

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI FEDERICO II



PhD programmes – 41° cycle – academic year 2025/2026

Call for applications of foreign students

APPLICATION DEADLINE

07th July 2025 h 12.00

This document cannot be used for legal purposes and it is only meant to provide information in English on the call for applications.

Establishment of the PhD Call

The Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II has opened the call for the PhD programmes of the 41st cycle (2025-2026)¹

The Admission to the PhD programmes will be on a competitive basis. The selection of the candidates will be based on the evaluation of their academic records, written tests and/or interviews, as published in the attachment A-Engl.

Therein, for each PhD Programme the following items are listed:

- The criteria of selection;
- The number of open positions;
- The number of fully funded scholarships (including the number of scholarships and positions solely reserved to candidates with foreign degrees and/or resident abroad);
- the duration, the Coordinator and the Department/Institutions where the PhD student will be registered at;
- the address where candidates must deliver or send their documents and assessment transcripts, and the timetable of the admission exams;
- the webpage address of each PhD course, which provides the candidates with information about the organization, research topics and educational activities.

The 41st cycle of PhD courses is established with administrative headquarters at the University of Naples Federico II, subject to accreditation and verification of the maintenance of accreditation requirements by the Ministry of University and Research. Public competitions are announced for admission to the PhD courses listed in the Annex A), an integral part of this decree. In the Annex A), for each doctorate the following are indicated:

- a) the selection methods;
- b) the number of positions available for competition;
- c) the number of scholarships;
- d) the number and type of any reserved seats;
- e) the duration, any associated locations, the administrative department of the doctorate and the course coordinator;
- f) the timetable for the examination tests;
- g) the address of the web page where the course organization, research topics and teaching activities are illustrated.

¹ Pursuant to the MIUR Decree No. 45 of 08/02/2013, PhD programmes can start only after being accredited by the Ministry in accordance with the consistent opinion of ANVUR. Therefore, candidates will be able to enroll once the final ranking list is published, and only if the programme has been accredited for the 41° cycle.

The positions covered by scholarships entirely funded by external bodies on the basis of a letter of intent will be activated subject to the signing of the relevant agreement by the funding body by 31st August 2025.

The places covered by scholarships may be increased following funding from by public or private entities. Authorization to enter into the relevant agreement must be issued prior to the start of the examination tests for the doctorate for which the funding is intended. The agreement may provide for specific modalities of the study and training program.

The publication of the calendars in this announcement represents official notification to the interested parties. Candidates for the competition will not receive any further written communication regarding the dates of the exam tests.

Any changes to the calendars will be promptly announced on the University website, at <http://www.unina.it/didattica/post-laurea/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-ammissione>, which candidates are therefore required to check constantly.

ARTICLE 2

(Admission Requirements)

Those in possession of one of the following qualifications may participate in the competition, without any age or citizenship limits:

- specialist or master's degree obtained pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999 and subsequent amendments and/or additions;
- degree obtained under the previous educational systems (whose legal course lasts at least four years);
- equivalent academic qualification obtained from foreign universities.

Furthermore, those who will obtain the required degree by 31 October 2025 may participate in the competition, under penalty of forfeiture of admission to the course.

All candidates are admitted to the competitive procedure with reservation. The Administration may at any time, with a reasoned provision, exclude them due to lack of the prescribed requirements; such provision will be communicated to the interested party by registered letter with return receipt.

ARTICLE 3

(Qualification obtained abroad)

The suitability of the qualification obtained from foreign universities is verified only for the purposes of admission to the selection, by the judging committee. In this case, the degree certificate must be submitted, in the manner indicated in the following article 4, with an indication of the exams taken and the study plan followed, as well as other documents deemed useful for the evaluation of the suitability of the qualification. All documents must be translated into English, if written in a different language.

ARTICLE 4

(Submission of application for admission and qualifications)

The application to participate in the competition must be submitted exclusively through the electronic, online procedure available at the address: <https://pica.cineca.it/unina/> no later than 12:00 (Italian time) on 7th July 2025 .

