CALL FOR ADMISSION TO PHD NEUROSCIENCE COURSE FOR THE XXXIV CYCLE

The deadline for this call is 13:00 (CEST) on July 11th 2018

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL
The selection process has been announced at the University of Padova for admission to PhD Neuroscience Course for the 2018/2019 academic year - XXXIV cycle (hereinafter ‘selection process’).
The research subjects, methods and criteria for candidate selection to be used for ranking purposes are indicated on the specific information sheet for the Course (Appendix 1).

The information sheet also indicates the number of funded places that will be assigned according to the specific ranking.

The number of places available with a grant, for any subject, may be increased with funding from public and private entities.
The places marked with an asterisk will become available if the agreements with the partners involved are concluded successfully.

In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree no. 45/2013, for PhD courses to go ahead, they may be subject to compliance checks on accreditation requirements, carried out by ANVUR (Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes). Therefore, only following the positive outcome of these checks may successful candidates enrol.

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
2.1 Anyone in possession of the following, regardless of nationality, may apply to take part in the selection process:
• diploma di laurea (pre-reform regime);
• laurea specialistica/magistrale (post-reform regime);
• second-level academic qualifications awarded by AFAM (Higher Education in Art and Music) institutions.

2.2 Admission to the selection process for candidates who have not yet been awarded their academic qualification
Anyone yet to be awarded the required academic qualification, but who will have received it by and no later than 30 September 2018, may also apply to take part in the entry examinations.
Otherwise, admission to the course will be denied. Admission will be conditionally granted to these candidates, who will have to provide self-certification regarding the qualification awarded (or the certificate itself if the qualification was awarded in a non-EU country), together with an identity document by 5 October 2018. Said certification must be sent via email to bando.dottorati@unipd.it or delivered in person to the Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream (PhD Office) in via del Risorgimento 9, Padua. The self-certification (or the certificate itself if the qualification was awarded in a non-EU country), must indicate the name of the university that awarded the qualification, the date it was awarded, the type of degree (first-cycle Italian university degree, second-cycle Italian specialist/master degree) and the grade achieved, together with a copy of a valid identity document.

2.3 Admission to the selection process for candidates in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad that is yet to be officially declared as equivalent to an Italian qualification
Admission to the selection process will be conditionally granted to those candidates in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad that has not yet been officially recognised as equivalent to a second-cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian
universities. The academic qualification in the student’s possession must refer to a course with a duration of at least 4 years and must give access to the PhD course in the country in which it was awarded. Suitability of the qualification will be verified by the Course’s Admission Committee and will only be granted for the sole purpose of admission to the chosen PhD course.

To this end, when completing the online application process, the candidate must request that their qualifications be verified and attach the following documents:

a. if achieved in a European Union country:
   1. Certificate of the degree or Diploma
   2. Diploma Supplement, where available, or academic transcripts
   3. any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the suitability of the qualification held (curriculum in European format, etc.);
   4. translation of the attached documents into Italian or English by and under the responsibility of the candidate.

b. if obtained in a country outside the European Union
   1. Certificate of the qualification awarded abroad with relative declaration of value, if available;
   2. Certificate indicating the examinations taken and relative grades achieved;
   3. Any other documentation considered useful to assess the suitability of the qualification held (curriculum vitae in standard European format, etc.);
   4. Translation of the attached documents in Italian or English, to be carried out under the candidate’s own responsibility.

Art. 3 – APPLICATION FORM
The application form to participate in the selection process may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available at: https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati34-neuroscienze/

Application forms must be submitted no later than 13.00 (CEST) on the announcement deadline date (11 July 2018).

Candidates also wishing to compete for places with priority research grants are obliged to indicate this in their application, selecting the relative subjects. This option will be a binding priority choice. Priority research grants are linked to specific curricula, if present, in accordance with the information provided on the sheet of the Course.

Only candidates who have made a specific request to do so in their application may compete for priority research grants. These choices are final.

All required documents to be submitted listed in the information sheet of the PhD course must be attached to the application form, together with a copy of an identity document. If the candidate is applying also for courses published in the “Call for admission to PhD Courses for the 2018/2019 academic year - XXXIV cycle – deadline 26th June 2018”, each application must be completed with the relative documents required. All documentation must be attached in pdf format.

