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**ADDITIONAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES AND PHD PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL INTEREST**

Academic Year 2025/2026 ï 41st Cycle

R.D. n. 1856/2025 Prot. n. 87436/2025 of 20.06.2025

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| HAVING REGARD TO | law of 09/05/1989, n. 168; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | law of 30/11/1989, n. 398; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | art. 19 of Law of 30/12/2010, n. 240; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | D.M. no. 226 of 14/12/2021; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | Notice "FIS 2", published by Directoral Decree n. 1236 of 01/08/2023, concerning the "*Competitive procedure for the development of fundamental research activities, under the Italian Science Fund 2022 ï 2023*" and the related Reporting Guidelines; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | Sapienza PhD Regulations D.R. n. 1150 of 20/05/2024; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | the Regulation governing research grants at Sapienza University of Rome, pursuant to Article 18, paragraph 5, letter f) of Law 30/12/2010 n. 240, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 1089/2025 of 04/04/2025; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | the Regulation for the awarding of research contracts at Sapienza University of Rome, pursuant to Article 22 of Law 30/12/2010 n. 240, issued by Rectoral Decree No. 1155/2025 of 11/04/2025; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | the report of the Preliminary Committee for PhD Programmes, approved on 22/04/2025; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | resolution No. 108/2025 of the Academic Senate dated 13/05/2025, by which the Sapienza PhD scholarships were allocated to the individual courses; |
| HAVING REGARD TO | the agreements signed with funding bodies or companies to guarantee the financing of additional PhD scholarships; |
| WITH RESERVATION | to any changes, updates or additions to this call, which will be announced, exclusively, through publication on the website https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/dottorati-di-ricerca |

## DECREES

### ART. 1 ï ANNOUNCEMENT

1. 1. Sapienza University of Rome announces a call for applications for admission to 2 PhD programmes and 2 PhD programmes of national interest of the 41st cycle, based on qualifications and examinations, or examinations only.

   The legal duration of all PhD programmes is three years.

   In **Annex A**, which is to be considered an integral part of this call, is indicated the list of the PhD Programmes, including potential curricula; the number of the available positions, with and without scholarship, the CUP code in the case of scholarships funded under the PNRR projects, any specific thematic requirements, the type of examination tests, as well as the name of the Doctoral School to which they belong, where established.

   **In the same Annex A, for each PhD programme is indicated the website where candidates will find the specific admission procedures and evaluation criteria.**

2. The number of places with scholarship may be increased following further funding from external public or private bodies, obtained both through competitive calls and agreements. In such cases, where the scholarship is funded under a specific topic and project, the University reserves the right to initiate new selection procedures.

### ART. 2 - TYPES OF SCHOLARSHPIS AVAILABLE

**1. <u>Sapienza PhD scholarships</u>**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are entirely financed by Sapienza.

**2. <u>PhD scholarships financed by Departments and third parties</u>**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are financed by public or private bodies, other Universities or Departments, Departments of excellence of Sapienza, some with a compulsory theme required by the funding body or by a specific project.

The assignment of the scholarships referred to in this paragraph is subject to the condition of effectiveness pursuant to Article 14, paragraph 3 of this call for applications.

**ART. 3 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Access to the PhD programme is open to individuals of any age and nationality, who, by **31 October 2025**, hold a degree from the pre-Ministerial Decree 509/99 system (so-called "old system") or *laurea specialistica* and/or *magistrale* (D.M. 509/99 or D.M. 270/2004), second-level academic qualifications issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM sector (Higher Education for Art, Music and Dance), or an official foreign degree corresponding to the **second-cycle** according to the Bologna Process qualifications framework and **level 7** according to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), which allows access to the PhD programme at academic institutions in the country where it was issued and is recognized as suitable for access to the PhD programme in Italy (Master's degree or equivalent title, in any case with a written final thesis), and that does not present any "substantial difference" according to the principles of the Lisbon Convention and the national methodology adopted by the Italian ENIC-NARIC center (CIMEA)[1].
   The suitability of the foreign qualification is assessed by the selection Committee (Art. 9) solely for the purpose of the exams, without prejudice to subsequent checks of competence by the Administration in compliance with the applicable laws in Italy and the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for further studies (PhD programme).
2. Candidates who obtain the required degree to access PhD programme between the date of submission of the application and **31October 2025** will be admitted "with reserve" until they obtain it.
3. Winners of positions without scholarship who are already enrolled in previous years may apply again for the same PhD program; however, if admitted, they must formally withdraw from their previous enrollment and notify the *PhD Office ï Programmes and Careers* before completing the new enrollment.
4. Those who have already obtained a PhD degree without a scholarship can participate in this call, provided that the predominant research topics and scientific-disciplinary sectors of the aspired PhD programme are different from those of the PhD programme for which the title was obtained.
5. Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a scholarship to attend PhD or equivalent programmes, at this University or another university in Italy, cannot benefit from another PhD scholarship. In the event of admission, it will be necessary to forgo the awarded scholarship **if positions without scholarship are available**, and in any case, within the number of positions without scholarship announced in the call, which will be assigned according to the ranking order.

[1] https://www.cimea.it/pagina-metodologia-valutativa

6. When submitting the admission application, the candidate self-declares possession of the admission requirements referred to in this article pursuant to art. 76 of law 445/2000.
7. The University carries out suitable checks, at any stage of the procedure, on the truthfulness of the self-certifications made by the candidate. If the check ascertains the falsity of the content of the declarations, the candidate will be excluded from taking the competitive tests or, if already enrolled as a winner of the competition, will be declared forfeited, without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for by Article 76 of Law no. 445/2000.

**ART. 4 - SIMULTANEOUS ENROLMENT AND INCOMPATIBILITIES**

1. Concurrent enrollment in PhD programmes and first- and second-level degree courses, including courses offered by Higher Education for Art, Music and Dance., is allowed even when receiving a PhD scholarship.
2. Simultaneous attendance to PhD programmes and specialisation schools in the health area with access reserved for doctors is compatible on condition that the emoluments are not accumulated. Since the remuneration related to the specialist training contract is non-waivable pursuant to Legislative Decree 368/99, it is only possible to renounce the PhD scholarship.
3. Simultaneous enrollment in PhD programmes and specialization schools in the healthcare field open to non-medical professionals, as well as other non-healthcare specialization schools, is allowed provided that stipends are not combined. In s to choose which stipend to renounce.
4. In any case, renouncing the PhD scholarship at the time of enrollment will only be possible if non-scholarship positions are available, and in any case, within the number of positions without scholarship announced in the call, which will be assigned according to the ranking order.
5. Simultaneous enrollment in more than one PhD programme or in both PhD programmess and first- or second-level Masters is **not allowed**. Simultaneous enrollment is assessed based on academic years, not natural time periods.
6. **Enrollment and registration for the second year of a PhD programme is incompatible with entering into a research contract pursuant to Article 22 of Law n. 240 of 30/12/2010.**
7. **Holding a PhD scholarship is incompatible with holding research grants pursuant to Article 18, paragraph 5, letter f) of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010.**
8. The **annual gross personal taxable income limit** to be eligible for the PhD scholarship is set at ú16,243.00, excluding the scholarship itself.
9. PhD scholarships cannot be combined with **research fellowships or other scholarships** awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions intended to

5. The receipt of submission and the PagoPA payment receipt must be kept by the candidate and presented to the Admission Committee and/or the *PhD Office ï Programmes and Careers* if requested.
6. Detailed instructions for submitting the application and making the payment are available at: https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/phd-application-formtion form

   For IT assistance, candidates must use only the "***helpdesk***" button available on the application platform.

   **Applications submitted and payments made using methods other than those specified in this article (e.g., spontaneous PagoPA payments) will not be accepted.**
7. **Complaints regarding system malfunctions near the deadline will not be accepted, and the participation fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.** Candidates are therefore strongly encouraged to complete the application process well before the deadline to ensure that support can be provided during the official working days and hours listed at: https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/phd-unit.

## ART. 6 - ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES IN POSSESSION OF AN ACADEMIC DEGREE ACHIEVED ABROAD

When submitting the application according to the guidelines in the previous art. 5, candidates in possession of an academic qualification obtained abroad must submit the following documentation:

- **For candidates with a qualification obtained in a country of the European Union**: pursuant to articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions, a self-certification of the academic qualification with list of exams and related grades in Italian or English, pursuant to art. 3 of this call.
- **For candidates with a qualification obtained in a NON-EU country:** certification of the degree, as referred to in Article 3 of this call, with a list of exams and relative grades translated in Italian or English.

## ART. 7 ï CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

1. Candidates with legally recognised disabilities pursuant to art 3, para. 1 and 3 of law 104, 05/02/1992 or holding disability certificates, who require special aids or additional time to take the test, must submit a request to the *Office for Students with Disabilities and Specific Learning*

2. **Candidates are required to arrive in the stated place, date and time without attending further convocation.** Candidates shall provide an ID to participate in the test.
3. A foreign language test may be required, as reported on the web pages of the individual Courses referred to in Annex A.
4. In the event of written test candidates must only use a black ink biro pen and the paper provided shall not be signed or made recognisable in any way, under penalty of exclusion. Reasons for exclusion may also be the use of a different ink pen, use of pencil unless required, signature, correction fluids, etc)
5. In the event of legitimate impediment, candidates may request to take the oral exam only via videoconference. The request is subject to the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee and must be submitted be . 10.5and

**Committees**, based on the eligibility assessments formally recorded in the official competition report.

**Candidates will be admitted to the PhD programmes in descending order of merit, until all available positions announced in the call have been filled**.

3. The ranking list is unified, even for PhD programmes structured into different curricula.
   The activation of each individual curriculum depends on the ranking position of the candidates who have applied for that specific curriculum.
4. In the case of a scholarship funded for a specific curriculum, it may be awarded only to a candidate ranked in a position within the number of funded places available as announced in the call, **who has either opted for the aforementioned curriculum or has been deemed suitable for it** by the Selection Committee.
5. For all **eligible candidates who are not awarded a scholarship**, the rankings will indicate, in addition to the scores obtained in the admission examinations and any selected curriculum, **one or more eligibility assessments for specific scholarships**, based on the evaluations expressed by the Selection Committees and recorded in the official competition report.
6. In the event that a scholarship awardee renounces or fails to enrol in the PhD programme <u>by the deadline specified in the ranking</u>, the scholarship will be reassigned, in order of ranking, **to the first eligible candidate (i.e., within the number of available PhD positions) who has been <u>deemed suitable for that specific scholarship</u> by the Selection Committees**. Any renunciation of the PhD programme or of the scholarship is irrevocable, and no further offers of positions or scholarships will be made in the event of subsequent reassignments.
7. **The allocation of any non-funded positions, if foreseen, will take place after the completion of the acceptance process for the funded positions announced in the call**, in accordance with the previous paragraph, and in ranking order.
8. In the event of a tie between candidates the winner will be chosen according to the following further criteria:
   - In the event of a tie for a place covered by scholarship the candidate with a less favourable economic condition will prevail, pursuant to the Prime Ministerial Decree n 159, art. 8, para. 4 of 05/12/2013.
   - In the event of a tie for a place without scholarship candidates with the following characteristics will prevail:
     1. higher graduation mark;
     2. in the event of same graduation mark, higher average mark;

3. in the event of same graduation mark and average mark, achievement of the degree in the shortest possible time, considering the legal duration of the programme;
4. in the event of a tie in all of the above, younger candidates will prevail.