To participate in the competition, candidates are required to pay **€50,00**, exclusively as written in the procedure, under penalty of exclusion. Every contribution is valid exclusively for one doctoral competition for which the application is submitted. The contribution paid for the organization of the competition will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Applications submitted in violation of the provisions of this article will not be taken into consideration.

THE DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS (AND THE PROJECT IF ANY) MUST BE SENT EXCLUSIVELY VIA UPLOAD DURING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION.

For the purposes of the EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND THE PROJECT (WHERE PROVIDED), candidates must present the following documentation, following the instructions given below:

a) Graduate candidates from Italy

1. Degree grade and weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken relating to the specialist/master's degree and possibly other elements deemed suitable for the evaluation (for example, list of exams taken with the relative grades). These qualifications must be presented by means of a self-certification declaration, made pursuant to article 46 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
2. degree grade and weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken relating to the three-year degree and possibly other elements deemed suitable for the evaluation (for example, list of exams taken with the relative grades). These qualifications must be presented by means of a selfcertification declaration, made pursuant to article 46 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
3. master's thesis and any publications accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial deed concerning conformity to the original;
4. any other qualifications (for example scholarships, additional academic qualifications) by means of a selfcertification declaration, made pursuant to article 46 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.
5. any letters of recommendation from scholars, which must be submitted using the methods explained below.

2) Candidates graduating in Italy

1. Weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken relating to the specialist/master's degree and possibly other elements deemed suitable for the evaluation (for example, list of exams taken with the relative grades). These qualifications must be presented by means of a selfcertification declaration, made pursuant to article 46 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
2. degree grade and weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken relating to the three-year degree and possibly other elements deemed suitable for the evaluation (for example, list of exams taken with the relative grades). These qualifications must be presented by means of a selfcertification declaration, made pursuant to article 46 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
3. any publications accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial deed concerning conformity to the original;
4. any other qualifications (for example scholarships, additional academic qualifications) by means of a selfcertification declaration, made pursuant to article 46 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
5. any letters of recommendation from scholars, which must be submitted using the methods explained below.

3) Candidates graduated abroad

1. degree certificate, both first and second level, indicating the exams taken and the study plan followed((The certificate must be translated if not in English);
2. second level degree thesis and any publications accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial deed concerning conformity to the original
3. any other qualifications held (scholarships and certificates of attendance of post-graduate courses, qualification connected to the performance of research activities, scores obtained in standardized tests used for the selection of university courses at international or national level, etc.);
4. Any letters of recommendation from scholars, which must be submitted using the methods explained below;
5. curriculum vitae;

4) Candidates graduating abroad

1. academic certificate, indicating the exams taken and the study plan followed((The certificate must be translated if not in English);

2. any publications accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial deed concerning conformity to the original;
3. any other qualifications held (scholarships and certificates of attendance of post-graduate courses, qualifications related to the performance of research activities, scores obtained in standardized tests used for the selection of university courses at international or national level, etc.);
4. Any letters of recommendation from scholars must be submitted using the methods explained below;
5. curriculum vitae

Candidates for places reserved to scholarship holders from foreign countries must also attach, under penalty of exclusion, the documentation about the scholarship they are holders of.

The application must be printed, signed and uploaded to the procedure following the instructions described in the procedure itself, attaching a copy of a valid identity document. The lack of signature and/or identity document are grounds for exclusion from the selection.

After closing the application, the candidate can request letters of reference by filling in the appropriate section, within the application submission deadline (July 7, 2025 12.00 - Italian time). The notification to complete the letter will be sent to the referee only after the final closing of the application. The referee will be automatically notified by the system and will have to personally complete the reference letter template in the online procedure and send it by July 9, 2025 12:00 pm (Italian time).