For all legal purposes, the application is to be considered as a self-certification of the data included therein and of the attached documents, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

Once the application form has been completed, it must be printed, signed manually and re-uploaded following the instructions described in the online procedure, and copy of an identity document must be attached. A missing signature and/or missing identity document could lead to exclusion from the selection process.

After closing the application, the candidate can, where applicable, request reference letters by completing the appropriate section on the application form. The candidate can request reference letters before the same closing date for applications, i.e. 11 July 2018 at 13:00 CEST. A notification
for completion of the letter will be sent to the referee only after the application has been fully submitted. The referee will be automatically notified by the system and will have to personally complete the reference letter section in the online procedure and submit it by the deadline of 13 July 2018 at 13:00 CEST.

Reference letters attached by the candidate will not be taken into consideration.

The application is automatically sent to the University when the online procedure has finally been completed. Therefore, no paperwork needs to be delivered or sent to the University’s offices.

Candidates are invited to complete applications for the selection process well in advance of the closing date specified in this competition notice. Candidates are responsible for verifying that the procedure is completed correctly. No complaints will be accepted for any malfunctioning of the IT system due to overload experienced by candidates near the closing date.

Pursuant to Law 104/92, as supplemented by Law 17/99, and Law 170/2010, candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (DSA) may support, where provided for in the selection for admission to the chosen doctorate, the admission test with personalized supports, making an explicit request to Ufficio Servizi agli Studenti – Inclusione. The request must be drawn up following the indications available in the online application procedure for the selection.

It is also necessary:
1) to send an e-mail to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it specifying the supports, aids or compensatory measures required (the additional time for the written tests, where provided, cannot exceed 50% for candidates with disabilities and 30% for candidates with DSA);
2) to send to Ufficio Servizi agli Studenti – Inclusione, the certifications related to disability or DSA: the documentation can be delivered personally in Via del Portello, 23 in the hours open to the public or sent by e-mail to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it by 1:00 pm on July 11th 2018. The documentation useful for the purpose of custom supports includes:
- certification pursuant to Law 104/1992;
- certification of civil disability;
- certification diagnosis of DSA issued after the majority of age by structures of the NHS or by specialists and facilities accredited by the same.

It will be possible to hold an interview with dedicated staff and with arrangements to be agreed in order to define the supports for the performance of the test. Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (DSA) residing in foreign countries must present the certification attesting to the disability or DSA status issued in the country of residence accompanied by a sworn translation in Italian or in English.

Art. 4 – ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND ENTRY EXAMINATIONS
4.1 Information on selection procedures and the dates for examinations, if applicable, are provided in the information sheet of the Course.

For all intents and purposes, the examination dates indicated in the Course information sheet represent official notification. Candidates will therefore not receive any further call or notification regarding the entry examinations.

To take the examinations, candidates must arrive at the location on the day and at the time indicated in the aforementioned information sheets, providing a valid identity document (e.g. a national identity card, passport or driving licence). 4.2 Written or oral examinations will be considered passed if the candidate obtains a mark equivalent to at least 7/10.
For selection processes that only take into consideration academic qualifications, candidates will only be considered suitable if they have obtained a minimum score corresponding to at least 7/10. If specified in the Course information sheet, the Committee will carry out a pre-selection on the basis of the academic qualifications presented by the candidate. Candidates who pass the pre-selection phase, obtaining a minimum score of 7/10, will be admitted to the written and/or oral examination.

The entry examination will be taken in the language(s) indicated in the Language(s) section of the specific information sheet of the Course, under the item "Admission exam".

4.3 Only and exclusively if indicated in the information sheet of the PhD Course, may candidates take the oral examination remotely, using videoconferencing equipment (Skype). In this case, interested candidates must make a specific request and provide their contact details on the selection process application form, guaranteeing that they will use a webcam in order for them to be correctly identified by the Selection Committee. The candidate must be reachable at the contact details given, on the day of the oral examination, according to the calendar published on the website indicated in the information sheet. It is at the discretion of the Committee to decide whether to agree with the candidate a precise time for the start of the oral exam.

