

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 15 PhD GRANTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (31<sup>st</sup> series):  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
DEADLINE: 29<sup>h</sup> May 2015**

## FAQ

**Q: How can I apply?**

A: You have to fill in and close the online procedure available at:  
<http://unipd.cineca.it/foreignstudents31>

**Q: What is an ID?**

A: An ID is an Identity Document. You have to upload a copy of your ID. It can be your national identity document or the passport. It must specify your personal data (name, surname, nationality, date and place of birth) and it must have a photo.

**Q: Can I close the application even if the experts have not submitted the reference letter?**

A: Yes. You must close the application. Reference letters are submitted by the experts separately. On completing the application, we advise you to fill in first the field 'Reference letters', so that the request will be sent and experts will have more time to submit the letters.

**Q: Can I apply for more Doctoral Course?**

A: No, you can apply for only one Doctoral Course and in case of several curricula within one Course (see annex 1), you have to choose one.

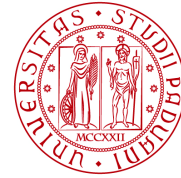
**Q: I have double citizenship and one is Italian. Can I apply?**

A: No, only applicants who have foreign (non-Italian) citizenship can apply.

**Q: What admission qualification is required to apply?**

A: The admission qualification required is an academic degree awarded after at least four years of full time university education and leading to a doctorate in the country where the studies were carried out (a three-year bachelor's degree in any subject is not considered sufficient for graduate study at Padova. A master degree of at least one year following the three-year bachelor's degree is required).

In the personal data section you can attach an official document specifying that your qualification gives access to the PhD in the country where the qualification was issued



**Q: What is the Degree vote expressed on an Italian scale?**

*A: Different institutions and different countries compare differently. The evaluation system used in Italy to express the degree grade is based on a numerical scale ranging from 66 (sufficient) to 110 (excellent).*

*A grade less than 66 implies rejection.*

*If your University uses a different evaluation system, you need to convert the grade you attained to the Italian scale.*

*You should follow these steps:*

*1) Retrieve the final grade of your degree (it could coincide with the weighted average of grades - GPA). The final grade can be either a quantitative grade or a qualitative assessment (letter grades, honours classes/divisions).*

*Some university systems automatically provide tables of conversions between qualitative assessments and quantitative grades. Check the transcript. Does it have a numerical grading scale listed on it? If so, use that scale. If not, go to (4).*

*2) In the numerical grading scale, determine what a pass grade is (MinGrade), then determine what the highest possible grade is (MaxGrade). From there, you can reasonably work out how your grade (Grade) converts to the Italian grading scale.*

*3) Determine your scale equivalent using the formula*

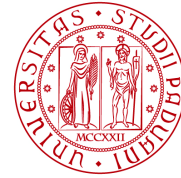
$$\frac{\text{Grade} - \text{MinGrade}}{\text{MaxGrade} - \text{MinGrade}} \times 44 + 66$$

*Example: Assume that your evaluation system uses six votes: 1 (excellent), 2 (good), 3 (fair), 4 (adequate), 5 (pass), 6 (insufficient) and fractions of voting, e.g. 1.3 or 1.7. The Italian vote corresponding to the original vote of 1.3 is*

$$\frac{1.3 - 5}{1 - 5} \times 44 + 66 = 106.7$$

*4) In the event that the qualification you obtained is expressed on a qualitative scale, use the following conversion table.*

<b>Original grade</b>	<b>Italian grade</b>
Excellent/ First class Honours	110
Very good/ Upper Second class Honours	105
Good/ Lower Second class Honours	95
Satisfactory/ Thirdclass Honours	85
Sufficient/ Pass	75



 **Q: In order to apply, do I have to speak Italian?**


*A: You should verify the language required in the list of Doctoral Courses and research lines (annex 1) or ask the contact person of the Doctoral Course you are interested in about the teaching language and the required level of English and/or Italian.*

 **Q: Is there an age limit to apply?**

*A: Yes, the age limit is 35 years old.*

 **Q: Do I have to send the application form with my original certificates of academic qualifications?**

*A: No, you do not. You have to attach the certified copies of academic qualifications and transcripts in the online procedure and submit it online. In the personal data section you must attach an official document specifying that your qualification gives access to the PhD in the country where the qualification was issued*

 **Q: Can I make the translations of my original certificates of academic qualifications?**

*A: No. You have to attach official translations or translations certified by the academic bodies.*