The Administration assumes no responsibility for failure to receive documentation due to an error attributable to the candidate, or any misunderstandings attributable to third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

For disabled candidates who declare in the computerised procedure that they require assistance, the procedure itself provides instructions on how to fill out the application, made in accordance with the current legislation (Law no. 104/1992 as integrated and modified by Laws no. 17/1999 and no. 53/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions), and on how to upload the relevant medical health certification.

ARTICLE 5 (Exam tests)

The examination tests, unique for all the Thematic Areas into which the Doctoral Course is eventually divided, are aimed at ensuring an appropriate comparative evaluation of the candidates and at ascertaining the candidate's preparation and aptitude for scientific research.

The entrance exams are held according to one of the following methods:

- a) by qualifications and exams (written and oral test);
- b) by qualifications and oral exam;
- c) by qualifications, research project and oral exam.

in the AnnexTO), the selection methods are indicated for each doctorate.

Candidates must also demonstrate good knowledge of a foreign language, chosen from English, French, Spanish and German, with the exception of the doctorates in “Cardiovascular Pathophysiology and Therapeutics”, “Physics” and Habit (Habitat in Transition), for which the foreign language test must be taken in English.

The exam tests may also be held in one of the languages previously listed. The qualifications and subjects covered by the tests must be relevant to the scientific-disciplinary sectors of reference of the doctoral course and can be differentiated by Thematic Areas.

The judging commission has a total of one hundred points.

If the entrance exams are carried out according to the method referred to in paragraph 2)-qualifications and exams (written and oral test)-of this article, the score is distributed as follows: 20 points for the qualifications, 30 points for the written test and 50 points for the oral test. The assessable qualifications and the scores related to them are:

- the entire university career, using as evaluation elements the degree grade or the weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken and, possibly, other elements deemed suitable by the Commission: up to a maximum of 15 points;
- scientific publications, master's thesis and other relevant qualifications (awards, patents, scholarships, etc.), to be evaluated also in light of any letters of recommendation from scholars: up to a maximum of 5 points.

Candidates who have obtained a score of no less than 8/20 in the evaluation of their qualifications will be admitted to the written test.

The written test consists of the preparation of a text on a topic chosen by the candidate from those (minimum three) indicated by the commission.

Candidates who have passed the written test with a score not lower than 18/30 are admitted to the oral exam.

The oral exam is considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 30/50.

If the entrance exams are carried out according to the method referred to in paragraph 2, letter b) - qualifications and oral exam - of this article, the score is distributed as follows: 30 points for the qualifications and 70 points for the oral exam. The assessable qualifications and the scores related to them are:

- the entire university career, using as evaluation elements the degree grade or the weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken and, possibly, other elements deemed suitable by the Commission: up to a maximum of 22 points;
- scientific publications, master's thesis and other relevant qualifications (awards, patents, scholarships, etc.), to be evaluated also in light of any letters of recommendation from scholars: up to a maximum of 8 points.

Candidates who have obtained a score of no less than 12/30 in the evaluation of their qualifications will be admitted to the oral exam.

The oral exam is considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 42/70.

If the entrance exams are carried out according to the method indicated in the letter c) – qualifications, research project and oral exam - of this article, the score is distributed as follows:

- 20 points for titles,
- 30 points for the research project,
- 50 points for the oral exam.

The assessable titles and the scores related to them are:

- the entire university career, using as evaluation elements the degree grade or the weighted average based on the ECTS of the grades of the exams taken and, possibly, other elements deemed suitable by the Commission: up to a maximum of 15 points;
- scientific publications, master's thesis and other relevant qualifications (awards, patents, scholarships, etc.), to be evaluated also in light of any letters of recommendation from scholars: up to a maximum of 5 points.

Candidates who have obtained a score of no less than 8/20 in the evaluation of their qualifications and a score of no less than 18/30 in the evaluation of their research project will be admitted to the oral exam.

The oral exam is considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 30/50.

The final score is given by the sum of the votes obtained in the evaluation of the qualifications and the project, if applicable, in the written test, if applicable, and in the oral test.

To take the competitive exams, candidates must show one of the following documents: valid identification: identity card, passport, driving licence with photograph, gun licence, identification cards - with photograph and stamp or other equivalent signature - issued by a State Administration.

The candidate's absence on the day, place and time of one of the tests will be considered as a waiver of the test itself, whatever the cause.

For the oral exam, at the discretion of the Commission, a remote mode may be adopted, which guarantees the recognition of identity.

ARTICLE 6

(Judging committees and competition procedures)

The judging commission, which will be published on the University portal at <http://www.unina.it/didattica/post-laurea/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-ammissione>, is appointed by Rectoral Decree pursuant to Article 13 of the University Regulations governing the doctorate research program.

The examining commission, at its first meeting, establishes the criteria and methods for evaluating the competitive tests, to be formalised in the relevant minutes, in order to assign the scores and judgements attributed to the individual tests.

Before the start of the competitive exams, the members of the Commission, having examined the list of participants, sign the declaration that there are no situations of incompatibility between them and the competitors, pursuant to articles 51 and 52 of the code of civil procedure.

For the written test, if applicable, the Commission prepares three topics, each consisting of at least three subjects, one of which will be chosen by the candidate for the test. The topics themselves are enclosed in three sealed envelopes and signed externally on the closing flaps by the members of the same and by the secretary. The topics are secret and disclosure is prohibited.

At the time set for the beginning of the test, the personal identity of the candidates is ascertained, and the Commission places them in such a way that they cannot communicate with each other. It then has one of the candidates verify the integrity of the closure of the three envelopes containing the essays and draws lots for the topic to be covered.

The papers must be written exclusively, under penalty of nullity, on paper bearing the official stamp and signature of a member of the examining commission.

Candidates may not bring writing paper, handwritten notes, books or publications of any kind. They may only consult uncommented legal texts and dictionaries authorized in advance by the Commission.

During the test, candidates are not allowed to communicate with each other verbally or in writing, or to interact with others, except with members of the Commission in charge of the examination or with supervisors.

Candidates are prohibited from using or even just possessing mobile phones of any kind (including devices capable of sending photographs and images) and electronic instruments, including those of the "handheld" type or portable personal computers of any kind capable of connecting to outside the test rooms, via "wireless" connections or to the normal telephone network with UMTS, GPRS or GSM protocols, under penalty of exclusion from the competition itself.

Therefore, you are kindly requested not to bring with you mobile phones and other electronic devices described above. Otherwise, they must be handed over by each candidate who is in possession of them, to personnel responsible for identification, before entering the test venue.

Furthermore, candidates are prohibited from keeping bags, backpacks, writing paper, notes, books or publications with them during the test, under penalty of cancellation of the test.

Bags, backpacks, writing paper, notes, books or publications or other material will instead be placed, in full view, on the floor next to the desk where the candidate takes the test or in another place indicated by the President of the Commission or the Head of the Room.

Any competitor who violates the provisions of the preceding paragraphs or who has copied the development of the track in whole or in part is excluded from the competition. In the event that one or more candidates are found to have copied, in whole or in part, exclusion is ordered against all the candidates involved.

In order to ensure the anonymity of the written test, the Commission must give each candidate, before the start of the test, two envelopes of the same color, one large and one small containing a white card. After completing the question, the candidate, without signing or marking them, places the sheet or sheets in the large envelope. He writes his name, surname, date and place of birth on the card and closes it in the small envelope. He then places the small envelope in the large envelope, which he closes and hands over to the president of the Commission or to his deputy. The president of the Commission or his deputy signs his

signature and indicates the date of delivery across the envelope, so that the flap of the closure and the remaining part of the envelope remain included. All the envelopes are then enclosed in a single package that will be opened in the presence of the examining commission when it must proceed to evaluate the papers.

