and commentary of a Greek or Latin text (two Greek and two Latin texts will be proposed, respectively one in prose and one in poetry; the use of a dictionary will be allowed); in a historical essay; in an archaeological essay - the topics will be relevant to the research themes of the PhD programme as outlined above (for ERC scholarships ad hoc tracks will be prepared).</p> <p>The oral interview will include discussing the written test and the research proposal, also in relation to its congruity with the scientific themes of the PhD; the candidate's previous study and research experiences will also be examined, and his/her linguistic and cultural knowledge ascertained.</p> <p>International students may sit for the written test (the tracks will be in Italian) and the oral test in English.</p>

13 - PHD IN HISTORY OF ARTS

ITALIAN-TAUGHT PROGRAMME

<i>Research topics</i>	
<p>Analysis and history of buildings and their urban context, focussing in particular on their economic, construction and layout history, as well as their intended uses; the system of the arts, collecting, exhibitions and museology in medieval, modern and contemporary periods; historic-cultural and environmental heritage studied through documentation, imagery and multimedia, analysis of materials and structures; analysis and history of musical, theatrical and cinematographic artefacts; multimedia applications for the promotion of local artistic heritage; the contemporary system of artworks and performance art, and the transformation in practices, exhibition and consumption of artefacts.</p>	

<i>Admission requirements</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica/magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree); • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999; • or a second-level university qualifications granted by AFAM institutions (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale, "Advanced Artistic and Musical Training"); • or a Master's degree qualification obtained abroad. <p>The applicant's background must be in fields related to History of Art, History of Architecture, or Performing Arts.</p>	

<i>Places available with scholarship</i>	
<p>MUR/University scholarships of which 1 co-funded by the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage.</p>	4
<p>Total number of places available</p>	4

<i>Admission process</i>	
<p>Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.</p> <p>The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, on the University website.</p> <p>To evaluate the research proposals submitted, the Admission Panel may avail itself of qualified experts from within or outside the PhD teaching staff.</p>	

<i>Languages</i>	
<p>Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the <i>Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)</i> at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).</p> <p><u>The PhD Programme is held mainly in Italian and also offers some courses in English.</u></p> <p><u>Candidates with a mother tongue other than Italian are required to have at least a basic knowledge of the Italian language.</u></p>	

<i>Qualifications accepted for assessment</i>	
<p>Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)</p> <p>Optional qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts; • Specialist Master's Programme or other postgraduate courses; • Academic publications (published or in the process of being published with certification); • Research experience acquired at universities or research institutes; • Awards and certificates; • Other relevant qualifications. <p>All qualifications must be into fields pertinent to the PhD Programme.</p>	

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- up to 70 points for qualifications, 45 of which for the PhD research proposal and 5 for each reference letter. The minimum score for admission to the interview is 50/70;
- up to 30 points for the interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 70/100

Interview content

The interview will focus mainly on the submitted research proposal (and possibly on the topic addressed in the dissertation) and any further scientific experience of the candidate. Candidates will also be asked why they chose the topic of the research proposal and how they intend to develop it. The questions addressed to each candidate are intended to ascertain their aptitude for scientific research. Language competence will also be assessed.

Further information

The PhD Programme requires some compulsory training activities to be completed in person.

14 - PHD IN ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

PHD PROGRAMME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITÄT (GERMANY)

PROGRAMME TAUGHT IN ENGLISH AND IN THE LANGUAGES OBJECT OF STUDY

<i>Research topics</i>
<p>PhD research proposals are related to: Languages, cultures, history, thought, art and economic-legal institutions of Asia and North Africa.</p> <p>As regards the PhD in partnership with Universität Heidelberg, Germany, the topics focus on "Transcultural studies", in particular: human and social sciences that deal with the connections in the North African and Eurasian area with a transcultural approach (diachrony or synchrony) transcending the limits imposed by national borders and by the institutions that reproduce them. Research objectives may concern topics such as: alternative visions of cohesion and transnational governance; multinational cooperations and their impact on collective identities; communication and cross-cultural contacts; social engagement, narratives and representations; the changing senses of aesthetics; and, in general, how these activities and attitudes challenge, disrupt or alter existing institutions, attitudes and practices.</p> <p>Languages: Ainu, Arabic, Aramaic, Armenian, Azeri, Chinese, Coptic, Korean, Hebrew, Japanese, Hindi, Marathi, Mongolian, Neo-Greek, Pali, Persian, Russian, Sanskrit, Syriac, Thai, Tibetan, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.</p>

