

**PUBLIC COMPETITION NOTICE FOR ADMISSION TO RESEARCH DOCTORATE PROGRAMMES  
CYCLE XLII – UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA**

**THE RECTOR**

Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021 'Regulation laying down procedures for the accreditation of sites and PhD courses and criteria for the establishment of PhD courses by accredited institutions';

Having regard to the current Regulations of the University of Catania for Research Doctoral Studies;

Having regard to Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022;

Having regard to the MUR circular concerning 'computerised procedure for the accreditation of university research doctorate courses – XLII cycle – Opening', ref. no. 0002386 of 13/05/2026;

Having regard to Regional Notice PR FSE+ 2021-2027, Notice no. 32/2026 for the financing of Research Doctorate scholarships in Sicily for Academic Year 2026/2027, 42nd doctoral cycle, issued by D.D.G. 2318 of 12/06/2026;

Having regard to the favourable opinion of the Academic Senate of 23.06.2026 and the subsequent resolution of the Board of Directors of 26.06.2026;

Having regard to the decree of the Minister of Education, Universities and Research No. 480 of 24 July 2025, by which Prof. Enrico Foti was appointed Rector of the University of Catania for six years with effect from 19 September 2025;

In view of the above;

**DECREES**

**Art. 1 – Selection Announcement**

In accordance with the foregoing, public selection procedures are hereby announced for admission to the following Research Doctorate Programmes, Cycle XLII, a.y. 2026-2027, administered at the University of Catania:

#	PhD Programme	Duration
1	Agricultural, food and environmental science	3 years
2	Basic and applied biomedical sciences	3 years
3	Translational Biomedicine	3 years
4	Biotechnologies	3 years
5	Defence against natural risks and ecological transition of the built environment (National interest doctorate)	3 years
6	Economics, Management and Decision Making	4 years
7	Physics	3 years
8	Law	3 years

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#	PhD Programme	Duration
9	Computer Science	3 years
10	Electronic, Energy and Industrial Engineering	3 years
11	Systems, Computer and Telecommunications Engineering	3 years
12	Technological Innovation in the Biomedical Field	3 years
13	Mathematics and Computational Sciences	3 years
14	Neurosciences	3 years
15	Pharmaceutical sciences	3 years
16	Educational processes, theoretical-transformative models and research methods applied to the territory	3 years
17	Public Health and Clinical Research	3 years
18	Materials science and nanotechnologies	3 years
19	Chemical Sciences	3 years
20	Earth and Environmental Sciences	3 years
21	Sciences of Interpretation	3 years
22	Sciences for Cultural Heritage and Production	3 years
23	Political Sciences	3 years
24	Complex Systems for Physical, Socio-economic and Life Sciences	3 years
25	Evaluation and Mitigation of Urban and Territorial Risks	3 years

For all doctorate programmes listed in the table above, the start date of activities is set at 31/10/2026, with the possibility of a deferred start date of 30/11/2026.

The actual activation of each of the doctorates listed in the table in paragraph 1 is conditional upon:

- Ministerial accreditation pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021, for newly established or re-accredited doctoral programmes;
- Favourable opinion from ANVUR for doctoral programmes undergoing renewal;
- the assessment of eligibility for funding of positions with scholarships under Call for Applications 32/2026, as referred to in the preamble, for those Ph.D. programs in which the scholarships awarded under that call contribute to reaching the average number of 4.

All specific information relating to scholarships, including any research theme associated with each of them, is contained in the information sheets attached to this notice as an integral and substantive part thereof (Annexes No. 1 to No. 25).

## Art. 2 – Admission Requirements

Applications may be submitted, without restrictions of age, gender or citizenship, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 below, by those who, by the closing date of this notice:

- Hold a degree (old system) or a specialist/master's degree, or a second-level academic qualification obtained abroad and recognised as equivalent providing access to doctoral studies in the country of origin;

or

- Are duly enrolled in the final year of an old-system, specialist or master's degree programme, or in a study programme at a foreign university qualifying for access to doctoral studies and obtain the relevant qualification by no later than 31.10.2026. If the selection is successfully passed, admission to the doctorate will be granted 'provisionally', and the candidate will be required to submit, under penalty of forfeiture, by 6 November 2026 to [protocollo@pec.unict.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.unict.it), a self-declaration of degree attainment (in the case of a degree under the old/specialist/master's system obtained at an Italian university) or certification (in the case of a qualification obtained at a foreign university).

The eligibility of a foreign qualification is assessed by the examination committee of the doctoral programme for which the candidate is applying, in compliance with applicable law in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, and with any international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

Any requirements beyond those set out in the preceding paragraphs are indicated in the relevant programme information sheets (Annexes 1 to 25), which form an integral and substantive part of this notice.

## Art. 3 – Application for Selection

The application for selection must be completed exclusively online, by the peremptory deadline of 31/07/2026, 12:00 (GMT+1), by following the procedure below:

- Access the website <https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it>
- Complete the registration procedure on the portal by entering your personal data in order to obtain access credentials (candidates already holding credentials issued by the University of Catania proceed directly from step c below);
- Log in with your credentials;
- From your personal account, under 'Enrolment and entrance tests', click 'Doctorates' and then 'Participation Notices';
- Click on the entry relating to the doctoral programme you wish to apply for;
- Enter the required data and **carefully verify their accuracy**;
- Attach, in PDF format, via the electronic attachment system in the online application, the documents referred to in paragraph 4 below;
- Confirm the data entered by clicking the relevant confirmation button;
- Pay the application fee of €30.00 by following the procedure indicated by the computer system; pursuant to Notice 32/2026, and in particular Art. 5, paragraph 7 thereof, candidates who are declared eligible winners of scholarship-funded positions under that notice will receive a refund of the amount paid as the application fee.
- Print and retain a copy of the application form confirming payment of the application fee and correct insertion of the required attachments.

In the application, which may be completed in Italian or English, **the candidate must provide:**

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- Surname and first name, tax code, date and place of birth, residence or domicile including postcode, telephone number and e-mail address;
- Citizenship;
- Doctoral programme for whose selection they are applying;
- Qualification held;
- Declaration of commitment to promptly notify any change of address, telephone number and e-mail address to dottorati@unict.it;
- Declaration of having read the contents of this notice;
- Declaration of accuracy pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000;
- Consent to the processing of personal data pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as coordinated with Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, and the GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679) and subsequent amendments and additions.

The following documents **must be attached to the application**:

- Curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- Document attesting to the admission requirement provided by this notice, depending on the category of the candidate:
  - graduates from Italian universities: substitute declaration of certification showing completion of the final examination with the relevant grade;
  - graduates from non-EU foreign universities: certificate confirming attainment of a qualification providing access to doctoral studies in the country of origin (including the study plan, examinations passed with grades, and the final examination result). If the candidate already holds a Declaration of Value issued by the Italian embassy in their place of residence, or alternatively a CIMEA certificate, these **must be attached to the application**;
  - graduates from EU foreign universities: master's degree/master certificate showing completion of the final examination with the relevant grade;
  - candidates enrolled in old-system, specialist or master's programmes at Italian universities who have not yet obtained their degree at the time of application: substitute declaration of enrolment in the final year of study, with examinations passed and their grades;
  - candidates enrolled at foreign universities who have not yet obtained their degree at the time of application: certificate of enrolment in the final year of study, with examinations passed and their grades, and confirmation that the qualification provides access to doctoral studies in the country where it is awarded;
- Research project relating to one of the topics listed in the programme information sheet;
- List of any publications with indication of DOI, ISBN/ISSN;
- Documents or certificates attesting to proficiency in the foreign language(s) indicated in the information sheet for the relevant doctoral program, if any;
- Documents or certifications attesting to computer skills, if any;
- Any documents relating to further educational experience;
- Copy of a valid identity document, pursuant to Art. 35 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000.