9. Upon publication of the rankings on the website https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/elenco-dei-corsi-di-dottorato, a notification will be sent to the successful candidates via email to the address provided during the application process. **This notification will outline the procedures and deadlines for enrollment completion. Failure to comply with the enrollment requirements within the specified timeframe will result in the candidate being considered as having withdrawn, and the next candidate in line according to the ranking will be offered the place.** The Administration assumes no responsibility in the event that a candidate cannot be reached, or for any miscommunication resulting from an incorrect address provided by the candidate, or from the candidateôs failure to notify or delayed noti in the application. Nor shall it be held liable for any postal, telegraphic, or electronic communication issues, or for delays or disruptions attributable to third parties, unforeseen circumstances, or force majeure.

**ART. 11 ï ENROLMENT TO PHD PROGRAMMES**

1. All PhD admitted candidates are, or acquire, the status of regional tax payers and are required to pay a ú 1,400.
2. **As per this Call, art. 3, candidates who anticipate completing th October 2025** and are therefore temporarily unable to enrol, must communicate their intention to accept the place and enrol in the PhD programme as soon as they obtain their required degree, according to the methods that will be indicated in the communication referred to in the art. 10 par. 10 of this call. Along with their communication of intent, they must attach a scanned copy of their identification document. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. The communication of intent and the attached ID scan must be received by the deadline published on the rankings. Failure to meet this deadline will be considered a withdrawal of the place.
3. **Admitted candidates with a recognised disability** of at least 66% or with a disability recognised under Article 3, para. 3 or para. 1, of Law No. 104 of 05/02/1992, **are exempt from paying the regional tax**. Upon enrolment, they must provide documentation attesting to their status to the *PhD Unit - Programmes and Careers* at the email address ufficio.dottorato@uniroma1.it.

5. In addition to the aforementioned documentation, for the purposes of enrolment, the following must be produced:
    1. **Passport** or, for EU citizens, a valid **Identity Card**;
    2. **Visa** for "*post-graduate studies*", issued by the Diplomatic Representation ï Embassy or Consulate ï (only for non-EU citizens requiring an entry visa for long-term stays in Italy for the purpose of enrolment at higher education institutions);
    3. **Tax identification number** (*codice fiscale*) issued by the Agenzia delle Entrate (Revenue Agency);
    4. **Receipt of First Residence Permit Request for study purposes** (only for citizens of non-EU countries holding a visa for "*post-graduate studies*");
    5. **Valid Residence Permit** (only for non-EU citizens regularly living in Italy). If the residence permit is expired, it is necessary to provide the Receipt of Renewal Request.

N.B. Candidates admitted to the PhD programme who require a visa for "*postgraduate studies*" must access the **UNIVERSITALY[7] portal** and complete the "***pre-enrolment application***". This application, following the necessary verifications, must be validated by the Sapienza *PhD Unit - Programmes Careers*. It must then be submitted by the candidate to the relevant diplomatic or consular representation in their country of residence.

Such validation by the University Offices does not, under any circumstances, confer any right to the issuance of a visa or the subsequent residence permit, as the granting of these documents falls exclusively within the competence of the respective diplomatic-consular authorities and the Ministry of the Interior.

## ART. 12 - SCHOLARSHIPS

1. The annual amount of the scholarship is **ú 16.243,00** gross of statutory withholdings to be paid by students, pursuant to M.D 247/2022[8]. The duration of the scholarship is equal to the legal duration of the programme. Scholarships are paid on a monthly basis.
2. The amount of the scholarship is increased up to 50% for authorised periods abroad up to 12 months. Such periods may be extended up to a total of 18 months for joint PhDs with international institutions.
3. The amount of the scholarship is increased to **ú 18.000,00** (gross of welfare charges borne by the recipient) for any first potential winner of a doctoral scholarship in the final rankings, holding a

[7] https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri

[8] ***For the PhD in Mathematics only, the amount of the scholarship is increased of € 6.000,00 gross per year from the resources of the Departments of Excellence .***

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