<i>Admission requirements</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurea specialistica (second cycle/Master's degree) in one of the following subject areas: 1/S - Cultural anthropology and ethnology; 2/S - Archaeology; 4/S - Architecture and civil engineering-architecture; 13/S Publishing, multimedia communication and journalism; 15/S Philology and classical literature; 16/S – Modern philology; 17/S – Philosophy and history of science; 18/S Theoretical, moral political and aesthetic philosophy; 22/S - Law; 39/S - Conference interpreting; 40/S – Italian language and civilisation; 41/S - African and Asian languages and literature; 42/S - Modern European and American Languages and Literatures; 43/S - Foreign languages for international communication; 44/S Linguistics; 49/S Empirical research methods for social sciences; 51/S Musicology and musical heritage; 55/S Tourism development and management; 59/S Corporate advertising and communication 60/S – International relations; 70/S - Political science; 72/S - Religion studies; 83/S Economics for environment and culture; 88/S Cooperation and development studies; 89/S Sociology; 93/S - Ancient history; 94/S - Contemporary history; 95/S - History of art; 96/S - History of philosophy; 97/S - Medieval history; 98/S - Modern history; 99/S European Studies; 102/S - Theory and techniques of legal texts; 104/S - Translation of literary and technical texts; 5/S archival and librarianship; 10/S architectural and environmental assets; 11/S conservation of scientific heritage and industrial civilisation; 12/S conservation and restoration of the historical-artistic heritage; 15/S Ancient philology and literatures ; 54/S urban and environmental territorial planning ; 82/S science and technology for the environment and the territory; 100/S techniques and methods for the information society; 101/S communication theory, 24/S Class of specialised degree programmes in computer science for the humanities, 38/S Class of specialised degree programmes in engineering for the environment and territory, 64/S Economics, 74/S Class of specialised degree programmes in science and management of rural and forestry resources; • or Laurea magistrale (second cycle/Master's degree) in one of the following subject areas: LM-1 Cultural anthropology and ethnology; LM-2 Archaeology; LM-4 Architecture and civil engineering-architecture; LM-14 Modern philology; LM-15 Ancient philology, literature and history; LM-19 Information and publishing systems; LM-36 Languages and literature of Africa and Asia; LM-37 Modern Languages and Literatures European and American; LM-38 Modern languages for international communication and cooperation; LM-39 Linguistics; LM-45 Musicology and musical heritage; LM-49 Tourism development and management; LM-52 International relations; LM 56 – Economics science, LM-59 Public, business and advertising communication sciences; LM-62 Political science; LM-64 Religion; LM-76 Environmental and cultural economics; LM-78 Philosophical studies; LM-81 Development co-operation; LM-84 Historical studies; LM-88 Sociology and social research; LM-89 History of art; LM-90 European Studies; LM-94 Specialist translation and interpreting; LMG/01 Law; LM-5 Archivistis, Bibliography and Library; LM-10 Conservation of architectural and environmental heritage; LM-11 Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage; LM-43 IT Methodologies for the Humanities; LM-48 Urban and Environmental Territorial Planning ; LM-73 Forestry and Environmental Sciences and Technologies ; LM-75 Science and Technology for the Environment and the Territory ; LM- 91 Techniques and Methods for the Information Society; LM- 92 Theories of Communication. LM-94 Specialised translation and interpretation; LMG/01 Law; • or a degree obtained under the Italian university system in force before the Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, harmonised under the Ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009;

- or a Master’s degree qualification obtained abroad in an academic discipline comparable to the Italian qualification granting admission to the PhD Programme.

