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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLACES IN PH.D. COURSES
XXXVIII CYCLE – UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA**

Having regard to:

- Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021 containing the rules on the modalities of accreditation of universities and Ph.D. courses and the principles for the implementation of Ph.D. courses in the accredited universities;
- The current Regulation of the University of Catania concerning Ph.D. courses;
- Ministerial Decree n. 351 of 09/04/2022 “Scholarships concerning “Digital and Environmental Transitions (M4C1 – Inv. 3.4)” and scholarships concerning “National Recovery and Resiliency Plan (NRRP) Research, Public Administration and Cultural Heritage (M4C1 – Inv. 4.1)”;
- Ministerial Decree n. 352 of 09/04/2022 “MAC2 – Inv. 3.3 – “Innovative doctorates aimed at strengthening the demand of innovation of enterprises and promoting the employment of researchers by enterprises”;
- Ministerial Decree n. 247 of 23/02/2022;
- The decisions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees of the University of Catania of 10/05/2022;
- The possibility to modify and/or integrate the call for applications for places in Ph.D. courses – XXXVIII cycle;

In the light of the above, the following Call is issued by the Rector of the University of Catania.

Art. 1 – Selection procedures

1. In compliance to the premises to the Call for applications for places in Ph.D. programs, for the academic year 2022/2023 the University of Catania officially announces the selection procedures for places in the following Ph.D. courses of cycle XXXVIII:

	PH.D. COURSE	Places with scholarships (including scholarships financed by the National Recovery and Resiliency Plan (NRRP))	Places without scholarships
1	Agricultural, food and environmental science	8	1
2	Basic and applied biomedical sciences	4	1
3	Traslational Biomedicine	4	1
4	Biotechnologies	4	1
5	Economics, Management and Decision Making	5	1
6	Physics	11	1
7	Law	5	1
8	Computer Science	8	2
9	Systems, energy, computer and telecommunications engineering	19	1
10	Neuroscience	4	1
11	Educational processes, theoretical-transformative	4	1



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	models and research methods applied to the territory		
12	Materials science and nanotechnologies	6	1
13	Chemical sciences	4	1
14	Earth and Environmental Science	7	2
15	Science of interpretation	4	1
16	Sciences for cultural heritage and production	5	1
17	Political science	5	1
18	Complex systems for physical, socio-economic and life science	5	1
19	Evaluation and mitigation of urban and territorial risks	8	1
TOTAL		120	21

2. For all Ph.D. programs listed above course activities begin on October 31 2022.
3. Each of the Ph.D. course listed in paragraph 1 of this article will be effectively implemented provided the ministerial accreditation in compliance with Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021 and the effective funding of the scholarships sponsored by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (hereinafter referred to as NRRP) in compliance with Ministerial Decrees n. 351/2022 and n. 352/2022 as well as the effective funding by the partner private company within the projects financed by the Ministerial Decree n. 352/2022 by no later than September 30 2022.
4. Detailed information on each Ph.D. course, including the research themes related to each scholarship, is included in the annexed information sheets which constitute integral and substantial part of this Call (annexes 1 to 19).

Art. 2 Admission requirements

1. Applications are open without regard to nationality or age to candidates who hold either a *Laurea (Vecchio Ordinamento)* or a *Laurea specialistica /magistrale* or any foreign degree suitable for access to Ph.D. courses in the country of origin and corresponding to a Second level degree by the deadline of the present call.
2. The suitability of the foreign degree is assessed by the selection committee with respect to the rules in force in Italy and in the country where the degree was issued and according to international agreements on degrees recognition for further education.
3. Applications are also open to candidates regularly enrolled in their final year of *Laurea Vecchio ordinamento*, *Laurea specialistica/magistrale* or foreign degree course who obtain their final degree by no later than the date of enrolment in Ph.D. courses, under penalty of exclusion from Ph.D. courses.
In case these candidates pass the selection, they will need to submit a self-certification of degree completion (for holders of *Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento* or *Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale* issued by an Italian University) or a degree certificate accompanied by the Statement of comparability or Declaration of Value (for holders of a degree issued by a foreign university) at the time of the enrolment in their Ph.D. course. Failure to submit the aforementioned documents will lead to the exclusion from the doctoral program.
4. Further entry requirements are reported on the information sheets (annexes 1 to 19) which constitute integral and substantial part of this Call.

