

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO  
INNOVATIVE DOCTORATES THAT MEET THE INNOVATION NEEDS OF COMPANIES  
– Ministerial Decree 630/2024 – AND BY EXTERNAL FUNDS  
a.a. 2024/2025 – XL Cycle**

***The deadline for this call is 25.07.2024 at 1 pm (CEST)***

**Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL**

The Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), in the frame of Mission 4 Component 2 Investment 3.3, allocates resources to activate dedicated doctoral programmes with the contribution and involvement of companies. The Ministerial Decree n. 630 of April 24th 2024 has assigned to the University of Padova resources for PhD scholarships co-funded at 50% by companies interested in meeting their research and innovation needs.

The University of Padova has selected the research projects to be activated within the University's PhD courses accredited for the XL cycle. These projects, pursuant to the aforementioned Ministerial Decree 630/2024, are:

a. focused on disciplinary and thematic fields consistent with the needs of the country, as well as of the regional territories concerned by the programme, in terms of highly qualified human resources and oriented towards meeting the innovation needs of companies as set out in the PNRR;

b. to provide for the implementation of the entire doctoral programme, training, research and evaluation at the administrative and operational premises of the beneficiary university, with the exception of the planned periods of study and research at the company and abroad, planned in line with the training and research activities envisaged at the premises of the implementing party;

**c. to provide for periods of study and research in companies from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, even if not continuous, over the three-year period;**

**d. to provide for periods of study and research abroad, even if not continuous, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for in Article 9, paragraph 3, of the Decree of the Minister of Universities and Research n. 226 of December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 and in Article 8, paragraph 3, of the Decree of the Minister of Universities and Research n. 470 of February 21<sup>th</sup> 2024, over the three-year period;**

e. to ensure that the PhD candidate benefits from qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities to perform study and research activities, in accordance with the law, including (if relevant to the type of course) scientific laboratories, libraries, databases, etc.;

f. to provide for the implementation of educational activities for linguistics and IT improvement, for research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, for the enhancement of research results and intellectual property rights;

g. to provide, by means of a letter of commitment and/or agreement, for the involvement of enterprises in the definition of the training course, also in the context of broader collaboration with the University, and for co-financing by the same enterprises for the amount exceeding the value of €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the scholarship;

h. to promote, while respecting intellectual property rights, the enhancement of research results both within the activity of co-financing companies, also with a view to technology transfer, and in the scientific field, by means of an appropriate circulation of the results pursued, in any case in accordance with the "Open Science" and "FAIR Data" principles.

**The periods of study and research referred to in (c) and (d) are different and must be carried out in separate entities.**

The Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR) will verify the eligibility of the projects for PNRR support and the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) will verify the compliance with the requirements of Ministerial Decree n. 630/2024. Once these verifications have been completed, the MUR will communicate the final allocation of the funding due to each University. Admission to the doctoral course referred to in this Call is therefore subject to the positive verification of consistency and eligibility and to the allocation of the ministerial funds.

There are also PhD scholarships funded by external bodies and Departments.

The scholarships that are the subject of this Call are related to subject-related positions on the topics listed in the Appendix and compulsorily envisage the performance of research activities on the basis of a specific Project, binding the grantees to the performance of the same.

## **Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

2.1 Anyone in possession of the following qualifications, regardless of nationality, may apply to take part in the selection process:

- diploma di laurea (old classification);
- laurea specialistica/magistrale (new classification);
- 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 who do not yet possess the required academic qualification, but who will obtain it by and no later than September 30th 2024, can also apply to take part in the admission examinations, failing which they will be disqualified for admission to the course.

These candidates will be conditionally admitted to the course and must send a self-certification (or certification in the case of qualifications obtained in a country outside the European Union) of their qualification together with an identity document no later than **November 7th, 2024** by e-mail to [phd.application@unipd.it](mailto:phd.application@unipd.it)

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 issued the qualification, the date it was awarded, the kind of degree (second-cycle Italian - degree, Master's Degree or equivalent qualification), and the grade achieved, together with a copy of a valid identity document.

