









# National Operational Program 2014-2020 PhD on Innovation and Green topics M.D. August 10th 2021, n. 1061 a.a. 2021/2022 – XXXVII Cycle

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PHD SCHOLARSHIPS ON GREEN RELATED TOPICS - UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022 – XXXVII CYCLE (ACTION IV.5)

The deadline for this call is 1 pm (CEST) of November 4th 2021

# Art. 1 - SUBJECT OF THE CALL

In compliance with the M.D. n. 1061/2021, the University of Padova has been assigned resources by PON "Ricerca e Innovazione" 2014-2020, with reference to Action IV.4 "PhD programmes on Innovation" and Action IV.5 "PhD programmes on Green related topics", to enhance PhD programmes set up and accredited for the cycle 37<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the present call for assignment of additional PhD scholarships is issued as follows. The selection ruled by the present call for application will be valid under prior approval of the research proposal, in compliance with M.D. August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 n. 1061.

The scholarships that will be assigned with the present call are linked to specific research topics Green related: the winners of such scholarships must mandatorily carry out research activities based on specific binding Projects which are available in the Appendix.

The selection for the assignment of the PhD scholarships linked to Green specific topics (Action IV.5) will be referred to the following PhD programmes:

Thematic Area SNSI	PhD Programme	Scholarships available
A. Smart and sustainable	Biosciences	6
industry, energy and	Brain, mind and computer science	1
environment	Crop science	2
	Fusion science and engineering	2
	Geosciences	1
	Industrial engineering	7
	Information engineering	3
	Mechatronics and product innovation engineering	1
	Land, environment, resources, health	1
	Physics	5
	Science and engineering of materials and nanostructures	6
	Biomedical sciences	1

	Sciences of civil, environmental and	4
	architectural engineering	
Ţ	Pharmacological sciences	1
Ţ	Mathematical sciences	3
Ţ	Molecular sciences	6
[:	Statistical sciences	2
B. Health, Nutrition, Quality of	Animal and food science	5
	Biosciences	2
· —	Crop science	3
· —	Philosophy	1
	Information engineering	3
	Land, environment, resources, health	3
, <u> </u>	Developmental medicine and health	2
	planning sciences	_
	Molecular medicine	4
<b>!</b>	Translational specialistic medicine G.B.	3
	Morgagni	
) —	Neuroscience	2
<b>!</b>	Biomedical sciences	2
) <u> </u>	Clinical and experimental sciences	3
) —	Pharmacological sciences	4
l <u> </u>	Molecular sciences	2
<u> </u>		5
	Veterinary sciences and food safety	
	Brain, mind and computer science	4
Communities, Intelligent	Geosciences	3
	Law	2
) <u> </u>	Information engineering	1
	Management engineering and real estate	2
ļ <u> </u>	economics	
	Land, environment, resources, health	2
<u> </u>	Molecular medicine	1
	Translational specialistic medicine G.B.	1
<u> </u>	Morgagni	
·	Physics	2
	Sciences of civil, environmental and	1
	architectural engineering	
l ====================================	Mathematical sciences	1
	Pedagogical, educational and	1
<u> </u>	instructional sciences	
	Social sciences: interactions,	1
) —	communication, cultural constructions	
<b>!</b>	Statistical sciences	1
	History, criticism and preservation of	1
	cultural heritage	
, —	Philosophy	2
and Creativity industry	Human rights, society, and multi-level	1
) <u> </u>	governance	
	Social sciences: interactions,	1
	communication, cultural constructions	
T	History, criticism and preservation of	4
ı l	cultural heritage	

E. Aerospace and defence	Astronomy	1
	Fusion science and engineering	1
	Sciences, technologies and	4
	measurements for space	
	Science and engineering of materials and	1
	nanostructures	
	Social sciences: interactions,	1
	communication, cultural constructions	

# 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 October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, 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 November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. Said certification must be sent via email to <a href="mailto:phd.application@unipd.it">phd.application@unipd.it</a>. 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 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 in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad

Applicants with an academic qualification awarded abroad can be admitted to a PhD course only if the above-mentioned 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). Said qualification must be comparable to the Italian degree required for the admission to a PhD course (i.e. Master's Degree or another equivalent second-cycle degree).