In-depth knowledge of at least one of the languages listed for the research topics supported by the candidate's curriculum vitae et studiorum. The Admission Panel will verify that the candidates meet the background qualification requirements at a preliminary meeting.

Places available with scholarship

MUR/University scholarships

of which:

- 2 on a research topic in the field of Global Studies or on religious, historical, artistic, archaeological, literary, linguistic, sociological, anthropological, philosophical contexts, etc., relating to one or more of the languages listed above.
- 2 on transcultural research topics (in the field of Global Studies or historical, religious, artistic, archaeological, literary, linguistic, sociological, anthropological, philosophical contexts, etc. relating to one or more of the languages listed above) tied to PhD partnership with Heidelberg Universität (Germany) and with the obligation for the winner to carry out a mobility period of at least 12 months. In the event of a lack of suitable candidates or their withdrawal, the scholarship will no longer be tied.
- 1 co-funded by the Department of Asian and North African Studies.

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Other Scholarships

- 2 funded by the Department of Asian and Mediterranean African Studies under the “Fund for the Financing of University Departments of Excellence” for the five-year period 2023–2027 (Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016 – 2017 Budget Law, Article 1, paragraphs 314–337 - CUP H73C22001940001) and restricted to topics relevant to the research areas of the Project of Excellence, namely: a) transdisciplinary research on sustainability and political ecology focused on Asian and/or African contexts; b) research on languages, literatures and cultural productions in Asian and North African regions that are expressions of non-dominant identities and minorities; or c) within the scope of cultural and social inclusivity and diversity, themes related to identity and gender equality in the cultures and societies of Asia and Mediterranean Africa.
- 1 funded by external grants from the [Waksaw Archeological Alliance](#) on themes related to the cultural, religious and artistic developments of Gandhara during the early centuries of the Common Era, particularly in the ancient region of Udḍiyāna (Swat Valley). The aim is to foster research in the field of Buddhist studies by integrating it with interdisciplinary studies encompassing archaeology, art history, philology and epigraphy.

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Places reserved for foreign candidates with scholarship

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Total number of places available

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Admission process

Assessment of qualifications and oral interview, with the possibility of interviewing remotely as provided in Article 2, paragraph 6 of this Call for Applications.

The interview will be carried out in English.

The selection process will run approximately from the second half of May 2026. The interview calendar will be available on May 13rd, 2026, [on the University website](#).

Languages

Candidates must have certified English proficiency of at least B2 level under the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)* at the time of enrolment. They are otherwise allowed to acquire the certification by December 31st, 2026. Failure to do so will exclude them from the PhD Programme (see Art. 3, paragraph 6 of the call).

Candidates are required to specify in their CV the knowledge of one of the following languages (ancient or modern): Ainu, Arabic, Aramaic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Chinese, Coptic, Georgian, Syriac, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Marathi, Mongolian, Modern Greek, Pali, Persian, Russian, Sanskrit, Thai, Tibetan, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

Qualifications accepted for assessment

Required qualifications (described in Art. 5 of the Call for Applications)

Optional qualifications:

- Up to two reference letters by university professors, researchers or other experts;
- Academic publications;

- Other degrees and academic qualifications obtained in Italy or abroad (specialist master's courses, postgraduate schools, postgraduate specialisation courses, PhDs);
- Research grants and scholarships;

Evaluation criteria for the interview and the qualifications

The Admission Panel has a total of 100 points to be awarded as follows:

- 50 points for qualifications, which includes 40 points for the research proposal and a maximum of 2 points for each reference letter (the minimum score required for admission to the oral interview is 35 out of 50, with at least 30 points for the research proposal and at least 5 points for other qualifications, excluding reference letters);
- 50 points for the oral interview.

Minimum score to qualify for ranking: 60/100

Interview content

The interview will be conducted in English and involve a discussion of the candidate's area of interest, research proposal and any scientific work submitted, and a review of argumentation skills; Proficiency in the chosen foreign language will also be assessed.