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CALL FOR THE ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL COURSES CYCLE XL - UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA A.Y. 2024/2025

The deadline to submit the application expires irrevocably on 21st July 2024
(h. 23.59 Italian time)

THE RECTOR

- HAVING REGARD** the Law n. 476/1984, attesting regulations on matters regarding scholarships and doctoral course as amended and supplemented;
- HAVING REGARD** the Law n. 398/1989, as amended and supplemented;
- HAVING REGARD** clause 4 regarding the law n. 210/1998, modified from the article 19 of the Law n. 240/2010;
- HAVING REGARD** the Inter-ministerial Decree dated 9 July 2009, that determines the conformity between the "Diploma di laurea (DL) – five years degree", "Lauree Specialistiche (LS) ex ministerial decree 509/1999 – Postgraduate degrees" and "Lauree Magistrali (LM) ex ministerial decree 270/2004 – master's degree";
- HAVING REGARD** the current Statute of the University of Foggia;
- HAVING REGARD** the Legislative Decree n.198/2006 "Equal Opportunity Code between Men and Women";
- HAVING REGARD** the current PhD Courses University Regulations enacted by D.R. 1120/2024, prot. n. 31100 – III/6 on 7TH June 2024;
- HAVING REGARD** art. 1 comma 254 and following the Stability Law 2017 (L. n. 232/2016);
- HAVING REGARD** the Fees and Contributions University Regulations, enacted by D.R. n. 195/2023 prot. n. 0030019-V/5 dated 12 June 2023;
- HAVING REGARD** the Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021, by which "Regulation concerning procedures for the accreditation of doctoral institutions and courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited entities";
- HAVING REGARD** the Ministerial Decree n. 301/2022, 'Doctoral programmes Accreditation Guidelines' by which the Ministry has redefined the guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral centres and courses;
- HAVING REGARD** the Ministerial Decree n. 247/2022, by which the annual amount of the PhD scholarship was re-set, as from 1st July 2022, at € 16.243,00 gross of social security charges payable by the recipient in addition to the charges payable by the institution;
- HAVING REGARD** the note no. 8614 of 2nd May 2024 by MUR with the subject "Ministerial Decree no. 629/2024 and Ministerial Decree no. 630/2024 – a.y. 2024/2025 - Operational instructions" communicating the start, as of 3 May 2024 and until 7 June 2024, of the computerised procedure for the accreditation of doctoral courses in the XL cycle;

HAVING REGARD Ministerial Decree no. 629/2024 by which were allocated, for the a.y. 2024/2025, from Italy's PNRR, Mission 4, Component 1 "Strengthening the provision of education services: from nurseries to universities" – Investment 3.4 "Advanced university education and skills" and Investment 4.1. "Extension of the number of doctorates and innovative doctorates for Public Administration and cultural heritage", no. 779 three-year PhD scholarships for the attendance of PhD courses accredited pursuant Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013 XXXVII cycle - a.y. 2021/2022 and pursuant Ministerial Decree n. 26/2021 XXXVIII cycle and XXXIX cycle – a.y. 2022/2023 and a.y. 2023/2024, and to be accredited pursuant Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021 and by Ministerial Decree n. 470/2024 XL cycle – a.y. 2024/2025 for doctorates in programs dedicated to digital and environmental transitions, for PNRR macro area, for Public Administration and for cultural heritage;

HAVING REGARD Table A of the aforementioned Ministerial Decree no. 629/2024, which allocates to the University of Foggia a financial endowment of € 490,000.00 for the award of a total of 7 PNRR scholarships amounting to € 70,000.00 each, of which:

- n. 1 valid on the PNRR, M4C1 – Inv. 3.4 "Digital and environmental transitions",
- n. 1 valid on the PNRR, M4C1 - Inv. 4.1 "Research PNRR",
- n. 4 valid on the PNRR, M4C1 - Inv. 4.1 "Public administration",
- n. 1 valid on the PNRR, M4C1– Inv. 4.1 "Cultural heritage";

HAVING REGARD Ministerial Decree no. 630/2024 by which were allocated, for the a.y. 2024/2025, from Italy's PNRR, Mission 4 "Education and research", Component 2 "From research to business" – Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates responding to the innovation needs of companies and promotion of recruiting researchers from businesses", no. 2868 three-year doctoral scholarships for the attendance of PhD Courses for innovative doctorates accredited pursuant Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013 XXXVII cycle - a.y. 2021/2022 and pursuant Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021 XXXVIII cycle and XXXIX cycle – a.y. 2022/2023 and a.y. 2023/2024, and to be accredited pursuant Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021 and by Ministerial Decree n. 470/2024 XL cycle – a.y. 2024/2025;