For identification purposes, and under penalty of exclusion from the selection process, candidates are required to identify themselves showing the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application before the start of their oral exam.

Failure to confirm contact details, failure to connect or be reachable on the day and at the time agreed, or failure to show a valid identity document pursuant to the previous paragraph, may result in exclusion from the selection process.

The University of Padova shall accept no responsibility for any technical issues that may prevent the oral examination from being correctly carried out.

4.4 Oral examinations, including those conducted remotely, are public.

4.5 For candidates who have also submitted an application for priority research grants, the Committee will also verify their suitability for the specific subject.

Art. 5 – SELECTION COMMITTEE
The Selection Committee is appointed by the Rector according to the proposal put forward by the PhD Board, in accordance with the University Regulations on PhD courses. It will be made up of three members chosen among professors and university researchers.

No more than two experts, who may also be foreign, may be added to the Committee. These experts are chosen from public and private entities and institutions which also carry out research activities.

For priority research grants, the Committee is authorised to bring in the help of experts, who do not have voting rights, for their technical opinion.

Art. 6 – RANKINGS AND ADMISSION TO THE COURSE
Upon conclusion of entry examinations, the Committee compiles the general ranking for admission to the Course based on grades achieved in the examinations. Candidates will be granted admission to the course according to the Course ranking.

If the candidate has been successful in their application to more than one PhD course, they will have to decide on one only Course upon enrolment.

Assignment of places for priority research grants
The general ranking for admission to the Course will indicate whether candidates are eligible for the priority research grants they applied for.

Grants will be awarded based on the merit ranking.

If the successful candidate is eligible for a priority research grant, this grant will be assigned as a priority, as provided for by art. 3.

If several successful candidates are eligible for the same priority research grant, the Committee will award the grant based on the merit ranking.
If several priority research grants are available and a successful candidate is eligible for more than one of these grants, it is up to the Committee to decide how to award each grant.

If, at the end of enrolment procedures, any places/grants become available, as a result of explicit or tacit enrolment withdrawal, these shall become vacant for other candidates, according to ranking, assigned curriculum and level of eligibility.

The Rector approves the selection proceedings and declares the ranking official for the admission of candidates. The rankings will be made public from 6 August 2018 through:

- Publication on the University’s official register;
- Publication on the University of Padova website: http://www.unipd.it/bandi-graduatorie-dottorati

Successful candidates must enrol by 11 September 2018. Information on enrolment procedures will be published at the same time as the rankings.

Publication of enrolment deadlines are to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes.

**No information will be sent to the candidate’s home. Candidates granted admission to the Courses are responsible for checking enrolment dates and procedures.**

**Art. 7 – PHD COURSES AND MEDICAL SPECIALISATION SCHOOLS**

If successful in the admission selection process, students enrolled at medical specialisation schools at the University of Padova will be able to enrol in a PhD course if they are already enrolled in the last year of the specialisation school or they will start the last year of the specialisation school in the first year of the PhD Course, and if the joint frequency has been declared compatible and authorized by the Board of the specialisation school.

Candidates who are successful in the selection process for admission to the PhD course must, when enrolling on the PhD Course:

- Provide a declaration signed by the Director of the specialisation school certifying that attendance of both courses has been declared compatible and authorised by the Board of the specialisation school;
- Undertake to carry out their research activities according to the specific instructions provided by the PhD course Board.

At least one month before the end of the joint attendance, the student must ask the PhD course Board to officially acknowledge the period of joint attendance. The PhD course Board, after an evaluation of the research activities carried out by the individual during the period of joint attendance certified by the specialisation school Board, may then formally acknowledge the validity of the abovementioned period for the purposes of being awarded the PhD.

In any case, the thesis and its assessment must follow the provisions set forth by art. 13 of the present announcement.

During the period of joint attendance, those enrolled in the specialisation school will not be eligible for PhD grants or other forms of funding.

**Art. 8 – ENROLMENT**

Successful candidates must enrol by 11 September 2018, following the procedures published together with the rankings.