Art. 3 – Application form

The application form is web based and must be completed electronically through the University of Catania online application system available at <https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it/NewAccount> according to the



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guidelines in paragraph 10 of the present article. The closing date for the application is **August 3 2022, h. 12,00 (Noon, Italian Time)**.

1. An application fee of € 30,00 as contribution to costs for the organization of the selection is required. It must be paid according to the procedures described at paragraph. 10, let. g) of the present article by no later than **August 3 2022**.
2. The application form can be completed either in Italian or in English and must contain the following information:
 - a) name and surname, fiscal code, date and place of birth, address (including postal code), telephone number and e-mail;
 - b) nationality;
 - c) name of the Ph.D. course for which the candidate intends to apply;
 - d) name of the candidate's degree;
 - e) disability with percentage of disability, if any;
 - f) declaration of commitment to immediately communicate to dottorati@unict.it any change of address, telephone number or e-mail;
 - g) express indication of candidature for a place reserved to graduates from foreign universities (for Ph.D. programmes including this type of places and for graduates meeting this requirement only);
 - h) declaration of acknowledgment of the content of the present call.
3. The following annexes must be uploaded onto the University's application online system:
 - a) *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*, duly dated and signed, containing the authorization to the treatment of personal data according to the regulation in force;
 - b) One of the following documents concerning admission requirements:
 - **Candidates with Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento, Laurea specialistica or Laurea magistrale issued by an Italian university**: Self-certification of successful completion of the degree course;
 - **Graduates from foreign universities**: Second level Degree certificate (including transcript of records, final grade and date of the award of the degree) plus a "**Statement of comparability for access to public competition**" or a "**Declaration of value**" and request of equivalence (according to the form included in annex n.20, integral part to this call);
 - **Candidates enrolled in their last year of Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento, Laurea Specialistica and Laurea Magistrale at any Italian Universities, who have not yet completed their degree course**: Self-certification of enrolment in the final year of the degree course, including transcripts of records;
 - **Candidates from foreign universities who have not yet completed their second level degree course**: Certificate stating the status of student in the final year, including transcripts of records;
 - c) Research project pertinent to the research themes reported on the informative sheet concerning the Ph.D. course chosen by the candidate;
 - d) List of publications with relative abstracts, if any;
 - e) Documents attesting English knowledge or further linguistic skills or computer skills, if any;
 - f) Documents concerning the completion of further university courses;
 - g) Declaration concerning the type of place for which the candidate intends to apply (according to the form included in annex n.21, integral to this call), for candidates who intend to apply for Ph.D. courses offering reserved places only;
 - h) Videoconference request form (according to the form included in annex n.22, integral to this call) for candidates wishing to take the oral examination in videoconference form;



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- i) Copy of a valid Identity document;
4. All annexes listed in par. 4 must be uploaded one by one in PDF format onto the online application system. No other format than PDF is accepted. If the size of a document is larger than that indicated by the system, this document must be divided into two or more parts to be uploaded separately. All annexes can be either in English or in Italian. Any annex in a language other than English or Italian must be accompanied by a legal translation in English or in Italian, under penalty of inadmissibility to evaluation.
5. Candidates who intend to apply for two or more different Ph.D. courses must complete two or more application forms separately and pay the application fee of € 30,00 for each application.
6. Application forms will not be considered if either incomplete or submitted with different modalities or after the deadline indicated in this article. Furthermore, application forms will not be considered if the application fee is paid after the deadline indicated in par. 2 of this article.
7. Candidates are warmly urged to complete the application procedure well in advance of the expiration date of this call in order to avoid the clogging of the online system due to the volume of applications. The University is not responsible if the candidate cannot complete the application procedure because of unforeseeable circumstances, force majeure or any event not imputable to the university's administration.
8. Candidates are the sole responsible for the authenticity of the information included both in the application form and in the annexes. The university's administration is entitled to scrutinize the application forms and related annexes according to the legislation in force and exclude, in any moment and provided a proper motivation, those candidates whose applications do not comply with this call requirements.
9. In order to complete the application procedure, each candidate must:
 - a) Go to <http://portalestudente.unict.it/portalestudente/mapServlet>;
 - b) Complete the registration entering his/her personal data. On completion of the registration the online system will issue a PIN code to the candidate. The online system will also issue a temporary fiscal code to foreign candidates in order to let them complete the application procedure. (candidates already holding a PIN code will skip this step and start the procedure from c);
 - c) Enter his/her credentials in the login box in order to access to his/her personal account;
 - d) Once in his/her account click "Prove di ammissione" and select the chosen Ph.D. course through the drop-down menu;
 - e) Enter personal data required and check their correctness;
 - f) Confirm the data clicking the apposite confirmation command;
 - g) Pay the application fee according to the procedure described at www.unict.it/it/servizi/pagopa;
 - h) Upload all the documents required in par. 4 of this article in PDF format onto the online application system;
 - i) Print and save copy of the application form and save a physical copy of the receipt of payment.
10. Candidates with disability higher than 66% who need assistance during the examination must submit formal request to the University's Centre for the Integration and Assistance to people with disability and DSA, Via A. di Sanguiliano 259, 95131 Catania, tel. 095/7307182-189-188, e-mail: personalecsd@unict.it, website <http://www.cinap.unict.it/>, quoting the name of the Ph.D. course for which they have applied.