**The documents listed in the preceding paragraph must be attached to the application one at a time and exclusively in PDF format.**

The documents referred to in Art. 3 above must be submitted in Italian or English.

Candidates wishing to apply for two or more doctoral programmes must complete an application and pay the application fee of €30.00 for each of them. No refunds will be provided for each application fee paid, except as indicated in Art. 5, letter i) of this notice.

Incomplete applications, or applications submitted by methods or at times other than those indicated in this article, will not be considered; applications for which the fee has been paid after the deadline of 31/07/2026, 12:00 (GMT+1) (Art. 3, paragraph 1 of this notice) will also not be considered.

The University accepts no responsibility if the candidate fails to complete the registration procedure due to chance events, force majeure or events not attributable to the University's administration.

Candidates assume full and exclusive responsibility for the accuracy of the information entered in the application and for the content of the attachments. The Administration reserves the right to carry out checks and verifications as provided for by applicable regulations and to adopt, with adequate justification, exclusion measures at any time against candidates who have not complied with the provisions of the notice or who are found to lack the requirements set out therein.

Candidates with a disability exceeding 66% who require special assistance for the examination must formally request it from the Centre for Active and Participatory Integration – Disability and Specific Learning Disabilities Services (CInAP) of the University, Via A. di Sangiuliano no. 259, 95131 Catania, tel. 095/7307182-189-188, e-mail: cs.cinap@unict.it, website <http://www.cinap.unict.it/>, indicating the doctoral programme for whose selection they intend to apply. This request must be submitted by 31/07/2026, 12:00 (GMT+1).

#### **Art. 4 – Types of Available Positions**

Scholarship-funded positions may be financed in one of the following ways and are distributed as follows:

- Projects under Regional Notice 32/2026: Candidates eligible for regional doctoral scholarships funded under this notice are those meeting the specific requirements of Art. 5, paragraph 1 of the Regional Notice at the date of publication of this notice (01/07/2026);  
The actual awarding of these scholarships is contingent upon the issuance of the Regional Decree authorizing funding.
- Scholarships funded by the University of Catania;
- Scholarships funded by external bodies, public or private, Italian or foreign.

The type of scholarship and the related topics will be specified in the sheets annexed to this notice.

For each of the doctoral programmes activated for this XLII cycle, one non-scholarship position is provided, with a research budget financed from University of Catania funds. Additional non-scholarship positions may be activated provided that they total no more than one third of the scholarship-funded positions and that the research budget is financed from departmental funds.

#### **Art. 5 – Selection Procedures**

The selection and admission procedures will be carried out using one of the following methods:

- a) Assessment of qualifications, written examination and oral examination;
- b) Assessment of qualifications and oral examination.

In both cases a) and b) above, the maximum score attributable for the assessment of qualifications is 60 points, distributed as follows:

Title Evaluation	Max Score	Aspects Evaluated
Curriculum vitae et studiorum	Max. 20 points	Degree grade; if the candidate has not yet obtained the qualifying degree, the arithmetic mean (old system) or weighted mean (specialist/master's) certified at the time of application will be assessed. If the candidate holds two qualifying degrees obtained in two different academic years, the more favourable will be assessed under 'degree grade', and the second under 'additional educational/professional experience'. Additional educational and/or professional experience worthy of assessment, including IT skills certifications.
Language certifications	Max. 5 points	Official language competence certifications.
Publications	Max. 5 points	Assessment requires the candidate to indicate the DOI/ISBN/ISSN.
Research project	Max. 30 points	Relevance to the doctorate themes and any thematic scholarships listed in the programme sheet; Structure of the project, innovative aspects and feasibility of the proposal, expected results.

To proceed to the subsequent stages of the selection, the candidate must obtain a minimum score of 40 points out of 60 in the assessment of qualifications.

In the case of a selection based on Assessment of qualifications, Written examination and Oral examination, the maximum score attributable for the written examination is 30 points. A minimum score of 20 out of 30 points in the written examination is required to be admitted to the oral examination.

The maximum score attributable for the oral examination is 30 points, distributed as follows:

- c) Discussion of the research project submitted by the candidate (Max. 20 points);
- d) General knowledge of the topics covered by the candidate's degree and/or topics relevant to the Doctorate (Max. 10 points).

The selection is considered passed if the candidate obtains a minimum score of 80 points out of 120, of which at least 40 in the assessment of qualifications, at least 20 in the written examination and at least 20 in the oral examination.

In the case of a selection based on Assessment of qualifications and Oral examination, the maximum score attributable for the oral examination is 60 points, distributed as follows:

- e) Discussion of the research project submitted by the candidate (Max. 40 points);
- f) General knowledge of the topics covered by the candidate's degree and/or topics relevant to the Doctorate (Max. 20 points).

The selection is considered passed if the candidate obtains a minimum score of 80 points out of 120, of which at least 40 in the assessment of qualifications and at least 40 in the oral examination.

The research project analysed by the committee during the assessment of qualifications and discussed during the oral examination is not binding for the purposes of assignment of the actual research topic if admitted to the doctoral programme.

The written examination, where required, and the oral examination will be held on the dates, at the times and in the places indicated for each doctoral programme in the attached information sheets referred to in Art. 1; no written communication will be sent to candidates. Any changes to dates, times or venues will be communicated promptly, except in cases of force majeure, by means of a specific notice on the home page of the website of the department to which the doctoral programme belongs.

Both candidates admitted to the written examination and those admitted to the oral examination must be identified by the committee by presenting a valid identity document. The written examination – where required – must be taken exclusively in person, with no exceptions. Candidates who are in a documented position of being unable to travel to Catania are given the opportunity to take the oral examination remotely via telematic means, by giving appropriate notice and submitting the relevant supporting documentation to the committee chair at least 5 working days before the oral examination. The examination committee must use the Microsoft Teams platform exclusively for video conferencing. The candidate is required, before the oral examination begins, to identify themselves by presenting their valid identity document. The candidate's unavailability on the day and at the time established, as well as failure to present an identity document, are grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure. The University of Catania disclaims any responsibility should technical reasons – not attributable to the administration – prevent the regular conduct of the oral examination via telematic means.

The selection tests must be completed by 02/10/2026.

The transmission of minutes to the offices, to ensure compliance with the deadlines set out in this notice, must take place by 05/10/2026.

#### **Art. 6 – Appointment and Activities of the Examining Committee**

Each examining committee for the selection procedures for admission to research doctoral programmes will be constituted in accordance with Art. 13 of the Regulations for Research Doctoral Studies of the University of Catania.

Each committee must be appointed by Rectoral Decree by 05/08/2026.

The committees must first establish:

- The criteria for the assessment of qualifications and the allocation of scores for each individual item, within the score limits set out in Art. 5, paragraphs 2 and 3 of this notice;
- The type of written examination and the criteria for its assessment, within the score limits in Art. 4;
- The criteria for conducting and assessing the oral examination, within the score limits in Art. 5, paragraphs 2 and 3.

Before assessing qualifications, the committees must publish on the home page of the relevant department's website the minutes containing the procedures and criteria referred to in the preceding paragraph 3.

The results of each examination must be published by the committee on the home page of the relevant department's website at least 5 days before the next examination.

At the end of the selection procedures, the committee draws up the final merit ranking based on the overall score obtained by the candidates; in the event of equal scores, the younger candidate takes precedence (Law No. 191 of 16.6.1998). In the event of equal scores and the same date of birth, preference will be given to the candidate who submitted their application first.

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The final merit ranking, signed by the Chair and the Secretary of the committee, will be published on the home page of the relevant department's website.

The publication of selection results falls within the exclusive competence of the committees, which bear full responsibility for compliance with deadlines.

Where positions are reserved for graduates from foreign universities subject to different selection procedures, the committee will draw up a separate merit ranking.

### **Art. 7 – Rankings**

The rankings will be issued by Rectoral Decrees of the University of Catania and will be published online on the University website [www.unict.it](http://www.unict.it) (section Notices, tenders and competitions > Students and Post-graduation > Post-graduate education > Research doctorates) by 15/10/2026.

### **Art. 8 – Admission to Programmes**

Candidates are admitted to programmes in ranking order up to the number of places available for each doctoral programme. If a candidate is usefully placed in more than one ranking, they must exercise their option for a single doctorate by 15/10/2026 by notifying [dottorati@unict.it](mailto:dottorati@unict.it).

Admitted candidates forfeit their place by operation of law if they fail to submit, within the deadlines established by a further notice, the documentation referred to in Art. 9 below. In such a case, the next candidate in the ranking will take their place.

Those admitted to research doctoral programmes are required to pay tuition fees and contributions in the amounts established in Art. 9 below.

Anyone who has already benefited from a scholarship for a research doctoral programme, in Italy or abroad, even for a single year (or fraction thereof), may not apply for a second scholarship. Successful candidates or eligible candidates in this situation may only access non-scholarship positions, where available.

### **Art. 9 – Enrolment and Registration Procedures**

Successful candidates according to the published rankings must enrol with effect from 16/10/2026 and no later than 26/10/2026. No personal communications will be sent to successful candidates. The allocation of scholarship and non-scholarship positions will be determined by the Doctoral Board by a subsequent act and incorporated in a consequential Rectoral Decree.

In the enrolment application, the successful candidate must provide:

- Surname and first name, tax code, date and place of birth, address (including postcode), telephone number and e-mail address;
- Any disability status with indication of the relevant percentage;
- Declaration of commitment to attend the doctoral programme on a full-time basis in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Professors and indicated in the current University of Catania Regulations for Research Doctoral Studies.

The registration procedure for the research doctorate must be completed through the following steps:

- Access the website <https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it>;
- Log in with the credentials used for the competition registration;

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- From your personal account, click on 'Enrolment and entrance tests', then 'Doctorates', then 'Enrolment';
- Enter all required data in the various sections and confirm;
- Pay the enrolment fee as follows:
  - Scholarship or executive position holders: enrolment fee of €200.00; student welfare contribution of €140.00; virtual stamp duty of €16.00;
  - Non-scholarship position holders: student welfare contribution of €140.00; virtual stamp duty of €16.00;
  - Disability exceeding 66%: virtual stamp duty of €16.00 only;
- For all co-supervised thesis cases, refer to what is expressly indicated in the relevant agreements regarding payment of fees and contributions.

By no later than 31/10/2026 (30/11/2026 only for candidates admitted via roll-over), doctoral candidates in scholarship positions must send the following documents in PDF format to [dottorati@unict.it](mailto:dottorati@unict.it):

- a. INPS document confirming the creation of the contributory position;
- b. Substitute declaration of certification confirming enrolment or non-enrolment in other pension schemes;
- c. Copy of the tax code or health insurance card;
- d. Copy of a valid identity document;
- e. Form with bank account details for scholarship payments;
- f. Declaration of awareness that the scholarships referred to in this notice are exempt from personal income tax and that, however used, they do not count for the purposes of legal and financial career assessments.

The forms referred to in items b), e), and f) can be found on the call for applications page under “Other Documents.”