### **2.3 Admission to the selection process for candidates with an academic qualification awarded abroad**

Applicants with an academic qualification awarded abroad can be admitted to the PhD course only if the abovementioned qualification is equivalent to a second-cycle Italian degree ("Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico"/"Laurea specialistica"/"Laurea magistrale") awarded at an officially recognized foreign academic institution, which grants admission to a PhD course in the education system/Country in which it was awarded (except for significant differences), and comparable to the Italian degree required for the admission to a PhD course (i.e. Master's Degree or another equivalent second-cycle degree).

The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Selection Board responsible for admission to the PhD course, in compliance with the relevant legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded and in accordance with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the pursuit of studies.

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.

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

#### **A. For candidates with a degree already obtained:**

- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of both first (Bachelor's) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grade;
- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of the list of exams/transcript of records of both first (Bachelor's) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grade;
- any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the suitability of the qualification held (e.g. Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA).

#### **B. For candidates yet to be awarded the required academic qualification:**

- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of first (Bachelor's) cycle degree, with grade;
- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of the list of exams/transcript of records of both first (Bachelor's) and second-cycle degree (Master's), with grade;
- certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) attesting the enrolment in a second cycle degree (Master's);
- any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the suitability of the qualification held (e.g.

Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA).

The above-mentioned documents must be drawn up in Italian or English, under penalty of exclusion from the selection. In cases where self-certification is not permitted (e.g. non-EU candidate with a qualification obtained abroad), if the official documentation issued by the university where the degree was obtained is not already in one of the languages listed above, the candidate must attach also a certified translation in Italian or English. The Selection Committee evaluates the suitability of the foreign degree according to the documentation attached to the application, and can therefore exclude the candidate if such documentation does not provide sufficient information for the assessment.

In the event that the candidate has acquired two (or more) Level II qualifications, she/he must indicate, when completing the application, which qualification she/he intends to use to access to the PhD course.

### **Art. 3 – APPLICATION FORM**

**3.1 All positions are subject to a specific topic and only one application must be sent per candidate who will therefore participate for only one PhD Course and for only one position for a specific topic.** 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/2024dottorati630/> Application forms must be submitted no later than 1 pm (CEST) on the announcement deadline date.

3.2 All required documents to be submitted listed in the information sheet for the PhD course must be attached to the application form, together with a copy of a valid identity document, with photo, preferably a passport. The 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 n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

**A non-refundable payment of € 30.00 must be made for each application.** This amount must be paid by the final deadline for submitting the application via "PagoPA".

After payment, it is still possible to modify one's application.

**Once the application form has been completed, it must be printed, signed and re-uploaded following the instructions described in the online procedure, and a copy of a valid identity document must be attached. The absence of a signature, of the payment of the participation fee by the deadline and/or missing an identity document are grounds for exclusion from the selection process.**

The online procedure for submitting the application form can be also accessed through SPID (Public Digital Identity System), by choosing the University of Padova from the list of providers available: in case of access via SPID, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

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.

Priority research grants are linked to specific curricula, if any, as indicated in the individual theme sheet.

**Candidates are invited to complete applications for the selection process well in advance of the closing date specified in this competition Call.**

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.

3.3 After closing the application, the candidate shall request an **acceptance letter to the supervisor** of the research topic by completing the appropriate section on the application form.

Candidates are recommended to request the acceptance letter before the deadline for applications. **The supervisor's name and email address are indicated in the Appendix.** A notification for the completion of the letter will be sent to the supervisor only after the application has been fully submitted.

The supervisor will be automatically notified by the system and will have to personally complete the acceptance letter section on the online procedure and submit it by **August 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 1 pm (CEST).**

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

3.4 The application form must be accompanied by:

A copy of a valid identity document with photograph	Front and back scanning
Curriculum Vitae	Use the specific format available at <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024</a>
Research Project	The research project must be drawn up in Italian or English using the template available at <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024</a>

All documentation must be attached in pdf format.