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This request must be submitted by no later than **August 3 2022, h. 12,00 (noon, Italian time)**.

Art. 4 – Type of places

1. Each Ph.D. courses includes places with scholarship and places without scholarship. After selected candidates are admitted to each doctoral program, the Ph.D. Academic boards identify the beneficiaries of the scholarships based on their study plans.
2. Technical specifications concerning scholarships are reported in the information sheet of the relevant Ph.D. course. As an example but not limited to, technical specifications may concern:
 - a) specific entry requirements necessary to the candidate to be eligible for a scholarship;
 - b) research topic connected to a scholarship;
 - c) specific modalities of development of the learning path connected to a scholarship.
3. Scholarships can be funded by:
 - a) University's funds;
 - b) NRRP – Ministerial Decree n. 351/2022
 - i. M4c1 – Inv. 3.4 “Digital and environmental transitions”
 - ii. M4C1 – Inv. 4.1 “NRRP Research”
 - iii. M4C1- Inv. 4.1 “Public Administration”
 - iv. M4c1 – Inv. 4.1 “Cultural Heritage”
 - c) NRRP – Ministerial Decree n. 352/2022- Inv. 3.3 “Innovative doctorates aimed at strengthening the demand of innovation of enterprises and promoting the employment of researchers by enterprises”;
 - d) Public/private institutions, highly qualified from a scientific/cultural point of view and with suitable personnel, facilities and equipment;
 - e) Regional Operational Program- European Social Fund 2014-2020, where appropriate;
 - f) National Institute for Social Security, where appropriate;
4. Additional scholarships, granted by public/private national/international institutions as well as through specific programmes or funds of public/private national/international institutions, may require specific entry requirements for candidates to be eligible for these scholarship (as an example but not limited to: age, citizenship, residence, maximum value of the candidate's economic situation, kinship with some people registered with the National Institute for Social Security). These scholarships can be connected to a research theme and a specific learning path. Reference is made to the conditions set out by the institution managing the grant for all that concerns additional entry requirements and research projects connected to these scholarships.
5. Whenever remained vacant, places reserved to graduates from foreign universities (either with or without scholarship) can be assigned to successful candidates from the list concerning ordinary places.
6. All scholarships financed by external institutions, with the exception of those scholarships financed by public research centres monitored by the Ministry of the University, will be paid to the beneficiaries provided the related funds are properly collected by the University of Catania. The University of Catania is not responsible for any delay in the payment of these scholarships in case the delay is imputable to the funding institution.

Art. 5 – Selection procedures



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1. According to each Ph.D. information sheet (see art. 1), candidates' selection can be based on one of the following procedures:
 - a. Evaluation of qualifications, written and oral examinations;
 - b. Evaluation of qualifications and oral examination.
2. As for the evaluation of qualifications, the following documents will be assessed:
 - a. *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*;
 - b. English language certificates, if any;
 - c. Publications, if any;
 - d. Research project.

