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**Call in implementation of Ministerial Decree n. 1061/2021
For Admission to Ph.D. programme 37th cycle
Academic Year 2021/2022**

Deadline for Applications: October 29th, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. (Italian time CEST)

Article 1
(Available positions)

The University "G. d'Annunzio" of Chieti – Pescara, hereby announces 37 new openings for admission to the 37th cycle of Ph.D. programmes, in implementation of Italian Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021, on FSE REACT-EU funding allocated to Universities in order to award scholarships for Ph.D. courses on the topics of Innovation or Green, in the framework of PON "Ricerca e Innovazione" 2014-2020 (Azione IV.4 e Azione IV.5).

The Ministerial Decree n. 1061/2021 implements **Action IV.4 – PhD programmes and research contracts on innovation** and **Action IV.5 – PhD programmes on green related topics** of the new Axis IV of the PON Research and Innovation 2014-2020 "Education and research for recovery - REACT-EU", granted by the new review of the Program with the thematic objective of cohesion policies "Promote overcoming the effects of the crisis in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its social consequences and prepare a recovery green, digital and resilient economy" (Regulation (EU) 2020/2221 of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 23rd 2020).

The selection and the awarding of scholarships will be based on the following binding topics:

Scholarships on Innovation (Azione IV.4)	Annex Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021- Funding allocated to the School	No. scholarships
The aim of the measure is to fund additional Ph.D. scholarships on innovation themes, i.e. doctoral paths focused on innovation, enabling technologies and the broader theme of digital, as interventions to enhance the human capital of the world of research and innovation.	€ 855.434,68	19
Scholarships on Green (Azione IV.5)	Annex Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021- Funding allocated to the School	No. scholarships
The aim of the measure is to fund additional Ph.D. scholarships on topics oriented towards ecosystem conservation, biodiversity, as well as the reduction of the impacts of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development	€ 814.699,58	18

The additional scholarships in this Call are conferred exclusively within the year 2021, will be assigned to carry out PhD studies within the following PhDs Programmes:

Ph.D. Programmes	Innovazione	Green
<i>ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS</i>	2	1
<i>MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGIES</i>	2	1
<i>BUSINESS AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES</i>	2	2
<i>BUSINESS, INSTITUTIONS, MARKETS</i>	2	1
<i>CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES. TEXTS, WRITINGS, IMAGES</i>	1	2
<i>DESIGN CULTURES: CREATIVITY, HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENTAL</i>	2	1
<i>ENGINEERING, EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES</i>	2	2
<i>HUMAN SCIENCES</i>	2	1
<i>INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN CLINICAL MEDICINE & DENTISTRY</i>		1
<i>TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE</i>	1	
<i>NEUROSCIENCE AND IMAGING</i>	1	1
<i>SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</i>	1	2
<i>BIOMOLECULAR AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES</i>	1	3

The scholarships that will be assigned with the present call, are linked to **specific topics**: the beneficiaries of such scholarships must mandatorily carry out research activities based on a specific binding Project.

The selected applicants must carry out a **research and study period in a company (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months, as stated in the PhD Programme Tables)**. Failure or partial performance of this activity will result in the withdrawal of the scholarship.

The Ph.D. Courses have a three-year duration, starting from January 1st, 2022. Additional information about doctoral positions, research topics, scholarships, specific requirements and assessment criteria are detailed in the PhD Programme Tables (Attachment 1).

2. Admission Requirements

Applicants, regardless of age and citizenship status, can apply for the admission to the selection procedure if they have awarded at least one of the following degrees:

- Laurea Magistrale, Magistrale a ciclo unico or Laurea Specialistica (Master’s Degree);
- Laurea di Vecchio Ordinamento (pre-1999 reform);
- A non-Italian Second Cycle Degree (Master’s Degree or Single Cycle Degree) awarded by an academic institution equivalent to the above mentioned degrees (letters a,b).

Applicants who are yet to obtain their Second Cycle Degree are admitted to the selection procedure on condition that they obtain their degree by no later than October, 31st 2021.