The Commission will have to proceed with the opening of the small envelopes for the matching of names exclusively after the conclusion of the evaluation and judgment of all the competitors' works. This pairing must also concern the works evaluated with a score lower than 18/30.

The oral exams must take place in a classroom open to the public, with a capacity suitable to ensure maximum participation.

Oral exams, whether in person or online, must be conducted in such a way as to ensure maximum publicity and participation.

ARTICLE 7 (Merit rankings)

For doctorates that have different selection methods for reserved places, separate merit rankings will be drawn up: one for non-reserved places and one for reserved places.

The rankings will be formulated according to the decreasing order of the overall score obtained by each candidate in the individual tests and approved by Rectoral Decree. In the event of a tie in scores between two or more candidates, the youngest candidate will have precedence in the ranking.

The candidates will be declared winners according to the order of the ranking until the maximum number of places available for competition for each doctorate.

If the places reserved for candidates with degrees from foreign universities are not assigned, they will be made available for the ordinary access procedures and vice versa.

In the event of non-acceptance within the deadline referred to in the following article 8, 3rd paragraph, or if you withdraw by the start date of the courses, an equal number of candidates will take over according to the order in the ranking.

ARTICLE 8 (Course Admission)

The Rectoral Decrees approving the rankings of the individual doctoral competitions will be published, starting from September 9, 2025, on the University's Official Notice Board, present on the University website and at the address <http://www.unina.it/didattica/post-laurea/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-ammissione>.

This publication will represent official notification of the competition results, the winners will not receive any personal communication.

The winners, within and no later than 5 days from the publication of the above-mentioned Rectoral Decrees they will have to send - under penalty of forfeiture - to the Doctorate and Scholarship Office, according to the procedures that will be published together with the Rectoral Decree, the request for enrollment in the course.

Winners in possession of a qualification obtained from a foreign university, which has not already been declared equivalent to the Italian specialist/master's degree, must also present or send the degree certificate translated and legalized with an attached declaration of value on site by the Italian Representation competent for the territory in the country to which the institution that issued the qualification belongs. For further information on this subject, please refer to the website of the Ministry of University and Research at <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>

Registration requires payment of the regional contribution for the right to study (the payment methods will be available on the University portal at <http://www.unina.it/didattica/postlaurea/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-ammissione>).

Registration cannot take place after the deadline indicated in the 3rd paragraph of this article.

After the registration deadline referred to in paragraph 3 of this article, any available places will be made available to candidates classified as suitable.

To this end, it will be published on the University portal at the address <http://www.unina.it/didattica/post-laurea/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-ammissione>, the list of names of eligible candidates, entitled to enrolment, for each doctoral course and the date by which they must enrol.

This publication will represent official notification; candidates classified as suitable will not receive any personal communication.

Those entitled who fail to register within the deadline indicated in the notice published in the manner described above will be considered as having tacitly renounced and will permanently lose their right to register.

ARTICLE 9

(Awarding, enjoyment and payment of scholarships)

The scholarships will be awarded according to the order of the ranking until the maximum number of scholarships available for each doctorate.

In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, for the sole purpose of awarding the scholarship, precedence in the ranking will be established through the evaluation of the economic situation of the competitors determined according to the provisions in force for the payment of fees and contributions of the students of this University.

The grants have a one-year duration and are renewed on condition that the PhD student has completed the programme of activities planned for the previous year and has been admitted to the following year of the course.

The annual amount of the scholarship is **€16.243,00** (sixteen thousand two hundred and forty-three/00) including social security contributions paid by the recipient, as established by article 1 of Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23.2.2022. The scholarship will be paid in monthly installments postponed and for its use the limit of total annual personal income is set at **€16.243,00** (sixteen thousand two hundred and forty-three/00) gross. It must be referred to the calendar year of greatest disbursement of the scholarship itself. The determination of this income includes income of patrimonial origin as well as emoluments of any other nature of a recurring nature, with the exclusion of those of an occasional nature. The amount of the scholarship is naturally excluded from the calculation of this income.