3. In case of Ph.D. courses whose selection procedure is based on the evaluation of qualifications, written and oral examinations, pass mark is an aggregate 80 points out of 120 with minimum 40 points in the evaluation of qualifications, 20 points in the written examination and 20 points in the oral examination.

The maximum score for the evaluation of qualification is 60 points.

The evaluation of qualifications is based on the following criteria:

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| a. <i>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</i> | max 30 points; |
| b. English language certificates, if any | max 5 points; |
| c. Publications, if any | max 5 points; |
| d. Research project | max 20 points. |

As for the evaluation of the *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*, the selection committee will assess the completion of the Second Level Degree course within the legal duration of the course, final score or weighted average score (in case of candidates who have not completed their second level degree course) as well as all study or working experience which can be relevant for evaluation.

The maximum score for the written examination is 30 points (pass mark: 20 out of 30)

The maximum score for the oral examination is 30 points (pass mark: 20 out of 30)

The oral examination is based on the following criteria:

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| a. Interview on the candidate's research project | max 10 points |
| b. Interview on the candidate's general knowledge of the subject included in his/her second level degree course or the topic of the Ph.D. course of reference | max 20 points |

4. In case of Ph.D. courses whose selection procedure is based on the evaluation of qualifications and oral examination, pass mark is an aggregate 80 points out of 120 with minimum 40 points in the evaluation of qualifications and 40 points in the oral examination.

The maximum score for the evaluation of qualifications is 60 points

The evaluation of qualifications is based on the following criteria:

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| a. <i>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</i> | max 30 points; |
| b. English language certificates, if any | max 5 points; |
| c. Publications, if any | max 5 points; |
| d. Research project | max 20 points |

As for the evaluation of the *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*, the selection committee will assess the completion of the Second Level Degree course within the legal duration of the course, final score or weighted average score (in case of candidates who have not completed their second level degree course) as well as all study or working experience which can be relevant for evaluation.

The maximum score for the oral examination is 60 points (pass mark: 40 out of 60)

The oral examination is based on the following criteria:

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| a. Interview on the candidate's research project | max 10 points |
| b. Interview on the candidate's general knowledge of the subject included in his/her second level degree course or the topic of the Ph.D. course of reference | max 50 points |



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5. The research project assessed by the selection committee in the phase of evaluation of qualifications and provisionally discussed in the oral examination is not binding to the research topic effectively assigned to candidates admitted to any doctoral program;
6. The selection committee is responsible for the publication of the criteria related to the evaluation of qualifications, the written examination (where appropriate) and the oral examination on the website of the Department offering the Ph.D. course. Each Ph.D. selection committee is the sole responsible for the prompt publication of the results of the selection procedure.
7. Written and oral examinations will be held in the dates, hours and places indicated each Ph.D. course information sheets annexed to this call. No written notice will be sent to candidates. Any variation of date, hour or place will be notified well in advance on www.unict.it (section “Bandi, gare e concorsi”>”Studenti e post laurea”>”Dottorati di ricerca”). This publication is equivalent to notification to candidates.
8. Candidates admitted to the written and oral examinations will bring with them an identity document considered valid by the current legislation in force. The University administration will consider the possibility to cancel the written examination, where appropriate, in case the evolution of the epidemic emergency does not allow to carry out this part of the selection procedure in presence. Candidates will be promptly informed of this possibility. In case of cancellation of the written examination, the selection procedure will be rescheduled according to paragraph 3 of this article.
9. Candidates can take the sole oral examination in the form of video conference provided proper request according to annex 22 .
The candidate is full and sole responsible for the correct indication of the video conference address to be used by the selection committee for the oral interview. The candidate must be available in the date of the oral interview in the date indicated in the related Ph.D. information sheet. The selection committee is entitled to arrange with the candidate the exact time of the oral interview. Before the oral interview, the candidate is required to exhibit his/her identity document.
Non-indication or incorrect indication of video conference address, unavailability of the candidate on the day and hour established by the selection committee and non-exhibition of the identity document will represent causes of exclusion from the selection procedure.
The University of Catania declines all responsibility for any unpredicted technical problem impeding the oral exam in the form of video conference interview.
10. Selection procedures must be completed by no later than September 20 2022.

