

Call for PhD positions  
Doctoral Programme – 34<sup>th</sup> Cycle  
Academic year 2018-2019

**N.B. Please note that only the Italian version of the present call issued with Rector's Decree n. 2856 of June 20, 2018 is legally binding; the English version is provided for information only.**

## SELECTION FOR THE ADMISSION

Academic Year 2018/2019 – 34<sup>th</sup> Cycle

Deadline: August 2, 2018, 13:00 Italian time

### 1. INSTITUTION

The University announces the 34<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Ph.D. Programme with the public call for admission to the below listed courses (Attachment n°1). The duration of all Ph.D. courses is three years, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

### PhD COURSES

- *ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS*
- *BIOMOLECULAR AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES*
- *BUSINESS AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES*
- *BUSINESS, INSTITUTIONS, MARKETS*
- *CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES. TEXTS, WRITINGS, IMAGES*
- *EARTH SYSTEMS AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS*
- *EARTHQUAKE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS*
- *HUMAN SCIENCES*
- *LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES IN CONTACT*
- *MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGIES*
- *NEUROSCIENCE AND IMAGING*
- *TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE*

The number of the scholarships may be increased by funding providing from companies, only if notified before the deadline of the present call. They will be published at the following link: <https://www.scuolasuperiore.unich.it/>.

The University “G. d’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara will participate to the project “Programma Operativo Nazionale FSE – FESR Ricerca Innovativa” Azione I.1 – “Dottorati Innovativi con caratterizzazione industriale” 2014-2020. In case of a positive result, it will be funded additional scholarships for the eligible candidates in the ranking list of the selected doctorate.

### 2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for admission to the Ph.D. programme are accepted from candidates who, regardless of gender, age and nationality, hold an Italian “*diploma di laurea/laurea specialistica/laurea*

*magistrale*”, or aim to obtain it within October 31, 2018 after the conclusion of the admission tests; or an equivalent second-level degree if obtained abroad (generally equivalent to a Master’s Degree), whose validity will be verified by the admission committee considering the law in force in Italy and in the country where the same title has been released or where there are international agreements for the recognition of titles for enabling further studies.

All candidates who have obtained a degree by an Italian University, whether they are EU-citizens or NON-EU, have to provide a self-declaration of their academic degree and will be admitted with reserve.

The winners of a position without scholarship, previously enrolled, cannot be admitted to the competition tests for the same Ph.D. course they are already attending.

Students cannot contemporarily be enrolled in any other Ph.D courses, study or specialization courses, masters of first or second level, in Italy or abroad, except for those enrolled in medical specialization.

The simultaneous attendance of the Doctorate together with a course of medical specialization is allowed with consequent reduction to a minimum of two years of the Ph.D. course, having to the general University Regulations.

The administrative office may, at any time of the procedure, check on the declarations produced. In case of falsity, the University may exclude the applicants from the Ph.D. course.

### **3. APPLICATION**

**Application for admission, one for each Ph.D. course for which the applicant wishes to compete, must be submitted exclusively on-line by August 2, 2018, 13:00 Italian time. The on-line procedure will be open from July 2, 2018.**

The applicant must connect at <https://unich.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do> and follow the instructions, filling in all the required fields.

It is mandatory to attach a signed valid identity document with photograph.

Candidates with disabilities must submit a medical certificate issued by the competent health authorities to the following e-mail address: [scuolasuperiore@unich.it](mailto:scuolasuperiore@unich.it).

**At the end of the procedure, applicants have to print the final receipt and present it to the examining board committee duly signed.**

**All the required documentation as indicated in the specific form (Attachment 1) of the PhD course must be attached in pdf format not exceeding 5 megabyte (MB).**



**The candidates have the responsibility to verify that the procedure is duly completed. The administration is not responsible for any on-line applications improperly closed by candidates.**

**Incomplete or irregular applications or missing mandatory attachments will not be considered valid. Once confirmed the online procedure, it will not be possible to add any other documentation.**

**Applications that are not submitted as described herein will be rejected.**

For assistance and information: <http://www.unich.it/infostudenti> .

#### **4. EXAMINATION TEST**

The admission examination to the Ph.D. Courses consists in the evaluation of the titles, an oral and/or written exam, according to criteria specifically indicated for each Doctorate (Attachment 1).

**Candidates are required to present themselves on the day, time and established place (Attachment 1) without any further convocation.** In order to attend the tests, the candidates must provide a valid identification document. In the case of remote examination, the President of the Examination Board will get in touch with the candidates, at the e-mail address indicated by the candidate in the application form.

#### **5. EXAMINATION BOARDS**

The Competition Examination Boards are appointed by the Rector. For the Ph.D. courses articulated on several curricula there will be, however, a single competition test with one sole Examination Board. Distinctive exams for each curriculum and for each exclusive project are possible; in this case the candidates will be required to make a specific choice.

Each Examination Board, for the evaluation of each candidate, has a maximum of one hundred (100) points. The candidate must achieve at least 60/100 to pass the exam.

#### **6. RANKING LIST**

Applicants will be admitted to the Ph.D. courses according to their positions in the final ranking until all available positions are filled. In case of a missing or late acceptance by a successful candidate before the starting of the courses, to the following eligible candidate on the list will be offered the position. In case of score's equality the younger of the two candidates will be selected. Moreover, in case of score's equality for the awarding of the scholarship, the candidates' economic situations shall be the deciding factor in accordance with D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001 and subsequent amendments.

At the end of the competition procedure, the Examination Board sets up the ranking list based on the sum of the scores achieved by each candidate for each test.