3.5 Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) may take the admission tests with customised support by making an explicit request to the Student Services Office – Inclusion Section. To this end it is necessary to:

- 1) request the individualized test through the dedicated online application;
- 2) send an email to [inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it) specifying the supports, aids or compensatory measures needed (additional time assigned cannot exceed 30% for candidates with SLD and 50% for candidates with disability);
- 3) send the relevant documentation to the Student Services Office – Inclusion Section ([inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it)), together with a copy of a valid identity document by 1 pm of July 25th 2024.

Useful documentation for reasonable adjustments includes:

- certification pursuant to Law 104/1992;
- civil disability certification;
- SLD diagnosis certification (issued for no more than 3 years, or renewed as an adult, by facilities of the National Health Service or by specialists and accredited facilities).

Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) residing in foreign Countries must submit the certification about disability or SLD issued in the Country of residence, together with a sworn translation in Italian or English.

On the basis of the documentation submitted, and following a possible interview with dedicated personnel (modalities to be agreed upon), the support for the test will be assessed.

It is therefore recommended to contact the Student Services Office – Inclusion Section well in advance of the date of the test, by sending an email to [inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it](mailto:inclusionone.studenti@unipd.it).

Further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.unipd.it/en/inclusion-reception-and-admissions-tests>

#### **Art. 4 – ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The evaluation of candidates will be based only on qualifications and oral examinations.

The Selection Committee can assign a maximum of 100 points to each application, divided as follows:

- qualifications: maximum 70 points, as detailed in the table below;
- interview: maximum 30 points.

The qualification score is broken down as follows:

- curriculum: maximum 35 points;
- letter of acceptance from the supervisor of the research topic: maximum 40 points.

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 (49 points), will be admitted to the oral examination.

On the website <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024> will be published, at least 5 days in advance, the date, time and methods of the interview for each candidate admitted. Candidates are required to consult the webpage without the need for further notices and to show up for the interview with a valid ID (identity card, passport, driving license). Absence from the interview, whether in person or remotely, will result in exclusion from the competition.

The interview has as its object the presentation of the project attached by the candidate to the application form.

Candidates can take the oral examination remotely; in this case the oral examination will take place via Zoom or, if not available in their country, another platform agreed with the Selection Committee. Candidates must guarantee that they will use a webcam in order to be correctly identified by the Selection Committee and that they will connect following the modality established for oral examinations.

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

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.

Oral examinations, even those taken remotely, are public.

Oral examinations will be considered passed if the candidate obtains a mark equivalent to at least 7/10 (21 points).

#### **Art. 5 – SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Details about the composition of the Selection Committee are available on the webpage in the section dedicated to the Call.

#### **Art. 6 – RANKINGS AND ADMISSION TO COURSES**

The results of the evaluation will be published on the webpage <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024> in the section dedicated to the Call.

The publication on the website has the value of notification. No communication will be sent to candidates by e-mail.

After the publication of the results, a final ranking list containing the names of the winning candidates will be published through a Rector's Decree on the webpage <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024> in the section dedicated to the Call. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the sub-rankings formulated in relation to each position on research topics.

The rankings will be made public from **September 9th 2024** through:

- Publication on the University's official register;
- Publication on the University of Padova website: <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024> in the section dedicated to the Call.

Publication of enrolment deadlines are to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. **No personal communication will be sent to the candidates. Candidates granted admission to the Courses are responsible for checking enrolment dates and procedures.**

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

7.1 If successful in the selection process for a PhD, students enrolled at medical Specialisation Schools will be allowed to enrol in a PhD Course in compliance with the following conditions:

- a) compatibility, also in consideration of the distance between the locations, of the activities and commitment envisaged by the Specialization School and the PhD Course, certified by the Board of the Specialisation School and by the Academic Board of the PhD Course;
- b) incompatibility between the PhD grant and the emoluments, however denominated, received in relation to the activities of the specialization school.

7.2 In cases of joint attendance, the request for a reduction in doctoral activities is approved by the Academic Board of the PhD Course, after a positive assessment of the consistency of the research activities already carried out in the medical Specialization course with the doctoral project. In order to accept the application referred to in this paragraph, the opinion of compatibility, expressed by the Board of the Specialization School,

of the doctoral project with the didactic purposes of the Specialization School is also required. If the application referred to in this paragraph is accepted, the PhD Course will have in any case a duration of no less than two years.