Art. 6 – Designation and tasks of the Selection Committee

1. Each Selection Committee is composed according to art. 13 of the current Regulation of the University of Catania concerning Ph.D. courses.
2. Prior to the evaluation of qualifications, selection committees must establish the criteria of assignment of points to each document to be assessed (*curriculum vitae et studiorum*, English language certificates, publications and research project). In case of candidates who do not already hold the degree required to access a Ph.D. course, the selection committee must take into account the average grade related to exams passed by the candidate at the moment of the application in order to assess his/her academic career properly. The selection committees can take into account any further qualifications or certifications issued by academic institutions.



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3. Prior to both written (where appropriate) and oral examinations, selection committees must establish the criteria of development and evaluation of these exams and give due information to candidates publishing these criteria on the website of the department offering the Ph.D. course.
4. Upon completion of the selection procedure, each selection committee draws up the list of successful candidates, ranked in descending order of score. Scores being equal, the younger candidate prevails (law 16.6.1998, n. 191). The list is signed by both the President and the Secretary of the Selection committee and is affixed to the Notice board of the University's Department where the selection takes place and posted on the same Department's website.
5. In case of places reserved to graduates from foreign universities, the selection committee draws a separate list of successful candidates ranked in descending order of score. Scores being equal, the younger candidate prevails (law 16.6.1998, n. 191). The list is signed by both the President and the Secretary of the Selection committee and is affixed to the Notice board of the University's Department where the selection takes place and posted on the same Department's website. Any reserved place remained vacant after the selection procedure can be made available for candidates in the list concerning ordinary places as in art.4.

Art. 7 – List of successful candidates

1. The list of successful candidates eligible for Ph.D. places are issued through decree of the Rector of the University of Catania. The Rector's Decrees will be posted on www.unict.it (section "*Bandi, gare e concorsi*" > "*Studenti e post laurea*" > "*Formazione post laurea*" > "*Dottorati di ricerca*").

Art. 8 – Admission to Ph.D. courses

1. Candidates are admitted to Ph.D. programs according to the descending order on the list of selected candidates until all the places available within each course are allocated. Successful candidates eligible for a place in two or more Ph.D. course are requested to choose the Ph.D. course in which they wish to enroll.
2. Candidates are excluded if they do not comply with enrolment procedures (see art. 9) within the deadline indicated in a further notice. In this case the next candidate in the list in descending order of score becomes eligible to fill the vacant place.
3. As a general rule, it is possible to re-allocate any places remained vacant.
4. Top candidates on the list are admitted to a place with scholarship to the extent of the number of available scholarships. On completion of the allocation of places with scholarships, incoming candidates on the list in descending order of score are admitted to a place without scholarship to the extent of the number of available places without scholarship.
5. The list of selected candidates will include information on the potential eligibility of a candidate for a place connected to a specific topic and the Ph.D. curriculum, in case of Ph.D. organized in curricula. Places with scholarship connected to a specific topic will be assigned before other places. In case more than one candidate is eligible for a place with scholarship related to a specific topic, the selection committee will assign this place according to the ranking list. In case one candidate is eligible for more than one place with scholarship connected to a specific topic, the Ph.D. Academic Board will decide which place must be assigned to the said candidate.
6. Candidates admitted to Ph.D. courses are required to pay enrolment fees as stated in the following article 9.
7. Candidates who have attended a Ph.D. course in a place with scholarship can only be enrolled as Ph.D. student in places without scholarship.
8. Candidates with disability corresponding to 66% are admitted to the programme in supernumerary places without scholarship, even if their position on the list is below the



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corresponding number of places in the Ph.D. program. Supernumerary places without scholarship reserved to candidates with disability can be up to half of the ordinary places. Candidates with disabilities are exempted from the payment of enrolment fees (Regulation of the University of Catania on Ph.D. Courses, art. 12, paragraph 4).

Art. 9 – Enrolment procedures

1. Candidates admitted to Ph.D. courses are officially appointed in a decree of the Rector available at the university's website www.unict.it (section “Bandi, gare e concorsi”>”Studenti e post laurea”>”Dottorati di ricerca”) by no later than September 30 2022.
2. Admitted candidates must submit the enrolment form and pay the enrolment fee (see following par. 4, lett. e) according to the procedure described in par. 3 and 4 from October 1 2022 and by no later than October 15 2022, h. 12.00 (noon, Italian time). This notice represents the only official form of information. No personal notice will be sent to candidates.
3. The enrolment application must include the following information:
 - a) Name and surname, fiscal code, date and place of birth, address (including postal code), telephone number and e-mail;
 - b) Disability with indication of percentage, if any;
 - c) Declaration of commitment to attend the Ph.D. course full time according to the modalities fixed by the academic board.
4. The enrolment form is web based. To complete the enrolment form candidates must:
 - a) Go to <http://portalestudente.unict.it/portalestudente/>;
 - b) Enter their fiscal code and PIN code, already used during the application procedure, in the specific login box;
 - c) Click “Immatricolazione” from their personal account;
 - d) Enter all the details required in the various stages and confirm them;
 - e) Pay the enrolment fee according to the procedure described at www.unict.it/it/servizi/pagopa for an amount of:
 - € 356,00 in case of enrolment in a place with scholarship;
 - I. € 200,00, admission fee;
 - II. € 140,00, regional contribution for educational services
 - III. € 16,00, virtual fiscal stamp
 - € 156,00 in case of enrolment in a place without scholarship;
 - I. € 140,00, regional contribution for education services;
 - II. € 16,00, virtual fiscal stamp.
 - € 16,00 for candidates with disabilities corresponding to 66% or more, whatever the type of place.
 - I. € 16,00, virtual fiscal stamp
5. Within the deadline posted on www.unict.it (section Bandi, gare e concorsi > Studenti e Post laurea > Formazione post laurea > Dottorati di ricercar) candidates admitted to places with scholarship must send to dottorati@unict.it the following documents in PDF format:
 - a) Document from the National Institute for Social Security attesting the candidate's contributory role;
 - b) Declaration concerning the candidate's registration or non-registration in other forms of social security;
 - c) Copy of the fiscal code or health insurance card;
 - d) Copy of a valid identity document;
 - e) Form including bank details;



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- f) Declaration of acknowledgement that scholarships are exempted from income tax imposed on physical persons and that under no circumstances can they give assessments for the purpose of job career;
 - g) Statement of comparability issued by CIMEA or Declaration of Value issued by an Italian Embassy/Consulate/Diplomatic agency for those candidates who do not hold their second level degree at the moment of the application for any places advertised by the present call.
6. Candidates admitted to places sponsored by the NRRP will also have to submit a declaration of commitment to respect the project related to the scholarship whose requirements are:
- a) Ministerial Decree n. 351/2022 – Inv. 3.4 “Digital and environmental transition”
Research/Study period (internship) at enterprises (private companies) or research centers from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum eighteen (18) months
Research/Study period (internship) at a foreign institution from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months
 - b) Ministerial Decree n. 351/2022 – Inv. 4.1 “NRRP Research”
Research/Study period (internship) at a foreign institution from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months
 - c) Ministerial Decree n. 351/2022 – Inv. 4.1 “Public Administration”
Research/Study period (internship) at enterprises (private companies), research centers or public administrations from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months
Research/Study period (internship) at foreign institutions from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months
 - d) Ministerial Decree n. 351/2022 – Inv. 4.1 “Cultural heritage”
Research/Study period (internship) at enterprises (private companies), research centers or public administrations including museums, agencies of the Ministry of Culture, archives, libraries, from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months
Research/Study period (internship) at foreign institutions from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months.
 - e) Ministerial Decree n. 352/2022 – Inv. 3.3 ““Innovative doctorates aimed at strengthening the demand of innovation of enterprises and promoting the employment of researchers by enterprises””.
Research/Study period (internship) at enterprises (private companies) from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months
Research/Study period (internship) at foreign institutions from minimum six (6) to maximum eighteen (18) months.
7. Enrolment forms submitted with modalities other than those indicated in the present article or after the deadline in the aforementioned notice (see pt.2) will not be considered. Enrolment forms without the enrolment fee paid in the modalities and by the deadline indicated in the present article will not be considered either. The University of Catania declines all responsibility for failure to complete the enrolment procedure due to either facts not imputable to its administration or fortuitous event or force majeure.
8. Candidates’ failure to comply with the aforementioned provisions is considered equivalent to formal renunciation to the place in the Ph.D. course. Vacant places will be made available for incoming candidates on the list in descending order of score to the extent of the number of available places in the program. These latter candidates will be informed on enrolment procedures and deadline through an email sent to the email address indicated in the application form. Failure to comply with enrolment procedures will lead to the exclusion from the course.
9. The renunciation to a place in a Ph.D. program does not give the right to a refund of the enrolment fee even when the candidate has not attended any course activities.