HAVING REGARD Table A of the aforementioned Ministerial Decree no. 630/2024 which allocates to the University of Foggia a financial endowment of € 1.680.000,00 for the award of a total of 28 PNRR scholarships amounting to € 60.0000,00 each, to be partially financed by business;

HAVING REGARD the resolution of the Academic Senate of the University of Foggia, extraordinary session of 4th June 2024, approving the applications for renewal of accreditation of the PhD courses submitted for the XL cycle (detailed below) and the allocation of the PhD scholarships for each of them:

- ASTIS – Environment, Sustainability, Territory & Security;
- Basic and Clinical Neuroscience;
- Biotechnology and Smart Practices for a sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture;
- Law and Safety;
- Economics and Finance of Territorial Sustainability and well-being;

- Medical Humanities and Welfare Policies;
- Educational, Development and Learning Sciences;
- Innovative Science and Technologies for health and active aging;
- Economics Sciences;
- Human Sciences;

HAVING REGARD	the resolution of the Board of Directors of University of Foggia, extraordinary session of 4 th June 2024, approving the applications for renewal of accreditation of the aforementioned PhD courses submitted for the XL cycle and the allocation of PhD scholarships;
HAVING REGARD	the letters of intent and conventions between University of Foggia and institutions and private companies to activate and finance or co-finance the doctoral course scholarships for the XL cycle also in accordance with the Ministerial Decree no. 630/2024;
CONSIDERED	the possibility that, even after the publication of this Call, there may be further expressions of interest in the co-funding of doctoral scholarships or in the full funding of scholarships by external bodies, subject to that the relevant agreements must be formalised no later than the date of issuance of the DR of approval of the deeds;
VERIFIED	that for the scholarships presented in the competition there is also financial coverage;
CONSIDERED	that possible modifications and/or integrations on the following Call will be published exclusively on the Official University Notice Board and on the university website in the section https://www.unifg.it/it/studiare/post-lauream/dottorati-di-ricerca/ciclo-xl ;
EXPECTED	that in accordance to the Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021, the PhD courses can be activated only prior accreditation granted from the Ministry, and the assent of the ANVUR;
SUBJECT TO	the provisions that the MUR, on the advice of ANVUR, will adopt concerning the application for renewal of accreditation for the PhD Courses of the XL cycle with administrative seat at the University of Foggia;
EXPECTED	that for the courses awaiting the accreditation, after the publication of the rankings, it will be possible to enrol only if the accreditation will have been obtained regarding the XL cycle;
HEARD	the General Director,

IT IS DECLARED

Art. 1

Establishment and call for application

The XL cycle of PhD Courses – academic year 2024/2025, with the administrative headquarters at the University of Foggia is hereby instituted, subject to the accreditation or the verification of the continued fulfilment of the accreditation requirements performed by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

1. A selection notice is announced regarding the admission to the following doctoral courses:
 - ASTIS – Environment, Sustainability, Territory & Security (Annex A);

- Basic and Clinical Neuroscience (Annex B);
- Biotechnology and Smart Practices for a sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture (Annex C);
- Law and Safety (Annex D);
- Economics and Finance of Territorial Sustainability and well-being (Annex E);
- Medical Humanities and Welfare Policies (Annex F);
- Educational, Development and Learning Sciences (Annex G);
- Innovative Sciences and Technologies for health and active aging (Annex H);
- Economics Sciences (Annex I);
- Human Sciences (Annex L).

According to Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021, the above-mentioned PhD courses will be activated after verification of the possession or maintenance of accreditation requirements by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Therefore, the allocation of positions put up for competition as well as the awarding of scholarships are subject to confirmation of accreditation by ANVUR and are subject to ministerial approval as well as, for places with a scholarship under Ministerial Decrees no. 629/2024 and no. 630/2024 to the judgement of eligibility for funding.

It should be noted that if the MUR does not pay the funding for the coverage of scholarships on a subject linked Ministerial Decrees no. 629/2024 and no.630/2024, the same will not be disbursed, with consequent forfeiture of the positions attributed to the winning candidates.