The scholarship is increased by fifty percent for the period of research activity carried out abroad not exceeding, in total, twelve months. This period may be extended up to a maximum overall ceiling of eighteen months for doctorates in co-supervision with foreign entities or activated in an associated form. This increase may not be enjoyed in the country of origin of the doctoral student or in the country where he or she is resident.

The PhD student is required to return, even in the event of withdrawal from the course, the installments of the scholarship already received, in the event that he exceeds the income limit referred to in the previous paragraph, or finds himself in one of the cases of incompatibility referred to in the following article 11.

Those who have already benefited from a scholarship for a PhD course, even for only half of the duration of the course, cannot benefit from it a second time.

The scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the training or research activities of the scholarship holders.

The award of the scholarship is linked to the periods of attendance and study and research activities actually carried out.

In addition to the scholarship, each PhD student is guaranteed a budget annual for research activity in Italy and abroad equal to 10% of the annual amount of the grant itself.

Those who are entitled to the scholarship must submit, upon enrollment, a presumptive declaration regarding their gross personal income and the absence of causes of incompatibility. This declaration must be repeated at the beginning of each subsequent academic year of attendance of the course. Scholarship recipients must also establish an INPS contribution position by enrolling in the "Gestione Separate (Separate Management)" of the Institute itself. The enrollment procedures and the related forms can be found on the Institute's website at www.inps.it.

The tax breaks referred to in article 6, paragraph 6, of law 30.11.1989, n. 389 apply to those enrolled in PhD courses who benefit from the scholarship.

ARTICLE 10

(Taxes)

Those admitted to the PhD courses are required to pay, for each year of the course, the regional contribution for the right to study.

ARTICLE 11

(Obligations, incompatibilities, suspensions)

The doctoral course requires an exclusive and full-time commitment, without prejudice to the provisions of referred to in the following paragraph 7 and referred to in Article 8, paragraph 2, letter b) of the University Regulations governing the doctorate in research. The Teaching Board is responsible for authorising the doctorate student to carry out paid activities, verifying their compatibility with the profitable performance of the training activities (teaching and research) related to the course. In particular, it remains firm that, for PhD students with a scholarship, paid activities must be limited to those related to the acquisition of skills related to the training area of the PhD; for PhD students with no scholarship, any incompatibility deriving from the work activity must in any case be assessed in practice without this determining a behavior that is detrimental to rights protected at a constitutional level, such as the right to study.

Doctoral students are required to attend and carry out all the planned activities, to present the requested oral or written reports and to comply with anything else established by the Doctoral Teaching Board.

Each PhD student is ordinarily expected to carry out research and training activities, consistent with the doctoral project, at highly qualified institutions abroad.

By the end of each academic year, the Teaching Board, on the basis of a detailed report on the activities and research carried out by each doctoral student, decides on admission to the following year or proposes exclusion from the course to the Rector.

At the end of the course, PhD students are required to present to the Teaching Board a report on the activities carried out during the PhD and on any publications.

The Board of Teachers, with a reasoned resolution, may also, at any time, propose to the Rector the exclusion of the doctoral student from the course.

Public employees admitted to a doctoral course shall benefit, for the normal duration of the course, from the leave of absence provided for by collective bargaining or, if employed under public law, from extraordinary leave for study reasons, compatible with the needs of the administration, pursuant to Article 2 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984, and subsequent amendments, with or without allowances and unless explicitly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a doctoral course, regardless of the disciplinary field. The right to the budget for research activities carried out in Italy and abroad referred to in the previous Article 9, paragraph 10, remains unchanged.

Concurrent attendance of another doctoral course is prohibited.

Suspension of the doctoral course is permitted, upon request of the interested party, in the event of:

- a) compulsory maternity leave, pursuant to the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 151 of 26 March 2001. The provisions for the protection of maternity and paternity set out in the decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security dated 12 July 2007, published in the Official Journal no. 247 of 23 October 2007, apply to PhD students;
- b) civil service, for a maximum period of one year.