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10. Selected candidates who intend to renounce to a Ph.D. place are warmly invited to send a written notice to dottorati@unict.it in order to allow the university's administration to allocate places remained vacant as quickly as possible to the extent the number of available places in a program. A copy of the identity card in PDF format must be attached to the notice.
11. Candidates will be duly informed of any change in the enrolment procedure in the same notice as in par. 2 of this article.
12. By no later than November 15 of each year doctoral students will need to renew the enrolment in the year following the first. The registration is bound to the decision of the Ph.D. Academic Board according to art. 15, paragraph 7, of the Regulations of the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses. Failure to complete the registration within the aforementioned deadline will lead to the exclusion from the Ph.D. course.

Art. 10 - Scholarship

1. Scholarships have the same duration as the corresponding Ph.D. course. Scholarships are assigned to candidates according to their position on the ranking list. For each doctoral student in a place with scholarship, his/her eligibility to the scholarship is bound to his/her admission to the doctoral years following the first.
2. Each scholarship amounts to € 16.243,00 per year, before taxes charged on the scholarship holder. This amount is adjusted according to increases established by the law.
3. The amount of the scholarship is increased up to 50% in correspondence and proportionally to study periods at foreign institutions for maximum twelve 12 months of the entire duration of the Ph.D. course.
4. Each doctoral student benefits from an additional research budget corresponding to minimum 10% of the annual gross amount of his/her scholarship. On a first approximation, this research budget amounts to € 2.003,70 and can be used by the doctoral student to cover his/her expenses connected to his/her research work in Italy and abroad.
The additional research budget is transferred to and managed by the financial division of the Department offering the Ph.D. course.
5. The payment of the scholarship is bound to the effective attendance to course activities according to the research project approved by the Ph.D. Academic Board.
6. The provisions concerning tax benefit included in art. 4, Law 476/1984 apply to doctoral scholarships.
7. Scholarships cannot be combined with other financial contributions unless these latter are granted by national or international institutions and destined to research work abroad. As for these specific additional scholarships, further requirements might be required by the calls advertising these grants.
8. As a general rule, the payment of the scholarship consists in a monthly or bi-monthly instalment. Payments are deferred to the months following the month of reference. The modalities of payment of the scholarship are detailed in the Rector Decrees approving the allocation of scholarships to the candidates in the ranking list.

Art. 11 – Rights and duties of Ph.D. Students



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1. With reference to rights and duties of Ph.D. students, candidates are required to refer to articles 15, 16, 16-bis, 17 and 18 of the Regulation of the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses.

Art. 12 – Personal data

1. According to the EU regulation on data protection (EU/2016/679), personal data provided by the candidates will be treated at the University of Catania in accordance to the principles reported on https://www.unict.it/sites/default/files/files/Informativa%20studenti_aprile%202021-DEF.pdf.

Art. 13 – Officials in charge of procedure

1. According to art.5, subparagraph 1, of Law 241/90, the official in charge of the procedure is:
 - the chairperson of the selection committee with reference to the selection procedure, from the appointment of the committee members to the publication of the selection results;
 - Ms Maria Antonietta Rumore, with reference to the procedures connected to the present call;
 - Mr Salvatore Libertini, with reference to the procedures connected to foreign candidates.

Art. 14 – Final measures

1. Any aspect(s) related to Ph.D. course and not expressly covered in the present call is governed by Ministerial Decree 226/2021, the Regulations of the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses currently in force, international cooperation agreements as well as other legislation in force concerning Ph.D. course.
2. For further information concerning this call, candidates are invited to refer to dottorati@unict.it

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