The forms referred to in points b), e), f) are available at: [notice page other documents]

Successful candidates who graduated from non-EU universities must also provide, under penalty of forfeiture, by no later than 31/10/2026, the Declaration of Value issued by the Italian embassy in their place of residence, or alternatively a CIMEA certificate bearing the evaluation of the foreign second-cycle final qualifications enabling access to the doctorate (<https://www.cimea.it/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico>). If the candidate has already attached such certifications during the competition application, a second submission will not be required. Failure to submit these certificates by the stated deadline will result in the winner's exclusion from the doctoral programme.

Applications submitted by methods other than those indicated in this article or after the date indicated in the Rectoral Decree referred to in paragraph 1 above will not be considered. Applications without proof of payment of the fee due will similarly not be considered. The University of Catania accepts no responsibility for delays attributable to third parties, chance events or force majeure.

Successful candidates who fail to comply with the above conditions will be declared forfeited by operation of law.

Vacant positions will be made available to the next candidates in the respective rankings, in progressive order, until all positions are filled. Candidates moving up will be invited to enrol in the doctoral programme within the peremptory deadline indicated in the notice, which will be sent to the e-mail address declared in the participation application.

Withdrawal from the doctoral programme does not entitle the candidate to a refund of the enrolment fee, even if they have not attended any educational activities.

Any changes to enrolment procedures will be announced by a specific notice published on [www.unict.it](http://www.unict.it).

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Doctoral candidates, following a resolution by the Doctoral Board approving their progression to the next year, are required to renew their enrolment within 7 days of that resolution. Failure to enrol within the deadline results in a late payment penalty:

- Equal to €100.00 in the case of late enrolment occurring within 30 days following the deadline for enrolment in subsequent years;
- Equal to twice the enrolment fee for those who regularise their enrolment after the deadline indicated above.

In the absence of a resolution by the Doctoral Board approving progression to the next year, individual doctoral candidates are precluded from independently enrolling in the following year.

### **Art. 10 – Scholarships**

Scholarships have a maximum duration of 36 months, and 48 months for the Research Doctorate in Economics, Management and Decision Making only.

The annual scholarship amount is €16,243.00 gross of deductions payable by the recipient. This amount will be adjusted to reflect any increases provided for by law.

From the first year, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9, paragraph 4, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, in addition to the scholarship and within the limits of the financial resources available to the university administration, a budget equal to 10% of the gross amount of the scholarship is guaranteed.

In the case of the Ph.D. program of national interest in “Protection Against Natural Hazards and Ecological Transition of the Built Environment,” the budget amounts to 20% of the gross amount of the scholarship.

This budget may be used by the doctoral student to cover expenses related to their research activities in Italy and abroad. The budget allocation is transferred annually to the department to which the doctoral program is affiliated, as indicated in the relevant program description. To utilize the budget, the doctoral student must contact the finance/accounting office of the department to which the doctoral program is affiliated.

The scholarship amount is increased by 50% in proportion to, and in relation to, periods of research at foreign institutions, whether public or private, provided that such periods abroad are previously authorised by the Board of Professors of the relevant Research Doctorate and are of at least one continuous month. The procedures for requesting and receiving the increase are available at: <https://www.unict.it/it/ricerca/procedura-maggiorazione-estero>

In the case of scholarships funded under Notice 32/2026, the period abroad must be previously authorised by the Sicily Region – Service 3, in accordance with the PR FSE+ 2021-2027 Notice 32/2026, and must in any case be of no less than 8 months (with at least two continuous periods of at least four months).

The months spent abroad for which the scholarship supplement is provided are established on the basis of the doctoral candidates' training projects and the guidelines set out by the programmes financing the relevant scholarships.

In any case, the period abroad may not be less than 6 months and may not exceed a total maximum duration of twelve (12) months over the course of the Doctorate, extendable to eighteen (18) months only in cases of joint doctoral supervision.

Periods abroad may be non-consecutive.

