

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL RESEARCH - CYCLE XXVII

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The Rector

Considering the law of 13/08/1984 no. 476 and subsequent amendments and additions;

Considering the law of 30/11/1989 no.398 and subsequent amendments and additions;

Considering the law of 03/07/1998 no.210 and subsequent amendments and additions;

Considering the Ministerial Decree of 30/04/1999 no. 224 and subsequent amendments and additions;

Considering the University Regulations on Doctoral research, which were approved by the Academic Senate in its meeting of December 11, 2002 and subsequent amendments;

Considering the University Regulations on Doctoral Schools, approved by the Academic Senate in its meeting of March 13, 2007;

Considering the Ministerial Decree of June 18, 2008, fixing the number of scholarships for attendance of PhD courses;

Considering the Rector's note no. 8237-III / 6 on May 20, 2011, initiating the procedure for the establishment of the XXVII PhD cycle;

Considering the resolutions of the Council of Heads of Department and Doctoral Schools, through which new requests were made for the establishment or renewal of research doctorates at the University of Foggia;

Considering the favourable opinion of the Scientific Committee of the University, expressed at the meeting of June 21, 2011;

Considering the report of the University's Evaluation Committee of July 4, 2007;

Considering the resolution of the Council of Heads of Department, at the meeting of July 5, 2011;

Considering the resolution of the Academic Senate of July 6, 2011;

Considering the resolution of the University's Board of Directors of July 20, 2011;

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Article 1 Places available through competitive examination

The XXVII cycle of PhD courses at the University of Foggia is established.

Competitions are to be held on the basis of public examinations and qualifications for admission to the PhD courses listed below with the indication of the number of available places and the number of available scholarships:

FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY

Doctoral School: Food, Nutrition and Health

Places: 4 including 2 with scholarships

ECONOMICS AND LAW OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TERRITORY AND LANDSCAPE

Doctoral School: The cultures of the environment, territory and landscape

Places: 4 including 2 with scholarships

MANAGEMENT OF NEW MEDITERRANEAN FOOD SYSTEMS

Doctoral School: Food, Nutrition and Health

Places: 4 including 2 with scholarships

IMMUNORHEUMATOLOGY AND CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL ONCOLOGY, BIOETHICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CANCER

Doctoral School: Clinical and Experimental Medical Sciences

Places: 4 including 2 with scholarships

PEDAGOGY AND EDUCATION SCIENCE

International Doctoral School: Culture, Education and Communication, based at the University of Roma TRE

Places: 4 including 2 with scholarships

HISTORY AND GLOBAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF LANDSCAPES

Doctoral School: The cultures of the environment, territory and landscapes

Places: 4 including 2 with scholarships

Article 2 Requisites for participation

Participation in the competitive exams is open to all persons, regardless of age and citizenship, who possess an Italian Postgraduate degree (DM 509/1999), or Master's Degree or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad: the equivalence of the title will be approved in advance by the Board of Examiners for the sole purpose of admission to the PhD competitive exam if the qualification has not already been declared equivalent according to international agreements or by the procedures set out in Article 332 of the Consolidated Act of August 31, 1933, no. 1952, or in the context of inter-university cooperation and mobility. People holding a foreign degree that has not already been

declared equivalent to the Italian degree must apply for equivalence of the title in the application form for the competition by attaching the qualifications, accompanied by an official translation into Italian with the "Declaration of value" (*Dichiarazione di valore in loco*), made by the Italian diplomatic authority responsible for the area in the country whose law governs the institution which issued the title.

In particular, foreign applicants must attach to the application:

- copy of the degree certificate officially translated by the diplomatic authority representing Italy abroad according to the existing rules governing foreigners' admission to doctorates at Italian Universities;
- the "Declaration of value", as requested in the previous paragraph;
- a certificate indicating all exams taken as well as any possible assessments, authenticated and translated by the competent Italian diplomatic authority abroad.