- For each PhD course, the attached Annex, which form an integral part of this Call, indicate:
 - the Administration Department;
 - the number of scholarship and non-scholarship places that will be allocated according to the order of the specific Course rankings, taking into account the possible allocation by curriculum and by research topic bound;
 - the number of scholarship places financed under Ministerial Decrees no. 629/2024 and no. 630/2024;
 - the number of positions, if any, reserved to candidates with foreign degrees;
 - the Curricula, if any;
 - the details about the modality of the admission tests, the timetable and the venue for the carrying out of the tests, as well as any additional admission requirements specific and binding to each individual Course;
 - the web pages of the Department and the University where any useful information with reference to the training course, the competition calendar and any useful notification for candidates can be found.

Art. 2

The types of scholarships

- The types of scholarships announced for competition are as follows:

a) Type 1 - PhD scholarships ex Ministerial Decree no. 629/2024

- Investment 3.4: Digital and environmental transitions
- Investment 4.1: PNRR research (generic)

- Investment 4.1: Public Administration
- Investment 4.1: Cultural heritage

The scholarships referred to in this subparagraph shall include:

a) Mandatory periods of study and research in companies, public administrations or research centers, including museums, institutes and training institutions of the Ministry of Culture, archives, libraries from a minimum of six months to a maximum of twelve months, even non-continuous and also at several institutions, over the three-year period;

b) Mandatory periods of study and research abroad, even non-continuous and at several institutions, from a minimum of six months up to a maximum of twelve months over the three-year period, extendable to eighteen in the case of co-supervision of theses. Exceptions are doctoral scholarships relating to PNRR (generic) PhD programs for which only the period of study and research abroad is mandatory from a minimum of six months up to a maximum of twelve months over the three-year period, extendable to eighteen (18) in case of co-supervision of theses. The periods of study and research referred to in letters a) and b), where both are provided, are distinct and must be carried out with separate subjects;

c) A research theme consistent with the specific planning within the Ministerial Decree no. 629/2024;

d) The drafting, through the appropriate online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>) of a half-yearly report indicating the time commitment (divided into months in the company / institution if foreseen, on site, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the coordinator of the doctoral course.

b) Type 2 - PhD scholarships ex Ministerial Decree no. 630/2024

The scholarships referred to in this subparagraph shall include:

a) Mandatory periods of study and research in the company from a minimum of six months to a maximum of eighteen months, even non-continuous and at several institutions, over the three-year period;

b) Mandatory periods of study and research abroad, even non-continuous and at several institutions, from a minimum of six months up to a maximum of twelve months over the three-year period, extendable to eighteen in the case of co-supervision of theses. The periods of study and research referred to in points (a) and (b) shall be distinct and shall be carried out with separate subjects;

c) A research theme consistent with the specific planning within the Ministerial Decree no. 630/24;

d) The drafting, through the appropriate online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>) of a six-monthly report indicating the time commitment (divided into months in the company, at headquarters, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the coordinator of the PhD course;

c) Type 3 - PhD scholarships funded by third parties

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are financed by public or private bodies, other universities.

d) Type 4 - PhD scholarships of the University of Foggia

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are entirely financed by the University of Foggia

e) Type 5 - Doctoral scholarships funded under the project HOPE-AIMS (identification code: T3-AN-13, CUP: D73C22000940001) under the Operational Health Plan - Trajectory 3 - Action 3.1 'Regenerative, predictive and personalised medicine' admitted to funding with Directorial Decree n. 2351 of 20th June 2022.

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are funded under the project HOPE-AIMS (identification code: T3-AN-13, CUP: D73C22000940001) under the Operational Health Plan - Trajectory 3 - Action 3.1 'Regenerative, predictive and personalised medicine' admitted to funding with Directorial Decree of the Ministry of Health no. 2351 of 20th June 2022 and subsequent Agreement signed with the University of Foggia.

The entire PhD, training and research course must be carried out in line with the themes and objectives covered by the projects that finance the scholarship, in collaboration with the scientific referents of the project for the University of Foggia.

The candidate winner of the scholarship referred to in this paragraph must report the activities by producing:

- a periodic summary of the main activities carried out, countersigned by the tutor and the scientific manager;
- appropriate documentation certifying the activity carried out;
- a report indicating the time commitment.

2. The number of positions and scholarships listed in the attached Annex may be increased as a result of funding by public and/or private bodies.

Art. 3

Admission Requirements

1. It is possible to participate to the doctoral courses, with no citizenship limitation, whoever possesses, by the date of last submission, the qualification indicated in the attached Annex (A-L) for every doctoral course.

It is possible to participate also for those who obtain the required qualification by the date of enrolment in the PhD course and, in any case, by 31 October at the latest, may also apply to take part in the public selection for admission, under penalty of forfeiting admission to the same course. In this case, admission will be given "with reserve" and the candidates that will result as winners will have to prove, under penalty of exclusion, that they possess the qualification through self-certification.

