



**PHD COURSES SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR STUDENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
GRADUATED FROM GUANGZHOU UNIVERSITY
GRANTED A SCHOLARSHIP FINANCED BY GUANGZHOU UNIVERSITY
34th SERIES
DEADLINE: 31st January 2018**

Art. 1 - PURPOSE

The University of Padua, given the agreement with Guangzhou University, announces a Selection for Admission to the PhD Courses for the academic year 2018/19. The selection for Admission is based on academic positions reserved solely for citizens of the People's Republic of China graduated from Guangzhou University.

The list of the PhD courses and of the fellowships reserved is specified in the document enclosed to this selection announcement (Allegato 1).

The duration of the course is 3 years, starting no earlier than 1st October 2018.

The candidates selected by the University of Padua will receive a letter of acceptance. In order to obtain the scholarship, such candidates must submit an application to Guangzhou University, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the University itself. Only candidates who have obtained the scholarship by Guangzhou University will be allowed to enrol at the University of Padua through this call.

The University of Padua exempts candidates from the payment of tuition fees, while the amounts due for stamp duty, insurance and regional contribution to the right to education must be paid.

Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants with the qualifications hereunder can apply:

- Citizenship of the P. R. C.;
- Master level degree awarded by Guangzhou University no later than 30th September 2018;
- Excellent knowledge of English verified by the Selection Committee through a Skype interview (see art. 4).

All applicants are admitted to the procedure with reserve.

The University of Padua may exclude applicants at any time on the grounds of non-eligibility by reasoned order. Applicants will be informed of their exclusion via email.

Art. 3 - APPLICATION

Candidates intending to apply for more than one Course must complete a separate application for each chosen Course. In case of PhD courses articulated in more curricula, the candidate must choose one curriculum.

We inform applicants that for the academic year 2018/2019, the list of the Doctoral Courses is provisional and that their activation depends on the conclusion of the Ministry examination process on their requisites (Italian Ministerial Decree 45/2013). Applications will be selected only for those Doctoral Courses confirmed by the Ministry.

Applications for the competition will be available **from 22nd December 2017. Applicants must fill in the enclosed form (PhD Admission Form) and send it to china.phd@unipd.it by 1.00 p.m. (CET) of the deadline date (31st January 2018).**

Only submitted applications will be taken into consideration.

An Identity Document must be attached to the application form.

The University of Padova cannot be held responsible for any telematic errors not caused by the Administration itself.

Candidates **must** state the following information and any other relevant information on the application form and do so under their own liability:

- personal data, date and place of birth, place of residence;
- citizenship;
- academic degrees, with an indication of when and from which university they were/will be awarded;
- the Doctoral Course and the chosen curriculum they are applying for.

Moreover candidates **must**:

- specify a Skype ID where they can be contacted by the Selection Committee for the interview;
- write a research project in English language with reference to a teacher or a research group of the University of Padova;
- specify the names and email addresses of two professors or experts who will write the letters of reference. These letters must be written by professors or experts who have supervised the candidates in their studies and research. The requests to fill in the reference letters must be sent to the professor by the candidate. Reference letters can be filled in and sent to china.phd@unipd.it by the professor/expert, by 9th February 2018 at 10.00 a.m. (CET);
- attach the scanned copies of the certificates of the academic qualification with the list of the examinations and the marks; if the qualification has not been awarded yet, attach the exam transcripts. If these certificates are written in a language different from Italian or English, a certified English translation must also be attached;
- attach a copy of a valid Identity Document.

Finally candidates **can**:

- specify their education, research and work experiences;
- attach or write an abstract of their master thesis/project;
- specify any additional information complementary to the data provided in the application form that may be relevant to the selection process;
- attach any other qualification that should be taken into account (e.g. research papers and publications, language knowledge certificates etc.).

The application must be completed in English language.

All documents written in a language other than Italian or English must be submitted together with a CERTIFIED translation in English.

Art. 4 - SELECTION COMMITTEES AND ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFICATION

A Selection Committee for the admission procedure shall be nominated for each PhD Course. Preliminarily the Selection Committee shall decide for each candidate the eligibility of the foreign qualification for the sole admission to the chosen PhD course.

The selection is based on the evaluation of qualifications. Afterwards, the Selection Committee will verify the excellent knowledge of English language through a Skype interview.

Only candidates awarded a score of at least 7/10 in the evaluation of the qualifications will be contacted for the Skype interview to verify their knowledge of English language.

Candidates must be available at the previously communicated Skype address at the day and time previously agreed with the Selection Committee.

For identification purposes, and under penalty of exclusion to the selection procedure, every candidate must show the original identification document of the copy submitted with the application form before starting the interview.

Failure to connect online, show a valid identification document, or being unavailable on the day and time set for the interview constitute grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

The University of Padova accepts no liability for missed interviews due to technical faults.

Art. 5 – RANKINGS FOR ADMISSION TO THE COURSE

The Rector approves the records of the competition and proclaims the list of candidates admitted. Such ranking will be made public by March 2018 by publication on:

- the University's official board;
- the University's official website:

<http://www.unipd.it/en/scholarships-chinese-phd-students>

Successful candidates will receive a letter of acceptance to be presented to Guangzhou University. Only candidates who have obtained the scholarship will enrol at the University of Padova in the manner that will be communicated to them.

Upon their arrival in Italy, successful candidates who have confirmed their intention to enrol must complete the enrolment procedure by presenting the following documents to the *Università degli Studi di Padova – Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca*, located in via del Risorgimento 9, Padova:

- the enrolment application form for the Doctoral Course;
- a photocopy of the passport and of the Study Visa;
- legalization and Italian translation of the Master degree;

- a “*dichiarazione di valore in loco*” (statement of value) of the Master degree;
- one passport-size photo;
- receipt of the payment as stated in Art. 1.

Art. 6 – DUTIES OF PHD STUDENTS

Admission to the PhD programme requires an exclusive and full time commitment. The PhD student will spend 18 months at the University of Padova and 18 months at Guangzhou University, under a joint supervision of the doctoral thesis.

Students are required to diligently carry out the activities related to the approved research project and to submit to the PhD course, at the end of each year, a report on the activities and research performed and, at the end of the course, the doctoral thesis with original contributions.

Following the evaluation of the activity performed by the student, the competent authority of the PhD course will decide on the admission of the doctoral student to the following year. Given a valid reason, the Doctoral Course also has the authority to exclude candidates from progressing to the following academic year.

Art. 7 - AWARDING OF THE DEGREE

The PhD degree is awarded once the doctoral candidate had passed the final exam. The examination consists of an oral exam during which the student will defend his/her thesis. The examination board is appointed in accordance with the Rules for PhD Courses.

Art. 8 - REFERENCE LEGISLATION

For anything not envisaged within this Selection Announcement, the University shall refer to the following Italian legislation:

- Art. 4 of Law no. 210 dated 3 July 1998;
- Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013;
- University Regulations for PhD Courses.

Art. 9 - PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The University will handle personal data in printed or electronic format for the purpose for which they were requested in accordance with the Italian Legislative Decree no. 196 dated 30 June 2003.

Art. 10 - FINAL PROVISIONS

In accordance with Art. 5 of Law no. 241 dated 7 August 1990 and subsequent amendments and integrations, the person responsible for the selection procedure administration is Maria Zanato Head of the Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca (PhD Office) - University of Padova.

This announcement is available on the WEBPAGE of the University of Padova:

<http://www.unipd.it/en/scholarships-chinese-phd-students>

Any changes or additions to the contents of this announcement will be made by publication on:

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- the University's official website:

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Further information and details can be requested directly to:

china.phd@unipd.it

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