Subject to the provisions of European Union Regulation No. 1046 of July 18, 2018, Article 191, “Principle of the prohibition of cumulation and prohibition of double funding,” doctoral fellowships are not compatible with other scholarships, regardless of the basis on which they are awarded, including research fellowships. Doctoral fellowships may be compatible with additional fellowships funded solely for the purpose of conducting research abroad, provided that the source of funding for the international mobility is different from that of the primary

fellowship. To be eligible for such supplementary fellowships, additional requirements—as expressly indicated in the calls for applications funding those fellowships—may apply.

Scholarship payments are typically made on a monthly, in arrears basis. The payment procedures for scholarships are set forth in detail in the rector's decrees awarding the scholarships.

Doctoral candidates are required to repay the scholarship in any of the following cases:

- Failure to be admitted by the Board of Professors to the next year;
- Failure to be admitted by the Board of Professors to the final examination;
- Voluntary withdrawal from the scholarship and, consequently, from the doctoral programme;
- Withdrawal from the scholarship in the final six (6) months of the doctoral programme.

The repayment amount will cover only the sums received during the uncompleted academic year for one of the four reasons listed above.

The University assumes no responsibility towards doctoral candidates for the non-payment of monthly emoluments and the foreign supplement relating to scholarships funded by external bodies or companies in the event of failure by such parties to pay the amounts due.

The provisions of this article do not apply to scholarships funded by the University of Viçosa (Brazil) as part of the Research Doctorate in Agricultural, food and environmental science, and do not apply to executive positions relating to the national-interest Research Doctorate in 'Defence against natural risks and ecological transition of the built environment'.

#### **Art. 11 – Obligations of Doctoral Candidates and Grounds for Exclusion**

Doctoral candidates are exclusively required to attend full-time the activities provided for by the programme – at the administrative headquarters in Catania (or at another location with prior authorisation) – and to comply with the decisions of the Board of Professors.

Doctoral candidates holding scholarships are required to undertake the period abroad as established by the programme financing the scholarship, and in any case for a period of no less than six (6) months, eight (8) months for recipients of scholarships funded under Regional Notice No. 32/2026, and twelve (12) months for those enrolled in the Research Doctorate in 'Economics, Management and Decision Making'.

Doctoral candidates must comply with the administrative deadlines set by the programme financing the scholarship. Failure to comply with deadlines, as well as the performance of employment activities not previously authorised by the Doctoral Board, leads to exclusion from the programme.

If the Administration requests the doctoral candidate to supplement the documentation submitted during the competition registration, such supplements must be received within 30 days of the request. Failure to comply will result in the candidate being declared forfeited by operation of law.

#### **Art. 12 – Processing of Personal Data**

For information on the processing of candidates' personal data – pursuant to Arts. 12, 13 and 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation EU 2016/679 (GDPR) and Art. 13 of Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 – please refer to



the General Privacy Notice for the Processing of Students' Personal Data published at: [https://www.unict.it/sites/default/files/files/Informativa%20studenti\\_aprile%202021-DEF.pdf](https://www.unict.it/sites/default/files/files/Informativa%20studenti_aprile%202021-DEF.pdf)

### Art. 13 – Responsible Officer

The responsible administrative officer is identified, pursuant to Art. 5, paragraph 1 of Law No. 241/90, as:


- The Chair of the Examining Committee for the procedure relating to admission examinations, from appointment until publication of the ranking;
- Dr Salvatore Libertini (e-mail: dottorati@unict.it), with regard to the competition notice;
- Dr Tiziana Toscano (e-mail: dottorati@unict.it), with regard to all competition procedures and foreign candidates.

### Art. 14 – Final Provisions

It will be possible to assign additional scholarships that become available by no later than 30.11.2026.

For matters not expressly provided for in this notice, reference is made to the provisions of Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021, the University of Catania Regulations for Research Doctoral Studies, international and inter-university cooperation agreements, as well as other directives issued on the matter and applicable legislation.

For further information and/or clarification, please contact the Research Doctorate Office at: dottorati@unict.it

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