**Failure to enrol by the deadlines set for the Course will be considered as renunciation of the place, which will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.**

The duly signed enrolment form must be submitted to the ‘Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream’ (PhD Office), along with the following documentation on plain paper:

- Enrolment form for the first year of the PhD course, with indication of the assigned place;
- Copy of a valid identity document;
- Copy of confirmation of payment, as per the following art. 11;
- A passport-size photograph.

When completing the enrolment form, the successful candidate declares, inter alia, that:
- They are not enrolled, nor shall they enrol for the duration of the PhD, in another university Course unless authorised by the present announcement or by current legislation;
- If enrolled in a first- or second-cycle degree course (with exclusion of the academic qualification required to access the PhD, in accordance with art. 3), they will have been awarded all credits, except for those relating to the final examination, by 30 September 2018;
- If enrolled in a university master course, they will have fulfilled the attendance obligations established by the master by 30 September 2018;
- The final examination of the course first enrolled in (excluding the PhD), will have been passed no later than ninety days after the start of the PhD;
- They are not enrolled, and nor shall they enrol, in a Specialisation School (with the exception of the cases stated in art. 8 of the present announcement). If enrolled, they declare that they will suspend attendance before beginning the PhD course, where this is possible; if enrolled in the final year, they declare that they will complete their specialist training before the start date of the PhD Course;
- They shall undertake to ask the competent body of the Course for authorisation to carry out work outside of the course;
and, if a grant holder:
- They have not already benefited from another PhD Course grant in the past;
- They will not accumulate the grant with another grant, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purposes of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad;
- They are aware that the grant is only awarded to those who have a yearly income that is below the equivalent of a year’s grant amount for the tax years when the grant will mainly be used, and shall provide prompt notification should their income exceed this limit;
- They shall undertake to pay back the monthly grant instalments received in the year in which their income exceeded the limit;
and, if a priority research grant holder:
- They are aware that the priority research grant is awarded subject to the candidate carrying out the research indicated in the relative agreement and respecting the agreement’s contents.

Candidates with a foreign qualification must also attach to their application:

1. A copy, in Italian or English, of the academic qualification awarded abroad, complete with the declaration of value (only for academic qualifications awarded in non-EU countries), and a copy of the certificate indicating the examinations taken and the relative grades, translated and legalised by Italian diplomatic or consular authorities.
2. Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for qualifications obtained in European Union countries

A valid stay permit if already issued, or a copy of the request made to the competent authorities within 8 days of arriving in Italy (only for non-EU citizens).

Should there be any doubts regarding the nature or validity of academic qualifications awarded in EU countries, the University reserves the right to request the certificate or a Declaration of Value. For further information on the Declaration of Value, visit the web page http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html.

Candidates in possession of a foreign academic qualification who have not provided the required documentation requested at the time of enrolment will be enrolled conditionally and will be excluded from the PhD course, with the obligation of refunding grant instalments unduly received, if:
- They do not submit such documentation within 12 months of the start of the course;
- Following verification, the academic qualification does not meet the requirements of the present competition notice and does not permit enrolment on the PhD course.

Art. 9 – VACANT PLACES
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Following explicit or tacit withdrawal by successful candidates before the start of the course, any vacant places will be assigned to the next candidates in the ranking, according to the criteria set out in art. 6.
Should any places with funding become available following withdrawals, other eligible candidates in the ranking may apply for such vacant places.

VACANT PLACES – PRIMARY PHASE
Candidates with the right to a vacant place will be notified through publication of the list of replacement candidates at the address http://www.unipd.it/bandi-graduatorie-dottorati from 14 September 2018.
Candidates will be required to enrol by 19 September 2018, as provided for in art. 8.

VACANT PLACES – SECONDARY PHASE
From 21 September 2018, any further available places will be published and interested candidates must submit their applications by 26 September 2018 according to the procedure indicated.
Candidates who have submitted their applications for vacant places will be contacted directly by the office and will have to complete enrolment by 28 September 2018.

No notifications will be sent to the candidate's home address.

Art. 10 - GRANTS
For priority research grants, the research subject will also be specified. Holders of these grants are under the obligation to carry out the research activities specified in the agreement between the University and the institution providing funding for the grant, and must respect the contents of the agreement.
Grants are only awarded to those who have a yearly income that is below the equivalent of a year’s grant amount for the tax years when the grant will mainly be used. Should the grant holder’s income exceed this limit, they will lose their right to the grant for the year in which the limit was exceeded. In this case, the PhD student concerned will be obliged to pay back any monthly grant instalments already received.
Should applications have equal merit, the assessment of the applicant’s economic situation is the deciding factor in awarding a grant. This is calculated pursuant to ISEE or ISEEU (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) values.
In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree n. 40 dated 25 January 2018, the annual amount of the grant is 15,343.28 euros, gross, less national insurance and pension contributions payable by the recipient to INPS (Italian National Institute for Social Security), pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26 et. seq. of (Italian) Law no. 335 dated 8 August 1995, and subsequent amendments and integrations.
PhD grants cannot be used together with other grants, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purpose of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad.
The amount of the grant is increased by 50% for any time spent abroad.
The grant takes effect when the holder effectively begins to attend the course.
The grant is paid in deferred monthly instalments.
Anyone who has already benefited from a PhD grant, cannot do so for a second time.

Art. 11 – ENROLMENT AND TUITION FEES
11.1 PhD students are exempt from university tuition fees and must only pay an amount corresponding to the regional contribution to the right to education and stamp duty.
11.2 PhD students may request exemption from payment of the regional contribution, quantified as per the ISEE presented. For PhD students with a grant, the quota for the aforementioned contribution, quantified as per the ISEE, will be withheld from the grant payment.
11.3 The amounts referred to in point 1. can be consulted in the fees and contributions Table for those enrolled in PhD courses for the 2018/2019 academic year. This table will be published on the University of Padova website at the address: http://www.unipd.it/tasse-borse-studio-opportunita-dottorati.

**Art. 12 – COURSE START DATES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS**  
Courses will begin on 1 October 2018.  
Admission to a PhD course is a full time, exclusive commitment.  
PhD students are obliged to carry out the activities relating to their approved research plan and to present a report on the activities and research carried out to the competent body of the Course at the end of each year, as well as the PhD thesis, complete with original contributions, at the end of the course. Theses must be submitted in accordance with the procedures established in the University Regulations for PhD studies.  
After evaluating the activities carried out by the PhD student, the competent body of the Course will deliberate whether to admit the PhD student to the next year of the course. With a substantiated decision, the Doctoral Board may also propose to the Rector that the student be excluded from continuing the Course.

**Art. 13 – OBTAINING THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION**  
The PhD is awarded upon successfully passing the final examination. This examination consists of an oral discussion with the candidate on their thesis.  
The supervisory committees for the final examination will be formed and appointed in compliance with the University Regulations for PhD studies.

**Art. 14 – PROPERTY OF RESULTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY**  
Intellectual and industrial property rights on the results obtained by the PhD student, including but not limited to software, patentable or non-patentable industrial inventions, know-how, models, data and data collections, are regulated in accordance with current legislation, the University Regulations and, if applicable, on the basis of individual agreements with Universities, Enterprises and Bodies involved.  
The PhD student is obliged to communicate without delay to the Coordinator the attainment of results and commits to not divulging or using them without the prior authorisation of the University. The PhD student must also sign a confidentiality agreement recognising the intellectual property rights in relation to confidential information, data and documents that he or she may become aware of when carrying out activities at and/or on behalf of the University.  
Candidates who compete for priority research grants undertake to accept the provisions relating to intellectual property agreed in the Convention between the University and the funding body.  
In any case, the PhD student is guaranteed the opportunity to carry out the usual permitted publishing activities, which should be planned in a manner compatible with the protection of any results.

**Art. 15 – SPECIAL CASES**  
Recipients of funding to support research, selected in the context of international projects (Marie Sklodowska Curie), may be admitted to the courses, subject to the approval of the Doctoral Board, which will verify the suitability of the research subject compared with the scientific-disciplinary subject matters covered by the course and will also assess the eligibility of the grant holder for admission purposes. Candidates benefiting from funding/grants awarded by countries with whom the University of Padova has stipulated specific agreements may also be admitted to reserved places. For information on how to participate in the selection process, candidates belonging to these categories must contact the ‘Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream – Settore Dottorato di Ricerca’ (PhD office) via email, using the address bando.dottorati@unipd.it.

**Art. 16 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**
The processing of personal data provided by candidates collected for the purposes identified in this notice takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR).

For the purposes of processing personal data, the University of Padua is the data controller under the GDPR, art. 26. The University of Padua is therefore obliged to implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure that the treatment is compliant with the GDPR, verifying and periodically updating the data protection policies pursuant to the GDPR, arts. 24-25; it is also subject to all the obligations of the data controllers, in particular that of the release to the interested parties of specific information pursuant to the GDPR, art. 13-14.

The provision and collection of data is mandatory for the selection process and, in the case of sensitive data, it is carried out pursuant to Law 68/1999 and Law 104/1992. The provision of the data indicated in the notice is mandatory and necessary for the purposes of assessing the admission requirements and the formulation of the rankings, under penalty of exclusion from the selection. As regards the specific consent for the potential contracts for Higher Education and Research Apprentices, see Article 4 of this notice.

For the purposes of processing personal data, CINECA, Inter-university Consortium, is appointed by the University of Padua, in charge of the treatment pursuant to the GDPR, art. 28; CINECA therefore undertakes to provide, upon request by the university, suitable guarantees that it has put in place suitable technical and organizational measures to ensure that the processing of the data conferred to it meets the requirements of the GDPR regarding the protection of the rights of the interested parties. The data processed will not be the subject of communication or dissemination to third parties by CINECA, which acts as data controller as expressly appointed by the University. CINECA personnel units, designated by the Director of the Consortium, are responsible for processing the data.

The data collected will be kept for a period of time not exceeding the achievement of the purposes for which they are processed ("conservation restriction principle" GDPR, art.5) or on the basis of the deadlines established by law. The verification of the obsolescence of the data stored in relation to the purposes for which they were collected is carried out periodically.

Art. 17 – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEEDINGS
Pursuant to art. 5 of Italian Law no. 241 dated 7 August 1990 (New rules regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the individual responsible for proceedings is Dott. Andrea Crismani – Director of the ‘Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream’ (PhD Office).

Art. 18 – NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS
Disclaimer: this is a translation of the selection announcement for PhD Courses. Its purpose is to provide information to foreign students. It has no legal value. The only official and legally binding source is the original Italian announcement.

18.1 The present announcement is to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. No notifications will be sent to the candidate’s home.
Any amendments or integrations to the present announcement shall be notified through:
a) Publication on the University’s official register;
b) Publication on the University of Padova website: http://www.unipd.it/bandi-graduatorie-dottorati

18.2 Candidates can take part in the selection process, subject to verification that they meet the requirements stated in the announcement. Verification will be carried out in accordance with art. 43 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 dated 28 December 2000.
The University will check the truthfulness of the declarations which candidates have provided to substitute certificates and, therefore, may exclude candidates from the selection process at any given moment. Anyone making false declarations will be punished in accordance with the penal code and special applicable laws. The candidate in question will be informed of their exclusion via written notification sent to the home address indicated on their application form. At any given moment, even after Courses have begun, the University may carry out checks into the truthfulness of the declarations provided and may, by a substantiated decision, exclude candidates for failing to meet the requirements set out in the announcement.

18.3 The University shall assume no responsibility for the loss of any notifications resulting from the candidate providing inaccurate indication of their residence and contact details, or caused by failure or delay to communicate any variations of these details. The University shall not be held responsible for any postal or telecommunications errors which are not the fault of the University itself.

18.4 Any matters not covered by the present announcement shall be governed by current applicable rules and legislation and, specifically: Italian Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013; University Regulations on PhD studies issued with Italian Regional Decree no. 2547 dated 3 October 2013 and subsequent amendments; Agreements with other institutions for the creation of PhD courses and agreements for PhD funding, agreements for the initiation and funding of industrial PhD places and agreements to initiate higher-level education and training apprenticeship courses for the purposes of obtaining the PhD qualification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
For assistance with completion of the online application:

- Write to bando.dottorati@unipd.it; we cannot guarantee that emails sent to other addresses will be read;

- Telephone Help Desk service on (+39) 049 8271939 available Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 12.30 CEST.