The administration can, in any moment, with a measure motivated by the Rector, exclude from the selection any of the provided requirements.

2. The candidates that possess an international university qualification have to possess a second level academic qualification (according to the Bologna Process) or a Master Degree

that gives access to the doctoral courses in the country of origin and that has been released from an officially recognised academic institution.

2a. The candidates **who already possess equipollence** of their title released by the Italian University must attach to the application the relative self-certification (which indicates the extremes of the provision).

2b. Eligibility of the foreign qualification that instead hasn't already been declared equivalent to the degree. This then is verified from a judging commission in accordance to the actual Italian legislation and in the country where the qualification has been issued and basing on the treaties and international agreements on subjects regarding title recognition for the continuance of the studies. To be recognised, the candidates need to attach to the on-line application every document, which can be regarded as useful to the judgement of the eligibility, in particular the degree certificate and the list of the exams taken and the study plan. The on-line application compilation will implicate an implicit request to a verification of the eligibility of the title obtained in a foreign country.

3. The foreign candidates should attach to the on-line application a copy of the qualification, translated in English, French, Spanish or German and if available a "certificate of equivalence of qualification in loco".

4. The candidates that possess a qualification obtained in a foreign university, if winners of the selection, should attach the "local certificate of equivalence of qualification" and a certificate relative to the name of exams and marks, translated and legalized by the diplomatic representations or Italian consular from the institution's country that has issued it. The local certificate of qualification needs to certify that the possessed qualification is valid in the country of attainment for the doctoral course enrolment.

Art. 4

Application Procedure

1. Application for the doctoral courses must be submitted only through digital procedure by 21st July 2024, and not after 23.59 (Italian Time) under penalty of exclusion from the selection, through the portal Esse3 of the University of Foggia by clicking the following website <https://unifg.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>

It is under candidates' own responsibility to verify the correct conclusion of the digital procedure hence no appeals will be accepted regarding digital disruptions.

2. To access the on-line procedure, it is necessary to sign up to the system Esse3, according to the following modalities:

- Candidates that are already registered to the University of Foggia need to select the option "LOGIN" from the menu and enter the reserved area by using the access credentials that they already possess. We invite all candidates to update the data in the details section, particularly the email address, through which all the communications regarding the selection will be sent. All this can be done by clicking the option HOME;
- Candidates that are not registered to the University of Foggia need to select the option menu "REGISTRAZIONE" and insert their details info; they can then insert the access

credentials received via the system and access into their own reserved area and upload their application.

In the case of password loss it is possible to use in the menu “Recupero Password” on the abovementioned page.

Once registered, the candidates need to select in the right menu the option “SEGRETERIA”, then always on the same menu, the option “PROCEDURA DI AMMISSIONE - ISCRIZIONI CONCORSO”; where it is possible to apply for the selected doctoral course.

Applications received in ways other than those indicated will not be considered valid.

3. Candidates must also:

- indicate the necessity of any sort of assistance (in the case of candidates with disability);
- insert their own study data information and follow the instructions provided by the system;
- attach, through the upload, the following documents:
 - 1) copy of a current valid identity document;
 - 2) curriculum vitae et studiorum (containing a signature in the footnote and containing the following: "I declare that what is stated in this CV is true according to D.P.R. 445/2000");
 - 3) application for admission to the selection (includes: list of evaluable qualifications - list of attached publications; declaration on the absence of situations preventing the formalisation of the relationship);
 - 4) PDF of possible publications;
 - 5) 'Research project', if any, proposed on the themes inherent to the PhD, specifying, if provided in Annex, the curriculum or the binding theme of the chosen grant;
 - 6) possible reference letters, written by highly qualified professionals;
 - 7) for the candidates accepted WITH RESERVE, a self-certificate of the exams taken during the Master's Degree with marks and relative study plan.

The titles and documents need to be attached electronically in PDF with a dimension that does not go over 5 MB each. Every attached file needs to be re-named according to the typology (e.g. “C.V”, “ID”, “Project research” etc.). The titles, the CV, the research project and possible reference letters can be written also in English.

It should be noted that online registration alone without the required and signed attachments will result in exclusion from the admission competition.

4. The candidate needs to add to the application the payment of the admission fee of € 52,00 paid through the circuit PagoPA, by and not after the 21st July 2024, and not after 23.59 (Italian Time) (this sum of money will not be in any case refundable), by accessing with the access credentials, in possession, on the personal page - “sezione Segreteria” → “Pagamenti”. The missing payment of the admission fee will be reason of exclusion to the selection.

