Ph.D. Course Information Sheet
40th cycle - A.Y. 2024/2025

NAME OF THE PH.D. COURSE  PHYSICS

DURATION  3 years
START DATE  October 1st, 2024
LANGUAGES  Italian, English
COORDINATOR  Prof. Livio Lamia
PLACES IN THE PH.D. COURSE  13
SELECTION PROCEDURE  Evaluation of qualifications and research project; written examination, oral examination

Places and scholarships

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<th>Number of scholarships</th>
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<td>Funds of the University of Catania</td>
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<td>University NRRP Project HPC – Spoke 2</td>
<td>High-performance simulations of ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions</td>
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<td>Quantum technologies with superconducting devices</td>
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<td>University NRRP Project Samothrace – Spoke 1</td>
<td>Development of Single-Photon UV detectors for environment and medicine in the framework of SAMOTHRACE project</td>
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One place without scholarship is available in addition to the ordinary places.

Selection procedures

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| Written examination | **Date**: July 23rd, 2024 - 9.30 am (Italian time)  
**Place**: In presence, Department of Physics and Astronomy “Ettore Majorana” (Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia “E. Majorana”)  
**Language(s)**: Italian or English  
**Type**: Solving open-ended Physics exercises | From July 30th, 2024 |
| Oral examination | **Date**: September 5th 2024, 9.30 am (Italian time)  
**Place**: In presence, Department of Physics and Astronomy “Ettore Majorana” (Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia “E. Majorana”)  
or online via Microsoft Teams platform  
**Language(s)**: Italian or English  
**Type**: Interview on basic knowledge of topics relating to the Doctorate | From September 6th, 2024 |

* * If the number of admitted candidates does not allow the oral test to be held on a single day, a calendar will be published on the website together with the results of the evaluation of qualifications and the research project.

** The results of the admission tests will be available on the website. Publication on the site has the value of notification. No communication will be sent to candidates via email.

Selection procedure – Places reserved to graduates from foreign universities

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** Oral examination **

** Date:** September 5th 2024, 9.30 am (Italian time)  
** Place:** In presence, Department of Physics and Astronomy “Ettore Majorana” (Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia “E. Majorana”)  
** or **
online via Microsoft Teams platform  
** Language(s):** Italian or English  
** Type:** Interview on basic knowledge of topics relating to the Doctorate

** From September 6th, 2024 **

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** Documents to be annexed to the application **

Only documents drawn up in **Italian, English or French** will be considered valid and evaluated by the Commission. For identity documents and qualifications issued in a different language, a sworn and certified translation into Italian, French or English made by an authorized body or the University that issued the qualification must be attached.

** MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM **

| **Identity document** | Scan of a valid identity document in accordance with the provisions of Art. 35 c.2 D.P.R. 28 December 2000 n. 445 and subsequent amendments: "The passport, the driving license, the boat license, the pension booklet, the license to operate heating systems, the firearms license, the identification cards, provided that they have a photograph and a stamp or other equivalent signature, are equivalent to the identity card, issued by a state administration." |
| **Curriculum Vitae** | No specific format is required. The CV must be dated and signed (the signature will be valid only if handwritten or digital). Candidates who submit CVs without a signature will be excluded from the selection. |
| **Qualifications** | See Call for applications with particular reference to art. 3, paragraph 4 |
| **Progetto di ricerca** | Research project  
a) divided into: state of the art; description of the project; expected results; articulation of the project and implementation times; proposed criteria for the verification of the results achieved; Concise bibliography.  
b) maximum length of 25,000 characters, including title, spaces, formulas, bibliography  
| **Publications** | List of any scientific publications (indicate DOI number, ISBN/ISSN) |
| **Documents** | Any certificate, attesting to the knowledge of a foreign language in the E.U., issued by **
Selection procedure criteria

The assessment is expressed through the attribution of an overall score, as established by art. 5 of the call for applications, to which reference should be made.

Ordinary places

1. **Evaluation of qualifications and research project**: minimum score to be admitted to the written examination: 40 points, maximum 60 points

2. Written examination: minimum score to be admitted to the oral examination: 20 points; maximum score: 30 points

3. **Oral examination** – minimum to pass the examination: 20 points, maximum 30 points

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4. **Evaluation of qualifications and research project**: minimum score to be admitted to the oral examination: 40 points, maximum 60 points

5. **Oral examination** – minimum to pass the examination: 40 points, maximum 60 points