PhD students may also request suspension of the course, for a maximum duration of six months, for proven reasons provided by law and for documented serious health reasons.

Suspension exceeding thirty days for one of the reasons indicated above entails the obligation to recover the entire periods of interruption of the activity and, for scholarship holders, the cessation of the provision of the scholarship itself or of other equivalent funding for the period of suspension. The

entire duration of the doctoral course cannot be reduced due to the aforementioned suspensions and, therefore, it will be extended for a period corresponding to that of the interruption.

The suspension periods referred to in paragraph 10 and the extension periods referred to in Article 22, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the University Regulations governing the doctorate in research cannot exceed a total duration of eighteen months, except in specific cases provided for by law.

The PhD student carries out the activity abroad, subject to authorization from the Teaching Board, after consulting the supervisor. For periods not exceeding six months in total, the authorization of the course coordinator, after consulting the supervisor, is sufficient. In the case of joint attendance of the PhD course and the Medical Area Specialization School course, it is possible to carry out activities abroad for a period equivalent to the sum of the maximum periods permitted.

The interventions provided for by Legislative Decree no. 68 of 29 March 2012 are extended to PhD students, in accordance with the procedures set out therein.

ARTICLE 12

(PhD title and doctoral thesis)

The title of Doctor of Research, abbreviated to "Dott. Ric." 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 doctoral thesis is written in Italian or English, or in another language, subject to the authorization of the teaching staff and is accompanied by a summary, written in English.

The University, within thirty days of the discussion and approval of the thesis, deposits a copy of the same, in electronic format, in the national registry referred to in Article 14, paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, in a specific open access section. Subject to the authorization of the teaching staff, parts of the thesis may be made unavailable, possibly also by setting a time limit, in relation to the use of data protected by industrial secrecy or in the case of publications in the submission phase, pursuant to the legislation in force on the matter. The obligation to deposit the thesis at the central national libraries of Rome and Florence remains in place. The University also archives and makes available online the complete text of the doctoral thesis through the Institutional Open Access Archive and ensures the deposit of the thesis itself at the national libraries of Rome and Florence.

ARTICLE 13

(Access, processing of personal data and person responsible for the procedure)

Candidates are guaranteed the right to access the documentation relating to the competition procedure, in compliance with current legislation.

The personal data of the candidates will be processed in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, of the Personal Data Protection Code (Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 integrated and modified by Legislative Decree no. 101/2018), as well as the University Regulations on the protection of Personal Data (issued with DR no. 2088/2019). The data collected will be processed for the purposes of this procedure for which they are released and will be used exclusively for this purpose and, in any case, within the institutional activities of the University of Naples Federico II. The interested party is entitled to the rights set out in Articles 15 – 22 of the EU Regulation.

The head of the Doctorate and Scholarship Office of the University of Naples Federico II is responsible for all obligations relating to this competition procedure that are not the responsibility of the judging commission.

ARTICLE 14

(Advertising of the competition proceedings)

This competition announcement is advertised electronically on the University and European websites Euraxess and of the MUR, all the documents connected to it will be made public, exclusively, through electronic publication on the Official Notice Board of the University of Naples Federico II, present on the University website at the address www.unina.it.

The electronic publication on the Official Notice Board of the University of Naples Federico II has the value of official notification for all purposes and no personal communications will be forwarded to the interested parties.

The duration of posting of this notice is set at 90 days, that of the documents connected to it at 15 days.

ARTICLE 15

(Postponement)

For anything not covered by this announcement, please refer to the University Regulations governing the PhD and the provisions contained in Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021.

THE RECTOR
Matteo Lorito

Area Didattica e Servizi agli Studenti Il Dirigente Dott. Maurizio Tafuto Unità organizzativa responsabile del procedimento: Ufficio Dottorato e Borse di Studio Responsabile del procedimento: Il Capo dell'Ufficio Dott.ssa Concetta Bernardo
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