5. Only the candidates that have obtained their qualification in a foreign country are exempt to the payment of the admission fee. To this end it is necessary to attach the document in Esse3, classifying it with the item DOTT_TS "Admission Fee Waiver x Dott_TSE".

6. The candidates that would like to take part in multiple selections need to register on the portal for each singular selection, attaching all the documentation required and fulfilling the payment for each course.

For any inconveniences related to technical or digital issues concerning the website Esse3, it is possible to contact the helpline email helpdesk.unifg.it, indicating the following motivation "problematiche tecniche esse3 – ammissione dottorati".

7. When completing the online admission form, the candidates with disability (in accordance to the law no.104/1992, integrated by the law no. 17/1999) or with learning disabilities (in accordance to the law no. 170/2010) must also add explicit request for the use of assistance and/or extra time.

8. The prescribed requirements must be met by the deadline of this call for applications, with the exception of the degree, which, for those who apply with reservations, may be obtained by the date of enrolment in the course and, in any case, by 31 October at the latest.

9. Applicants are invited to complete the application for participation in the call with sufficient time prior to the deadline of this call. It is the responsibility of candidates to verify the correct conclusion of the procedure. Complaints will not be considered in the case of the malfunctioning of the IT system due to application overloads near the deadline

Art. 5

Selection Board procedure

The selection board, for the admission to Doctoral courses courses will be nominated by the Rector, according to the rules expressed in the University regulation regarding doctoral courses.

Art. 6

Admission Assessment

1. The admission assessment consists in an adequate comparative valuation to guarantee the eligibility and the inclination of the candidates towards the scientific research.

The admission will be conducted by assessing:

- **Titles** (Master Degree, publications, curriculum vitae etc.);
- **Assessment of the "research project" or a written test** – the research project must be attached to the application, where required, and must be relevant to the objectives of the doctoral programme or, where applicable, of the chosen curriculum for which the application is being submitted.(N.B. for the course in Educational, Development and Learning Sciences, failure to indicate the chosen curriculum is cause for exclusion as specified and detailed in the relevant Annex G); ;
- **Oral Test** regarding the doctoral courses subjects and an English language assessment to verify the knowledge; each candidate can request also to take the oral test completely in English.

PLEASE NOTE: Operational indications or any other communication regarding the written test, where applicable, and the oral test will be provided to candidates close to the test, in any case at least three days in advance, by means of a public notice posted on the University on line Bulletin Board and published on the website www.unifg.it at the following link: <https://www.unifg.it/it/studiare/post-lauream/dottorati-di-ricerca>.

Any changes to the day and time of the aforementioned tests will be announced on the University website as an official notification.

2. If a candidate cannot be present on the day set for the written test and/or interview or fails to identify him/herself, the candidate will be excluded from the competition procedure. University of Foggia declines any responsibility in the case technical issues that will impede to establish a regular progress of the interview or in the case non-availability of the candidate.

Art. 7

Admission Assessment Criteria

1. Regarding the selection based on titles and exams it is established that the maximum points given to the titles will be 20.

2. The category of **titles** that will be assessed, as long as they are related to the subjects for each doctoral course selection and for which the candidate applies for, with the maximum attributable points, is explained as in following:

♦ **Degree mark** up to maximum 10 points will be determined in this way:

up to 100 - 0 points;

101/104 - 4 points;

105/107 - 6 points;

108/110 - 8 points;

110 e lode - 10 points.

For the soon to be graduates the marking will be calculated on the weighted average of the taken exams up to the deadline date of the current selection.

If the candidate holds more than one degree relevant to the Course for which intends to compete, must indicate the degree to be taken into consideration for the assessment by the Selection Board

♦ **Scientific titles** related to the subjects for the doctoral course for which the graduate intends to enrol in, a maximum of 4 points will be given for: scientific publications (monographs with a national ISBN, articles on scientific journals, national and international conference proceedings, specific contributions in volumes, etc.) and patents.

♦ **Academic and study titles**, related to the doctoral course subjects for which the candidate intends to enrol in, a maximum of 4 points for every extra master or postgraduate degree will be assigned; doctorates and masters, specialization courses, specialization diplomas, postgraduate training (e.g. summer school) regarding doctoral course subjects.

♦ Up to maximum 2 points for every documented research activity among qualified Italian and foreign institutes that have a subject correlation to the doctoral course in which the candidate

intends to enrol in and participation to European projects also attested by any letter of reference.

Evaluation of the research project or the written and oral test.