At any time, and following a reasoned opinion made by the Rector, the Administration may decide to exclude a candidate from the selection procedure on the basis of the lack of the necessary requisites.

Article 3 Application for admission

Application for admission to the competition must be received within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this announcement in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic - Special Series IV "Competitions and Examinations". If this deadline falls on a non-working day, the deadline is extended to the next working day. The application, addressed to the Rector of the University of Foggia - Via Antonio Gramsci, 89/91 - 71100 Foggia, can be sent by registered mail or delivered directly to the Protocol Office, open from Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 12.00 hours, and Tuesday and Thursday from 15.30 to 17.00 hours.

Applications will not be accepted after this deadline. For all applications sent by registered mail, it is the date of receipt at the University's Protocol Office that counts, not the date the application left the post office.

In accordance with Law 05/02/1992 no.104 and subsequent amendments and additions, candidates with disabilities, as regards their right to sit the examination, should indicate in their application form, the necessary means required for carrying out the examination and if they need additional time to complete the examination.

In the application, candidates must state (failure to do so entails automatic exclusion from participation) clearly and precisely (either typed or in capital letters), under their own responsibility as follows:

- a) the candidate's full name;
- b) place and date of birth,
- c) tax code number;
- d) address to which all correspondence relating to the competition should be sent (specifying also Zip code, telephone number and e-mail address).
- e) exact title of the PhD course that the candidate wishes to take part in;
- f) citizenship;
- g) degree, indicating the class (for Advanced and Master's degrees), grade obtained, date of graduation and name of university, or the equivalent qualification (with details of the document by which it was declared as equivalent) or which still has to be deemed as equivalent (for degrees taken at a foreign university);
- h) a pledge to attend a full-time PhD program according to the procedures established by the Council of the Doctoral School or the Council of Teaching Professors;
- i) that the candidate has a knowledge of at least one foreign language;
- j) that the candidate is aware of the prohibition of simultaneous enrolment on more than one course of study;
- k) (for candidates with disabilities) the special means required in relation to the candidate's disability and any additional time for completing the examination;
- l) that the candidate will immediately inform the University authorities of any change of residence or mailing address.

The application must also include:

- 1) a photocopy of an identification document,
- 2) a Curriculum Vitae
- 3) a list of titles of publications and abstracts of the publications themselves,
- 4) the research project concerning the topics related to the Doctorate
- 5) a letter of recommendation (if the candidate deems necessary).

Candidates may fill in the application form in accordance with the application form model attached to this announcement, which contains all the necessary requisites.

Candidates must be in possession of all the necessary requisites before submitting their application.

The university administration has no responsibility in the case of loss of documents due to errors in the residence caused by the candidate's delay in notifying a change of address, or for any postal or telegraphic problem not attributable to the University administration's shortcomings.

Attached to the application form there must be, in its original form (i.e. a photocopy is not allowed), proof of payment of € 50.00 (fifty euro and zero cents), made to postal current account no.12578738, payable to the University of Foggia, and bearing the following reason: "Concorso di ammissione al dottorato di ricerca in – XXVII ciclo". The aforementioned payment is not refundable. Candidates who do not attach proof of payment will be automatically excluded from the competition.

The application form must be duly signed. Candidates who fail to sign will be automatically excluded from the competition.

Article 4 Admission to sit the examination

Admission will be based on an evaluation of qualifications, Curriculum Vitae, research project and interview, which may be held at the request of individual candidates in English (or another language in widespread use in the scientific community, subject to availability of the Commission), and a knowledge of English. Candidates may, if they wish, submit a letter of recommendation written by qualified individuals for documented activity carried out within the sphere of the specific research project proposed. The interview will focus on a discussion of the research project proposed by each candidate and on issues related to the doctoral research. For foreign candidates, the interview can also be carried out electronically using compatible platforms.

Titles, CV, research project and any letter of reference may also be written in English.

The examinations will be held at the University of Foggia according to the time schedules that will be announced by publication on the website www.unifg.it (Postgraduate Education section - Doctoral - Doctoral XXVII cycle) as well as being posted on the "General noticeboard of the University" (*Albo generale di Ateneo*), at least 15 days before the date fixed for the examination. This publication is the equivalent of official notification for all legal purposes.

Article 5 List of winning candidates

The Commission will award each candidate up to 60 points for 'titles' (publications, CV and research project) and 60 points for the interview. Should the Commissioners fail to give a unanimous evaluation of the interview, each of the three commissioners will award the candidate up

to 20 points each. At the end of the examination, the Commission will compile a list of candidates on the basis of the marks obtained by candidates in the evaluation of titles and of the interview.

Article 6 Admission to the course

Applicants are admitted to the course in order of ranking, up to the number of available places.

In case of equal merit, for the allocation of the scholarship the EESI (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) criterion will prevail. Additional situations of equal merit will be regulated in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3, of Law 15/05/1997 no. 127, as well as modified by Article 2, paragraph 9, of Law 16/06/1998 no. 191.

Foreign citizens who are eligible through merit may be admitted to the doctorate over and above the number of places officially available, but within the limit of half of the places established by rounding off the number in excess, if they are beneficiaries of scholarships, awarded for the duration of the courses by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Government of the country of origin as a result of protocols of cultural agreement programs of Cooperation for Development or as a result of agreements between the University of Foggia and the Universities of the countries concerned.

Research fellows eligible for admission may be admitted to the doctorate even over and above the number of places officially available, but only with the permission of the Department in which they are involved and the permission of the Doctoral School Council, and only if the research area proposed for the doctorate is the same as the one they are involved in as research fellows. Research fellows will not be allowed a scholarship and, therefore, they are not exempt from paying the contributions required.

At the request of the Doctoral School Council, candidates who are deemed worthy of merit, and who are already holders of grants awarded by ministries, public research institutions or other bodies expressly considered to be "qualified" by the Council, may also be allowed over and above the number of places officially available.

The list of successful candidates will be published on the UniFg website: www.unifg.it (Postgraduate Education section - Doctoral - Doctoral XXVI cycle) and on the University notice board.

Article 7 Scholarships

The annual amount of the scholarship, established in accordance with the Ministerial Decree of 18/06/2008, is € 13,638.47 = (thirteen thousand six hundred and thirty-eight euro and 47 cents)

gross of social security contributions: the winner is liable to pay compulsory social security tax on this sum.

This sum is increased for periods of research abroad by 50%.

The scholarship is paid only to those who have a total gross annual personal income of less than Euro 10,000.00 (ten thousand euro). This requirement holds for the entire period of the course. If this condition changes from one year to the next, the student will not be required to pay back the scholarship already received. If, however, the above condition no longer holds during the course of the year, the student will be required to pay back the amount already received for that academic year. The scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any purpose other than those awarded by national or foreign institutions, and which are intended to supplement the expense of living abroad for the student's research activities.

Those who have already benefitted, even partially, from scholarships, by attending another PhD program (at the University of Foggia or some other location) are not entitled to any scholarship.

Article 8 Registration

Candidates admitted to the course will not receive any written communication. They must submit or send their acceptance to the Department of Education Innovation, within 10 (ten) days of the publication on the University's official noticeboard (*Albo Ufficiale*). Failure to do so entails automatic exclusion from the doctoral course.

Article 9 Final provisions

This call will be forwarded to the Ministry of Justice for publication in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic - Special Series IV "Competitions and Examinations" and will also be published electronically on the website www.unifg.it (Postgraduate Education section - Doctorate research - PhD XXVII cycle).

Any information or clarification can be obtained from the *Alta Formazione* Education Sector - PhD (tel.0881338380 - fax 0881338398 - e-mail altaformazione@unifg.it).

Article 10 Other laws and regulations

For matters not covered by this announcement and for everything that concerns the functioning of doctoral courses, please refer to the specific laws and regulations on such matters.

Foggia,

September 30, 2011.

The Rector

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