CALL FOR ADMISSION TO PHD COURSES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF FURTHER POSITIONS FOR THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR - 42nd CYCLE

The deadline to submit the application is 1 pm (CEST) of August 26th 2026

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

1.1 The selection process has been announced at the University of Padua for admission to PhD Courses for the 2026/2027 academic year – 42nd cycle (hereinafter 'selection process').
The research subjects, methods and criteria for candidate selection to be used for ranking purposes are indicated on the specific information sheet for each Course (Annex 1).
The information sheets also indicate the number of funded and unfunded places that will be assigned according to the specific rankings for each Course;
Scholarships bound to specific research topics as indicated in the information sheets compulsorily provide for the performance of the research activity on the basis of a specific Project, binding the scholarship holders to the performance of the same.
1.2 All places funded by an external body or a Department will become available if the financing is confirmed; shouldn't these places become available, the number of unfunded places may also be reduced.
1.3 In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021, in order for PhD courses to go ahead, they may be subject to compliance checks on accreditation requirements, carried out by the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR). Therefore, only following the positive outcome of these checks may successful candidates enrol.

Art. 2 – JOINT PHD COURSES

2.1 The following joint PhD Courses are activated at the University of Padua:

- Brain, Mind and Computer Science with the Bruno Kessler Foundation - FBK
- Fusion Science and Engineering with the University of Naples Federico II
- Human Rights, society and multi-level governance with the Tangaza University (Kenya)
- Developmental Medicine and Health Planning Sciences with the Institute of Pediatric Research "Città della Speranza" (IRP)ù
- Molecular Sciences with the National Research Council – CNR
- Technologies for Fundamental Research in Physics and Astrophysics with INAF and INFN.

2.2 Each agreement shall regulate relations between the Parties involved, their respective contributions and commitments, the organisation of the Course, the specific management of the financial resources and the learning resources made available by the institutions forming part of the agreement for each Course.

Art. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Anyone in possession of the following, regardless of nationality, may apply to take part in the selection process:

- Italian *Laurea magistrale* or *specialistica*;
- Italian *Laurea* awarded under the pre-reform university system (*vecchio ordinamento*);
- an equivalent second-cycle academic qualification awarded by Italian institutions belonging to the AFAM sector (Higher Education in Art and Music);
- an equivalent qualification obtained abroad, recognised as equivalent to the aforementioned second-level academic qualifications solely for the purposes of participating in the competition for admission to the PhD programme (for further details, please refer to Article 3.3).

3.2 **Admission to the selection process for candidates who have not yet been awarded their academic qualification**

Anyone yet to be awarded the required academic qualification, but who will have received it by and no later than October 31st 2026, may also apply to take part in the entry examinations. Otherwise, admission to the course will be denied.
Admission will be conditionally granted to these candidates, who will have to provide self-certification regarding the qualification awarded (or the certificate itself if the qualification was awarded in a non-EU country),

together with an identity document by November 6th 2026. Said certification must be sent via email to phd.application@unipd.it. The self-certification (or the certificate itself if the qualification was awarded in a non-EU Country), must indicate the name of the university that awarded the qualification, the date it was awarded, the kind of degree (second-cycle Italian - degree, Master's Degree or equivalent qualification), and the grade achieved, together with a copy of a valid identity document.

3.3 **Admission to the selection process for candidates with an academic qualification awarded abroad**

In order to be considered eligible for admission to a PhD programme, a foreign qualification must meet the following requirements:

- be of an academic and not vocational nature;
- be awarded by an officially recognised foreign academic institution;
- qualify the holder for admission to a PhD programme within the education system/country of award (barring any substantial differences);
- be a second-cycle degree in accordance with the Qualifications Framework of the Bologna Process.