3. The proposed research projects drawn up in accordance with the format attached to the Call (where required) will be evaluated by the Board Commissions, which, if they deem it appropriate, may make use of the respective PhD Academic Board.

PLEASE NOTE

Only for the PhD Course in "Law and Security", the written test will be held in person at the Department of Law, located in Foggia - Largo Giovanni Paolo II n. 1, in accordance with the procedures set out in the enclosed Annex D.

Only for for the PhD Course in "Economic Sciences", the oral test will be held in person at the Department of Social Sciences located in Foggia - Via Da Zara n. 11, according to the procedures set out in the enclosed Annex I.

4. The selection board will list the candidates that will be accepted to take the oral test. Before taking the oral test, candidates will be notified by publication on the university website of the marks relating to the assessment of the project or written test and the qualifications assessed.

5. The candidate will be eligible to take the oral test if the obtained points are not below 27/40 in the research project assessment and where requested in the written test (Annex D). The oral test will be intended as passed only if the candidate obtains points that are not below 41/60.

6. At the end of every oral test session, the board Commission will list the candidates by indicating the markings from each. The list will be posted online on the doctoral course website page. In the event of an oral test being conducted remotely, the e-mail address indicated by the candidate will be used to set up the platform and the relevant virtual rooms for the interview. **Only for the PhD course in Economic Sciences (Annex I), the oral test will be held, for all candidates, exclusively in presence at the Department of Social Sciences. Failure to attend will be reason for the exclusion from the oral test.**

The points relative to the different parts can be conferred as in the following:

Admission tests	MAX Score
Titles points	20
Written test or research project points	40
Oral test points (English test assessment included)	60
TOTAL	120

7. The topics of the tests will be related to the objectives of the PhD course and/or the submitted research project, where required.

Art. 8

Ranking list formation

1. At the end of the exams, each Board Commission, in relation to the respective Course, draws up the general merit ranking, or, where envisaged by the Course Profile, the merit rankings distinct for each curriculum, based on the sum of the scores obtained by the candidates in the individual tests.

2. For the purposes of assigning the positions on a restricted topic, the Commission of selection, in compliance with the ranking order, having acknowledged the candidatures expressed on the same and without prejudice to the assessment of suitability regarding the adequacy of the candidate's overall profile, resolves the assignment of positions in consideration of the specific skills, experiences and attitudes of the candidates.

3. Candidates are admitted to the Courses according to the ranking order up to the number of places available for each Course or, where applicable, for each curriculum.

4. The scholarships reserved to the students with a foreign degree will be accepted into the single courses according to a merit ranking between the candidates with foreign degrees and that at the end of the selection will have obtained admission eligibility.

5. The winners will only be able to accept the type of scholarship assigned, under penalty of forfeiture of admission to the course.

Art. 9

Course Admission

1. In case of equal merit regarding the assignment of the places with scholarships, prevails the assessment of the economic condition determined in accordance to Prime Ministerial Decree dated 9th April 2001 and the Prime Ministerial Decree no. 159/2013. In this case the candidate must declare its economic and patrimony position by providing a current ISEE form. This statement should be handed in within 5 days from the publication of the rankings; after these 5 days, the candidate, who has not sent the document, will be placed in the least favourable position in the merit rankings.

2. In the case of a still equal point the youngest candidate will prevail. For the assignment of places without the need of a scholarship, the youngest candidate will prevail.

3. The ranking of suitable candidates or, where applicable, the rankings of suitable candidates for each curriculum, will be published on the website www.unifg.it, posted on the University electronic register and viewable on the Esse3 personal page. This publication is to all intents and purposes an official notification to the successful candidates. No home communications will be sent.

4. Following the publication of the results of the last test, the approval decrees of the deeds containing the final rankings, which will be available on the University Portal, will be drawn up.

Art. 10

Scholarships

1. The scholarships have an annual duration and are renewed on the condition that the graduate student has completed the planned program of the activities regarding the preceding year and that has been assessed through the procedures established from the professors' board.

2. The annual amount for the scholarship, in accordance to the Ministerial Decree no. 247/2022, is € 16.243,00 yearly gross from the social security contributions charged to the perceiver and it is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management.

3. In order to give value regarding foreign research activities to the PhD Students, there is a possibility to increase the amount of doctoral course scholarships by 50% for a maximum period of 12 months, to carry out foreign research activities authorised by the professors' board and also gives the possibility to extend the period up to eighteen months for the graduates with co-advisors such as foreign entities or activated in accordance to the regulations dealing with the accreditation of university courses.

4. The scholarship is allocated exclusively to those who have a total gross income that is not greater than € 16.243,00. This requirement is verified yearly. If the requirement fails to fulfil when passing to the following year, the doctorate will not need to return the scholarship. In case the requirement fails to fulfil during the current year, then the doctorate must return the instalments already received for the relative academic year.

5. For whoever has already benefited, even partially, of a scholarship for having enrolled in another doctoral course (among the University of Foggia or any other university doctoral course) cannot benefit of a scholarship.

Pursuant to the provisions of Ministerial Decrees no. 629/2024 and no. 630/2024, those who have renounced PNRR scholarships (Ministerial Decrees no. 351/2022; 352/2022; 117/2023; 118/2023) for the XXXVIII cycle and the XXXIX cycle may not be awarded a scholarship for the XL cycle, may not be awarded a scholarship pursuant to the above-mentioned Ministerial Decree for the XL cycle.

6. The scholarships that basing on fair convention, are financed or cofinanced by external research companies or institutes, state or private, will be issued to the winners conditionally on the actual income of the relative sum from Foggia University.

7. All candidates are admitted to the course with reserve until all the declarations have been verified in accordance to the Presidential Decree 445/2000 and following.

8. Scholarships are paid monthly in arrears (payment is made no earlier than the 25th day of the month).

Art. 11 Enrolment

1. The candidates that are admitted to the PhD Course will not receive any written communication.

The candidates will need to:

-proceed with the on-line enrolment on the platform Esse3 with the same login credentials used to participate at the selection;
-fulfil the payment through Pago PA and reach the Doctoral Office (mail:ufficiodottorato@unifg.it), under penalty of expiration, by the peremptory term which will be indicated when the rankings will be issued on the "Telematics university notice board", the doctoral course enrolment form.

2. The terms and modality of the enrolment will be communicated through a notice posted on the on-line Official Notice Board of the University of Foggia, and it will be considered as an official notice. It will also be posted on the University website, www.unifg.it, in the section dedicated to the PhD courses.

Art. 12 Tuition and Fees

1. In accordance to the Regulations about the University tuition and fees, all graduates are obliged to the payment of the entry fee which consists in the stamp duty € 16.00 and the A.Di.S.U fee, that can be determined according to the income of family (ISEE form) as shown:

REGIONAL FEE	ISEE
€ 130,00	From € 0 to € 25.000
€ 160,00	from € 25.001 to € 50.000
€ 180,00	over € 50.000

If the student is enrolled at the same time in two degree courses, both pertaining to university institutions in the Region of Apulia, is required to pay a single regional tax for the right to study for an amount equal to the amount referring to the bracket to which belongs.

2. The annual contribution to access and attend the doctoral courses, for those that make use of the scholarship is equal to € 300,00, where an entry fee needs to be added as previously mentioned. The amount is so divided into two parts:

- a) I instalment, to pay at the moment of enrolment (€ 150,00);
- b) II instalment, to pay by the 31st January (€ 150,00).

3. In accordance to the art. 33 co. 7 of the University tuition and fees Regulation, the PhD students that do not benefit of the scholarship are exempt from the annual payment contribution except for the graduates that obtain income from a self employed or employee job with a gross yearly income of €. 15.000 for which the contribution is established in the following table:

YEARLY GROSS INCOME (R) OF THE GRADUATE WITH NO SCHOLARSHIP DERIVING FROM SELF EMPLOYED OR EMPLOYEE	YEARLY CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT
€ 15.000,00 < R ≤ € 18.000,00	€ 300,00
€ 18.000,00 < R ≤ € 23.000,00	€ 400,00
€ 23.000,00 < R ≤ € 30.000,00	€ 500,00
€ 30.000,00 < R ≤ € 40.000,00	€ 600,00
€ 40.000,00 < R ≤ € 50.000,00	€ 700,00
R > € 50.000,00	€ 800,00

It must be clear that:

- The PhD student that have obtained a foreign qualification are exempt from paying taxes and tuitions and will only pay the stamp duty and the regional fee;
- The PhD student that have a disability over 66% need to pay the stamp duty equal to € 16.00;
- The PhD student with a disability between 45% and 65% have the possibility in a reduction of 50 % of the fees and tuition and only need to pay the stamp duty and the regional fee.

4. As established by the Ministerial Decree n. 930/2022, simultaneous enrollment in a PhD course and an academic diploma course or a specialization or master's or specialization course is permitted. Simultaneous enrollment in AFAM institutions is also permitted.

