

## ANNEX 8)

### PROFILE

#### PhD course in “Economics and Finance of Public Administrations”

CUN Scientific Areas: 13a – Economic and statistical science; 12 - Law; 13b - Economics and business sciences

Settori Scientifico Disciplinari: SECS-P/01, SECS-P/02, SECS-P/03, SECS-P/06, SECS-P/07, IUS/05, IUS/09, IUS/10, IUS/12, IUS/21, SEC-S/01, SEC-S/06

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Duration: 3 years

Total PhD positions for this Call for Applications:

- n. 5 on research topics proposed by the candidate;
- n. 2 on research topics listed and described below; Ministerial Decree no. 629/24:

*PhD course with a single curricula:*

#### **POSITIONS WITH SCHOLARSHIP**

- *n. 5 University scholarships*

- **Borsa D.M.629/24** Avviso: D.M.629/24: (4.1 Pubblica Amministrazione)

Project title and scholarship theme: “**Demographic crisis and territorial sustainability**” (in cooperation with **Bank of Italy** – Bari; **Aix-Marseille School of Economics**, France)

**Descrizione attività di ricerca:** The research aims to analyze the determinants and consequences of the demographic dynamics taking place in the Italian regions and the main consequences on the socio-economic system as well as on the optimal structures of public policies for promoting growth dynamics and collective protection from risks (welfare measures ).

- **Period abroad:** 10 months at Aix-Marseille School of Economics (Francia)
- **Period at the Institution:** 6 months at Bank of Italy – Bari branch

- **Borsa D.M.629/24** Avviso: D.M.629/24: (4.1 Pubblica Amministrazione)

Project title and scholarship theme: “**Territorial disparities in the Italian Health System**” (in cooperation with **Bank of Italy** – Bari; **Aix-Marseille School of Economics**, France)

**Descrizione attività di ricerca:** This research project aims to evaluate the territorial disparities of the healthcare system in Italy, the dimensions of efficiency and equity, following its evolution over the last twenty years. The analysis will combine empirical and theoretical approaches and focus on three key aspects: 1. The evolution of hospital efficiency in light of the reorganization of hospitals in the area; 2. Equity in access to hospital services; 3. The allocation of regional expenses.

- **Period abroad:** 10 months at Aix-Marseille School of Economics (Francia)
- **Period at the Institution:** 6 months at Bank of Italy – Bari branch

#### **Admission procedures for ordinary places:**

The selection will take place in accordance with Article 6 letter B) of the call.

The exam will be based on the evaluation of academic titles + PhD project on a topic related to the Doctoral school proposed by the applicant (for the n. 5 University scholarships) or related to one of the 2 listed topics to be submitted with the application + oral exam for the discussion of the PhD project

The selection of PhD candidates will be carried out considering the academic titles/professional experiences of the applicants as well as an interview. During the interview (oral exam), applicants will also discuss their PhD project (max 4 pages). The candidates are required to submit the PhD project together with the application form. The interview will also be finalized to test proficiency in English language. Where it is not possible to do it in person, candidates may ask to do it remotely with a motivated request. The motivated letter of request, together with the copy of an identity document, valid to travel abroad, must be uploaded on PICA web platform. It will be the responsibility of the commission to communicate the methods of connection.

**Foreign candidates** might decide to take the written test and the interview in Italian or in English.

**Selection dates:**

Oral exam/Interview: 5/August/2024 (time 10 am)

Location: Biblioteca 'Etta Chiuri' (2nd floor), Dipartimento di Economia e Finanza, Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Largo Abbazia Santa Scolastica, 70124 Bari (Italy).

**For further information:** <https://www.uniba.it/en/phd-courses/phd-1/40th-cycle/call-phd-selection-a-y-2024-2025>

Rector Decree no. 2436

## THE RECTOR

- CONSIDERING the current Statute of the University of Bari Aldo Moro; CONSIDERING the Law no. 210 of 3 July 1998, in particular Article 4;
- CONSIDERING the Legislative Decree no. 198 of 11 April 2006 "Code of equal opportunities between men and women";
- CONSIDERING the Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, as amended;
- CONSIDERING the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), submitted to the European Commission on 30/04/2021 in accordance with art. 18 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241 and approved by ECOFIN Council Decision of 13/07/2021 notified to Italy by the General Secretariat of the Council with note LT161/21 of 14/07/2021;
- CONSIDERING the Guidelines defined by the Ministry of University and Research for the system initiatives of Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to Enterprise", approved by Ministerial Decree no. 1141 of 7 October 2021;
- CONSIDERING the Interministerial Decree of 07/12/2021 which adopts the guidelines aimed at promoting gender and generational equal opportunities, as well as the employment inclusion of people with disabilities in public contracts financed with the resources of the PNRR and PNC;
- CONSIDERING the Gender Equality Plan (GEP) 2022-2024 of the University of Bari "Aldo Moro" adopted with D.R. no. 4781 of 23/12/2021;
- CONSIDERING the 2021 Gender Report of the University of Bari "Aldo Moro" adopted with D.R. no. 4782 of 23/12/2021;
- CONSIDERING the Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14.12.2021 Rules on accreditation of doctoral venues and programmes and criteria for the institution of doctoral programmes by accredited bodies"
- CONSIDERING the Ethical Code of this University;
- CONSIDERING the Regulations of the University of Bari on the subject of PhDs, issued with D.R. no. 1867 of 17.05.2022;
- CONSIDERING the Didactic Regulations of the University of Bari Aldo Moro;
- CONSIDERING the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (General Regulation on Data Protection);
- CONSIDERING the project "Territorial Pact Apulian University System" - CUP F61B23000370006;
- CONSIDERING the Public Notice for the submission of Proposals for the creation of "Partnerships extended to universities, research centers, companies for the financing of basic research projects" – as part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 "Education and Research" – Component 2 "From research to business" – Investment 1.3, funded by the European Union – NextGenerationEU (DM MUR no. 341 of 15.03.2022);
- SEEN the MUR Directorial Decrees no. 1552 and 1554 of 11.10.2022 admitting the following Extended Partnerships to funding:
- “multi-Risk sciEnce for resilienT commUnities under a changiNg climate RETURN”– PE00000005; CUP H93C22000610002
  - “One Health Basic and Translational Research Actions addressing Unmet Needs on Emerging Infectious Diseases - INF-ACT”– PE00000007; CUP H93C22000640007;
- SEEN the obligations to ensure the achievement of targets and milestones and the financial objectives set out in the PNRR;
- CONSIDERED the need to comply with the cross-cutting principles set out in the PNRR, such

as, among other things, the principle of contribution to the climate and digital objective (so-called tagging), the principle of gender equality and the obligation to protect and empower young people;

CONSIDERED also, the need to comply with Article 17 of EU Regulation 2020/852 which defines environmental objectives, including the principle of "Do no significant harm" (DNSH);

ACKNOWLEDGING that the approved projects provide, among other things, for the activation of PhD scholarships to be allocated to the XL cycle and that the assignment of the same must take place taking within a short period of time, into account the deadline of 36 months set by the Ministry of University and Research for the implementation of the same;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23 February 2022 with which, starting from 1 July, the annual amount of the scholarship for attendance at PhD courses is set at € 16,243.00;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Decree no. 301 of 22.03.2022 with which the Ministry approved the Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD Courses;

CONSIDERING Directorial Decree 1409 of 14.09.2022 establishing the PRIN 2022 PNRR (Research Projects of Relevant National Interest) programme intended for the financing of public research projects, in order to promote the national research system, to strengthen interactions between universities and research institutions in line with the objectives outlined by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) and to encourage Italian participation in initiatives related to the Programme European Union Research and Innovation Framework;

CONSIDERING the Reporting Guidelines for the implementing entities of the PNRR interventions in Italy of which the Ministry of University and Research is the titular administration of 8 February 2024 in which art. 6.2.1.2 "*Personnel specifically recruited for the project*" PhD scholarships are expressly referred to among the eligible expenses under the PRIN 2022 PNRR projects;

SEEN projects funded under notice 1409 of 14 September 2022 - PRIN PNRR 2022 and referred to in the attached sheets;

CONSIDERING the project "Research actions for reducing the impact on agricultural and natural ecosystems of the harmful plant pathogen *Xylella fastidiosa* (REACH-XY)" funded with funds under Law 234/2021, art. 1 co. 325, as part of the research activities aimed at containing the spread of the harmful organism "*Xylella fastidiosa*" conducted by the CNR – CUP B93C22001920001;

SEEN the MARVEL project presented by the Department of Soil and Food Sciences – Di.S.S.P.A. of this University, pursuant to article 1, paragraph 321 of Law 11 December 2016, n.232, admitted to funding for Departments of Excellence 2023-2027;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Decree no. 629 of 24 April 2024 on the allocation of doctoral scholarships under the PNRR, Mission 4, Component 1, "Strengthening the supply of education services: from kindergartens to universities" – Investment 3.4 "Teaching and advanced university skills" and Investment 4.1 "Extension of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for public administration and cultural heritage", with which this University was awarded funding for 19 doctoral scholarships for the macro-areas "Digital and Environmental Transitions", "PNRR", "Public Administration" and "Cultural Heritage";

CONSIDERING Ministerial Decree no. 630 of 24 April 2024 on the allocation of doctoral scholarships under the PNRR, Mission 4, Component 2 "From Research to Business" – Investment

3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies and promote the hiring of researchers by companies", by virtue of which this University has been awarded ministerial co-funding for no. 87 doctoral

	scholarships in the context of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies;
CONSIDERING	Decree no. 447 of the Director General of the Italian Space Agency (A.S.I.) of 7 June 2024, with which the University of Bari Aldo Moro was the winner of n. 5 Ph.D. scholarships funded by the aforementioned Agency;
CONSIDERED	the possibility that, even after the issuance of this decree, there may be further expressions of interest in the co-financing of doctoral scholarships by external bodies;
CONSIDERING	letters of intent from private bodies/companies for the activation and financing or co-financing of PhD scholarships for the XL cycle, also pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024;
CONSIDERING	the resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors respectively at the meetings of 28.05.2024, 30.05.2024 and 13.06.2024;
CONSIDERING	the agreements signed with external bodies for the activation and operation of PhD courses of National Interest and Industrial Doctoral courses pursuant to articles 10 and 11 of Ministerial Decree no. 226/21;
CONSIDERING	the agreements signed with external bodies for the activation and operation of PhD courses in an associated form pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2 of Ministerial Decree no. 226/21;
CONSIDERING	the accreditation proposals of this University transmitted to the MUR through the CINECA platform;
RESERVED	the provisions of the Ministry of University and Research, with the approval of ANVUR, regarding the application for accreditation for the establishment and/or activation of the Doctoral Courses of the XL cycle for which the University of Bari Aldo Moro is the administrative seat;
ASCERTAINED	the availability of financial resources;
ALLOWING FOR	any amendments and/or additions to this announcement that will be published exclusively on <a href="http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025">www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025</a> and on the website of each PhD course, the link to which can be found on the individual sheets

## TITLE I

### CALLS FOR ADMITTANCE TO PHD PROGRAMMES

#### Art.1 – ESTABLISHMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

The XL cycle of the PhD programme is established at the University of Bari Aldo Moro for the academic year 2024/2025 and the relevant selections for admission to the following three-year doctoral programmes are announced:

1. Biodiversity, Agriculture and Environment
2. Biosciences & Biotechnologies
3. Digital Innovation and E-Health
4. Rights and Protections in Globalized Markets
5. Mediterranean rights, economies and cultures
6. Rights, Institutions and Guarantees
7. Earth Processes and Management of Resources and Risks for a Resilient Society and Territory  
(*Doctorate of National Interest*)
8. Economics and Finance of Public Administrations
9. Economics and Management



10. Physics
11. Gender Studies (*Doctorate of National Interest*)
12. Sustainable Land Management
13. Computer Science and Mathematics
14. Leadership, Empowerment, and Digital Innovation in Education and Learning (Lediel)
15. Humanities, Languages and Arts
16. Metabolism, Aging And Social Medicine - Metabolismo, Invecchiamento E Medicina Sociale
17. Applied Neuroscience
18. Archaeological, Historical, Architectural Mediterranean Landscape Heritage: Integrated Systems of Knowledge, Planning, Preservation and Promotion
19. Historical and Philosophical Heritage for sustainable innovation
20. Animal Health and Zoonosis
21. Public Health, Clinical Medicine and Oncology
22. Chemical and Molecular Sciences
23. Veterinary Internal Medicine, Surgery and Obstetric Clinical Sciences
24. Pharmaceutical Sciences
25. Soil and Food Sciences
26. Human Relations' Sciences
27. Political and Social Sciences for Security and Development - SPSSS
28. Sustainable Technologies for the Industrial Development of Medicinal and Diagnostics – TeSSMeD
29. Organs and tissues Transplantation and Cellular Therapies

Pursuant to Ministerial Decree 226/2021, the doctoral courses listed above will be activated after verification of the possession or maintenance of the accreditation requirements by the Ministry of University and Research. Therefore, the assignment of places put out for competition as well as the awarding of scholarships are subject to the confirmation of accreditation by ANVUR and are subject to ministerial approval.

It should be noted that in the event that the MUR does not pay the funding for the coverage of the scholarships on a subject subject tied DD.MM. no. 629/24 and no. 630/24, the same will not be disbursed, with the consequent forfeiture of the positions attributed to the winning candidates.

For each PhD course, the attached forms from 1 to 29, which are an integral part of this call, indicate:

- the Administrative Headquarters Department
- the number of places with and without scholarship that will be assigned according to the order of the specific rankings of the Course, taking into account any breakdown by curriculum;
- the number of places with a scholarship with a restricted topic funded under the DD. MM. no. 629 and no. 630 of 24.04.2024;
- the number of potential apprenticeship contracts;
- the number of places reserved for candidates with a qualification obtained abroad;
- the number of places reserved for candidates with degrees from foreign universities provided for as part of the "Budget MUR Departments of Excellence" funding;
- curricula, if any;
- the procedures for carrying out the admission tests, the diary and the location of the tests, as well as any additional admission requirements.

The types of scholarships are as follows:

**Type 1 - Doctoral scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree 629/2024**

- **Investment 3.4: Digital and environmental transitions**
- **Investment 4.1: NRRP research (generic)**
- **Investment 4.1: Public Administration**
- **Investment 4.1: Cultural heritage**

The grants referred to in this paragraph shall include:

- a) periods of study and research in companies, public administrations or research centres, including museums, Institutes and Training Institutions of the Ministry of Culture, archives, libraries of a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, even if not continuous and also with more than one entity, over the three-year period;
- b) periods of study and research abroad, even if not continuous and also at more than one institution, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for in Article 9, paragraph 3 of Ministerial Decree 226/21 over the three-year period;

Exceptions are the doctoral scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree 629/24 relating to PNRR (generic) PhD programmes for which only the period of study and research abroad is mandatory, from a minimum of six (6) up to the maximum limit provided for in Article 9, paragraph 3 of Ministerial Decree 226/21 over the three-year period.

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 constrained research topic consistent with the specific planning within the scope of Ministerial Decree 629/24;
- 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/institution if required, at the headquarters, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the coordinator of the doctoral course.

**These doctoral scholarships cannot be awarded to doctoral students who have renounced scholarships under the PNRR under the XXXVIII cycle and the XXXIX cycle pursuant to art. 11 paragraph 6 of Ministerial Decree no. 629/24.**

### **Type 2 - Doctoral scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/24 Investment 3.3: PNRR**

The grants referred to in this paragraph shall include:

- a) periods of study and research in companies from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, even if not continuous and also at more than one institution, over the three-year period;
- b) periods of study and research abroad, even if not continuous and also at more than one institution, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for in Article 9, paragraph 3 of Ministerial Decree 226/21 over the three-year period.

The periods of study and research referred to in letters a) and b) are distinct and must be carried out with separate subjects;

- c) a constrained research topic consistent with the specific planning within the scope of Ministerial Decree 629/24;
- 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 the headquarters, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the coordinator of the doctoral course.

**These doctoral scholarships cannot be awarded to doctoral students who have renounced scholarships under the PNRR under the XXXVIII cycle and the XXXIX cycle pursuant to art. 8 paragraph 7 of Ministerial Decree no. 630/24.**

### **Type 3 - PhD scholarships funded by NRRP Extended Partnerships (PE) Projects -PhD scholarships funded by PRIN 2022 PNRR Projects**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are financed by projects under the PNRR of which the University of Bari is a beneficiary partner.

Therefore, 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 respective project scientific referents.

The candidate who has been awarded the scholarship referred to in this paragraph must report on the research activities, as required by the doctoral course and the project, producing:

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

In addition, the candidate who has been awarded the scholarship must comply with the indications dictated by the Guidelines and ministerial indications on the subject.

#### **Type 4 - PhD scholarships funded by third parties or Departments**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are funded by public or private bodies, other Universities or Departments or Departments of excellence of UNIBA, some with a restricted topic requested by the funding body.

#### **Type 5 - Doctoral scholarships co-financed under the notice "Territorial pacts of higher education for companies" pursuant to Article 14 – bis of Decree-Law No. 152 of 6 November 2021"**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph shall be co-financed with funds from the notice "Territorial pacts of higher education for companies" and from external funding bodies indicated in the individual sheets.

The candidate who has been awarded the scholarship must comply with the indications dictated by any Guidelines and indications issued by the Ministry on the subject.

#### **Type 6 - Doctoral scholarships from the University of Bari Aldo Moro.**

The scholarships referred to in this paragraph are fully funded by the University of Bari Aldo Moro.

The number of places and scholarships referred to in the annexes could be increased as a result of funding from public and/or private bodies.

All positions with scholarships provided by external funders and Departments and higher education apprenticeships will be activated if the relevant agreement is successful. The individual agreements regulate the organization of the Course, the specific management of financial resources and the resources made available by the affiliated universities for each Course, the relationships and commitments of the Parties and of the PhD student, who will be required to fulfill them.

PhD students whose position is funded under specific international cooperation and/or mobility programmes may be admitted as supernumerary, even after the tests have been held. Admission is in any case subject to the assessment of the candidate's suitability by the Doctoral Board, which will establish evaluation methods and criteria.

This announcement has the value of notification to all intents and purposes, therefore candidates are required to comply with the indications specified in the form relating to the doctorate attached to this decree for the completion of the tests.

The absence of the candidate from the test(s), whatever the cause, will therefore be considered as a withdrawal from the competition.

Any changes, updates or additions to the content of the announcement will be announced, exclusively, with the publication on the website: [www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025](http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025) and



on the website of each PhD course, the link to which can be found on the individual sheets.

## Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those who have obtained one of the following qualifications may apply to participate in the competition for admission to PhD programmes, without limitations of age and citizenship, without prejudice to the age not exceeding 29 years for those who apply for positions with an apprenticeship contract:

- Bachelor's degree (old system) or master's degree or second-level academic qualification issued by the institutions belonging to the AFAM (Higher Artistic and Musical Education) sector
- Equivalent academic qualification obtained from foreign universities.

### A) Admission to the selection process for candidates with an academic qualification obtained abroad:

Those who have a qualification obtained at a foreign university and which has not already been declared equivalent to the Italian degree, must apply for its equivalence only for the purpose of admission to the doctorate to which they intend to compete.

In this case, the application form must be accompanied by the following documentation, in order to allow the evaluation of the qualification held:

- self-certification pursuant to D.P.R. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments of the academic qualification obtained with the list of exams taken, the relative evaluation and the legal duration of the course, if Italian and EU citizens;
- certificate attesting to the academic qualification obtained with an indication of the exams taken, the relative grades and the legal duration of the course together with the translation into Italian and/or English if non-EU citizens. The translation must be signed under one's own responsibility in order to allow the recognition of the qualification.

The suitability of the qualification obtained abroad will be assessed by the Examining Committee for admission to the doctorate in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the degree was obtained and with international treaties and agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

In case of admission to the Ph.D., candidates must submit, within 60 days from the date of enrolment, the following documentation:

- curricular qualifications translated into Italian and legalized by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular representations abroad (Master's Degree or Master's Degree certificate in original or certified copy of the original);
- certificate of the exams (Transcripts) taken during the second cycle course in original or certified copy of the original;
- "declaration of value on site" of the qualification obtained abroad issued by the competent diplomatic or consular representations abroad; **alternatively, the Certificate of Comparability of the foreign university qualification issued by the ENIC-NARIC centre in Italy (CIMEA) may be submitted, which contains all the information necessary for the evaluation of the qualification.**

**In order to enter Italy, citizens of non-EU countries residing abroad must register on the University portal and apply for an entry visa (postgraduate visa type D) at the Italian Embassy or Consulate competent for the territory.**

The Administration reserves the right to request the "declaration of value on site" also to those who have obtained the qualification in a country of the European Union in the event that there are doubts about the validity of the same.

### B) Admission to the selection for candidates who have not yet obtained the qualification

Those who obtain the qualification suitable for access to the PhD may also apply to participate in the selection, no later than **30 September 2024**, under penalty of forfeiture of admission to the course. These candidates will be admitted *sub condicione* and no later than **30 September 2024** they must send by certified email ([universitabari@pec.it](mailto:universitabari@pec.it)) and email to [dottorato@uniba.it](mailto:dottorato@uniba.it) the self-certification (or certification in the case of qualifications obtained abroad) dated and handwritten, accompanied by a copy of a valid photo identification document indicating:

- name of the University that awarded the degree
- Date of graduation
- type of qualification (specialized/master's degree, old system, second-level academic qualifications issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM sector)
- Final Vote

Candidates who, for any reason, do not communicate the achievement of the degree within the deadline or who send incomplete, incorrect communications, by different means or to addresses other than those indicated above, will be excluded.

### Art. 3 – APPLICATION FORM AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

The application to participate in the selection must be submitted exclusively using the appropriate procedure made available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/uniba/dottorati40> no later than **22 July 2024 at 12.00 noon (Italian time CET) under penalty of exclusion from the selection.**

Access to the procedure takes place on the PICA portal (Integrated Platform for University Competitions) which can be accessed after registration or with SPID credentials, as indicated in the Guidelines.

Applications received in a manner other than the one indicated will not be considered valid.

The registration fee for the competition tests is € 40.00 for candidates residing in Italy and EU countries and € 20.00 for candidates residing in non-EU countries;

The registration fee for the test is non-refundable for any reason, given its destination.

The candidate residing in Italy must pay the fee by clicking on the "Pay with Pago PA" button and choosing the following payment method:

- Credit/debit card: for payment with cards
- Current account: for direct debit from your account
- Any other payment methods and circuits that allow the fulfilment of PagoPA notices.

Candidates residing in EU and non-EU countries must pay the fee by bank transfer to a dedicated current account whose coordinates are available on the PICA platform; The reason for the transfer must include the following wording: (Name – Surname) Cost of PhD selection. A copy of the bank transfer must be uploaded to the PICA platform.

Candidates who wish to participate in more than one admission competition must submit as many applications accompanied by the required qualifications, and make as many payments as there are courses chosen.

Each candidate, in the application form, will be able to indicate a position for which to apply and present the related research project, if requested. The choice made will not be binding on the Selection Committee for the purpose of awarding the aforementioned scholarships, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 below.

All candidates are conditionally admitted to the competition.

The procedure for filling in and submitting applications online can be carried out from any computer connected to the network.

For any technical problems please write to Support .

Candidates are invited to complete the application for participation in the competition **well in advance** of the deadline of this announcement.

It is the responsibility of the candidates to verify the correct conclusion of the procedure. Complaints will not be accepted for any malfunctions of the computer system due to overloads encountered by candidates close to the deadline.

Registration for the selection test is not the sole payment of the above-mentioned fees, even if made within the deadline of the call for applications, in the absence of the submission of the application form.

The application form must be attached, in pdf format, to the documents required by the chosen course

sheet as well as:

1. Self-certification declaration relating to the qualification:

- **for graduate candidates:** self-certification declaration (art.46 T.U. – D.P.R. n. 445 of 28/12/2000) dated and handwritten, containing the type of qualification (old system, specialized/master's degree), the date of achievement, the final grade and the indication of the University that issued the degree;
- **for graduating candidates:** self-certification declaration (art.46 T.U. – D.P.R. n.445 of 28/12/2000), dated and handwritten, indicating the University at which they are enrolled, the type of degree (old system, specialized/master's degree), the name of the degree course, the list of exams taken with relative marks and the date scheduled for the graduation session. In the same self-certification, the weighted average of the marks of all the exams taken at the deadline of this announcement must be specified (the weighted average is obtained by multiplying each grade by the credits of the corresponding exam, adding the products obtained and dividing this sum by the total credits obtained through exams with grade);
- dated and signed curriculum vitae;
- numbered, dated and signed list of qualifications deemed useful for the purposes of the competition attached to the application;
- numbered, dated and signed list of publications deemed useful for the purposes of the competition attached to the application;
- qualifications that the candidate deems useful for the purposes of the competition;
- scientific publications numbered in sequential order; publications indicated in the list but not uploaded will not be taken into consideration;
- photocopy of a valid identity document or identification document of the candidate;
- **where required, a research project, related to the restricted topic chosen by the candidate, of a maximum of 3500 words (unless otherwise indicated in the PhD form attached to this notice) which must include:**
  - scientific assumptions and related bibliographic data;
  - research purpose, methodologies and expectations;
  - where necessary, experimental methodologies and data analysis.

The application is to be considered for all legal purposes as a self-certification, pursuant to art. 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, of the data contained therein and in the documents attached to it.

Once completed, the application must be printed, signed and re-uploaded in the procedure following the instructions described in the online procedure. The absence of a signature and/or identity document is grounds for exclusion from the selection. In the case of authentication with the use of SPID (Public Digital Identity System) credentials, it will not be necessary to sign the application.

Failure to choose a curriculum, where applicable, will result in exclusion from the competition. The submission of the application to the University takes place automatically with the final closure of the online procedure. Therefore, no delivery or shipment of paper material to the Offices must be made.

At the end, the application will be registered and the submission confirmed by email by the system.

The Administration may order, at any time, with a reasoned decision of the Rector, the exclusion from the selection procedure for failure to meet the prescribed requirements and/or for failure to choose the curriculum where provided for in the appropriate forms.

Candidates with sensory and motor disabilities recognized pursuant to Law 104/1992 and subsequent amendments, candidates with a percentage of civil disability equal to or greater than 66% pursuant to Law 68/1999 and

Candidates with specific learning disabilities (SLD) recognized pursuant to Law 170/2010 may, in

relation to their status, request the necessary aids for the performance of the competition tests and/or any additional time. Interested candidates must submit to this University, by the deadline of **22 July 2024 at 12.00 noon** (Italian time CET) the completed application accompanied by appropriate medical certification issued by the competent health authorities.

The preparation of the required aids is not guaranteed if the request is received after the deadline of this announcement. It should be noted that for candidates with SLD and candidates with sensory and motor disabilities recognized pursuant to Law 104/1992, the attached certification must be issued no more than three years ago, by facilities accredited by the aforementioned NHS. In addition, upon request, they will be granted additional time as required by current legislation.

The Administration assumes no responsibility for the event of unavailability or dispersion of communications due to inaccurate indications of the address by the applicant, failure or late communication of the change of address indicated in the application, nor for any misunderstandings or in any case of third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

#### Art.4 – SELECTION BOARDS

The Selection Committees for admission to the Doctoral Courses will be appointed by decree of the Rector in compliance with the Regulations on the subject of PhDs of the University of Bari Aldo Moro. By way of derogation from the current University Regulations on Research Doctorates, for National Doctorates, the Selection Committees will be formed in such a way as to ensure the participation of foreign or external members of the affiliated subjects.

The composition of the individual commissions will be published, after the deadline of the call, on the website: [www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025](http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025).

#### Art.5 – SELECTION PROCEDURE BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMS: CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

With regard to competitions based on qualifications and exams, it is established that qualifications will be awarded an overall score of 20 points.

The categories of qualifications that will be evaluated, provided that they are relevant to the subjects of the relevant doctoral courses offered and for which you are applying, with the maximum score attributable to each of them are the following:

- ◆ Graduation assessment up to a maximum of 10 points determined as follows:

up to 100	0 points
101/104	4 points
105/107	6 points
108/110	8 points
110 laude	10 points

For graduating students, the degree grade will be calculated on the weighted average of the marks of all the exams taken at the deadline of this call. If the candidate has more than one degree related to the course for which he/she intends to compete, he/she must indicate the qualification to be taken into consideration for the purposes of evaluation by the Selection Committee.

- ◆ Scientific qualifications, relevant to the topics covered by the PhD course for which you are applying, up to a maximum of **4 points** for:
  - Scientific publications (monographs, articles in scientific journals)
  - Minor publications (proceedings of national and international conferences, specific contributions in volumes, etc.).
- ◆ Academic and study qualifications, related to the topics covered by the PhD course for which you are applying, up to a maximum of **4 points** for:
  - First or second level university master's degree, postgraduate specialization courses, specialization diplomas.



- ◆ Up to a maximum of **2 points** for:
  - Documented research activity at qualified Italian and foreign institutes related to the topics covered by the PhD course for which you are applying.

The evaluation of the qualifications, after identification of the criteria, will be carried out after the completion of the written test, and before the evaluation of the papers.

For procedure B referred to in Article 6 below, the evaluation of qualifications will be carried out before the evaluation of the projects.

Documents and certificates must be produced on plain paper in accordance with Article 1 of Law No. 370 of 23 August 1988; if they are written in a foreign language, they must be accompanied by a certified translation into Italian that conforms to the foreign text, drawn up by the competent diplomatic or consular representation, or by an official translator.

Reference to documents and publications already submitted to this University for any reason is not permitted. Documents, titles or publications not uploaded to the platform will not be taken into consideration.

#### ART.6 – SELECTION PROCEDURE BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMS: EXAMS

With regard to competitions based on qualifications and exams, the admission examination consists of carrying out a special test, aimed at ensuring an appropriate comparative evaluation and ascertaining the candidates' aptitude for scientific research.

Without prejudice to the valuation of the securities pursuant to art. 5, the assessment method, indicated in the doctoral form attached to the call for applications, is carried out, alternatively, through: A) written and oral tests; B) evaluation of the research project and oral exam; C) oral exam.

In the case of verification methods referred to in letter B), as well as where expressly required by the PhD course sheet (attached), **the research project must be attached to the application, under penalty of exclusion**. The scores for the various tests are awarded as follows:

	A)	B)	C)
<b>Title Score*</b>	<b>max 20</b>	<b>max 20</b>	<b>max 20</b>
<b>Score of the written test</b>	<b>max 40</b>		
<b>Research Project Score</b>		<b>max 40</b>	
<b>Oral exam score**</b>	<b>max 40</b>	<b>max 40</b>	<b>max 80</b>

\* Up to 10 per graduation grade

\*\* Includes the verification of the English/other language, as well as the evaluation of the research project, where provided for in the form.

The topics covered by the tests are related to the scientific-disciplinary sectors of reference of the Courses Ph.D.

In order to be admitted to the examinations, candidates must be in possession of one of the following valid identification documents: identity card, passport, driving license, boat license, firearms license, identification cards, provided that they have photographs and a stamp or other equivalent signature, issued by a State administration.

For foreign candidates, the written and oral tests may be carried out, upon prior request, in English or in one of the other foreign languages specified in the doctoral form.

In the case of a written test, only a black ink pen can be used.



The oral exam includes a verification of the knowledge of at least one foreign language indicated by the candidate, among those provided for in the form of the chosen doctoral course.

At the end of the oral examination, the Commission will also examine in depth the topics of finalized research as indicated in the relevant form, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 9 below.

#### **A) Written and oral exam**

Each Commission, for the evaluation of each candidate, has, in addition to the score for qualifications, forty points for each of the two tests.

On the day of the written test, the Commission will inform the candidates of the date and place where they will be able to view the list of those admitted to the oral test.

The Examining Committee will draw up the list of candidates admitted to take the oral test. Before taking the oral exam, candidates will be informed of the score obtained in the evaluation of their qualifications and the mark obtained in the written test.

Candidates who have passed the written test with a score of not less than 27/40 are admitted to the oral exam.

Where provided for in the individual PhD sheet, the oral exam may also consist of the discussion of a research project.

The oral exam will be considered passed only if the candidate has obtained a score of not less than 27/40. At the end of each session dedicated to the oral examination, the Examining Committee will draw up a list of the candidates examined with an indication of the mark obtained by each candidate.

The list, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Commission, will be made public by posting on the same day on the notice board of the examination centre or by publication on the doctoral website indicated in the form.

#### **B) Evaluation of the research project and oral exam**

Each Commission, for the evaluation of each candidate, has, in addition to the score for qualifications, forty points for the evaluation of the project and forty points for the oral examination.

The Examining Committee will draw up the list of candidates admitted to take the oral test. Before taking the oral exam, candidates will be informed of the score obtained in the evaluation of qualifications and in the evaluation of the project.

Candidates who have obtained a score of not less than 27/40 in the evaluation of the project are admitted to the oral exam.

The oral exam will be considered passed only if the candidate has obtained a score of not less than 27/40. At the end of each session dedicated to the oral examination, the Examining Committee will draw up a list of the candidates examined with an indication of the mark obtained by each candidate.

The list, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Commission, will be made public through the doctoral website indicated in the form.

#### **C) Oral exam**

Each Commission, for the evaluation of each candidate, has, in addition to the score for qualifications, eighty points for the oral examination.

Before taking the oral exam, candidates will be informed of the score obtained in the evaluation of qualifications.

Where provided for in the individual PhD sheet, the oral exam may also consist of the discussion of a research project.

The oral exam will be considered passed only if the candidate has obtained a score of not less than 54/80. At the end of each session dedicated to the oral examination, the Examining Committee will draw up a list of the candidates examined with an indication of the mark obtained by each candidate.

The list, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Commission, will be made public by posting on

the same day on the notice board of the examination centre or by publication on the doctoral website indicated in the form.

## TELEMATICS TEST

Unless otherwise indicated in the form, candidates may request to take the test remotely when submitting their application, justifying the request in the same application on the PICA platform,

The e-mail address indicated by the candidate will be used by the Selection Committee of the competition to invite him/her to be part of a "group" created through the MICROSOFT TEAMS platform or other telematic platform and thus allow him/her to carry out the tests in shared audio-video mode. Operational instructions will be provided to candidates in the vicinity of the test, through a public notice on the doctoral web page indicated in the form relating to the doctorate of interest to the candidate. Candidates are required to verify their admission to the test on the date established for the presentation of the results of the research project and, in the event that the test is scheduled in telematic mode, they are required to connect on the day and at the time indicated to take it in audio-video mode shared through the MICROSOFT TEAMS platform or similar, install the software of the indicated platform on their own device, and equip yourself with a webcam that allows you to identify them before the test.

## ART.7 RANKINGS FOR ADMISSION TO COURSES

Once the tests of the competition have been completed, the Commission compiles the general merit ranking on the basis of the sum of the marks obtained by each candidate in the individual tests.

At the end of the competition procedure, the Rector, having ascertained their regularity, will approve the acts of the competition and the relative merit ranking and will declare the winners of the competition.

The merit ranking will be formed according to the order of the points of the overall mark obtained by each candidate in the exams and in the evaluation of qualifications.

**Unless otherwise indicated in the forms, the places offered on specific topics will be assigned according to the order resulting from the separate merit rankings; In case of lack of suitable candidates for the specific project, the places will be assigned according to the order of the general ranking, in which the places with a free theme will also be merged.**

In the event that there are no suitable candidates in the ranking list for the posts co-financed by the aforementioned DD.MM. no. 629/24 and

n. 630/24 it will be possible to assign the aforementioned place(s) with scholarship, to the suitable candidates usefully placed in the general ranking according to the order of scrolling of the same.

For scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 630/24 and scholarships under Territorial Pacts, places will be assigned on the condition of the successful signing of the agreement with the co-financing company.

Candidates who have been successfully placed in the merit list **will be declared winners**, within the limits of the places available.

In the event of a tie for the assignment of places with scholarships, the evaluation of the economic condition determined pursuant to the D.P.C.M. of 9.4.2001 and the D.P.C.M. of 5.12.2013, n.

159. In this case, the candidate must declare the indicator of the economic and financial position using the valid ISEE PhD form. This declaration must be received within 20 days from the date of publication of the ranking; After the aforementioned 20 days, the candidate will be placed in the least favourable position of the merit list. To this end, the candidate may avail himself of the right to submit the ISEE with a restricted family unit instead of the ordinary one as provided for by art. 8 paragraph 4 of Prime Ministerial Decree 159/2013.

For the assignment of places without a scholarship, the youngest candidate prevails.

For the places reserved for graduates of foreign universities, the Commission will draw up specific merit rankings, according to the overall grade reported by each candidate. In the event of a tie between two or

more candidates, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.

The decrees approving the acts and the relative rankings will be made public by means of an online bulletin board and by publication on the website, at the following address: [www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025](http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025) This publication shall be deemed to be an official notification to the successful candidates. No communications will be sent to your home.

#### Art. 8 – ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL COURSES

Candidates will be declared winners according to the order of the competition ranking up to the number of places offered for each doctoral course.

In correspondence with any renunciations by the winners of the competition, the Administration will proceed to call the suitable candidates according to the order of the ranking, without prejudice to the provisions for the scholarships referred to in DD.MM. no. 629/24 and 630/24. Interested parties must enrol within three working days, under penalty of forfeiture.

In the event of a useful placement in more than one ranking, the candidate must exercise the option for only one PhD Course.

Candidates who already hold a Ph.D. degree may be admitted to a second doctorate, other than the one already attended, without a scholarship, after passing the selection tests. In the event of a tie, the candidate who competes for the first time will prevail.

Positions with scholarships and places without scholarship reserved for graduates of foreign universities, if not used, may be assigned to candidates who have been placed in the ordinary ranking.

All candidates are admitted to the course subject to verification of self-certified declarations pursuant to the D.P.R. 445/2000 e ss.mm.ii..

#### Art. 9 - HIGHER EDUCATION APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS

In compliance with current legislation and pursuant to Ministerial Decree 226/2021, it is possible to carry out an advanced training course in the exercise of apprenticeship for the acquisition of the title of PhD and at the same time be hired, with an apprenticeship contract, by a company.

The selected candidate, admitted to the doctorate without a scholarship, is hired by the company with an apprenticeship contract of equivalent duration to that of the training course. For the purpose of providing training activities and tutoring, the company and the University adopt appropriate forms of coordination and integration throughout the duration of the contract.

Those who meet the requirements set out in Article 2 above, who are between 18 and 29 years of age at the time of recruitment by the company and who have Italian nationality or those of other countries belonging to the European Union or nationalities of countries outside the European Union may apply to participate. with a regular residence permit in Italy. Interested candidates must declare in the application their interest in the "position with apprenticeship contract" and will have to deepen at the end of the oral exam the topics on which the doctorate in apprenticeship will focus.

For these reserved places, admission will be carried out through the procedures provided for in the form relating to the doctoral course for which the candidate is applying, without prejudice to the evaluation of a research project discussed with the commission (referred to in art. 4) possibly integrated by a member of the company. To this end, candidates must attach to the application form a specific research project related to the topic indicated in the form relating to the PhD course for which they are applying.

The agreements stipulated between the University and the Company regulate the funding, the methods of carrying out research activities and the distribution of the commitment of the doctoral student-worker. The employee's salary is considered equivalent to a doctoral scholarship and contributes to the calculation of the scholarships advertised.

#### Art. 10 - SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships offered in the attached forms of this announcement, as well as those in addition pursuant

to Article 1, will be awarded by Rector's Decree in compliance with the merit rankings of each PhD Course, taking into account any breakdown by curriculum. The assignment of the different types of scholarships in favor of those entitled will be carried out, at the sole discretion, by the Academic Board of each Doctoral Course on the basis of the outcome of the tests and the candidate's curriculum vitae et studiorum. For the purpose of awarding scholarships funded by external companies/bodies, the Academic Board of the relevant Doctoral Course, where it deems it appropriate, may be supplemented by a contact person of the funding body, with advisory functions.

In the case of scholarships funded by a third party and/or aimed at carrying out a specific research project, it will be the responsibility of the Coordinator to inform the successful candidate who will carry out this project of the related commitments and to obtain their consent, to be transmitted to the competent Office.

The number of places and scholarships may be subject to a subsequent expansion as a result of the University's participation in competitive calls, public notices issued by public or private bodies, to be assigned to candidates in possession of the requirements of the selection notice issued by the aforementioned Institute.

The assignment of the relevant scholarships will be carried out on the basis of the rules contained in the calls themselves and, where applicable, in the regulations, after admission to funding, using, in the absence of different indications contained in the aforementioned calls, the general ranking of eligibility of the competitions for admission to the XL cycle of the PhD Courses referred to in this call.

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 16,243.00 subject to the separately managed INPS social security contribution.

The duration of the scholarship is equal to the entire duration of the course.

The scholarship will be disbursed in deferred monthly installments and for its use the limit of total gross annual personal income set at Euro 16,000.00 (Euro sixteen thousand/00).

Income from assets as well as emoluments of any other nature contribute to the determination of this income. Exceeding the income limit results in the loss of the right to the scholarship for the year in which it occurs and entails the obligation to repay any monthly payments already received.

The scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship or form of subsidy, except for those provided to integrate, with stays abroad, the research training activity.

The scholarship cannot be awarded in the event of suspension of more than thirty days or exclusion from the course.

The amount of the scholarship increased for any periods of stay abroad to the extent of 50%.

Those who have benefited from a scholarship for a doctoral course (even for a single year or part of it) cannot apply for it a second time.

Those who are entitled to the scholarship must submit at the time of enrolment a presumptive declaration relating to the total gross personal income and the absence of the causes of incompatibility contained in this article. Scholarship recipients will also have to provide for the establishment of an INPS contribution position, enrolling in the "Separate Management" of the Institute itself.

The provisions on tax benefits referred to in art. 4 of Law no. 476 of 13.08.1984.

In any case, the particular provisions indicated in each specific scholarship financing agreement remain unaffected.

It is understood that, if a scholarship is declared ineligible for funding following verification by the competent ministerial office, the candidate enrolled in the position corresponding to said scholarship will be declared forfeited.

#### Art. 11 – SUPERNUMERARY ADMISSION

**Any supernumerary admitted will not benefit from the scholarship.**

**They may be admitted as supernumerary, up to a maximum of 10% of the positions with scholarships, subject to a resolution taken by the Department Councils concerned regarding the guarantee of the payment, from their own funds, of 10% (or 20% in the case of Doctorates of national interest) and 50% of the amount of the scholarship for research activities in Italy and abroad and without prejudice to the maximum number of places for which it has been requested accreditation**



**pursuant to Article 5, paragraph 2 of Ministerial Decree no. 226/21:**

- holders of research fellowships, where the competition for the award of the fellowship did not include the necessary requirement of a Ph.D. degree, who were found to be eligible, following passing the admission tests to a PhD course, provided that the doctoral course concerns the same scientific-disciplinary area as the research referred to the fellowship. Admission to the course will take place upon resolution of the Board of Professors of the PhD and the Council of the Department where the research grant takes place, which must express themselves favorably on the compatibility in carrying out the two activities. In the event that the research fellow carries out the activity at another university, the authorization of the said university is required;
- non-EU citizens and civil servants who will be eligible, following the passing of the admission tests. For civil servants, admission as supernumerary is also subject to the opinion expressed, pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 2 of the current University Regulations on PhDs, by the Academic Board, which may eventually request the signing of a special agreement with the public body to which they belong, without prejudice to the regulatory provisions and the sector's CCNL.

Admission to the PhD programme will also be granted to those who, although not having applied to the competition, at the official start date of the PhD have been selected within the actions of the HORIZON 2020 programme of the European Union or other international cooperation and/or mobility programmes (e.g. Erasmus Mundus) and have been awarded a scholarship or a research contract within the Scientific Disciplinary Area of interest of the Doctorate. They will have to submit a specific application for registration, which must be approved by the Academic Board. Enrolment is in any case subject to the prior approval of the Academic Board of the doctoral course, which may eventually establish further evaluation methods.

#### Art. 12 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The civil servant admitted to the PhD courses is placed, upon request, compatibly with the needs of the relevant Administration, on extraordinary leave for study reasons without allowances for the duration of the course and benefits from the scholarship if the required conditions are met.

In the event of admission to PhD programmes without a scholarship, or renunciation of one, the person on leave retains the economic, social security and retirement benefits enjoyed by the public administration with which the employment relationship is established.

If, after obtaining the PhD, the employment relationship with the public administration is terminated by the employee's will in the following two years, the amounts paid pursuant to the second sentence shall be recovered.

Public servants who have already obtained the title of Ph.D., nor public employees who have been enrolled in doctoral courses for at least one academic year, benefiting from such leave, are not entitled to extraordinary leave, with or without allowances. The period of special leave is useful for the purposes of career progression, retirement and social security benefits.

#### Art. 13 – DOCTORATE AND MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION SCHOOLS

Students enrolled in university medical specialization schools, if they have been awarded a Ph.D., will be able to enrol in the Ph.D. programme in compliance with the following conditions:

- a) compatibility, also in consideration of the distance between the locations, the activities and the commitment provided by the postgraduate school and the doctoral course, certified by the council of the medical postgraduate school and the doctoral board;
- b) incompatibility between the doctoral scholarship and the emoluments, however named, received in relation to the activities of the Graduate School.

In cases of joint attendance, the request for reduction of doctoral activities is accepted by the Academic Board of the doctoral course, subject to a positive assessment of the consistency of the research activities, already carried out in the medical specialization course, with the doctoral project. In order to accept the application referred to in this paragraph, the opinion of the compatibility of the doctoral project with the teaching purposes of the school of specialization is also required, expressed by the board of the school of specialization. If the application referred to in this paragraph is accepted, the doctoral course shall in any case last not less than two years.



#### Art. 14 - ENROLMENT

The successful candidates must enrol by the dates that will be announced at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

No communication will be sent to the winners regarding the deadline for enrolment.

Failure to enrol within the deadlines established for each PhD Programme will be considered as renunciation of the place, which will be assigned to the next candidate, according to the order of the ranking.

The enrolment application and its attachments must be uploaded to the Esse3 platform during enrolment, with the documentation listed below:

1. photocopy of a valid identity document, duly signed;
2. proof of payment of the enrolment fee by civil servants admitted to the doctoral course, who are not beneficiaries of a scholarship;
3. receipt of payment of the Regional Tax for the right to university study to be made by following the instructions on the ADISU website at the link: <https://w3.adisupuglia.it/pagamenti-pa/>;
4. photocopy of the tax code;
5. a passport-sized photo duly signed on the reverse;
6. payment of stamp duty of Euro 16.00 through PagoPA on the Esse3 platform;

In addition, in case of admission to the doctorate, candidates in possession of an academic qualification obtained abroad must also submit, within 60 days from the date of enrolment, the following documentation:

- curricular qualifications translated into Italian and legalized by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular representations abroad (Master's Degree or Master's Degree certificate in original or certified copy of the original);
- Certificate of the exams (Transcripts) taken during the second cycle course in original or certified copy of the original;
- "declaration of value on site" of the qualification obtained abroad issued by the competent diplomatic or consular representations abroad; alternatively, the Certificate of Comparability of the foreign university qualification issued by the ENIC-NARIC centre in Italy (CIMEA) may be submitted, which contains all the information necessary for the evaluation of the qualification.

The Administration reserves the right to request the "declaration of value on site" also to those who have obtained the qualification in a country of the European Union in the event that there are doubts about the validity of the same.

Foreign citizens not residing in Italy must submit the following certificates within 60 days from the date of enrolment:

- a) Birth certificate
- b) Certificate of citizenship
- c) certificate of enjoyment of civil and political rights in the country of origin or origin;
- d) certificate equivalent to the general criminal record certificate issued by the competent authority of the State of which the foreign candidate is a national.

In order to enter Italy, citizens of non-EU countries residing abroad must register on the University portal and apply for an entry visa (postgraduate visa type D) at the Italian Embassy or Consulate competent for the territory.

In addition, non-EU citizens must present a valid residence permit or a copy of the application to the competent authorities and an Italian tax code.

The certificates issued by the competent authorities of the State to which the foreigner is a citizen must

comply with the provisions in force in the State itself and the signatures on them must be legalized by the competent Italian consular authorities. Those written in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified translation into Italian that conforms to the foreign text, drawn up by the competent diplomatic and consular representation or by an official translator.

The forms relating to the aforementioned obligations will also be available on the website at the following address: [www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025](http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025)

#### Art.15 – FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The annual fee for access to and attendance at PhD courses, payable only by public employees who do not benefit from a scholarship, amounts to € 940.00 divided as follows:

First instalment, of € 385.40, to be paid at the time of registration with PAGOPA method at the same time as the Regional Tax;

The instalment of € 554.60, due by PhD students with an ISEE PhD indicator greater than € 14,518.38, must be paid by 31 July of each year of the course using the PAGOPA method.

A 75% reduction in the annual fee applies to PhD students who are not beneficiaries of a scholarship and are employed by the University of Bari Aldo Moro.

Doctoral students who do not benefit from the scholarship or renounce it are exempt from paying tuition fees. Doctoral students who are civil servants who are not scholarship recipients are required to pay fees.

Doctoral students who are beneficiaries of ADISU scholarships and any honor loans, eligible students, who are not beneficiaries due to lack of resources, are exempt from paying the contribution.

Doctoral students with a disability with a recognized disability equal to or greater than 66%, even if they already have an academic qualification, are totally exempt from fees and contributions.

All students enrolled in PhD programmes are required to pay the regional tax for the right to university education, except for doctoral students with disabilities with a recognised disability equal to or greater than 66%.

All PhD students are required to pay the regional tax, determined according to the income of their family unit (Mod. ISEE), of the amount indicated in the table below:

#### ADISU REGIONAL TAX

less than or equal to € 25,000.00	€ 130,00 VAT included
from € 25.000,01 to € 50.000,00	€ 160,00 VAT included
over € 50,000.00	€ 180,00 VAT included

Students who do not submit the ISEE are placed in the maximum range of the regional tax. The amount of the ADISU regional tax must be made by following the instructions on the ADISU website at the link: <https://w3.adisupuglia.it/pagamenti-pa/>.

PhD students already in possession of another Ph.D. degree are required to pay the maximum amount of the contribution.

Doctoral students who do not renew their enrolment in the years following the first will be excluded from the PhD programme. In any case, the amount of € 67.60 is due for the diploma cost, in addition to the stamp duty in force from time to time.

Late payments will be charged a penalty of € 20.00 for payments made within 30 days of the deadline, € 40.00 for those made within 60 days, € 80.00 for those made after 60 days of the deadline.

## TITLE II

### COMPETITIONS FOR POSITIONS RESERVED FOR GRADUATES IN FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

## Art. 16 – PROVISIONS FOR PLACES RESERVED FOR GRADUATES OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

The provisions of this Title govern the procedures for participation in competitions reserved for graduates of foreign universities, where provided for in the individual doctoral forms attached (from 1 to 29).

Candidates who have graduated from foreign universities and hold a qualification equivalent to the Italian degree referred to in Article 2 may apply to participate in the reserved selection.

Those who are in possession of a qualification obtained at a foreign university and which has not already been declared equivalent to the Italian degree, must apply for its equivalence only for the purpose of admission to the doctorate to which they intend to compete as regulated in article 2 of this call.

Applications for admission must be completed online using the appropriate procedure available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/uniba/dottorati40>

Applicants must indicate in their application:

- surname and first name, date and place of birth, citizenship, tax code, if any, residence and address elected for the purposes of the competition, postal code, e-mail address and telephone number;
- the exact name of the Ph.D. course in which they intend to compete.

## Art. 17 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

The application for participation in the selection must be submitted exclusively using the appropriate procedure made available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/uniba/dottorati40> no later than **22 July 2024 at 12.00 noon (CET Italian time)** under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Access to the procedure takes place on the PICA portal (Integrated Platform for University Competitions) which can be accessed after registration or with SPID credentials, as indicated in the Guidelines.

Applications received in a manner other than the one indicated will not be considered valid.

The application for participation in the competition must refer exclusively to the PhD Course for which you intend to participate. In the event that you intend to participate in more than one Course, you must submit as many applications.

The application is to be considered for all legal purposes as a self-certification, pursuant to art. 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, of the data contained therein and in the documents attached to it.

The University Administration assumes no responsibility for the loss of communications, due to inaccurate indications of residence and address by the candidate or failure or late communication of the change of the same, nor for any misunderstandings not attributable to the fault of the Administration itself. The following documents must be attached to the application form:

- ◆ certificate attesting to the foreign qualification with an indication of the exams taken and the relative grades together with the translation into Italian. The translation must be signed under one's own responsibility in order to allow the recognition of the qualification;
- ◆ curriculum vitae including academic qualifications and study of scientific activity and professional experience, written in Italian or in English or in French, indicating the academic qualifications obtained. In particular, the candidate will indicate: any scholarships awarded by Italian, foreign or international institutions, specifying the start, end and duration dates; certificates of participation in post-graduate and master's courses, specifying the date of achievement, duration and the provider of the training; any awards and other scientific/academic qualifications deemed useful for the selection;
- ◆ scientific publications;
- ◆ a summary of the degree thesis in English or French, with a minimum length of 3 and a maximum of 6 pages organized as follows: topic of the thesis, research methodology, results obtained;
- ◆ Statement of Research Interest;
- ◆ at least two letters of reference, from specialists in the field or professors from institutions where the candidate has been trained or has worked or with which he/she has collaborated;

- ♦ research project where provided for in the form relating to the PhD course for which the candidate is applying;
- ♦ photocopy of a valid identity document, duly signed;

The conformity of the qualifications to the original will be declared by the candidate by means of self-certification or declaration in lieu of an affidavit provided for by art. 19, 46 and 47 of D.P.R. 445/2000. Once completed, the application must be printed, signed and reloaded in the procedure following the instructions described in the online procedure. The absence of a signature and/or identity document is grounds for exclusion from the selection.

In the case of authentication with the use of SPID (Public Digital Identity System) credentials, it will not be necessary to sign the application.

Failure to choose a curriculum, where applicable, will result in exclusion from the competition. The submission of the application to the University takes place automatically with the final closure of the online procedure. Therefore, no delivery or shipment of paper material to the Offices must be made. At the end, the application will be registered and the submission confirmed by email by the system.

The Selection Committees will be appointed by Rector's Decree as provided for in art. 4 of this call.

The Commission has a total of 100 points available for the evaluation of candidates, which will be done only for qualifications (procedure 1), for qualifications and oral examination (procedure 2), according to the indications contained in the individual doctoral sheets attached. Candidates who have obtained a score lower than 60/100 will not be considered eligible.

The categories of qualifications that will be evaluated, provided that they are related to the subjects of the relevant doctoral courses put up for competition, and the maximum score attributable to each of them are described below:

#### **A) Selection procedure for qualifications only (procedure 1)**

Unless otherwise indicated in the form for each doctoral programme, the Selection Board has 100 points for the evaluation of the qualifications presented by the candidates, divided as follows:

- ♦ for curriculum vitae and studiorum (including academic and study qualifications as well as scientific activity and professional experience) up to a maximum of 60 points;
- ♦ for scientific qualifications, related to the topics covered by the PhD course for which the competition is held, up to a maximum of 20 points:
  - scientific publications (monographs, articles in scientific journals)
  - minor publications (proceedings of national and international conferences, specific contributions in volumes, etc.);
- ♦ for professional expertise and reference letters, illustrating the candidate's skills, competencies and aptitudes, written in English, up to a maximum of 20 points.

#### **B) Selection procedure based on qualifications and oral examination (procedure 2)**

For the evaluation of the qualifications presented by the candidates, the Selection Board has, unless otherwise indicated in the form relating to each doctoral course, 60 points, distributed as indicated:

- ♦ for curriculum vitae and studiorum (including academic and study qualifications as well as scientific activity and professional experience), up to a maximum of 30 points;
- ♦ for scientific qualifications, related to the topics covered by the PhD course for which the competition is being held, up to a maximum of 15 points:
  - scientific publications (monographs, articles in scientific journals)
  - minor publications (proceedings of national and international conferences, specific contributions in volumes, etc.);
- ♦ for professional expertise and letters of reference, illustrating the candidate's skills, competencies and aptitudes, written in English, up to a maximum of 15 points.

In the event that the PhD form requires the research project, the positive evaluation of which together with the other qualifications is a condition for admission to the oral examination, it is awarded up to a maximum of 20 points. In this case, the scores assigned to the other titles will be reduced, assigning 20



points for resumes, 10 points for publications and 10 points for letters of reference.

The oral exam, up to a maximum of 40 points, is aimed at ascertaining the knowledge of the foreign language and the aptitude of the candidates for scientific research, also through discussion of the research project presented by the candidate, for those doctoral courses for which it is provided for in the relevant sheet referred to in Article 1.

The oral exam will be considered passed only if the candidate has obtained a score of not less than 27/40.

Only and exclusively if provided for in the form relating to the chosen PhD Course, candidates residing abroad can take the oral exam remotely, using the MICROSOFT TEAMS platform or other online platform. In this case, interested parties must make a specific request and provide their contact in the application for admission to the selection and guarantee the use of a webcam to allow their identification to the Selection Board. The candidate must be available at the personal address, previously communicated, on the day of the oral examination, according to the calendar published on the website indicated in the form. The Commission has the right to agree with the candidate on a precise time for the start of the interview.

For the purposes of identification and, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, each candidate is required, before the interview begins, to identify himself, by showing the same identity document already sent, in copy, as an attachment to the application.

Failure to provide the personal address, failure to connect, unavailability of the candidate on the day or time established or failure to show a valid identification document pursuant to the previous paragraph are grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

The University of Bari declines any responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the regular conduct of the oral exam.

The provisions of Article 6 of this announcement shall apply as far as they are compatible.

In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.

For places reserved for graduates from foreign universities, the Commission will draw up a specific merit list. The merit ranking will be formed according to the order of the points of the overall mark reported by each candidate.

Candidates who have been successfully placed in the merit list will be declared winners, within the limits of the places available.

At the end of the selection procedure, the Rector will approve the acts of the competition and the relative merit ranking.

All candidates are conditionally admitted to the competition.

The decrees approving the acts and the relative rankings will be made public by means of an online bulletin board and by publication on the website, at the following address: [www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025](http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025). This publication shall be deemed to be an official notification to the successful candidates. No communications will be sent to your home.

In case of withdrawal by one of the winners, the next candidate will be summoned on the basis of the merit ranking.

#### Art. 18 - ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

Successful candidates must enrol by the dates that will be announced at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

Failure to enrol within the established deadline will be considered as renunciation of the place that will be assigned to the next candidate, according to the order of the ranking.

The enrolment application and its attachments, referred to in Article 14, must be uploaded to the Esse3 platform during enrolment.

The forms relating to the aforementioned obligations will also be available on the website at the following address: [www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025](http://www.uniba.it/it/dottorati/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati/40-ciclo/40-ciclo-2024-2025)



## FINAL PROVISIONS

### Art. 19 - TRANSLATION AND LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS

Deeds and documents drawn up in a foreign language must be translated and legalized by the competent authorities. Italian diplomatic or consular representations to the foreign State and must comply with the provisions in force in the State itself.

### Art. 20 – INSURANCE COVERAGE

The University guarantees the insurance coverage of doctoral students for civil liability and accidents for the entire duration of the course for the activities that refer to the doctoral course, providing for the stipulation of the relevant policy.

### Art. 21 – RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Without prejudice to the rights and obligations provided for by the current University Regulations on PhDs and by Ministerial Decree no. 226/21, the acceptance of scholarships from the funds of DD.MM. 629/24 and 630/24 and scholarships from PNRR projects as well as scholarships that insist on public notices implies compliance with the relevant obligations. Students are required to attend courses and to continuously carry out study and research activities within the structures intended for this purpose according to the procedures that will be established by the Academic Board of the doctoral course, with an exclusive and full-time commitment of 1500 hours per year.

This commitment is ascertained by the compilation of an activity register.

The Academic Board, at the motivated request of the PhD student, may authorize the performance of paid activities, verifying their compatibility with the profitable performance of the training activities (teaching and research) related to the course. In particular, it is understood that for doctoral students with scholarships, paid activities must be limited to those consistent with the doctoral student's educational path; For doctoral students without a scholarship, the possible incompatibility deriving from the work activity must in any case be concretely assessed, without this leading to conduct detrimental to rights protected at the constitutional level, such as the right to study for the capable and deserving even if they lack means.

Doctoral students, as an integral part of the training project, can carry out, subject to the authorization of the Academic Board and the opinion of the competent teaching structures, without this entailing any increase in the scholarship, tutoring activities for students of bachelor's and master's degree courses as well as, in any case within the maximum limit provided for by the regulations, supplementary teaching activities. PhD students in the medical area can participate in clinical-assistance activities, without prejudice to the provisions of art. 4, paragraph 1 of the current Regulations on PhDs. After the third year of the doctorate, the limit is abolished.

The interventions provided for by Legislative Decree no. 68 of 29 March 2012 are extended to doctoral students, in the manner regulated therein.

In addition, where compatible, Ministerial Decree no. 930/22 "Provisions to allow simultaneous enrolment in two university courses" applies to doctoral students.

The provisions for the protection of maternity referred to in the decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of 23 October 2007, apply to doctoral students. The University regulations ensure that doctoral students are represented on the Doctoral Board for the treatment of teaching and organizational problems.

Attendance of the doctoral course may be suspended, subject to deliberation by the Academic Board, up to a maximum of one year, maintaining the rights to any scholarship in use, unless the relative disbursement is interrupted, with subsequent recovery upon resumption of attendance, in cases of maternity, military service or civil service, serious and documented illness.

The enjoyment of the scholarship for attendance at the doctorate is compatible with other incomes, even those received continuously in the calendar year in which the scholarship is received, as long as they do

not exceed the maximum limit established by the regulations in force. If the income limit is exceeded, the scholarship is deemed to be revoked for the entire year. The interested party is required to declare annually the income received and to report any exceeding of the prescribed limit.

By the date established by the Academic Board (CdD), for the purposes of the annual tests, the doctoral student is required to submit to the Board a written report regarding the research activity carried out and the results achieved, as well as the certificates of any participation in seminars and congresses and other scientific initiatives, together with the publications produced. A positive evaluation by the Academic Board entails the transfer to the next year of the course, i.e. admission to the final exam in the case of students enrolled in the last year. The CdD may propose, with a reasoned resolution, after hearing the interested party, that a doctoral student be temporarily suspended from the course, or that he be excluded, with the consequent partial or total loss of any scholarship in use, in the event of:

- negative opinion by the Academic Board during the annual verification of the activity;
- unexcused and prolonged absences;
- conduct that is contrary to the rules of incompatibility.

#### Art. 22 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS

In cases where the doctoral student, during his/her doctoral course, has obtained research products that qualify as intellectual property rights, on which it is possible to obtain an industrial property right, such as inventions (patentable or not), know-how, utility models, ex ornamental models and designs, software, data and data collections, these will be regulated in accordance with the current legislation on the inventions of university researchers and the University regulations, without prejudice to the various agreements concluded by virtue of particular types of relationship (such as apprenticeship contracts).

The PhD student is required to sign a specific commitment of confidentiality and recognition of intellectual property rights in relation to information, data and documents of a confidential nature that may become aware of in the performance of his/her activity, including any carried out at a company or an institution/university.

In any case, the doctoral student is guaranteed the possibility of carrying out the ordinary publication activities provided for by the training course, which must take place in compliance with the confidentiality commitment undertaken with the University for the activity carried out also in a company, as well as any specific agreements concluded by virtue of particular types of relationship (such as doctorates with an apprenticeship contract).

#### Art. 23 – GRADUATION

The title of Ph.D. or Ph.D. 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 PhD thesis, accompanied by a summary in Italian and English, is written in Italian or English, or, with the authorization of the Academic Board, in another language.

The Selection Committees of the final examination will be formed and appointed, for each PhD Course, in accordance with the current University Regulations on PhDs.

The exam cannot be repeated.

#### Art. 24 – CONTROLS

The University carries out appropriate checks on the truthfulness of the self-declarations made by the candidate. If the control ascertains the falsity of the content of the declarations, the candidate is excluded from taking the competition tests or, if already registered, because he or she is the winner of the competition, he or she is declared forfeited, without prejudice to the criminal sanctions provided for by art. 76 of D.P.R. n. 445/2000.

#### Art. 25 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA AND RIGHT OF ACCESS

The personal data contained in the application form (and in the curriculum vitae) will be processed for the purposes of managing this procedure and in application of the current regulatory provisions on the processing of personal data. The data will be processed – by the subjects authorised to process – with manual, IT and telematic tools within the scope and for the purposes specified above, in compliance with

the security measures adopted by the University and in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation no. 2016/679 and current national legislation on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data. The Data Controller is the University of Bari Aldo Moro, with registered office in Piazza Umberto I, n. 1, 70121 - BARI. The designated Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the following email address: [rpd@uniba.it](mailto:rpd@uniba.it). The full text of the policy it is available at <https://www.uniba.it/it/ateneo/privacy/informativa/informativa-selezioni/view>.  
Insolvency proceedings are public.

Candidates have the right to exercise their right of access to the documents of the competition procedure in accordance with the procedures and terms provided for by current legislation.

#### Art.26 - PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE

Pursuant to Law no. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, the person in charge of the procedure is Dr. Maria Luisa Loiudice – Head of the Ph.D. Unit.

Any clarifications can be requested at the following e-mail address: [dottorato@uniba.it](mailto:dottorato@uniba.it).

#### Art. 27 – REFERENCE STANDARDS

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the regulations currently in force on the subject and in particular to the University Regulations on the subject of PhDs published on the [www.uniba.it](http://www.uniba.it) website. Foreign students can obtain more information at [“Procedure per l’ingresso, il soggiorno, l’immatricolazione degli studenti internazionali e il relativo riconoscimento dei titoli, per i corsi della formazione superiore in Italia”](#). Acknowledging that this announcement will be translated into English, in the event of any disputes, only the text in Italian will be authentic.

#### Art. 28 – PUBLICATION

The notice of the announcement of this competition has been forwarded to the Ministry of Justice for publication in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic – 4th Special Series – Competitions and is published on the online register and on the Euraxess platform.

This decree will be ratified by the Governing Bodies in the first available sessions.

Bari, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024

For THE RECTOR  
F.to Prof.ssa Grazia Paola NICCHIA