The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Selection Committee responsible for admission to the PhD course, in compliance with the relevant legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded and in accordance with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the pursuit of studies.
Admission to the selection process will be conditionally granted to those candidates in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad that has not yet been officially recognised as equivalent to a second-cycle Italian qualification by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities.
To this end, when completing the online application form, candidates must request an assessment of their qualification and attach full documentation of both said qualification and their first-cycle degree, if this was also obtained abroad (Bachelor's Degree or equivalent).
A. For candidates who have already obtained the admission qualification:
- for qualifications obtained in countries outside the European Union: diploma and transcript of records/certificate listing the examinations taken, with certified translations into Italian or English; if already available, also the Declaration of Value issued by the relevant Italian embassies and consulates or, alternatively, the Certificates of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC_NARIC centre – CIMEA;
- for qualifications obtained in European Union countries: diploma and Diploma Supplement, in Italian or English; as an alternative to the Diploma Supplement, the Certificates of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC_NARIC centre – CIMEA.
B. For candidates who are yet to be awarded the admission qualification:
- for qualifications from countries outside the European Union: a diploma and a transcript of records/certificate listing the examinations taken, together with certified translations into Italian or English, for the first-cycle degree; a certificate of enrolment in the university programme and a transcript of records/certificate listing the examinations taken up to the date of submission of the application for this selection notice;
- for qualifications from European Union countries: diploma and Diploma Supplement, in Italian or English, for the first-cycle degree; certificate of enrolment in the university programme and transcript of records/certificate listing the exams taken up to the date of submission of the application for this call.

If the official documentation issued by the university at which the qualification was obtained or is being obtained is in a language other than Italian or English, the candidate must also attach a certified translation into one of these two languages, failing which they will be excluded from the selection procedure.
The Selection Committee will assess the suitability of the foreign qualification on the basis of the documentation attached to the application and may therefore exclude the candidate if the aforementioned qualification is not deemed suitable or if the documentation submitted does not provide sufficient information for the assessment.

If the candidate has obtained two (or more) second-cycle degrees, they must indicate, when completing the application, which degree they intend to use for admission to the PhD programme.

Art. 4 – APPLICATION FORM

4.1 The application form to participate in the selection process may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available at: https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati42luglio/**.** Application forms must be submitted no later than 1 pm (CEST) on the announcement deadline date (**August 26th 2026**).

Candidates intending to apply for more than one Course must complete a separate application for each chosen Course.

Should the Course have more than one curriculum, candidates must indicate their order of preference. Preferences expressed on the application form will provide an indication of the candidate's interests and will not be binding for the Committee.

If the Course has more than one curriculum and separate rankings be drawn up, the candidate can apply for only one curriculum.

With regard to each Course, candidates must indicate whether they are exclusively competing for unfunded places, if available. This choice cannot be changed afterwards.

With regard to each Course, candidates wishing to compete for places with scholarships bound to specific research topics are obliged to indicate this in their application, selecting the relative subjects. This option will be a binding priority choice.

Scholarships bound to specific research topics are linked to specific curricula, if present, in accordance with the information provided on the sheet for each single Course.

4.2 All required documents to be submitted listed in the information sheet for the chosen PhD course must be attached to the application form, together with a copy of a valid identity document, with photo, preferably a passport. If the candidate is applying for more than one course, each application must be completed with the relative documents required. All documentation must be attached in pdf format or any other format foreseen by the specific doctoral course.

For all legal purposes, the application constitutes self-certification of the data declared therein and of the documents attached, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

A non-refundable payment of € 30.00 must be made for each application. This amount must be paid by the final deadline for submitting the application via "PagoPA".

After payment, it is still possible to modify one's application.

Once the application form has been completed, it must be printed, signed and re-uploaded following the instructions described in the online procedure, and a copy of a valid identity document must be attached. The absence of a signature, of the payment of the participation fee by the deadline and/or missing an identity document are grounds for exclusion from the selection process.

The online procedure for submitting the application form can be also accessed through SPID (Public Digital Identity System) or CIE (Italian Electronic Identity Card), by choosing the University of Padua from the list of providers available: in case of access via SPID or CIE, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

4.3 After submitting the application, the candidate can, where applicable, request **reference letters** by completing the appropriate section on the application form. The candidate can request reference letters before August 31st 2026 at 1 pm (CEST). A notification for completion of the letter will be sent to the referee only after the application has been fully submitted. The referee will be automatically notified by the system and will have to personally complete the reference letter section in the online procedure and submit it by the deadline of **August 31st 2026 at 1 pm** (CEST).

Reference letters attached by the candidate will not be taken into consideration.

4.4 The application is automatically sent to the University when the online procedure has finally been completed. Therefore, no paperwork needs to be delivered or sent to the University's offices.

4.5 **Candidates are invited to complete applications for the selection process well in advance of the closing date specified in this competition notice**.

Candidates are responsible for verifying that the procedure is completed correctly. No complaints will be accepted for any malfunctioning of the IT system due to overload experienced by candidates near the closing date.

4.6 Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) may support the admission tests with reasonable adjustments, making an explicit request to the Student Services Office - Inclusion. To this end it is necessary to:
1) request the individualized test through the dedicated online application;
2) send an email to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it specifying the supports, aids or compensatory measures needed (additional time assigned cannot exceed 30% for candidates with SLD and 50% for candidates with disability):
3) send the relevant documentation to the Student Services Office – Inclusion (inclusione.studenti@unipd.it), together with a copy of a valid identity document by 1 pm (CEST) of August 26th 2026.
Useful documentation for reasonable adjustments includes:

- certification pursuant to Law 104/1992;
- civil disability certification;
- SLD diagnosis certification (issued after the age of majority, by facilities of the National Health Service or by specialists and accredited facilities).

Where not already specified, also attach the document proving the accreditation code or number or the conformity of the diagnosis issued by the relevant bodies.
Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (SLD) residing in foreign Countries must submit the certification about disability or SLD issued in the Country of residence, together with a sworn translation in Italian or English. On the basis of the documentation presented, and after possible interview with dedicated personnel (way to be agreed), supports for the test will be considered.
It is therefore recommended to contact the Student Services Office – Inclusion well in advance of the date of the test, by sending an email to inclusione.studenti@unipd.it.
Further information can be found at the following link: https://www.unipd.it/en/accoglienza-prove-ingresso.

Art. 5 – ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND ENTRY EXAMINATIONS
5.1 Information on selection procedures and the dates for examinations are provided in the information sheets specific to each Course.
For all intents and purposes, the examination dates indicated in the Course information sheets represent official notification. Candidates will therefore not receive any further call or notification regarding the entry examinations.
To take the examinations, candidates must connect on the day and at the time indicated in the aforementioned information sheets, providing a valid identity document (e.g. a national identity card, passport or driving licence).
5.2 Oral examinations will be considered passed if the candidate obtains a mark equivalent to at least 7/10.
If specified in the individual Course information sheet, the Committee will carry out a pre-selection on the basis of the academic qualifications presented by the candidate. Candidates who pass the pre-selection phase, obtaining a minimum score of 7/10, will be admitted to the oral examination.
The entry examination will be taken in the language(s) indicated in the Language(s) section of the specific information sheets for each Course, under the item "Admission exam".
5.3 Candidates will take the oral examination remotely if they selected this option in the admission form; in this case the oral examination will via Zoom or, if not available in their country, another equipment agreed with the Commission. Candidates must guarantee that they will use a webcam in order to be correctly identified by the Selection Committee and that they will connect on the day of the oral examination.
For identification purposes, and under penalty of exclusion from the selection process, candidates are required to identify themselves showing the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application before the start of their oral exam.
Failure to connect or be reachable on the day and at the time agreed, or failure to show a valid identity document pursuant to the previous paragraph, may result in exclusion from the selection process.
The University of Padua accepts no responsibility for any technical issues beyond the University's control that prevent the oral interview from taking place as scheduled. 5.4 Oral examinations are public.
5.5 For candidates who have also submitted an application for scholarships bound to specific research topics, the Committee will also verify their suitability for the specific subject.

5.6 If the PhD courses are structured in curricula and only one ranking will be drawn up, the Committee shall assign each candidate with a single curriculum in relation to the candidate's scientific profile, based on the examinations taken and the documentation provided.

Art. 6 – SELECTION COMMITTEES
The Selection Committees are appointed by the Rector according to the proposal put forward by the PhD Board, in accordance with the University Regulations governing PhD Programmes.

Art. 7 – RANKINGS AND ADMISSION TO COURSES
Upon conclusion of entry examinations, each Committee compiles the general ranking for admission to the Course based on grades achieved in the examinations. Candidates will be granted admission to the courses according to the Course ranking or any other specific ranking, if applicable.
If the candidate has been successful in their application to more than one PhD course, they will have to decide on one only Course upon enrolment.

7.1 The general ranking for admission to the Course will indicate whether candidates are eligible for the bound research topics they applied for and the assigned curriculum, if the PhD Course offers more than one curriculum.
Scholarships will be awarded based on the merit ranking.
If the successful candidate is eligible for a bound research topic, this scholarship will be assigned as a priority, as provided for by art. 4.
If several successful candidates are eligible for the same bound research topic, the Committee will award the scholarship based on the merit ranking.
If a candidate is eligible for more than one scholarship bound to a specific research topic, the Selection Committee will assign the scholarship based on the consistency of the candidate's academic profile.7.2 If the PhD Course is structured into curricula and separate curriculum-based rankings will be drawn up, candidates are admitted to each curriculum up to the number of places available for that curriculum.
Should the number of candidates be less than the number of places available, not assigned to a specific curriculum, these places can be assigned to candidates applying for other curricula, according to their respective rankings. In the event that the PhD Course is structured into more than two curricula, the priority order for the reassignment of these places will take place according to what established the Academic Board of the Course itself.
If, on the deadline for the submission of the enrolment application, there should be vacant places not assigned to a specific curriculum, remaining places can be assigned to candidates applying for other curricula, according to their respective rankings as well as to what stated in art. 10.
7.3 If, at the end of enrolment procedures, any places become available, as a result of explicit or tacit enrolment withdrawal, these shall become vacant for other candidates, according to ranking, assigned curriculum and level of eligibility.
7.4 The Rector approves the selection proceedings and declares the ranking official for the admission of candidates. The rankings will be made public **from September 23rd 2026** through:
• Publication on the University's official register;
• Publication on the University of Padua website: https://www.unipd.it/en/dottorato/dottorati-42-ciclo-estivo.
Successful candidates must enrol by **October 2nd 2026**. Information on enrolment procedures will be published at the same time as the rankings.
Publication of enrolment deadlines are to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes.
No personal communication will be sent to the candidates. Candidates granted admission to the Courses are responsible for checking enrolment dates and procedures.

Art. 8 – PHD COURSES AND MEDICAL SPECIALISATION SCHOOLS
8.1 If successful in the selection process for a PhD, students enrolled at medical Specialisation Schools will be allowed to enrol in a PhD Course in compliance with the following conditions:
a) compatibility, also in consideration of the distance between the seats, of the activities and commitment envisaged by the Specialization School and the PhD Course, certified by the Board of the Specialisation School and by the Academic Board of the PhD Course;

b) incompatibility between the PhD scholarship and the emoluments, however denominated, received in relation to the activities of the specialization school.
8.2 In cases of joint attendance, the request for a reduction in doctoral activities is approved by the Academic Board of the PhD Course, after a positive assessment of the consistency of the research activities already carried out in the medical Specialization course with the doctoral project. In order to accept the application referred to in this paragraph, the opinion of compatibility, expressed by the Board of the Specialization School, of the doctoral project with the didactic purposes of the Specialization School is also required. If the application referred to in this paragraph is accepted, the PhD Course will have in any case a duration of no less than two years.

Art. 9 – ENROLMENT
9.1 Successful candidates, with or without a scholarship, must enrol by **October 2nd 2026**, following the procedures published together with the rankings.
Failure to enrol by the deadlines set for each Course will be considered as renunciation of the place (with or without a scholarship), which will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.
9.2 The enrolment form must contain all the attachments indicated in the instructions, including a copy of a valid identity document and a passport-size photograph; after concluding the enrolment procedure, the regional fee (art. 12) must be paid as indicated.
The simultaneous enrolment of students in two courses of study is allowed in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 33 of 12 April 2022 and the related implementing decrees.
When completing the enrolment form, the successful candidate declares, inter alia, that:
- They shall undertake to ask the competent body of the Course for authorisation to carry out work outside of the course;
and, if a scholarship bound to a specific research topic holder:
- To have acquired the ORCID ID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID), indicating it;
- They have not already benefited from another PhD scholarship in the past;
- They will not accumulate the scholarship with another scholarship, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purposes of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad;
- They are aware that the scholarship is only awarded to those who have a yearly income (gross sum) that is below the equivalent of a year's scholarship amount for the tax years when the scholarship will mainly be used, and shall provide prompt notification should their income exceed this limit;
- They shall undertake to pay back the monthly scholarship instalments received in the academic year in which their income exceeded the limit;
- To undertake to register in the separate pension scheme as a parasubordinate worker of the INPS (National Social Security Institute), and to indicate any other registration in a different social security scheme;
- They are aware that the scholarship bound to a specific research topic is awarded subject to the candidate carrying out the research indicated in the relative agreement and respecting the agreement's contents.
9.3 Applicants who hold a qualification obtained abroad must also attach the relevant documentation for the second cycle degree declared as admission qualification for this call.
For qualifications obtained in countries outside the European Union: diploma and transcript of records/certificate listing the examinations taken, with certified translations into Italian or English; if already available, also the Declaration of Value issued by the relevant Italian embassies and consulates or, alternatively, the Certificates of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC_NARIC centre – CIMEA
For qualifications obtained in European Union countries: diploma and Diploma Supplement, in Italian or English; as an alternative to the Diploma Supplement, the Certificates of Comparability and Verification issued by the Italian ENIC_NARIC centre – CIMEA.
Candidates who are yet to be awarded the admission qualification even at the time of enrolment must attach all documents available, even if incomplete and/or partial (see Art. 3.3), committing themselves to provide proof at their earliest convenience, and in any case by November 6th 2026, that they have obtained the degree. As indicated in Art. 3.2, the admission qualification must be awarded by and no later than October 31st 2026.

If doubts arise about the nature or validity of the foreign qualification, the University reserves the right to request further documentation from the applicant until it has obtained all the information necessary to assess the qualification's suitability for admission to the PhD programme.
Candidates holding a foreign qualification who fail to submit the required documentation at the time of enrolment will be enrolled provisionally. They will be excluded from the PhD programme and required to return any scholarship instalments unduly received if:
- they fail to submit the documentation within 6 months of the Course start date;
- following verification, if the qualification does not meet the requirements set out in this call and does not grant admission to the PhD Course.

Art. 10 – VACANT PLACES
Following explicit or tacit withdrawal by successful candidates before the start of the course, the PhD Office will contact directly the other eligible candidates according to the ranking, in compliance with the criteria set out in art. 7.
Should any places with funding become available following withdrawals, the following may apply for such vacant places, according to the rankings: winners who already enrolled without scholarship, winners of a place without funding who haven't enrolled by the deadline for the enrolment, the other eligible candidates in the ranking. Those candidates who in the application form indicated that they competed exclusively for unfunded places cannot apply for vacant places with funding.

Art. 11 - SCHOLARSHIPS
11.1 For scholarships bound to specific research projects, the research subject will also be specified. Holders of these scholarships are under the obligation to carry out the research activities specified in the agreement between the University and the institution providing funding for the scholarship, and must respect the contents of the agreement.
11.2 Scholarships are only awarded to those who have a yearly income (gross sum) that is below the equivalent of a year's scholarship amount for the tax years when the scholarship will mainly be used. Should the scholarship holder's income exceed this limit, they will lose their right to the scholarship for the academic year in which the limit was exceeded. In this case, the PhD student concerned will be obliged to pay back any monthly scholarship instalments already received.
Should applications have equal merit, the assessment of the applicant's economic situation is the deciding factor in awarding a scholarship. This is calculated pursuant to ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) values. Unfunded places will be awarded to the younger applicants.
11.3 The annual amount of the scholarship is € 17,443 as determined by Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022, inclusive of the social security contribution to the INPS separate pension scheme referred to in Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of the Law of 8 August 1995, No. 335 and subsequent amendments and additions, payable by the recipient, amounting to € 16,243.00, increased by an annual sum of € 1,200.00.
For the following PhD programmes, the gross annual amount of the scholarship payable to the recipient is € 18,643.00, determined by the amount set by Ministry of Education Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022, amounting to € 16,243.00, increased by an annual amount of € 2,400.00:

- Animal and food science
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biosciences
- Clinical and Experimental Sciences
- Crop science
- Developmental Medicine and Health Planning Sciences
- Geosciences
- Industrial engineering
- Information engineering
- Land, environment, resources, health
- Materials science and technology
- Molecular Medicine
- Molecular sciences

- Sciences of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering
- Statistical Sciences
- Technologies for Fundamental Research in Physics and Astrophysics

11.4 PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purpose of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad.
11.5 The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for any time spent abroad.
11.6 The scholarship takes effect when the holder effectively begins to attend the course.
The scholarship is paid in deferred monthly instalments.
Anyone who has already benefited from a PhD scholarship, cannot do so for a second time.
11.7 In the case of Joint PhD Courses (Article 2 of this call), the management of financial resources, including scholarships, is defined and governed by the relevant specific agreement.

Art. 12 – ENROLMENT AND TUITION FEES

12.1 PhD students are exempt from university tuition fees and must only pay an amount corresponding to the regional fee for the right to education and stamp duty.
12.2 PhD students may request exemption from payment of the regional contribution, quantified as per the ISEE presented. For PhD students with a scholarship, the quota for the aforementioned contribution, quantified as per the ISEE, will be withheld from the scholarship payment.
12.3 The amounts referred to in point 1 can be consulted in the Fees and contributions table for those enrolled in PhD courses for the 2026/2027 academic year. This table is published on the University of Padua website at the address: https://www.unipd.it/en/ricerca/dottorati-ricerca/tasse-borse-studio-opportunita-dottorati.

Art. 13 – COURSE START DATES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS

13.1 Courses will begin on **November 1st 2026**. Admission to a PhD Course is a full time, exclusive commitment.
13.2 For doctoral students from outside Europe who require a visa to enter Italy, the possibility of starting research activities remotely is provided, subject to the positive opinion of the Coordinator of the doctoral course. This possibility is granted upon proof of submission of the visa application at the relevant Embassy or Consulate, to be made as soon as the application procedure is completed.
Arrival in Italy must take place by January 31st, 2027.
13.3 Non-European Union citizens must be in compliance with the regulations on entry visas and residence permits.
13.4 **Obligations of PhD students with a grant scholarship funded by the Cybersecurity Agency**
As required by the scholarships funded by the Cybersecurity Agency, the successful doctoral candidate of the scholarship associated to the relevant project shall undertake to:
- carry out the research project in line with what is indicated in the Research Project Sheet admitted to funding;
- sign the declaration of intent filled in according to the template provided by the Agency;
- carry out the period abroad if planned.

The candidate acknowledges that, without prejudice to the moral right of authorship of the doctoral candidates, the University and the Agency shall be the owners, to the extent of 50% each, of the research results of the projects funded by the Agency.
Revocation of the scholarship is foreseen in the following cases:
a) carrying out the doctoral programme in a manner different from the project accepted approved for funding;
b) interruption of the doctoral course, failure to obtain the degree or in the event that the doctoral student is not evaluated positively for the renewal of the scholarship, or renounces the scholarship.
The University of Padua will have recourse to the beneficiary for the reimbursement of the amounts received.
13.5 PhD students are obliged to carry out the activities relating to their approved research plan and to present a report on the activities and research carried out to the competent body of the Course at the end of each year, as well as the PhD thesis, complete with original contributions, at the end of the course. Theses must be submitted in accordance with the procedures established in the University for PhD courses.

Information on the organisation of teaching and research activities, as well as any specific requirements for each PhD Course (for example, minimum requirements for mobility abroad), is available at https://www.unipd.it/en/dottorato/elenco and on the pages for each PhD Course.
After evaluating the activities carried out by the PhD student, the competent body of the Course will deliberate whether to admit the PhD student to the next year of the course. With a substantiated decision, the Doctoral Board may also propose to the Rector that the student be excluded from continuing the Course.

Art. 14 – OBTAINING THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION
The PhD is awarded upon successfully passing the final examination. This examination consists of an oral discussion with the candidate on their thesis.
The supervisory committees for the final examination will be formed and appointed in compliance with the Regulations for PhD courses.

Art. 15 – PROPERTY OF RESULTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY
15.1 Intellectual and industrial property rights on the results obtained by the PhD 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, the University Regulations and, if applicable, on the basis of individual agreements with Universities, Enterprises and Bodies involved.
15.2 PhD students who realize that they made an invention must immediately inform their supervisor or the Director of the Department, who, from that moment on, shall maintain the confidentiality and notify without delay the Settore Trasferimento di Tecnologia dell'Ufficio valorizzazione delle conoscenze e imprenditorialità accademica (Technology Transfer Unit - Knowledge Valorization and Academic Entrepreneurship Office) of the University in order to proceed with the evaluation of the results linked to the invention as well as to the appropriate protection measures.
15.3 Candidates who compete for bound research topics undertake to accept the provisions relating to intellectual property agreed in the Convention between the University and the funding body.
15.4 In any case, the PhD student is guaranteed the opportunity to carry out the usual permitted publishing activities, which should be planned in a manner compatible with the protection of any results.

Art. 16 – PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA
The processing of personal data provided by candidates collected for the purposes identified in this notice takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR). Further information can be found here: https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy.

Art. 17 – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEEDINGS
Pursuant to art. 5 of Italian Law no. 241 dated 7 August 1990 (New rules regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the individual responsible for proceedings is Elena Pavan – Chief Administrative Officer of the Ufficio Dottorato di Ricerca (PhD Office).

Art. 18 – NOTES AND WARNINGS
Disclaimer: this is a translation of the selection announcement for PhD Courses. Its purpose is to provide information to international students. It has no legal value. The only official and legally binding source is the original Italian announcement.

18.1 The present announcement is to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. No personal notifications will be sent to the candidates.
Any amendments or integrations to the present announcement shall be notified through:
a) Publication on the University's official register;
b) Publication on the University of Padua website:
https://www.unipd.it/en/dottorato/dottorati-42-ciclo-estivo

18.2 Candidates can take part in the selection process, subject to verification that they meet the requirements stated in the announcement. Verification will be carried out in accordance with art. 43 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 dated 28 December 2000.
The University will check the truthfulness of the declarations which candidates have provided to substitute certificates and, therefore, may exclude candidates from the selection process at any given moment. Anyone making false declarations will be punished in accordance with the penal code and special applicable laws.
At any given moment, even after Courses have begun, the University may carry out checks into the truthfulness of the declarations provided and may, by a substantiated decision, exclude candidates for failing to meet the requirements set out in the announcement.
18.3 The University shall assume no responsibility for the loss of any notifications resulting from the candidate providing inaccurate indication of their contact and residence details or caused by failure or delay to communicate any variations of these details. The University shall not be held responsible for any telecommunications or postal errors which are not the fault of the University itself.
18.4 Any matters not covered by the present announcement shall be governed by applicable rules and legislation and, specifically: Italian Ministerial Decree no. 226 dated 14 December 2021; University Regulations on PhD Courses; Agreements with other institutions for the establishment of PhD courses, and agreements for PhD funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
In case of technical issues, please contact the Support Service using the procedure available at the bottom of the webpage https://pica.cineca.it/unipd

For assistance with completion of the online application:
- Write to phd.application@unipd.it; we cannot guarantee that emails sent to other addresses will be read;
- Telephone Help Desk service at +39 331 6502029 available Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 12:30 am (CEST).

For information on the PhD course: Contact the telephone numbers indicated in the information sheet for the PhD course you are interested in, under the section "Further information".

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