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:

- if already awarded, certificate or self-certification (in the cases provided for by Italian law) of both first (Bachelor) 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) 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, Statement of Comparability and Verification issued by ENIC-NARIC).

The above-mentioned documents must be drawn up in Italian or English, under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

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.

PhD candidates already enrolled at a PhD programme of cycle 37th at the University of Padova, who benefit of a scholarship, cannot apply for the present call.

## Art. 3 – APPLICATION FORM

4.1 The application form to participate in the selection process may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available at: <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues</a> in the section dedicated to the Green Call. Application forms must be submitted no later than 1 pm (CEST) on the announcement deadline date (November 4<sup>th</sup> 2021).

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 and re-uploaded following the instructions described on the online procedure, and copy of a valid identity document must be attached. A missing signature and/or missing identity document could lead to 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.

Research topics are linked to specific curricula, if present, in accordance with the information provided on the sheet for each single research topic.

# 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.

3.2 After closing the application, the candidate can request an **acceptance letter** to the supervisor of the research topic by completing the specific section on the application form. The candidate can request the acceptance letter before the same closing date for applications, i.e. November 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 1 pm (CEST). 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 the deadline of **November 8**<sup>th</sup> **2021 at 1 pm** (CEST).

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

#### 3.3 Candidates must attach:

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Research Project	The research project must be drawn up, in
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	Italian or English, using the template avalable at
	https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-
	issues in the section dedicated to the Green
	Call.

All documentation must be attached in pdf format.

- 3.4 Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) may support the admission tests with reasonable adjustments, making an explicit request to the Student Services Office Inclusion. To this end it is necessary to:
- 1) request the individualized test through the dedicated online application;
- 2) send an email to <u>inclusione.studenti@unipd.it</u> specifying the supports, aids or compensatory measures needed (additional time assigned cannot exceed 50% more than the time foreseen for the test):
- 3) send the relevant documentation to the Student Services Office -Inclusion (inclusione.studenti@unipd.it), together with a copy of a valid identity document by 1 pm of November 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. The form to filled in is available be at the webpage http://www.unipd.it/accoglienza-prove-ingresso.

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 presented, and after possible interview with dedicated personnel (way to be agreed), supports for the test will be considered.

It is therefore recommended to contact the Student Services Office – Inclusion well in advance of the date of the test, by sending an email to inclusione.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, research project and acceptance letter from supervisor of the research project.

Candidates will only be considered eligible if they have obtained a minimum score corresponding to at least 70/100.

The score is broken down as follows:

- curriculum: maximum 30 points
- research project: maximum 40 points
- letter of acceptance from the supervisor: maximum 30 points.

Pursuant to art. 3 of Ministerial Decree 1061/2021, for the evaluation of research project, the Selection Committee will also consider the following criteria:

# B) ADDITIONAL PHD SCHOLARSHIPS ON GREEN RELATED TOPICS (AZIONE IV.5)

b.a) Relevance of the research project according to the ability to create a high added value, in terms of scientific, social and economic impact on the national territory, by fostering adequate

research models and contamination of knowledge and skills, in order to boost the development of innovative products and services with a reduced impact on the environment, focusing on the conservation of the ecosystem, the biodiversity, as well as reducing the impact of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development, as a contribution to promoting green recovery and overcoming the effects of the crisis in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- b.b) Adeherence of the PhD programme research with the SNSI and the PNR, consistency with Law 240/2010 and M.D. n. 45/2013 on doctoral studies, through the funding of doctoral positions focused on Green-related topics.
- b.c) Measurability of the expected results and potential impact of the intervention with reference to the purposes of REACTEU: presence within the project of the PhD Programme of quantifiable and measurable targets consistent with the indicators provided for by the reference action of the PON.

## Art. 5 - SELECTION COMMITTEE

Details about the composition of the Selection Committee are available on the webpage <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues</a> in the section dedicated to the Green Call.

# Art. 6 - RANKINGS AND ADMISSION TO COURSES

The results of the evaluation will be published on the webpage <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues</a> in the section dedicated to the Green 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 of the evaluation of candidates, a final ranking list will be published through a Rector's Decree on the webpage <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues</a> in the section dedicated to the Green Call. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the subrankings formulated in relation to each position on research topics.

The rankings will be made public from **November 19**th **2021** through:

- Publication on the University's official register;
- Publication on the University of Padova website: <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-jssues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-jssues</a>

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 - ENROLMENT

7.1 Successful candidates, with or without a grant, must enrol by **November 25**<sup>th</sup> **2021**, following the procedures published together with the rankings.

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

7.2 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, 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 December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021;
- If enrolled in a university master course, they will have fulfilled the attendance obligations established by the master by December 31st 2021;
- 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, with 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;
- 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 (gross sum) 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 academic 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.

# 7.3 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, together with the translation, legalisation and Declaration of
  Value issued by Italian diplomatic or consular authorities or, alternatively, Statements of
  Comparability and Verification issued by ENIC-NARIC;
- 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 ENIC-NARIC;
- a valid stay permit if already issued, or a copy of the request made to the competent authorities within 8 working 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 <a href="http://www.studiare-initalia.it/studying/info-07.html">http://www.studiare-initalia.it/studying/info-07.html</a>.

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. 8 - PHD COURSES AND MEDICAL SPECIALISATION SCHOOLS

8.1 If successful in the selection process for a PhD, students enrolled at medical specialisation schools will be able to enrol in a PhD course:

- if they are already enrolled in the last or penultimate year of a specialisation school at the University of Padova;
- if they are already enrolled in the last year of a specialisation school at a university other than the University of Padova.
- In any cases, attendance of both courses must be declared compatible and authorised by the Board of the specialisation school;
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 In any case, the thesis and its assessment must follow the provisions set forth by art. 13 of the present announcement.
- 8.4 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. 9 - VACANT PLACES

Following explicit or tacit withdrawal by successful candidates before the start of the course, the PhD Office will contact directly the other eligible candidates according to the ranking drawn up for that specific research topic, in order to assign them vacant places available (if any).

### 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. Unfunded places will be awarded to the younger applicants.

- 10.2 In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree n. 40 dated January 25<sup>th</sup> 2018, the annual amount of the grant is € 15.343,28, 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 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 time spent 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.

#### 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 2021/2022 academic year. This table will be published on the University of Padova website at the address: <a href="http://www.unipd.it/ricerca/dottorati-ricerca/tasse-borse-studio-opportunita-dottorati">http://www.unipd.it/ricerca/dottorati-ricerca/tasse-borse-studio-opportunita-dottorati</a>.

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

12.1 Courses will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. Admission to a PhD course is a full time, exclusive commitment.

In case a scholarship is awarded, the applicant accepts to carry out a research period in a private company (minimum 6 months, maximum 12, as indicated in the Research Topic description). Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the revocation of the scholarship.

In compliance with M.D. 1061/2021, applicants must prepare a report of their activity, on a bi-monthly basis.

In case of revocation of the scholarship, in compliance with M.D. n. 1061 – Annex concerning the Policy guidelines and especially in case of:

- diverging from the originally approved project, whether a change was not requested and authorized by MUR:
- failure to complete the PhD programme (three-year duration), to carry out the minimum mandatory period of study and research in a company and the minimum period abroad, if requested;
- non-admission to the following year of the PhD programme after a negative evaluation of the research by the Academic Board:
- withdrawal from the PhD programme

the University of Padova may claim the refund of the already paid scholarship's instalments.

12.2 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 governing PhD programmes.

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 reasoned resolution, the Academic Board may also suggest the exclusion of PhD students from the programme to the Rector.

# 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 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 Bodies 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 Settore Trasferimento di Tecnologia 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

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 notice 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: <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy">https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy</a>

# Art. 16 - 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. 17 - NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Disclaimer: this is a translation of the selection announcement for additional PhD scholarships on Green topics. 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.

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: <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-greenissues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-greenissues</a>
- 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 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.

- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 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 courses 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 <a href="mailto:phd.application@unipd.it">phd.application@unipd.it</a>; we cannot guarantee that emails sent to other addresses will be read;
- Telephone Help Desk service at +39 331 6502029 available Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.30 am (CEST).

The present selection announcement is available on the website at <a href="https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues">https://www.unipd.it/en/phd-innovation-green-issues</a> and a copy is available at 'Ufficio Dottorato e Post Lauream – Settore Dottorato di ricerca' (PhD Office), in Via Venezia no. 15 Padova.

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

Padova,

The Rector Prof. Daniela Mapelli