7.3 Joint doctoral and medical specialisation school attendance is not compatible with doctoral scholarships funded by PNRR.

## Art. 8 – ENROLMENT

8.1 Successful candidates must enrol by **September 13th 2024** in accordance with the procedures that will be published following the publication of the rankings.

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

8.2 The enrolment form must contain all the attachments indicated in the instructions, including a copy of a valid identity document and a passport-size photograph; after concluding the enrolment procedure, the regional fee (art. 11) must be paid as indicated.

When completing the enrolment form, the successful candidate declares, inter alia:

- to have acquired the ORCID ID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID), indicating it;
- to undertake to ask to the competent body of their Course for authorisation to carry out external work activities;
- that he/she has not previously been awarded another scholarship for a PhD programme;
- that he/she has not renounced grants under the PNRR in the XXXVIII cycle and the XXXIX cycle;
- to not combine the scholarship with any other scholarship for any reason whatsoever, except with those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for supplementing the doctoral student's research activity with stays abroad;
- to be aware that the scholarship is only granted to those who do not have a gross annual income exceeding the amount of one year's scholarship in the tax years in which the scholarship is to be used, and to undertake to promptly notify the Commission if this income limit is exceeded;
- to undertake to repay the monthly grant payments received in the academic year in which the income limit was exceeded;
- to be aware that the awarding of the priority research grant is subject to the conduct of the research and compliance with the terms of the agreement;
- to undertake to register with the INPS as a parasubordinate and to indicate any registration with other social security funds.

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

- in case of academic qualifications awarded in non-EU Countries: a copy, in Italian or English, of the second-cycle degree as well as a copy of the certificate indicating the examinations taken and the relative grades, and Declaration of Value issued by Italian diplomatic or consular authorities or, alternatively, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA;
- in case of academic qualifications awarded in European Union Countries: Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for the second-cycle qualification or, alternatively, Statements of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC – CIMEA;
- a valid stay permit if already issued, or a copy of the request made to the competent authorities within 8 working days from the arrival 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 conditionally enrolled 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 6 months of the start of the course;
- Following verification, the academic qualification does not meet the requirements of the present competition Call and does not permit enrolment on the PhD course.

## **Art. 9 – VACANT PLACES**

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 for that specific subject by direct call by the Office.

## **Art. 10 – GRANTS**

10.1 Grants are only awarded to those who have a yearly income (gross sum) 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 academic 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 (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) values.

10.2 In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree 247 dated 23 February 2022, published on the Official Gazette n. 80 of 5/4/2022, the annual amount of the grant is € 16.243, gross sum, 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 n. 335 dated August 8<sup>th</sup> 1995, and subsequent amendments and integrations.

10.3 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.

10.4 The amount of the grant is increased by 50% for any period of stay abroad.

10.5 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.

10.6 With regard to the doctoral scholarships financed under the PNRR calls for proposals by MD 629/2024 and MD 630/2024, all places must be filled with a scholarship (not renounceable), as provided for by Ministerial Decree 301/2022 at par. 3.3 letter e).

## **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 fee for 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 2024/2025 academic year. This table will be published on the University of Padova website at: <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-fees-grants-benefits>.

## **Art. 12 – COURSE START DATES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS**

12.1 Courses will begin on **November 1st 2024**. Admission to the PhD Course is a full time and exclusive commitment.

12.2 For doctoral students from outside Europe who require a visa to enter Italy, the possibility of starting research activities remotely is provided, subject to the positive opinion of the Coordinator of the doctoral course. This possibility is granted upon proof of submission of the visa application at the relevant Embassy or Consulate, to be made as soon as the application procedure is completed.

Arrival in Italy must take place by January 31, 2025

12.3 Non-European Union citizens must be in compliance with the regulations on entry visas and residence permits.

12.4 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 for PhD courses.

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.

## 12.5 Obligations of doctoral students with scholarships from MD 630/2024

As required by MD 630/2024, the successful doctoral candidate of the fellowship associated to the relevant project shall undertake upon enrolment to:

- produce, at a frequency to be indicated by the Ministry, a report indicating the time commitment (divided in months in the company, at headquarters and abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out; reporting will be carried out through the special online platform and using the forms provided therein;
- carry out the compulsory study and research periods abroad (minimum 6 and maximum 12 months) and in the company, if any, (minimum 6 and maximum 18 months);
- ensure compliance with the communication and information obligations set out in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, by indicating in all documentation that the Programme is funded under the PNRR, with explicit reference to the funding by the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, and by displaying the European Union emblem in the documentation;
- comply with the principle of not causing significant damage to environmental objectives, pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Withdrawal of the grant is provided for in the following cases:

- a) realisation of the doctoral programme in a manner that differs from the project accepted for funding, if the necessary authorisation was not previously requested and subsequently granted by the MUR;
- b) failure to complete the minimum period of study and research in a company or abroad upon completion of the doctoral programme.

The University of Padua may recourse to the beneficiary for the reimbursement of the amounts received.

## 12.6 Obligations of PhD students with a grant funded by the Cybersecurity Agency

As required by the grants funded by the Cybersecurity Agency, the successful doctoral candidate of the fellowship associated to the relevant project shall undertake to:

- sign the declaration of intent filled in according to the template provided by the Agency;
- carry out the period abroad if planned.

The candidate acknowledges that, without prejudice to the moral right of authorship of the doctoral candidates, the University and the Agency shall be the owners, to the extent of 50% each, of the research results of the projects funded by the Agency.

Withdrawal of the grant is foreseen in the following cases:

- a) realisation of the doctoral programme in a manner that differs from the project accepted for funding;
- b) interruption of the doctoral course, failure to obtain the degree or in the event that the doctoral student is not evaluated positively for the renewal of the grant, or renounces the grant.

The University of Padua will have recourse to the beneficiary for the reimbursement of the amounts received.

## Art. 13 – OBTAINING THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

The PhD degree 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 Regulations for PhD courses.

## Art. 14 – PROPERTY OF RESULTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

14.1 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 Parties involved.

14.2 PhD students who realize that they made an invention must immediately inform their supervisor or the Director of the Department, who, from that moment on, shall maintain the confidentiality and notify without delay the Technology Transfer Office of the University in order to proceed with the evaluation of the results linked to the invention as well as to the appropriate protection measures.

14.3 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.

14.4 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 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

The processing of personal data provided by candidates collected for the purposes identified in this Call takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR). Further information can be found here: <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy>.

### **Art. 16 – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to art. 5 of Italian Law n. 241 dated August 7<sup>th</sup> 1990 (New rules regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the individual responsible for proceedings is Elena Pavan – Head of the Ufficio Dottorato di Ricerca (PhD Office).

### **Art. 17 – NOTES AND WARNINGS**

***Disclaimer: this is a translation of the selection announcement for PhD Courses. Its purpose is to provide information to international students. It has no legal value. The only official and legally binding source is the original Italian announcement.***

17.1 The present announcement is to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. No personal notifications will be sent to the candidates.

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: <https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-md-630-2024>

17.2 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 n. 445 dated December 28<sup>th</sup> 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 exclusion decision will be notified to the person concerned at the special digital address expressly elected in the application form to take part in the selection, or failing that, at the postal address also indicated in the application.

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 Call.

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

17.4 Any matters not covered by the present Call shall be governed by current applicable rules and legislation, specifically by: Italian Ministerial Decree n. 226 dated December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021; Italian Ministerial Decree n. 630 dated April 24<sup>th</sup> 2024; University Regulations on PhD courses; Agreements with other institutions for the establishment of PhD courses and agreements for PhD funding.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

In case of technical issues, please contact the Support Service using the procedure available at the bottom of the webpage: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd>

For assistance with the completion of the online application:

- Write to [phd.application@unipd.it](mailto:phd.application@unipd.it); we cannot guarantee that emails sent to other addresses will be read;
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