For course information:
Contact the telephone numbers indicated in the information sheet of the PhD course, under the section “For further information”.

The present selection announcement is available on the website at http://www.unipd.it/bandi-graduatorie-dottorati and a copy is available at the ‘Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream – Settore Dottorato di ricerca’ (PhD Office), in Via del Risorgimento 9, Padua.

To find out the days when the ‘Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream – Settore Dottorato di ricerca’ (PhD Office) may be closed, please check the University website.

Padua, 11 June 2018

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## PhD Course in NEUROSCIENCE

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### Oral examination via remote interview:

Applicants who want to take the oral examination via remote interview (SKYPE) will have to specify it in the application form and add their Skype ID.

### Evaluation criteria

- **Qualifications:** points max 40
- **Oral examination:** points max 60
**Documents to be submitted**

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<th>Thesis:</th>
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<td>(Applicants waiting to be awarded the entrance qualification: those waiting to be awarded the entrance qualification by 30th September 2018 will submit a summary of the master thesis project (max. 4 pages) signed by the applicant and the supervisor)</td>
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<td>To be drawn up exclusively following the template available on the website of the course (<a href="http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/">http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/</a>). Candidates are required to provide all the information needed, filling in the required fields. Regarding the academic qualifications, please provide the required information on the Laurea Triennale (Bachelor Degree). We ask you to specify weighted average of the exams score (based on the relative credits weight) taken in the Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica (Master’s Degree) or arithmetic average for exams taken in the Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento.</td>
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<td>- Research project following the template available on the PhD program website <a href="http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/">http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/</a> (max 10 points)</td>
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<td>- Letters of reference (maximum 2) (max 5 points)</td>
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<td>- Motivation letter describing the personal motivations of the candidate in the choice of the course (max 500 words) (max 5 points)</td>
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**Preselection: First meeting of the Evaluating Commission**

23 July 2018 12:00

**Publication of the results of the evaluation of the preselection**

Within **24 July 2018** the evaluating Commission will publish the results of the evaluation of the qualifications in the following website: http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/

In order to be admitted to the examination, the candidate must get a score of at least 7/10 in the preselection.

**Publication of the timetable of remote interviews**

By **24 July 2018** the commission will publish on the course website http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/ the results of the timetable of the remote interviews SKYPE (with the place, date and hour) for those applicants who have chosen in the application form to take the oral examination via remote interview and who have passed the preselection on the basis of the qualifications with a pass-mark of at least 7/10.

**Oral examination**

26 July 2018 9:30 - Centro di Ateneo "Padova Neuroscience Center" - Via Orus N. 2, 35129, Padova (PD)

**Language/s**

**Foreign language/s assessment at the oral examination:**

At the oral examination the commission will assess the knowledge of the following language: English

**Admission exam:**

The admission exam will be taken in: English
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| Examination topics | During the oral examination, candidates will be asked to explain the motivations that lead them to undertake a PhD in Neuroscience, and to concisely expose their scientific interests in this field. During the exam, candidates will discuss the Research Project submitted, chosen among those proposed by the Academic Board of the PhD Course in Neuroscience and fully described in the Course website (http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/). The Admission Committee will also discuss candidates’ CV and qualifications in depth. |
| Didactic program | Students will attend courses held in English during the first and the second year; each student will take the exams for at least 6 courses, 4 of which by the end of the first year. Students will then participate to seminars and to a cycle of journal clubs, and will be trained in the laboratories in which they carry out their research. For more information: http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/). |
| PhD Course Website: | http://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/ |
| **Further information** | Department: Centro di Ateneo "Padova Neuroscience Center"
Address: Via Orus - N. 2, 35129 Padova (PD)
Contact Person: Lerose Anna Maria
Telephone: 0498213602 E-mail: annamaria.lerose@unipd.it |
| How to apply | The application must be submitted only via the online procedure available at: https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati34
The documents must be attached in pdf format.
The application and the attached documents are submitted automatically by closing the online procedure. So no hard copy of the application and of the documents must be sent to the office. |
| Deadlines | Publication of the ranking lists and enrolment starting from 6 August 2018
Beginning of PhD courses 1 October 2018 |

* The positions marked with an asterisk will be activated if the agreement will entering into force.