There is only one single ranking list for the Doctorate courses in curricula. The activation of a single curriculum depends by the ranking of candidates that propose themselves for the determinate curriculum.

For the positions with “exclusive project” (“tema vincolato”) the candidates will have to pass an additional test.

If a candidate is admitted contemporarily to two or more Ph.D. courses, he/she will choose to attend only one of them.

After confirmation of regularity of the procedures during the competition, rankings will be exclusively published on the following websites: [www.unich.it](http://www.unich.it) and Albo on line.

## **7. ENROLMENT**

**Simultaneously to the publication of the ranking, an email will be sent to the winners at the email address indicated on the application form (candidates are required to use a personal email address (e.g. [name.surname@provider](mailto:name.surname@provider)). Nicknames are excluded).**

**The non-reception of such email cannot be raised to validate the exclusion.**

**Successful candidates shall confirm their acceptance within 7 (seven) days from the receipt of the email, and register with modalities that will be published at the following link : <http://www.scuolasuperiore.unich.it>**

If not, they will not be admitted and the scholarship will be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking. In this case, the candidate **must** complete the enrolment within **3** (three) days from the date of the notice sent via e-mail.

The admission of candidates with degree obtained in a NON-EU country will take place after a declaration of validity “Dichiarazione di Valore”, issued by the competent Italian Consulate or Embassy in the country where the academic degree was issued or with the Diploma Supplement, legalized by the competent authorities.

Candidates with foreign scholarships: must also submit a certificate attesting the scholarship issued by the foreign country or a copy of the application submitted to the competent authorities for the assignment.

## **8. FEES**

Ph.D. students are held exclusively to the payment of €140.00: Tassa Regionale Azienda DSU – Chieti – Università “G. d’Annunzio” - Ph.D. Course in “.....” XXXIV cycle, and the revenue stamp of €16.00 via MAV (payment by advice).



## 9. SCHOLARSHIP

The gross amount of the scholarship, according to the Ministerial Decree n. 40 of January 25, 2018, amounts to **€ 15.343,28** per year; this amount includes I.N.P.S. - National Insurance Contributions.

The annual personal gross income limit for the acceptance of the scholarship is **€16.000,00**.

The cases of total or partial incompatibility for benefiting from a scholarship are fixed by specific rules in force. I.a.: according to L.398/89 art.6 comma 2, "*Students can't be awarded of the same doctoral scholarship twice*". In case of verified incompatibility, the amount of money unduly received for a certain period of time has to be reimbursed. The reimbursement refers to the academic year or to a part of it.

The scholarship is granted for the entire course.

The payment is made monthly. In case of a well documented illness, a paid suspension can be granted for no longer than one month. Maternity leaves are granted, according to the ministerial decree n. 247 of July 12, 2007.

The amount of the scholarship can be increased by 50% for research periods spent abroad (maximum 18 months), previously authorized by the Ph.D. Course Coordinator. The scholarships are non-cumulative, that is they cannot be combined with other grants, except for those awarded by national or foreign scientific Institutions for activities related to study research periods spent abroad. From the second year of activity an additional budget not inferior of 10% of the scholarship will be granted to students.

The agreements with external companies for the funding of scholarships, which will not be finalised by October 31, 2018 will not be considered, even if indicated in the Attachment 1 of the present call.

## 10. DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF PH.D. STUDENTS

Doctoral students must attend the courses and carry out study research activities on a full-time basis.

They can conduct a limited, additional or integrative teaching activity that shall not in any case compromise their research training. Such teaching activity must be allowed by the Professors' Board that defines its modalities.

Ph.D. students if authorized by the Ph.D. Coordinator could spend a period of study abroad and obtain further mobility allowance by University.

In case of unsatisfactory outcomes during the intermediate evaluations and of unjustified and prolonged absence, or if the Ph.D. student adopts behaviours not coherent with the research deontology the Professors' Board is authorized to exclude the Ph.D. student from the course. The attendance of Ph.D. courses can be interrupted in the following cases: maternity, paternity, serious

and documented illness, for adoption and family custody, for temporary/permanent employment with the public administration during the trial period, for teacher training, military service or civilian service, as well as for study or work opportunities, for a maximum period of 12 months.

### **11. AWARDING OF THE PHD DEGREE**

The PhD degree is awarded by the Rector of the University of “G. d’Annunzio” Chieti-Pescara. The candidate must submit three copies of the final thesis in electronic format to the Office of the School of Advanced Studies.

### **12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

See Rector Decree n. 416 of March 24, 2015 and *Codice della Proprietà Industriale* (D.Lvo n. 30/2005) and subsequent amendments.

### **13. PERSONAL DATA**

The University “G. d’Annunzio”, in accordance with the European Regulation 2016/679, shall use the personal details provided by the candidate for the sole purpose of participation in the selection procedure. The candidates have the right to access to all documentations related to the contest according to the formalities and the terms provided by the law in force.

### **14. REGULATIONS**

For matters not disciplined by this call, please refer to Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8 February 2013 and the University regulations for Doctoral Courses issued by Rector’s Decree n. 2734 of 15 June 2018.

Responsible for the administrative procedure:

Claudia MUNDO - Office of Doctoral Studies

Further information can be requested to: Scuola Superiore – phone +39 0871 3556077/6049, email: [scuolasuperiore@unich.it](mailto:scuolasuperiore@unich.it)

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**THE RECTOR**  
Prof. Sergio CAPUTI

Attachment 1: *PhD Courses*