

CALL FOR PRE-SELECTION FOR CITIZENS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES – XLII CYCLE – ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

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1. Announcement

Sapienza University of Rome and the **China Scholarship Council** signed a Cooperation Agreement promoting the enrolment of Chinese graduates in PhD Programmes (academic year **2026-2027**, XLII cycle).

The PhD Programme lasts three years. At the end of the first and second years of attendance, students will be evaluated as proficient according to the rules of the PhD Programmes; at the end of the third year of attendance, students will be evaluated for admission to the final exam.

2. Admission Requirements

The pre-selection call is open only to citizens of the People's Republic of China; overseas Chinese students may be eligible for application subject to CSC policy.

The pre-selection call is open only to candidates who, by the date of the application, hold an Italian Master's degree 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).

3. Pre-selection and selection

In compliance with the provisions set forth in the Cooperation Agreement, the selection is a two-fold process:

- I. pre-selection at SAPIENZA;
- II. selection by CSC.

The first step will be carried out exclusively online and is aimed at pre-selecting applicants willing to enroll in one of the PhD Programmes listed in the **Appendix**, in accordance with the instructions set out in Article 4 below.

The results of the pre-selection will be published on the following web page: <https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/ammissione-ai-corsi-di-dottorato>

At the second stage, preselected applicants by Sapienza with defined supervisors will be then selected by CSC, according to the deadlines mentioned below for the awarding of the scholarship.

4. Applications and deadline for Sapienza Pre-Selection

In order to apply, candidates must fill the Google Form available at the following [application form](#)
Please note, in the form Candidates:

- a) shall specify the following information:
 - Name and Surname (as shown on the passport);
 - Place and date of birth;

- Number of identity card or passport;
- Citizenship;
- Email address.

b) shall indicate the PhD programme which desire apply to;

c) must upload the following documents:

- Proposal of a research project (not exceeding 8.000 characters);
- Motivation letter (brief statement explaining his/her PhD programme choice and the candidate's scientific interests);
- English proficiency certificate;
- Copy of identity card or passport;
- Copy of the Master's Degree or equivalent degree and list of exams with marks, in English;
- Curriculum vitae et studiorum.

All documents must be written in English and uploaded in PDF format. The maximum size for each document is 10 MB. No other format will be accepted.

Once submitted, the application cannot be modified; if multiple applications are submitted for the same PhD programme, the last application submitted in chronological order will be valid for the pre-selection process.

It is possible to submit more than one application for each PhD programme to which you wish to apply. **The deadline for submission of the application and the supporting documents listed above is February 24th, 2026 at 14:00 (local time - CET).**

5. Applications and deadline for CSC Selection

After being nominated by Sapienza, **from March 10th at 00:00 (Beijing time) to April 1st at 14:00 (Beijing time) 2026**, students need to log in on <https://sa.csc.edu.cn/student>, fill out information, and submit materials, such as: invitation/pre-acceptance letter from SAPIENZA, supervisor's signed CV and research proposal transcript.

For any necessary information about the CSC's selection process, candidates can read detailed instructions on CSC website <https://www.csc.edu.cn/>

The final candidates, selected by CSC, will receive from Sapienza further instructions to complete the enrolment to the PhD programmes for the academic year 2026/2027 to the email indicated in the application form; the same email will indicate the mandatory documents to be provided to Sapienza for enrollment in the PhD programmes.

6. Attainment of PhD

Students must attend the courses and seminars and other activities offered by their PhD programmes, pass the related examinations and prepare a PhD dissertation, which must have original results.

The PhD title is obtained at the end of the third year after the candidate's dissertation is completed and is positively evaluated by an independent jury appointed by the Rector.

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THE RECTOR
f.to Prof.ssa Antonella Polimeni

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APPENDIX

List of PhD Programmes for which it is possible to apply to the following [FORM](#)

1. *Advances in Infectious diseases, microbiology, legal medicine and public health sciences*
2. *Archeologia* (in English: ARCHAEOLOGY)
3. *Architettura e Costruzione della Città* (in English: ARCHITECTURE AND CITY CONSTRUCTION)
4. *Automatica, Bioingegneria e Ricerca Operativa* (in English: AUTOMATIC CONTROL, BIOENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH)
5. *Autonomia Privata, Impresa, Lavoro e Tutela dei Diritti nella Prospettiva Europea ed Internazionale* (in English: PRIVATE AUTONOMY BUSINESS, WORK AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE)
6. *Biologia Ambientale ed Evoluzionistica* (in English: ENVIRONMENTAL AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY)
7. *Biologia Cellulare e dello Sviluppo* (in English: CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY)
8. *Biotecnologie Innovative nelle Patologie degli Organi di Senso* (in English: INNOVATIVE BIOTECH SOLUTIONS FOR SENSE ORGAN DISEASES)
9. *Civiltà dell'Asia e dell'Africa* (in English: CIVILIZATIONS OF ASIA AND AFRICA)
10. *Comunicazione, Ricerca Sociale e Marketing* (in English: COMMUNICATION, SOCIAL RESEARCH AND MARKETING)
11. *Cybersecurity*
12. *Data Science*
13. *Digital Cardiovascular Medicine, Pathology, and Cutting-edge Therapeutics*
14. *Diritto Pubblico* (in English: PUBLIC LAW)
15. *Diritto Pubblico, Comparato e Internazionale* (in English: PUBLIC, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW)
16. *Diritto Romano, Teoria Degli Ordinamenti e Diritto Privato del Mercato* (in English: ROMAN LAW, THEORY OF LEGAL SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE LAW OF MARKETS)
17. *Dottorato Nazionale in Intelligenza Artificiale* (in English: NATIONAL PHD IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)
18. *Economia Politica* (in English: ECONOMICS)
19. *Energia e Ambiente* (in English: ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT)
20. *Engineering and Applied Science for Energy and Industry*
21. *European PHD in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies*
22. *Experimental Medicine*
23. *Filologia e Storia del Mondo Antico* (in English: PHILOLOGY AND HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD)
24. *Filosofia* (in English: PHILOSOPHY)

25. *Fisica* (in English: PHYSICS)
26. *Fisica e Tecnologia Degli Acceleratori* (in English: ACCELERATOR PHYSICS)
27. *Genetica e Biologia Molecolare* (in English: GENETICS AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY)
28. *Heritage Science*
29. *Informatica* (in English: COMPUTER SCIENCE)
30. *Ingegneria Ambientale e Idraulica* (in English: ENVIRONMENTAL AND HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING)
31. *Ingegneria Elettrica, dei Materiali e delle Nanotecnologie* (in English: ELECTRICAL, MATERIALS, RAW MATERIALS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING)
32. *Joint International doctorate in social representations, culture and communication*
33. *Matematica* (in English: MATHEMATICS)
34. *Meccanica Teorica e Applicata* (in English: THEORETICAL AND APPLIED MECHANICS)
35. *Medicina Molecolare* (in English: MOLECULAR MEDICINE)
36. *Modelli Matematici per l'Ingegneria, Elettromagnetismo e Nanoscienze* (in English: MATHEMATICAL MODELS FOR ENGINEERING, ELECTROMAGNETICS AND NANOSCIENCES)
37. *Modelli per l'Economia, il Territorio e la Finanza* (in English: MODELS FOR ECONOMICS AND FINANCE)
38. *Molecular Design and Characterization for the Promotion of Health and Well-being: from drug to food*
39. *National PhD in Peace Studies*
40. *Network Oncology and Precision Medicine*
41. *Neuroscienze Clinico/Sperimentali e Psichiatria* (in English: CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL NEUROSCIENCE AND PSYCHIATRY)
42. *Paesaggio e Ambiente* (in English: LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT)
43. *Processi Chimici per l'Industria e per l'Ambiente* (in English: CHEMICAL PROCESSES FOR INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT)
44. *Psicologia e Neuroscienze Sociali* (in English: PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE)
45. *Psicologia e Scienza Cognitiva* (in English: PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE)
46. *Psicopatologia e funzionamento mentale: metodi di ricerca in ambito forense* (in English: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND MENTAL FUNCTIONING: RESEARCH METHODS IN FORENSIC)
47. *Scienze del Testo dal Medioevo alla Modernità: Filologie Medievali, Paleografia, Studi Romanzi* (in English: STUDIES IN MEDIAEVAL PHILOLOGY, PALEOGRAPHY, ROMANCE STUDIES)
48. *Scienze della Terra* (in English: EARTH SCIENCES)
49. *Scienze della Vita* (in English: LIFE SCIENCES)
50. *Scienze Endocrinologiche* (in English: ENDOCRINOLOGICAL SCIENCES)
51. *Scuola di Dottorato in Scienze Sociali ed Economiche* (in English: DOCTORAL SCHOOL IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ECONOMICS)
52. *Service Design for Public Sector*
53. *Sperimentazione pre-clinica e applicazioni innovative diagnostiche-terapeutiche nelle*

scienze biomediche e chirurgiche (in English: PRE-CLINICAL AND CLINICAL RESEARCH IN BIOMEDICAL AND SURGICAL SCIENCES)

54. *Storia dell'Arte* (in English: HISTORY OF ARTS)
55. *Storia e culture dell'Europa* (in English: HISTORY AND CULTURES OF EUROPE)
56. *Storia, Antropologia, Religioni* (in English: HISTORY, ANTHROPOLOGY, RELIGIONS)
57. *Storia, Disegno e Restauro dell'architettura* (in English: HISTORY, REPRESENTATION AND RESTORATION OF ARCHITECTURE)
58. *Structural and Geotechnical Engineering*
59. *Studi in letteratura, lingua e traduzione inglese* (in English: STUDIES IN ENGLISH LITERATURES, CULTURES, LANGUAGE, AND TRANSLATION)
60. *Tecnologie Biomediche Innovative in Medicina Clinica* (in English: INNOVATIVE BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE)
61. *Tecnologie dell'Informazione e delle Comunicazioni* (in English: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY)