

**SUMMARY OF THE CALL FOR ADMISSION TO PHD COURSES
FOR THE XXXV CYCLE**

The deadline for this call is 1 pm (CEST) of May 14th 2019

This is a short summary of the contents of the Call for the admission to PhD Courses for the XXXV cycle. It is highly recommended to read the complete version available at the page <https://www.unipd.it/en/research/doctoral-degrees-phd-programmes/phd-programmes-calls-and-admissions> for a correct and complete understanding of the procedure.

The selection process has been announced at the University of Padova for admission to PhD Courses for the 2019/2020 academic year - XXXV cycle

The research subjects, methods and criteria for candidate selection to be used for ranking purposes are indicated on the specific information sheet for each Course (Appendix 1).

The information sheets also indicate:

- the number of funded and unfunded places that will be assigned according to the specific rankings for each Course;
- the number of potential apprenticeship contracts reserved for candidates who are successful in the selection procedures carried out by companies offering Higher-Level Apprenticeship Contracts (see art. 9);
- the number of industrial doctorate places;
- the number of places reserved for candidates with foreign qualification;
- the number of places foreseen within “Budget MIUR Dipartimenti di Eccellenza” reserved for candidates with foreign qualifications;
- the number of places funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo, reserved for applicants residing outside Italy and holding a foreign qualification;
- the number of places reserved for applicants with Chinese citizenship who graduated from Guangzhou University (PRC).

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.

Anyone yet to be awarded the required academic qualification, but who will have received it by and no later than September 30th 2019, may also apply to take part in the entry examinations.

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).

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/dottorati35>. Application forms must be submitted no later than 1 pm (CEST) on the announcement deadline date (May 14th 2019).

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 a valid 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. May 14th 2019 at 1 pm (CEST). A notification for completion of the letter will be sent to the referee only after the application has been fully submitted.

Information on selection procedures and the dates for examinations, if applicable, are provided in the information sheets specific to each Course. **For all intents and purposes, the examination dates indicated in the Course information sheets represent official notification. Candidates will therefore not receive any further call or notification regarding the entry examinations.**

Written or oral examinations will be considered passed if the candidate obtains a mark equivalent to at least 7/10.

Upon conclusion of entry examinations, each Committee compiles the general ranking for admission to the Course based on grades achieved in the examinations. Candidates will be granted admission to the courses according to the Course ranking or any other specific ranking, if applicable.

The Rector approves the selection proceedings and declares the ranking official for the admission of candidates. The rankings will be made public from **July 8th 2019**. Please refer to the art. 7 of the Call for admission regarding the assigning of different types of scholarship.

Successful candidates, with or without a grant, must enrol by **August 2nd 2019**, 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 (with or without a grant), which will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.

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

- A copy, in Italian or English, of the academic qualifications (both first and second-cycle degrees) 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.
- Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for both first and second-cycle 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 working days of arriving in Italy (only for non-EU citizens).

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 information on the procedure and timing, see art. 11 of the Call for admission.

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.

The winners of scholarships funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo and reserved for candidates residing outside Italy and with foreign qualification will be able to use the accommodation and canteen services free of charge at the ESU structures - Regional Agency for the Right to University Study. The related costs will be covered by the University of Padua thanks to the contribution of Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo.

PhD students are exempt from university tuition fees and must only pay an amount corresponding to the regional contribution to the right to education, civil insurance and stamp duty. For the winners of scholarships funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo and reserved for candidates residing outside Italy and with foreign qualification, this amount will be covered by the University of Padova thanks to the contribution of Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo.

Courses will begin on October 1st 2019.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

For assistance with completion of the online application:

- Write to phd.application@unipd.it; we cannot guarantee that emails sent to other addresses will be read;
- Telephone Help Desk service at the contact indicated on the website at <https://www.unipd.it/dottorato/bandi-graduatorie> available Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.30 am (CEST).

For information on the PhD course:

Contact the telephone numbers indicated in the information sheet for the PhD course you are interested in, under the section "For further information".