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 conditionally. 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 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 student from the Ph.D. course.

Due to the unpredictable nature of the evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic and in order to ensure continuity in teaching and research activities, during the first semester of the AY 2021/22, doctoral activities shall, if necessary, be carried out in blended modality, in presence and remotely.

3. HOW TO APPLY

Application for admission, one for each Ph.D. project/course for which the applicant wishes to compete, must be submitted on-line by October 29th, 2021 at 1:00 P.M (Italian time CEST).

The applicant must connect at <https://unich.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do> (for English version, click on **the English flag**) and follow the instructions, filling in all the required fields.

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

The application is correctly saved only when, at the end of the procedure, the candidate will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Candidates are required to use a personal email address e.g. name.surname@provider , Nicknames are excluded) and indicate in CV their own account skype (for exams carried out remotely).

At the end of the procedure, applicants have to print the final receipt and present it duly signed to the Admission Board.

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).

There is no application fee to be paid.

Each applicant can apply for more than one PhD Course.

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 not be considered.

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

4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Information about doctoral positions, research topics, scholarships, specific requirements and assessment criteria are detailed in the PhD Programme Tables (Attachment 1).

Candidates are required to present themselves on the day, time and established place without any further convocation.

In order to take the examination, applicants must provide a valid identification document. In the case of examination held remotely, the Admission Board will get in touch with the candidates via email. Candidates with disabilities must submit a medical certificate issued by the competent health authorities to the following e-mail address: servizio.disabilitaedsa@unich.it by October 29th, 2021.

5. ADMISSION BOARD

The Admission Board members are appointed by the Rector.

Each Admission 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.

In compliance with M. D. n. 1061/2021 art. 3, in the overall applications’ evaluation, the Admission Boards will also take into account the following criteria

A) ADDITIONAL PHD SCHOLARSHIPS ON INNOVATION (ACTION IV.4)	B) ADDITIONAL PHD SCHOLARSHIPS ON GREEN RELATED TOPICS (ACTION IV.5)
a.a) Relevance of the research project according to the ability to create a high added value, in terms of scientific, social and economic impact on the national territory, by fostering adequate research models and implementing professional profiles through the promotion of innovation and competitiveness expressed by the entrepreneurial system, through the promotion of research on innovation, digital and enabling technologies, supporting the enhancement of human capital, as a key factor for the development of research and innovation in Italy.	b.a) Relevance of the research project according to the ability to create a high added value, in terms of scientific, social and economic impact on the national territory, by fostering adequate research models and contamination of knowledge and skills, in order to boost the development of innovative products and services with a reduced impact on the environment, focusing on the conservation of the ecosystem, the biodiversity, as well as reducing the impact of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development, as a contribution to promoting green recovery and overcoming the effects of the crisis in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
a.b) Adherence of the PhD programme research with the SNSI and the PNR, consistency with Law 240/2010 and M.D. n. 45/2013 on doctoral studies, with the aim of encouraging innovation and the exchange between the world of research and the world of production and qualification of the contribution of research projects in the innovation sectors (Law 240/2010, art. 24, co. 3 and subsequent amendments).	b.b) Adherence of the PhD programme research with the SNSI and the PNR, consistency with Law 240/2010 and M.D. n. 45/2013 on doctoral studies, through the funding of doctoral positions focused on Green-related topics.

a.c) Measurability of the expected results and potential impact of the intervention with reference to the aims of the REACTEU: presence within the project of the PhD programme of quantifiable and measurable targets consistent with the indicators provided for by the reference action of the PON.

b.c) Measurability of the expected results and potential impact of the intervention with reference to the purposes of REACTEU: presence within the project of the PhD Programme of quantifiable and measurable targets consistent with the indicators provided for by the reference action of the PON.

6. FINAL RANKING LIST

The final ranking list contains the applicants who passed all the admission examinations. According to their place in the final ranking list, successful applicants are awarded one of the positions offered by this Call and are admitted to a PhD programme.

In case two or more applicants have the same final score, if the position is covered by a scholarship, the assessment of applicants’ economic situation will be the criterion to choose the successful one.

If a successful applicant withdraws from a positions the following applicant in the ranking list, who is also eligible for the position, will be contacted.

The positions are awarded following the ranking list order of the applicants eligible for the specific requirements.

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

Rankings will be published on the following websites: <https://www.scuolasuperiore.unich.it> and University website.

7. ENROLMENT

The publication of the rankings list will represent official notification to the winners of the competition results. Therefore, the administration will NOT send any communication via e-mail and the publication of the competition results will have full legal notification value. Candidates admitted to the courses are responsible for checking the dates and enrolment procedures.

At the start of the online Enrolment process, the student must have the following documents:

- a) Scanned copy of your ID (back and front) in pdf or jpeg format**
- b) Scanned copy of the fiscal code or health card in pdf or jpg format**
(N.B. only for non-EU students if not in possession of the fiscal code it is not mandatory)
- c) Passport size photo in pdf or jpg format**
- d) Only for non-EU students, scanned copy of a valid residence permit where specified the reason for the release or copy of the application.**
- e) Successful candidates must register exclusively on-line at the following address <https://udaonline.unich.it> and pay the enrolment fee within the following seven working**

days (ie, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Italian public holidays) from the date of publication of the final ranking list.

For the registration of the enrolment process please follow the following steps:

- access the portal <https://unich.esse3.cineca.it> using the username and password used during the registration for the competition. In case you forgot or lost your password contact the Info Studenti at the following email address: infostudenti@unich.it
- for English version please click on Menu (top-right) and select “eng”
- click again on menu (top-right)
- Login (username and password)
- Registration
- Enrolment

In case of replacement, the eligible applicants next in line will receive a communication to their email address.

In this case, the candidate must complete the enrolment process within the deadline specified in the mail, otherwise the replacement procedure will continue, and the next eligible applicant will be contacted.

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.

After the completion of the University enrolment process, the applicants who require a VISA to stay in Italy must register on University website and carry out the “pre-enrolment” to the PhD programme.

8. TUITION FEES

Ph.D. candidates must pay the tuition fees for the enrolment for each academic year.

For the academic year 2021/2022 the total amount is 256.00 euros of which:

- 100,00 euros for University contribution
- 140,00 euros for Regional contribution
- 16,00 euros Stamp duty

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 has to be refunded. The reimbursement refers to the academic year or to a part of it.

Scholarships are paid to the PhD candidates on a monthly basis (payment is usually processed on the 25th day of the month).

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 with/without scholarship.

10. COMPATIBILITY AND INCOMPATIBILITY

Attending a PhD programme implies a full-time and exclusive commitment for PhD candidates.

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. OWNERSHIP OF RESULTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Intellectual and industrial property rights over any result achieved by PhD candidates (e.g. including software, industrial inventions – whether patentable or not – know-how, models, data and data collections, etc.) are disciplined by the relevant National Legislation into force, the University internal regulations, and other agreements signed between the University and third parties if any.

12. PERSONAL DATA

In accordance with art 13. of the EU Regulation 2016/679, the processing of the personal data provided by the applicants, participating to the selection procedure, or acquired for this purpose, by the University aims to carry out only the activities of the selection procedure. Data will be managed by the people in charge of the selection procedure, including the Admission Boards, in the manner and within the limits necessary to achieve the above-mentioned purposes, which may also be communicated to third parties.

The information is published on line at the following address:
https://www.unich.it/sites/default/files/informativa_dottorandi.pdf

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.

13. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The PhD Programme Regulation, issued by Rector’s Decree n. 488/2013 and modified with the Rector’s Decree n. 2734/2018, n. 485/2019 and no. 933/2020 governs matters other than those covered by the present Call for applicants.

Responsible for the administrative procedure:

Claudia MUNDO - Central Office of Doctoral Studies

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CHIETI, 14.10.2021

Attachment 1: *PhD Programmes*

**NB This document is a non-official version of the PhD Programmes Call for Applications.
Only the Italian version approved with Rectoral Decree shall prevail and be binding.**