Art.13

PhD and Medical Specialization Schools

1. The joint attendance of the PhD course and a medical specialization course and the consequent reduction to a minimum of two years of the PhD course itself, can take place in compliance with the following general criteria:

- compatibility, also in consideration of the distance between the offices, of the activities and commitments foreseen by the specialization school and the doctoral course, certified by the board of the medical specialization school and by the Doctoral Board;
- incompatibility between the doctoral scholarship and the fees, however denominated, received in relation to the activities of the specialization school.

Art. 14

Training of PhD Studentes

1. The doctoral courses selection implicates an exclusive and full time commitment according to the doctoral course regulation. The PhD Students is required to guarantee course attendance according to the rules established by the professor board. A possible exclusion from the doctorate can be applied under the Rector's provision based on the professors board

justification in the case the graduate is conducting a negative activity during one of the course assessments.

2. The PhD Students will undergo a series of educational and research activity established by the professors' board also among participating institutions.

3. The PhD Students non-recipients of scholarships funded under the Ministerial Decrees no. 629/2023 and no.630/2023, need to attend at least 100 days, even not consecutive of study and foreign formative experiences among a qualified research institute in accordance with the tutor and authorised by the doctoral course professor board. The maximum duration of study and foreign formative experience cannot go beyond 12 months even if not consecutive. This period can be extended until a maximum of eighteen months for the graduates that are in cotutorship with foreign institutions in accordance to the art. 3, comma 2 of the Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021.

4. The PhD Students that are unable to observe the mandatory 100 days formative and study period in a foreign country can ask for exemption to the doctoral course professor board to which they belong.

5. The PhD Students, that will be granted a scholarship in accordance to the Ministerial Decrees no. 629/2024 and no. 630/2024, will need to observe the regulations in accordance to the same ministerial decrees, and also regarding the terms of study and formative period in a company/institution in a foreign country.

Art. 15

Final exam and conferment title

1. The PhD title, can be shortened into "Dott.Ric." or "PhD", is awarded following the positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation. The doctoral thesis must be written in Italian or English; it may be written in another foreign language, subject to authorisation by the Board of teachers.

2. The thesis needs to be discussed as a conclusion of the PhD course, prior being admitted to the final exam by the "assessors"; the discussion can be postponed at a maximum of 6 months, if it is requested by the "assessors" in the case they think it is necessary to modify or add some supplementation or if the thesis needs correction.

Regarding the modality and terms in which the thesis needs to be presented, the graduates need to abide by what is established in the "doctoral course regulations".

3. The Rector confers the doctorate title.

Art. 16

Publication of the research doctorate thesis

A copy of the doctoral course thesis, as establish in the "doctoral courses regulations" will be entered in the ministry data bank and sent to the central national libraries in Rome and Florence. This will be taken care by the competent university offices.

Art. 17

Personal data processing

Personal data will be processed with the purpose of the recruitment process, in accordance to the Regulation of the European Parliament 679/2016, regarding the protection of personal

data. Attached to the Call there is an informative specification regarding personal data processing. The Data controller is Foggia University, legal residence in Foggia, via Gramsci n. 89/91 - PEC protocollo@cert.unifg.it. Legal representative for the University of Foggia is the Rector pro tempore, prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio, with legal residence in via Gramsci n. 89/91, 71122 Foggia. Representative for the personal data is lawyer Nicola Fabiano, PEC: rpd@cert.unifg.it and email: rpd@unifg.it.

Art. 18

Party responsible for the proceedings

In accordance to the law 7/8/1990, n. 241, the party responsible for the proceedings is dott.ssa Maria Grazia Mariella – Responsible for PhD Courses, Scholarships, Contracts and Research Grants Service. Info or further clarifications can be requested at the Office PhD (email address: ufficiodottorato@unifg.it.)

Art. 19

Final Provisions

This current selection, written also in Italian will be posted, through a notice on the University of Foggia telematics university notice board on the website <https://www.unifg.it/it/studiare/post-lauream/dottorati-di-ricerca> and on the website MUR (bandi.miur.it) and on the European union website (<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>). The notice of publication of this current selection will be forwarded to the Justice Ministry to be published on the "Official Gazette of the Italian Republic – 4th Special Series "Contests and Examinations".

This publication has the value of official notification to interested parties for all the information contained therein, therefore candidates will not receive further communications. This announcement is also published on the University website in the "PhD Courses" section.

Art. 20

Postponement

For all that is not established in the current selection and for all that concerns the functioning of doctoral courses, it is recommended to view the university regulations and the legislative decrees.

THE RECTOR
Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio