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Competition for qualifications and examinations for the awarding of Scholarships under the Ministerial Decree no. 630 of 24 April 2024 and admission to

the Research Doctorate courses – 40th Cycle – Academic Year 2024/2025

**DEADLINE SET ON 12 July 2024
AT 12:00 NOON (ITALIAN TIME)**

Art. 1

Purpose and general rules

A public selection is announced for the awarding of 22 Research Doctorate scholarships from the resources allocated to the University of Ferrara by Ministerial Decree n. 630 of 24 April 2024 - National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to Business", Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by companies", for admission to the Research Doctorate courses established at the University of Ferrara – XL Cycle – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025.

Research Doctorate Course	Positions	CUP
Architecture and Urban Planning	1	F73C24000510006
Physics	2	F73C24000520006
Translational Neuroscience and Neurotechnologies	1	F73C24000530006
Chemistry	3	F73C24000540006
Engineering Science	3	F73C24000550006
Earth and Marine Sciences	1	F73C24000560006
Life Sciences and Biotechnology	2	F73C24000570006
Environmental Health Sciences	2	F73C24000580006
Humanities	2	F73C24000590006
Environmental Sustainability and Wellbeing	2	F73C24000600006
Advanced Therapies and Experimental Pharmacology	3	F73C24000610006

Effective admission to the courses indicated above is subject to verification by ANVUR (Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca – National University and Research System Evaluation Agency) that the requirements set forth in Ministerial Decree 226/2021 remain in place for the purpose of activation of already accredited courses, or the issuance of accreditation by the Ministry of Education, University and Research for newly established courses.

In the event of non-accreditation and/or non-activation of one or more doctoral courses, any competition procedures already completed will be considered void.

The effective admission to the positions co-financed by the Companies indicated above is also subject to the completion of the related agreements; in the event of non-activation of one or more doctoral positions, even if indicated in this call for applications, any competition procedures already completed will be considered void.

For each doctoral course, the information relating to the research topics covered by the scholarship, the dates of completion of the admission tests, the language and other methods for carrying out the selections, are shown in *Annex 1 – Doctoral Course Sheets*, which forms an integral part of this call for applications published in the

Official Board of the University, on the website of: Research Doctorates, Ministry of University and Research and Euraxess.

Selection methods, evaluable qualifications and criteria for evaluating applications are subject of the provisions of Article 7 of this Call.

The schedule of the admission tests will be published within the terms of this public notice and will be available on the dedicated web [page](#).

This Call for applications has to be considered an official notification.

Any changes, updates or additions to its content will be made known **exclusively** with the publication on the [website](#).

The available positions will be assigned according to the merit ranking, referred to in art. 10 of this call.

The places covered by the scholarship may be increased, after the issuance of this notice, as a result of the reallocation of additional NRRP resources to the University established by the MUR with a specific provision, as provided for in art. 8 of the Ministerial Decree no. 630 of 24 April 2024. If, after the closing date of this notice, new resources are made available under Ministerial Decree 630/2024, the University may carry out a survey on the final merit rankings in order to identify suitable non-assignee candidates suitable to develop the research topics subject to reassignment.

In this case, the eligible non-winners will be called upon, by means of an internal notice, to express their interest in the newly available research scholarships.

The Research doctoral courses last three years starting **November 1, 2024**.

For all scholarships put up for competition, applicants with foreign degrees compete on an equal basis with other applicants for the positions advertised.

Failure to comply with the rules of the present call for applications will result in the exclusion from the competition.

Any personal communication to candidates related to this competition will occur by e-mail. For this purpose, the University of Ferrara will use the e-mail address given by the applicant during the registration process, as illustrated in the following art. 5.

The University assumes no responsibility for the loss of communications due to inaccurate personal contact information on the part of the candidate or failure or delay in communicating a change thereof, nor for postal or telematic misunderstandings.

This call for application is written in Italian and English in accordance with the regulations in force on the subject and the University Regulations.

***Art. 2
Positions***

As part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to Business", Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by companies" aims to strengthen high-profile skills, particularly in the areas of Key Enabling Technologies, through the establishment of dedicated doctoral programs, with the contribution and involvement of companies and incentives for the recruitment of researchers by companies.

The University of Ferrara, having taken note of the budget initially allocated by Ministerial Decree No. 630 of April 24, 2024, amounting to 22 scholarships, has identified the companies participating in the co-funding of the scholarships and selected the research topics to be activated as part of the accredited doctoral courses for the XL cycle.

The research projects underlying the topics covered by this notice, pursuant to the above-mentioned Ministerial Decree 630/2024, must be:

- a. consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Regulation (EU) 2021/241; with the general strategy and the NRRP Component Detail Sheet;
- b. aimed at achieving results measured in reference to milestones and targets that may be assigned to the Investment, within the terms that are established by the Plan;

- c. compliant with the “do no significant harm” (DNSH) principle, under art. 17 of the Regulation (EU) 2020/852 in accordance with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (European Commission communication 2021/C58/01);
- d. appropriate to address and bridge gender inequalities; e. to support the participation of women and young people, also consistent with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 77 of May 31, 2021 (so-called Simplification Decree), as amended by Conversion Law No. 108 of July 29, 2021, regarding the management of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP).
- e. appropriate to address and bridge gender inequalities and to support the participation of women and young people, also consistent with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 77 of May 31, 2021 (so-called Simplification Decree), as amended by Conversion Law No. 108 of July 29, 2021, regarding the management of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP).

Interventions targeted by the initiative must also:

- a. relate to disciplinary and thematic areas consistent with the needs of the country, as well as of the regional territories covered by the program, in terms of high-skilled figures and oriented to meet the innovation needs of enterprises referred to in the NRRP;
- b. provide for the implementation of the entire course of doctoral studies, training, research and evaluation, at the administrative and operational offices of the beneficiary University without prejudice to the periods of study and research at the company and abroad, scheduled consistently with the training and research activities planned at the offices of the proposing entity;
- c. provide for periods of study and research in the enterprise from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, even if not continuous, over the three-year period;
- d. provide for periods of study and research abroad, including non-continuous periods, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for in Article 9, Paragraph 3, of the Decree of the Minister of University and Research No. 226 of December 14, 2021, and Article 8, Paragraph 3, of the Decree of the Minister of University and Research No. 470 of February 21, 2024, over the three-year period;
- e. ensure that the doctoral student can make use of qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities, in accordance with the law, for study and research activities, including (if relevant to the type of course) scientific laboratories, libraries, databases etc;
- f. provide for the implementation of educational activities for language and computer training, research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, and the exploitation of research results and intellectual property;
- g. provide, by means of a letter of commitment and/or agreement, for the involvement of companies in the definition of the training course, also as part of broader collaborations with the University, and co-financing by the same companies for the amount exceeding the value of € 60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the scholarship;
- h. encourage, while respecting intellectual property, the exploitation of research results both in the activity of co-financing companies, including in the perspective of technology transfer, and in the scientific sphere, through appropriate circulation of the results pursued, in any case in accordance with the “Open science” and “FAIR Data” principles.

The periods of study and research referred to in (c) and (d) are separate and must be carried out in separate entities.

Applicants in any capacity employed by private companies or public agencies without unpaid leave may not be eligible for scholarships funded under Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

Candidates enrolled in Postgraduate Schools cannot be eligible for scholarships funded under the Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

Doctoral students who have renounced scholarships under the XXXVIII cycle and the XXXIX cycle may also not be eligible for scholarships funded under Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

For the positions funded under the above initiatives, the titles of the selected research project topics are given in the attached Course Competition Sheets, which are an integral part of this [call](#).

Obligations relating to doctoral programs funded under the Ministerial Decree 630/2024

In addition to the obligations provided for doctoral students contained in the Regulations on Doctoral Studies, issued with Presidential Decree no. 294/2024 prot. no. 54242 of 12/02/2024, the winners of a scholarship associated with research projects relating to Ministerial Decree 117/2023 and 118/2023 undertake to:

- produce a report every six months indicating the time commitment (broken down into months in the company, at headquarters and abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out; the reporting will be done through the appropriate online platform and using the forms therein;
- ensure compliance with the communication and information requirements set forth in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all documentation that the Program is funded under the NRRP, with explicit reference to funding from the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, displaying

the European Union emblem in the documentation, and provide adequate dissemination and promotion of the Program, including online, both web and social, in line with the provisions of the NRRP Communication Strategy;

- comply with the principle of not causing significant harm to environmental objectives, according to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

In addition, they are required, under **penalty of revocation of the grant**, to:

- to carry out the doctoral course in a manner consistent with the research theme of the project accepted for funding, subject to prior application and subsequent granting of the necessary permission by the MUR;
- carry out, by the end of the doctoral program, the mandatory period of study and research abroad (minimum 6 months and maximum 12 months);
- carry out, by the end of the doctoral program, the mandatory period of study and research in a company (minimum 6 months and maximum 18 months).

Upon completion of the competitive procedures, the candidates/awardees of the scholarships referred to in points (a) and (b) of this article must register for the doctoral courses in accordance with the procedures and timelines indicated in Article 11.

Then the MUR will proceed to verify the projects' eligibility for NRRP support and ANVUR will verify their consistency with the requirements of **Ministerial Decree 630/2024**.

Once these verifications are completed, MUR will announce the final allocation of the funding due to each university.

Therefore, the actual activation of the indicated positions is subject to the positive evaluation of consistency and eligibility, in order to receive the ministerial funding.

There are no competitive positions without a scholarship.

The renunciation of the scholarship is equivalent to the renunciation of enrolment in the Doctoral Program.

Art. 3 **Admission Requirements**

Applicants who possess at least one of the following qualifications by the closing date of this notice are eligible to apply, without age or citizenship restrictions:

- a) Italian degree known as "Laurea specialistica or magistrale" or a degree awarded prior to approval of Ministerial Decree D.M. n. 509 of 3 November 1999, updated with D.M. n. 270 of 22 October 2004, and equivalent other second level academic qualification;
- b) foreign academic degree declared equivalent to the degrees mentioned in (a) above;
- c) similar academic degree obtained abroad, provided that it is comparable in duration, level and, if applicable, disciplinary field to the degrees mentioned in (a) and deemed suitable.

Applicants who obtain the academic degree required for access to the doctoral program no later than **November 1, 2024**, the start date of the courses and the effective date of matriculation, will be conditionally admitted to the selection process. Graduating candidates, are required to notify the IUSS office of the date and grade of degree attainment through the email dottorato@unife.it by submitting statement in lieu of certification by **Nov. 1, 2024**.

The attached sheets, which are an integral part of this call, specify for each doctoral course the type of qualifications required for participation in the competition and any additional requirements.

All candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of the self-certified declarations, pursuant DPR n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and integrations. The University may, at any time during the proceedings, including after the start of doctoral courses, carry out checks on the truthfulness of the statements produced and request the production of the original documents.

The Administration may, at any time, by reasoned provision of the Rector, order exclusion from the selection procedure for failure to meet the prescribed requirements.

Those who are already enrolled in the same doctoral program may not apply for admission.

Art. 4

Degrees awarded by foreign Universities

The eligibility of the foreign degree is ascertained by the Admission Competition Selection Committee, for the sole purpose of participation in the competition and enrollment in the doctoral course, in compliance with the relevant regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the degree was awarded and in accordance with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of degrees for the pursuit of studies.

The online completion of the application for admission to the competition implies the simultaneous implicit request for verification of the eligibility of the qualification obtained abroad. Applicants should therefore attach to their application the following documents:

- a) certificate related to the academic degree with a list of examinations taken and their grade. EU citizens may submit a self-declaration certifying the possession of an academic qualification, according to DPR n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions;
- b) if the aforementioned document is not in Italian or English, the applicant must provide a translation of the certificate in English, that the candidate must undersign under her/his own responsibility;
- c) any other document useful for assessing the suitability of the degree (Diploma Supplement, for candidates holding a degree obtained in an EU country; declaration of value in loco, issued by the Italian diplomatic representations of the country to which the institution that issued the degree belongs).

Art. 5

Application for admission to selections

The application for admission to the selection, including the compulsory documentation, must be prepared and sent, under penalty of exclusion, **by July 12, 2024 - 12:00 noon (Italian time)** using only the appropriate **online procedure**, available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unife/>

Information for registration and access to the procedure can be found at the following links: "[Help 40.pdf](#)"

Candidates can access the procedure for submitting the admission application also using SPID (Public Digital Identity System). This procedure is available only for candidates already living in Italy). You can do so by choosing the University of Ferrara from the page of the available federations.

The application is completed by entering the requested information and enclosing the documents indicated in the sheet regarding the course each candidate is interested in.

Files should be **in pdf/A format only: maximum size 30 Mb for each attachment**.

Files should be named with number, **candidate's last name and first name, and file name**, e.g.:

- 1_familyname_name_curriculum.pdf);
- Should there be more files with the same object, please add a number at the end (1_familyname_name_curriculum_2.pdf)

The application must contain the candidate's personal data, the residence, phone number, e-mail address, and the citizenship.

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

Once the process of filling out and submitting the application is complete, the applicant will receive an email confirming that the application has been delivered and an identification code that is essential for any communication with CINECA and the IUSS Office.

It is the responsibility of the candidates to verify the successful completion of the procedure. No claims will be accepted for any computer system malfunctions due to overloading near the deadline.

Applications that at **12.01 pm (Italian time) on 12 July 2024** were incomplete in the compilation and/or in the mandatory annexes, will be excluded.

No additions to the documentation will be allowed under any circumstances after the deadline of the call.

Each candidate may submit only one research project within the same course of study. Applicants who wish to compete for more than one doctoral course must submit multiple applications, attaching the required documentation for each.

Candidates are advised to complete the participation application well in advance of the deadline.

Art. 6 **Support for candidates with disabilities or with specific learning difficulties (SLD)**

Candidates with disabilities and/or SLDs may indicate their needs for consideration in the organization of the test. (Italian Law no. 104/1992 and no. 170/2010 and subsequent amendments and integrations).

Certifications allowed

Applications containing at least one of the following certifications will be accepted:

- valid disability certification issued by the relevant medical board in accordance with Law No. 295 of 1990;
- valid certification of handicap issued by the relevant medical board for the area according to Law No. 104 of 1992;
- diagnosis of SLD issued by facilities of the National Health Service or by specialists and facilities accredited by the Region not more than 3 years after the expiration of this call or after the age of 18;
- other certifications that the Italian law make equal to the above mentioned certifications.

Applicants with disabilities and/or with DSA may be admitted to take the test with the medical certification they have, even if it is out of date due to the limitation of the activity of the SSN for the COVID-19 emergency, subject to the University's reservation to later request the integration of the documentation provided therein.

Uploaded certifications must be legible and complete on each of their pages.

Applicants with disabilities or with SLD residing abroad

Applicants with a disability, impairment or SLD residing in foreign countries must submit legalized certification, where required by current international standards, attesting to the disability, impairment or SLD status issued in the country of residence, accompanied by a translation, sworn and by an official translator or certified to be in conformity with the original text by the Italian diplomatic representations, in Italian or English.

How to make the report

Reporting must be done by following the directions posted on the following [page](#), by 23:59 on July 12, 2024.

Evaluating requests and granting aids or compensatory measures

Requests are evaluated by the Disability and LSD Service (Inclusion Policy Coordination Office), seeking opinions from people with expertise in disability and LSD where necessary. Upon completion of the assessment, the Disability and LSD Service communicates the outcome to the applicant.

The support measures granted are reported to the Examination Board for implementation.

Art. 7 **Admission procedures**

The procedures for selection are indicated in the sheets for the individual doctoral courses, which are an integral part of this call, published on the following [page](#).

The selection of candidates includes:

- Qualifications evaluation: up to 40 points. Only candidates who have obtained a qualification evaluation of at least 25/40 points will be admitted to the interview.
- Interview: up to 40 points (including the foreign language test)

Minimum final mark: 60/80

The following documents shall be considered in the procedure of evaluating qualifications:

Curriculum vitae et studiorum	<i>Curriculum vitae in European format, including any publications and links to them; Complete university career (three-year + master's/specialist, single cycle) with certification or complete self-certification of the exams taken and related grades, plus a degree grade for graduate candidates.</i>	<i>Up to 10 points</i>
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Research Project	<i>Max. 6000 characters (including bibliography) written in English or Italian on one of the funded research topics, structured as follows: introduction of the problem in the international scientific context, relevance of the problem, method through which the problem will be addressed, expected results, bibliography.</i>	<i>Up to 30 points</i>
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Positions and research topics will be made available on the dedicated [page](#).

In the evaluation of the *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*, the Examination Committees will assess the achievement of the current degree, the graduation grade and/or the weighted average of the university career, as well as all educational and/or professional experiences deemed worthy of evaluation, as well as any publications and/or abstracts/communications at conferences related to the chosen research topic.

In the evaluation of the *Research Project proposed by the candidate*, the Examination Committees will proceed to assign the score according to the following criteria:

- Completeness, innovation and relevance of the expected results of the proposed research project
- Adherence and interest of the proposed research project with respect to the specific topic chosen by the candidate

The oral test will consist of the exposition and critical discussion of the research project, verification of knowledge related to the disciplines within the scope of which the topic of the proposed research is included, and verification of linguistic knowledge with regard to at least one EU language of the candidate's choice.

Special provisions for candidates residing abroad: candidates residing abroad can take the oral test remotely via **teleconference** in audio and video via the web (e.g., Skype, Adobe Connect, GoToMeeting).

A special section of the computer procedure must be completed by the candidate, indicating the Skype or similar contact to be used by the committee for the video call.

The candidate must be available at his or her personal address, communicated in advance, on the day indicated for the oral test, according to the [schedule](#) to be published.

It is at the discretion of the Commission to agree with the candidate on a specific time for the start of the interview.

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

Failure to provide a personal address, failure to connect, unavailability of the candidate on the appointed day or time, or failure to produce valid identification under the previous paragraph shall constitute grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

The University of Ferrara declines any responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the interview from taking place properly.

The schedule of tests will be published by the deadline of this call on the dedicated [page](#).

Publication of the schedule of tests will constitute an official convocation for all legal purposes.

Candidates will not receive any personal notice about the selection procedures.

Applicants do not have to attend the meetings regarding the evaluation of qualifications.

The evaluation of qualifications and the oral test will take place by **July 26, 2024**.

Art. 8 **Commission of selection**

The Commission of selection is appointed by the Rector and is composed in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the Regulations on Doctoral Programmes of the University of Ferrara, issued pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of December 14, 2021.

The composition of the individual Commissions will be published by the deadline of the call [on the dedicated page](#).

The Commission of selection will not send any personal communication to the candidates regarding the outcome of the competition tests: it will be the sole responsibility of the candidates to inform themselves through the methods described in Article 7 and Article 10 of this call.

Art. 9 **Ranking list**

After the approval of the competition proceedings, the ranking lists will be available online at the page dedicated to the [results](#).

Publication of the ranking list will be the only official means of publicizing the results of the competition, so **no personal communications will be sent to successful candidates**.

The general ranking is determined by the score assigned by the Commission to candidates suitable for admission to the Doctoral Course and by their suitability for carrying out the specific research topic.

In the event a candidate is successful in more than one ranking, she/he will have to opt for only one doctoral course. The choice of the doctoral course, made at the time of enrolment, **is final** and it will not be possible in any way to modify it.

Art. 10 **Admission to the courses**

Candidates are admitted to the Doctoral Course after the approval of the selection proceedings, according to the order of the respective ranking list, until the number of positions included in the competition announcement run out.

Admission to the courses will take place according to the order of the ranking list, with respect to the ascertained suitability for carrying out the research being funded. The renunciation of the scholarship implies the renunciation of enrolment in the course.

Failure to complete the enrolment procedure, will result in forfeiture of the right to be admitted to the course. In such a case, the remaining vacancies are assigned to those who hold useful positions in the merit rank.

In the event of a tie in scores, the evaluation of the economic situation, determined on the basis of the **ISEE** certificate type Facilitated social benefits for the Right to University Education free of omissions or discrepancies, with a deadline of **January 15, 2025**, prevails;

In case of successful placement in more than one ranking, the candidate must exercise the option for only one doctoral course.

Positions that become vacant as a result of renunciation within one month of the registration deadline will be assigned to those who hold useful positions in the merit ranking, taking into account, where necessary, the specific area of research related to the grant.

Admission to all financing positions is conditioned and subordinated to accounting checks following the formalization of the financing.

Art.11 **Enrollment**

Successful candidates must enroll by following the directions that will be published on the University of Ferrara portal, on the dedicated [page](#).

The enrolments deadline is set at 12.00 (noon) on 10 September 2024 (Italian time).

No other enrolment method other than the one indicated will be accepted.

The enrolment application will be considered completed only after submission of all the documents listed in the enrolment guide.

Those who have failed to regularize their position by the deadline will be considered RENOUNCERS for all purposes and the vacancies will be assigned to other aspirants, according to the order of the ranking list.

Art.12

Replacements

Candidates who are eligible but not successful, and who wish to take over any vacancies not filled by successful candidates in the competition must send by [e-mail](mailto:dottorato@unife.it) (dottorato@unife.it) their **replacement application** compulsorily **by September 10, 2024 at 12 noon (Italian time)** duly signed. The replacement form is available at the [link](#) below.

Those who do not comply with the replacement procedure will not be admitted to any replacement.

Anyone entitled to take over will receive by the IUSS Office an appropriate communication regarding the possibility and terms of enrollment.

Art. 13

Scholarships

Without prejudice to the provisions of specific conventions or agreements for the internationalization of doctoral programs, the annual amount of the scholarship is €16,243.00 gross, subject to the INPS social security contribution required by current regulations. The provisions of Article 4 of Law No. 476 of August 13, 1984, shall apply to scholarships for attending doctoral courses in fiscal matters.

The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for any period spent abroad, for a maximum period of 12 months.

This period may be extended up to a maximum of 18 months for doctorates co-tutored with foreign entities or activated pursuant to the regulatory framework on the accreditation of courses by universities.

The payment of scholarships is monthly and deferred.

Scholarships are for one year and are renewed on the condition that the doctoral student has passed the annual reviews of the activity carried out by the Academic Board in accordance with Article 20 and pursuant to any provisions of the internal regulations of the Courses.

In case of withdrawal or forfeiture within one month after the start of the courses, the doctoral student is not entitled to the scholarship installment or other form of funding.

The scholarship cannot be cumulated with any other scholarship, research grant or equivalent form of financing, except with those envisaged to integrate the scholarship holder's training and research activity with stays abroad. Those who have already benefited from a scholarship for a doctoral course even partially may not apply for it a second time.

In the case of scholarships not awarded to the winners of the competition, they will be awarded to eligible candidates according to the order of the relevant ranking list.

Please refer to Chapter V (Rights and Duties of Doctoral Students) of the University Regulations on Doctoral Studies for further provisions on this matter.

Art. 14

Property of results and confidentiality

Intellectual and industrial property rights to any results achieved by the doctoral student, including but not limited to software, patentable or non-patentable industrial inventions, know-how, models, data and data collections, are regulated in accordance with current legislation and University regulations and, if applicable, according to what is established in the individual agreements with Universities, Companies or Entities involved. A doctoral student who realizes that he or she has achieved an invention is obliged to immediately notify his or her supervisor or, failing that, the director of the relevant facility, who, from that moment on, will be bound by confidentiality obligations and will be obliged to inform the University's Technology Transfer Sector without delay in order to proceed with the evaluation of the inventive results and appropriate protective actions.

Candidates competing for positions with specific theme scholarships undertake to accept the intellectual property provisions agreed to in the Agreement between the University and the funding body.

The doctoral student is, in any case, guaranteed the opportunity to carry out the ordinary publication activities envisaged by the training course, which must be scheduled in a manner compatible with the protection of any results.

Art. 15
Tuition and administrative fees

Those enrolled in doctoral programs who hold scholarships are required to pay university fees, according to the schedule below.

Regional tax	140,00 €
Stamp duty	16,00 €
Insurance	12,00 €
University contribution	270,00 €
Total annual amount	438,00 €

First year fees are payable in the instalments outlined below:

I installment: at the time of registration	28,00 €	Stamp Duty - 16,00 € Insurance - 12,00 €
II Instalment: within 31/01/2025	240,00 €	Regional contribution-140,00 € University Contribution - 100,00 €
III Instalment (*): within 15/05/2025	170,00 €	University Contribution - 170,00 €

Reductions can be applied to Candidates holding a Scholarship, in case of particular income conditions (exemption from payment of the third installment). For any information on this matter, please refer to the **Student Right to Study Office** through the SOS Online Student Support service.

Website: <https://www.unife.it/it/iscriviti/tasse/post-laurea/dottorato>

The above-mentioned amounts may be subject to variations in subsequent years. In the event of renunciation of studies, forfeiture or exclusion, the doctoral student who has obtained enrollment is **not entitled, under any circumstances, to a refund** of the contributions paid.

Art. 16
Personal data processing

Personal data provided by candidates will be processed solely for institutional purposes, for the purpose of administering the competition and the eventual academic career management process of the winners. Data will be processed in accordance with the provisions of European Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of Personal Data and on the free movement of such data (GDPR).

Disclosure of the requested personal data is mandatory for the purpose of assessing the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the competition. The personal data provided by candidates may be communicated to the administrative structures of the University of Ferrara and to all external parties to whom the communication is necessary for the proper fulfillment of the indicated purposes.

Pursuant to the GDPR, the Data Controller is the University of Ferrara, based in Ferrara, Via Ariosto 35, E-mail: rettore@unife.it, PEC: ateneo@pec.unife.it;
Responsible for data protection is Lepida S.c.p.A., based in Bologna, Via della Liberazione 15, E-mail: dpo_team@lepida.it, PEC: segreteria@pec.lepida.it.

In order to pursue the aims mentioned in this announcement, Personal data can be transferred to the appointed Responsible of Data Treatment, within the limits of the indicated processing purposes: Cineca Consorzio Interuniversitario, located in via Magnanelli 6/3 - 40033 Casalecchio di Reno (BO).

Art. 17
Reference rules

For any matters that are not covered by this call, the laws and regulations currently in force on the subject shall apply, insofar as compatible.

For everything regarding the competition referred to in this call, the person in charge is the Responsible of the IUSS Office.

This call for applications is available on the web site of the University of Ferrara at the following [link](#).