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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TO PHD PROGRAMMES AT UNIVERSITY OF MOLISE XXXIX CYCLE - A.Y. 2023/2024.

National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR). Ministerial Decrees no. 117 and 118 of 2th March 2023

Art. 1

Purpose of the initiative

Following the issuance of the Ministerial Decrees of 2 March 2023, n. 117 and 118, the University of Molise was assigned resources under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) for PhD programs, to be accredited XXXIX cycle - Academic Year 2023/2024 and to be allocated to support specific measures. Especially:

- **D.M. 118/2023** attribution, for the year 2023/2024, under the **PNRR, Mission 4, component 1** "Strengthening the offer of educational services: from kindergartens to universities" - **Investment 3.4** "Teaching and advanced university skills" and **Investment 4.1** "Extension of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for public administration and cultural heritage", including the savings made available from the financial allocations referred to in art. 3, paragraph 2 and art. 3, paragraph 3 of the Decree of the Minister of University and Research no. 351 of 9 April 2022, of three-year doctoral scholarships for the attendance of doctoral courses in dedicated programs and declined as follows:

- a. **digital and environmental transitions;**
- b. **PNRR research;**
- c. **Public Administration;**
- d. **Cultural Heritage.**

The training courses linked to the scholarships financed through the specific action referred to in Ministerial Decree 118/2023 obligatorily provide:

- a) a period of study and research in business, research center, Public Administration - as detailed in the specific sheet of the chosen PhD Course - from a minimum of six (6) to a maximum of eighteen (18) months;
- b) a period of study and research abroad of six (6) months.

- **D.M. 117/2023** attribution, for the year 2023/2024, under the **PNRR, Mission 4 "Education and Research", component 2** "From Research to Business" - **Investment 3.3** "Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by companies", including the savings made available from the financial allocations referred to in art. 3, paragraph 2, of the Decree of the Minister of University and Research no. 352 of 9 April 2022, of n. three-year doctoral scholarships for the attendance of paths for innovative doctorates.

The training courses linked to the scholarships financed through the specific action referred to in Ministerial Decree 117/2023 obligatorily provide:

- a) a period of study and research in the company - as detailed in the specific sheet of the chosen Doctoral Course - from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months;
- b) a period of study and research abroad of six (6) months.

Art. 2

Call for selection

The public selection is called for qualifications and exams for admission to the PhD Courses relating to the XXXIX cycle, Academic Year 2023/2024, with administrative headquarters at the University of Molise, indicated below.

Code	Titling of the PhD Course	Department of affiliation
DOT197K79Z	Biology and Applied Sciences	DiBT
DOT224STCK	Law and Economics	Economia
DOT197W57F	Ecology and Territory	DiBT
DOT22BFYW2	Translational and Clinical Medicine	DiMeS
DOT22FT9TS	Cultural heritage: memories, cultures,	SuSeF
DOT22SFTY2	Agri-Food Production Sciences	DiAAA
DOT22BZ455	Technologies and Innovation in Medicine	DiMeS

For each PhD Course, the personal data sheets attached (Annex A) to this announcement - which represent an integral and substantial part - specify the requirements for admission, the qualifications that can be assessed, the admission methods, the evaluation criteria of the tests, the calendar of the competitive tests, any curricula, the places with ordinary scholarships, the places with scholarship referred to in DD.MM. 117 and 118 of 2 March 2023 and the research topics related to them; places reserved for graduates abroad, places reserved for employees of affiliated companies, places in agreement; places without scholarships.

For all PhD courses, the start date is 1 November 2023 and the end date is 31 October 2026.

Pursuant to art. 3 of Ministerial Decree 226 of 14 December 2022, the above PhD Courses may be activated subject to accreditation or verification of the maintenance of the accreditation requirements by the Ministry of University and Research on the opinion of the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research System.





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The winners will therefore be able to enrol only after the positive outcome of this verification: the competition procedure may therefore be canceled at any time if these courses are not accredited by the M.U.R.. The effective activation of each of the scholarship posts referred to in DD.MM. 117-118/2023 is also conditioned by the verification of eligibility for PNRR support, carried out by the Ministry / Anvur, of the selected and assigned scholarships, on the basis of the eligibility requirements identified in Articles. 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Ministerial Decree 118/2023 and art. 7 of Ministerial Decree 117/2023.

The selection procedure ensures compliance with the principles of legality and meets the criteria of economy, effectiveness, impartiality, publicity and transparency.

In line with the cross-cutting principles and priorities of the PNRR, the selection procedure will be carried out in compliance with the principle of "Do Not Significant Harm" (DNSH) and in such a way as to promote generational, gender and territorial equal opportunities and support the employment inclusion of people with disabilities.

Once the eligibility check has been completed, the Ministry communicates the confirmation or not of the total amount allocated to the financing of the selected scholarships within the resources allocated pursuant to DD.MM. 117-118/2023.

The Administration reserves the right to revoke the competition announcement, to suspend or postpone the competition tests or not to proceed with the admission of the winners or to suspend or not to award all the scholarships provided for in the competition announcement itself, for reasons currently not assessable or foreseeable. In particular, the Administration reserves the right not to award scholarships or to discontinue their provision due to unforeseen and unforeseeable causes, which will lead to the suspension of both public and private funding.

Any other grants that may become available, in the context of research topics funded by calls for National Operational Programs RI 2014-2020, National Operational Programs, Regional Operational Programs, other Community, National and Regional Programs and / or International Projects, may be used in addition to the scholarships funded by the University. This announcement has the value of notification at all effects. Any changes, updates or additions will be notified through publication on the UNIMOL web page <https://www2.unimol.it/dottorato/>.

Failure to comply with the rules contained in this announcement will result in exclusion from the competition.

This call for applications is drawn up in Italian and English, in compliance with the provisions of the relevant regulations in force and the University Regulations on PhD programs.

Art. 3 Admission requirements

Those who hold at least one of the following qualifications may participate in the selection, without limitations of citizenship, age, sex:

- a) master's degree, single-cycle master's degree or specialist degree;
- b) degree of the previous system (old system);
- c) similar qualification obtained abroad - recognized as equivalent to the aforementioned second-level academic qualifications, according to the Bologna process or Master Degree level, which gives access to the doctorate in the country of origin, issued by an officially recognized academic institution. Candidates already in possession of the equivalence of the title issued by an Italian University must attach to the application for admission to the competition the relative self-certification (with indication of the extremes of the measure, etc.). The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the admission commission to the doctoral course, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the title was issued, as well as treaties or international agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

The assessment of unsuitability of the qualification entails exclusion from the tests. In particular, for the purposes of this recognition, candidates must attach to the online application any documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the suitability judgment. The online compilation of the application involves the implicit request to ascertain the suitability of the qualification obtained abroad. The evaluation of the qualification will be possible only if, from the documents produced, it will be possible to deduce all the necessary information containing the minimum elements for the evaluation (type of title; normal duration of the course; official name of the academic institution that issues the title; date of achievement of the title; grade / judgment of achievement compared to the scale adopted in the reference higher education system)

as indicated in the personal data sheet of the chosen PhD Course (Annex A) to which reference is made.

Graduating students can also apply for admission provided that they obtain the title by 31 October 2023 under penalty of forfeiture. Graduating candidates are required to send to the Doctoral Sector (email: settoredottorati@unimol.it), by 3 November 2023, the documentation referring to the achievement of the title, as specified in art. 4. Such candidates shall be admitted under conditions.

Art. 3bis Industrial PhD with places reserved for employees of affiliated companies

For some courses, places are available reserved for employees of companies affiliated with the University and engaged in highly qualified activities. These candidates must attach to the application the certificate relating to their employment position, issued by the employer. These reserved places will be assigned according to the order of the merit ranking. The agreements stipulated between the University and the Company regulate the methods of carrying out research activities and the distribution of the commitment of the doctoral student-worker.





Art. 4

Procedures and deadlines for submitting applications for admission to the selection process

La domanda di ammissione alla selezione deve essere presentata **esclusivamente** tramite la procedura *on line* presente sul Portale dello studente al quale si accede dalla homepage del sito <https://www2.unimol.it/> ("*Portale dello studente e servizi online*"). No paper documentation must be sent to the offices.

The online registration procedure is active from 22 June 2023 and closes at 12.00 (noon-Italian time) on 24 July 2023. It is therefore recommended to start the process well in advance so that it can be completed by the deadline.

Applications received after the deadline indicated or that are not transmitted in the manner and within the terms of this article will not be considered valid.

On the student portal of this University the candidate shall:

- 1) if never been registered at this University, submit (from the "Registrazione" button on the left-hand menu) a new registration, at the end of which the procedure releases new personal keys (username and password) which can be printed from the appropriate function (the manual containing the instructions for the registration to the Portal is available on the University website);
- 2) if already a registered user, directly perform the *login* by using the personal keys (username and *password*) already in their possession.

Candidates who have already registered and who have lost their access credentials to the Portal can request them - by appointment - from the Student Secretariats (Campobasso, Pesche and Termoli offices) or, if they entered a personal e-mail address during registration which is still active, they can recover them using the "Recupero Password" function from the homepage of the Student portal: in this case the system will automatically send the credentials to the candidate's personal address.

To **register for the selection**, the candidate (after accessing his/her personal page via the "Login" function and entering his/her credentials) must click on the "Menu" function in the top right-hand corner.

From the "Menu" they shall enter the "Secretariat" area and click on the "Admission tests" function: on this page they will search for the competition they wish to enroll in.

Documents to be attached (each of the documents listed in the table below must be uploaded as a single PDF file, please note that the size of each file uploaded to the Portal cannot exceed 60 MB):

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED TO THE PORTAL		Attachment number
Application for admission to the selection	drawn up in accordance with Annex 1	1
Scanned valid ID with photograph	front and back scanning	2
<p>Documents* attesting the completion and awarding of both first and second cycle degrees.</p> <p>The documents must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University which awarded the qualification; 2. Type of degree (laurea magistrale/ magistrale a ciclo unico/ old system etc.); 3. Name of the degree course; 4. Class of degree (only for degrees awarded in Italy); 5. Date the degree was awarded; 6. Final mark. 	<p>Type of certification</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Italian Public Universities</u> Self-certification** pursuant to art. 46 and 47 of the D.P.R. n. 445/2000, dated and signed, of the possession of the access requirement requested in the form of the chosen PhD course. A <u>fac-simile</u> of self-certification can be found on the University website - section Doctorates - forms; 2. <u>Ue/extra Ue Universities</u> the certificate, the Transcript of Records of the Bachelor's and Master's Degree or the Diploma Supplement, if present. 3. <u>Italian Private Universities</u> as an alternative to the certificate, they may attach self-certification or the Diploma Supplement, if present. 	3
<i>For applicants who are yet to obtain their second cycle degree by the date they apply</i>	Academic Transcript of Records , including the full list of the exams taken and the related marks. Please also indicate the related CFU or ECTS (if provided by the education system of the Country in which the degree will be awarded). The record must include the "media ponderata dei voti degli esami" (weighted average, only for graduate students enrolled in Italian Universities).	
Curriculum vitae	A <u>fac-simile</u> that the candidate can use is available on the University website - Doctoral section - forms.	4
Research project proposal or abstract (as required by the chosen PhD programme)	A <u>fac-simile</u> that the candidate can use is available on the University website - Doctoral section - forms.	5
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE UPLOADED TO THE PORTAL		
Other assessable qualifications which candidates may possess	indicated in the form of the chosen PhD course and considered useful for the selection.	6
Proof of additional requirements (as indicated in art. 3bis Industrial PhD with places reserved for employees of companies)		7





* Documents must be written in Italian, English, French, Spanish or German. In case of documents written in any other language, the official Italian and/or English translation is required. To be accepted, the translation must be issued by the awarding University or by other relevant authorities. Any other supporting document, listed in the PhD programme table, shall be written in English.
** According to current legislation, the University must reject certifications issued by other Italian public administrations. Therefore, academic degrees must be attested only using self-certificates if awarded by Italian public universities.

Foreign candidates must also submit their pre-enrolment application via the University portal.

During the enrolment phase it will be possible to apply for several courses but not for several *curricula* of the same course, if in possession of the relative requirements. In this case it is necessary to repeat the registration for each of the competitions of interest according to the methods indicated above, **it being understood that this circumstance will not allow constraint for the calendar of the tests.**

All requests to participate submitted by an individual candidate shall be subject to the same rules as those laid down in this Article.

The application to participate in the selection process includes all the annexes which form an integral part of it and is drawn up in the form of self-certification, pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, and it is valid as such for all legal purposes. The application submitted by the applicant must contain all the elements necessary for assessing the qualification presented and for verifying its accuracy. Failure to include even one element will prevent the qualification from being assessed.

All candidates are admitted subject to verification of the declarations made for being admitted to the selection process announced by the present notice, and to any stage of the selection procedure, even after registration. The University of Molise reserves the right to carry out checks in accordance with art. 71 et seq. of D.P.R. 445 of 228.12.2000. If, following verification of the self-certifications produced, the qualification possessed does not comply with the requirements or the declarations produced are untrue, the University may at any time, by reasoned decision of the Rector, exclude candidates from the selection procedure or from the PhD course, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability. In this case, should the candidate be excluded after admission to the course, he/she shall also be required to pay compensation for any scholarship payments received.

After the expiry of this call (12.00 noon on 24 July 2023) it will not be allowed to vary or integrate in any way the attachments uploaded to the Portal. Candidates are asked to submit their application online well in advance of the deadline for the competition. It is the candidate's responsibility to check that the computer procedure has been completed correctly. No claims will be accepted in respect of malfunctions of the computer system due to overloading experienced by candidates close to the deadline. The University Administration has no responsibility in case of dispersion of communications, dependent on inaccurate indications of residence, address or e-mail by the aspirant, from failure or late communication of the change of the same, nor for any telematic problems not attributable to the fault of the Administration itself.

Art.5

Candidates with disabilities and candidates with a DSA diagnosis

Selection is organized by taking into account the individual needs of candidates with disabilities, in accordance with Article 16 of Law no. 104/1992 and subsequent amendments and additions, as well as candidates diagnosed with specific learning disabilities (DSA) as per Law no. 170/2010.

Candidates with disabilities or SLD who wish to request aids and/or compensatory measures to take the oral test must make a request by 31 August 2023, by sending via PEC to the following address amministrazione@cert.unimol.it, exclusively from another PEC address, the form available on the website www2.unimol.it.

This form must be accompanied by certification - in the original or in a certified copy on plain paper - issued by the medical board responsible for the area in question attesting to the state of disability or recognized DSA.

Candidates with disabilities or with DSA residing in foreign countries who intend to make use of adaptations must present the legalized certification attesting to their disability or DSA status issued in their country of residence, accompanied by an official translation exclusively in Italian or English.

In consideration of the current emergency situation, which has led to a reduction in the activities of NHS outpatient clinics, applications will be accepted from candidates with a diagnosis of Specific Learning Disorders (DSA), as defined by law no. 170/2010, even when presenting certificates issued more than three years previously or without conformity. In these cases the candidate must document that he/she is waiting for the renewal or certification of conformity by the National Health Service and the University reserves the right to subsequently request the integration of the documentation foreseen therein. Certifications issued by private specialists must in any case be complete and drawn up in accordance with all the requirements defined by the Consensus Conference on Specific Learning Disorders of 2011.

The Service Centre for Disabled Students and Students with ASD will assess the possibility of granting additional time (up to a maximum of 50% more than the time set for the test) and/or the provision of specific aids.

If such aids are not available or are difficult to obtain in time for each admission test, the Service Centre for Disabled Students and Students with ASD will, in consultation with the candidate, propose a reasonable accommodation for the conduct of the admission test.

The Rector's Delegate for student status and disabilities will propose the solution identified to the President of the Commission responsible for carrying out the selection, if already formally appointed, or to the PhD Course Coordinator, who will decide on the matter.





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For further information, candidates can contact [Centro servizi studenti disabili e studenti con DSA](mailto:disabiliabili@unimol.it) at the email address disabiliabili@unimol.it and visit the Centre's web pages available at <http://www.unimol.it/futuro-studente/ufficio-disabilita/>. Sensitive data will be kept and treated confidentially in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. (GDPR, *General Data Protection Regulation* - UE Regulation 2016/679).

Art. 6

Reasons of exclusion

The submission of the application for admission, according to the procedures referred to in art. 4, involves the acceptance by the candidates of the rules contained in this notice, failure to comply with which will result in exclusion from the competition. Especially:

- failure to submit the research project, where provided (see "Annex A - personal data sheet of the chosen course") entails non-admission and therefore exclusion from the exams;
- the evaluation of unsuitability by the selection board of the academic degree obtained abroad, entails exclusion from the tests.
- If the documentation produced does not clearly show the duration of the academic course of study and/ or the eligibility of the foreign qualification for access to the doctorate in the country of reference or the scale of value to which the degree and exam scores refer, the Selection Board may refuse admission to the tests or not evaluate the degree or exam score;
- failure to submit to the oral exam will be considered as a waiver of the competition.
- For identification and under penalty of exclusion from the competition, candidates, before the interview begins, must show the identity document, preferably the same as indicated during the admission phase.
- Candidates may be excluded from the competition if they have not indicated their personal e-mail address (account) in case of taking the oral exam by videoconference, the connection is missing, they are unavailable on the day or time established or if they do not show the identity document.

The University of Molise declines any responsibility if technical reasons prevent the smooth running of the interview.

Art. 7

Selection Committees

The Selection Committee for each PhD Course, appointed by the Rector with his own Decree, published on the University notice board, will be made known after the deadline of the call for applications.

Each selection committee will be composed of three full members and three substitutes, chosen from university professors and researchers in the sector or concurring sectors or scientific disciplines covered by the course, also from other Italian and foreign universities.

In the case of PhD courses divided into *curricula*, the Committee may be enlarged to include an additional member, in addition to the three regular members, for each *curriculum*.

In the case of Doctoral Courses in agreement with public or private bodies, the Selection Boards may be integrated with an expert working with these subjects. This expert will be able to express his opinion on the selection of only candidates who present a research project related to the thematic scholarship funded by the institution to which they belong.

The Committee will not send any personal communication to the candidates regarding the outcome of the competition tests: it will be the exclusive responsibility of the candidates to inform themselves of the outcome of the tests by the means described in art. 8 below.

Art. 8

Evaluation criteria and admission tests

The information sheets relating to the individual doctoral courses and attached to the present call (annex A) - integral parts of the same and to which full reference should be made - indicate the evaluation criteria, the marks reserved for the evaluation of qualifications, the project proposal (where applicable) and the oral test, the dates, times and locations of the examinations: this publication constitutes official notification for all legal purposes; **candidates will not receive any other convocation or personal communication regarding the examinations.**

Each Committee has hundred points for the assessment of each candidate, the allocation of which is regulated by what is indicated in the description of the PhD Course - Annex A to the Notice - to which reference is made in full.

For each PhD Course, if indicated in the relevant form, a minimum score threshold for access to the oral exam may be provided. In case of failure to achieve the minimum score in the evaluation of qualifications and project proposal (where applicable), candidates will not be admitted to the oral exam.

The presence of candidates during the evaluation of qualifications and project proposal is not required.

The list of candidates admitted to the interview, with indication of the score relating to the evaluation of the qualifications and the project proposal will be published, as soon as available, before the oral exam, on the website <https://www2.unimol.it/dottorato/> together with the convocation for the oral exam.





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Any further communication will be promptly published on the University website in the section dedicated to <https://www2.unimol.it/dottorato/> and will be considered for all intents and purposes as official notification and invitation to candidates, who should therefore not wait for any further communication.

In order to take the oral test, candidates must appear on the day and at the time indicated in the published timetable. For the purposes of identification for the oral test, **each candidate must identify himself/herself, before the oral test begins, by presenting preferably the same identity document already forwarded in copy, as attached to the application.**

Candidates may request, by indicating this in the application form for participation in the selection procedure (Annex 1), to take the oral test by videoconference (using the Google Meet platform only). In this case the candidate must guarantee that he/she has the necessary hardware and software to allow connection by videoconference and the use of a webcam to allow identification to the Selection Committee.

The University of Molise accepts no responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the smooth running of the oral interview in remote. Such causes of exclusion do not apply if the candidate, in possession of a valid identification document, appears on the day established for the interview, in order to take the oral test "in presence".

Oral tests, including in remote, are public and may be conducted in Italian or English.

The final score is given by the sum of the scores obtained in the evaluation of the qualifications, the project proposal and the oral test.

Art. 9 Rankings

At the end of the selection procedures, the Commission, on the basis of the votes obtained by each candidate in the individual exams, draws up a single and general ranking of merit, for admission to the PhD Course.

For courses divided into different curricula, the selection for admission and the Selection Board are still unique, as the final merit ranking is unique. The activation of the single curriculum depends on the placement in the ranking of the winners, based on the choice made by them in the application for admission to the selection (Annex 1).

Ordinary positions are those not bound to specific issues.

The positions with a scholarship with a restricted theme are those that bind the assignees to carry out the doctoral activity on a specific research topic indicated in the doctorate sheet: in this case during the selections the suitability of the candidate to carry out the aforementioned research will also be taken into account.

Reserved positions are those intended for candidates with requirements other than those of a scientific nature related to the evaluation of merit carried out by the Commission.

Candidates, who pass the admission tests and are winners of one of the positions in the announcement, are admitted to the Courses, according to the order established in the ranking of unique and general merit, up to the competition of the number of places put up for competition for each PhD Course. In this single and general ranking, the suitability for the above posts will also be detailed. If the candidate is suitable for both an ordinary scholarship and a thematic limited scholarship, the Selection Board will decide which position to assign, taking into account the overall evaluation of the qualifications and the exam.

The ranking of merit for admission to the Doctoral Course will be approved by Decree of the Rector, ascertained the regularity of the acts, and will be published to the [Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo on line](#) and on the University website, Doctorate section <https://www2.unimol.it/dottorato/>. This publication has the value of official communication: **there are no personal communications to the participants in the tests, except in case of free positions.**

In case of useful placement in several merit rankings, relating to access to different Doctoral Courses, the candidate must exercise the option for only one Course among those to which he is admitted, proceeding to the relative registration. The choice of the PhD Course, made at the time of enrolment, is definitive and it will not be possible in any way to modify it. Failure to complete the registration, within the deadline indicated by the following art. 10 entails the forfeiture of the right to admission to the Course.

Following renunciation, express or tacit, by winning candidates, the relative ranking list will be scrolled for the assignment of the places remained free until the day before the start of the course, without prejudice to the constraints described above for reserved positions or with a restricted theme. Any vacancies will then be assigned to those who hold a useful position in the merit ranking, which will be summoned by e-mail from the PhD Sector.

Art. 10 How to enroll in PhD Courses

From the day of publication of each ranking list on the University Register, the winners will have 5 (*five*) natural and consecutive days to complete their enrolment in the PhD Course, under penalty of forfeiture.

The registration application must be submitted via the web by accessing the [Student Portal](#) on the website <https://www2.unimol.it/>.

Candidates who do not complete their enrolment in accordance with the procedures and deadlines laid down in the measure approving the ranking list will be considered to have tacitly renounced their right to enroll in the Course.





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Candidates with a qualification obtained abroad who have been admitted to a PhD course must enclose the following documents with their enrolment application:

- for qualifications obtained in non-EU countries: a copy, in Italian or English, of the first and second level qualification obtained abroad and of the certificate indicating the tests taken and the relative marks, with the relative translation and legalisation attached, and a declaration of value issued by the Italian diplomatic or consular representations or certificates of comparability and verification issued by ENIC_NARIC centres. The declaration of value must certify that the qualification held is valid in the country in which it was obtained for enrolment in an academic course similar to the PhD. If the declaration of value referred to above is not available by the date indicated, a document proving that the request for issue has been forwarded to the relevant diplomatic mission must be submitted.
- for qualifications obtained in EU countries: Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for first and second level qualifications or comparability and verification certificates issued by ENIC_NARIC centres. The University reserves the right to request the Declaration of Eligibility also for qualifications obtained in EU countries.

Candidates in possession of a foreign qualification who do not show the documentation required at the time of enrolment are registered with reservation and must submit the documentation above within 60 days of enrolment, under penalty of blocking of the career and subsequent forfeiture, with the obligation to return any monthly scholarship payments received. This provision also applies if, following verification, the product title does not comply with the requirements of art.3.

ATTENTION: Non-EU citizens applying for visas must pre-register on the University portal <https://www.university.it/index.php/dashboard> under "International students" to apply for an entry visa.

Enrolment is completed only upon issuance of the entry visa for study in Italy, which is the exclusive competence of the Italian Diplomatic Representations abroad, regardless of the suitability acquired.

Non-Italian citizens admitted with a scholarship must present, by the start date of the doctoral course, the tax code issued by the Italian Revenue Agency for the purpose of paying the scholarship.

Only non-EU citizens must also attach a valid residence permit, if already issued, or a copy of the request to the competent authorities within 8 working days of entry into Italy.

Art. 11 Tuition fees

With regard to tuition fees and relevant exemptions, please refer to the provisions of the [Regolamento in materia di contribuzione studentesca](#) for the academic year 2023/2024, to which reference should be made in full. Withdrawal or exclusion from the PhD course does not entitle the student to a refund of the fees and contributions paid.

Art. 12 Scholarships

The available scholarships will be allocated according to the order of the competition ranking. In the event of a tie, for places with a grant, the assessment of the economic situation pursuant to the decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 9 April 2001 and subsequent amendments and additions will prevail; for places without a grant, preference will be given to the youngest candidate, in compliance with the provisions of art. 3, paragraph 7 of Law no. 127/1997.

The actual activation of the scholarships from the resources of DD.MM. 117 and 118 of 2 March 2023 and the related payment of scholarship will be carried out **after** the confirmation of eligibility of the training course by the competent ministerial office in charge of managing the financing of the aforementioned scholarships.

n this regard, it should be noted that as part of the doctoral courses based on the resources of the PNRR ex DD.MM. 117 and 118, the places must be covered by scholarship, therefore the candidates assigned to this type of place with scholarship and who will proceed to enrol must complete the doctoral course in the same place with scholarship, forfeiture penalty.

All scholarships, financed by external subjects, will be paid to the assignees subject to the actual collection by the University of the relative sums. The University assumes no responsibility for delays in the payment of scholarships financed by external subjects to the recipient candidates, in the event that such delays depend on causes attributable to the external subjects.

The scholarships have an annual duration and, for the years following the first, must be renewed subject to admission to the following year by the Board of Professors.

The scholarship starts from the beginning of the Course or, in case of deferred start of attendance, from the actual beginning of the same.

Starting from 1 July 2022, the annual amount of the scholarship for attendance at PhD courses, is set at € 16,243.00 gross of social security charges borne by the percipient, pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23 February 2022.

The payment of the scholarship is made in deferred monthly installments.

The scholarship is paid exclusively to those who do not have, in the calendar year of use of the scholarship, a gross annual income higher than the amount of a scholarship year equal to € 16,243.00.

The PhD scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26, of Law no. 335 of 8 August 1995 and subsequent amendments, to the extent of two thirds to be





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paid by the University of Molise and one third by the scholarship holder. PhD students enjoy the protections and related rights. Scholarship recipients will have to enroll in the INPS separate management.

The winners of the scholarships undertake, at the time of acceptance of the scholarship, not to exceed, for each year of enjoyment of the scholarship, this income limit, the determination of which contributes income of patrimonial origin, as well as emoluments of any other nature, including those of an occasional nature. The income refers to the tax period relating to the calendar year of greatest use of the scholarship. The PhD student, holder of a scholarship, who exceeds the personal income limit, must return the monthly payments of the scholarship received in the year in which this exceedance occurred. Scholarships cannot be combined with research grants or other scholarships in any capacity awarded, except with those granted by national or foreign institutions useful to integrate, with stays abroad, the training or research activity of the PhD student.

The amount of the scholarship is increased, for the period of stay abroad ordinarily provided, to the extent of 50%, for a maximum period of 12 months, 18 in the case of co-guardianship or doctorates in associated form.

The scholarship has an annual duration and is renewed, for each year of the course, provided that the doctoral student passes the verification for the transition to the following year.

Those who have already benefited from a scholarship for the Doctorate in Italy cannot apply to use it a second time.

Starting from the first year, each PhD student is guaranteed a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, of an amount equal to 10% of the scholarship, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources existing in the budget of the subjects accredited to current legislation.

This budget is not provided for scholarship holders from foreign states or beneficiaries of financial support under specific mobility programs in relation to the provisions of the specific regulations.

Art. 13

Rights and obligations of PhD students

Admission to the PhD involves an exclusive and full-time commitment, according to the procedures indicated by the Board of Professors, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 4 and referred to in Article 10, paragraph 2, letter b of D.M. 226/2021. For each PhD student it is ordinarily expected to carry out research and training activities, consistent with the doctoral project, at highly qualified institutions abroad (art. 12, paragraph 2 of DM 226/2021).

Pursuant to DD.MM. no. 117-118/2023, the acceptance of scholarships from the resources of the aforementioned decrees necessarily implies the carrying out of periods of study and research in the locations specified in the registry of the relevant chosen Doctoral Course (to which reference is made), from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months.

The candidate, since the submission of the application for participation, is aware of the need to carry out, in case of assignment of the place, these mandatory periods in Italy and abroad, as indicated in the annex A and that failure to comply with this provision will result in the revocation of the scholarship: in this case the University of Molise may claim against the beneficiary for the return of the amounts received.

Public employees admitted to Doctoral courses enjoy, for the period of normal duration of the course, the leave provided for by collective bargaining or, for employees under public law, extraordinary leave for study purposes, compatibly with the needs of the administration, pursuant to art. 2 of Law no. 476 of 13 August 1984, and subsequent amendments, with or without cheques and unless explicitly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a Doctoral course, regardless of the disciplinary field.

It is recalled that PhD students are obliged to respect:

- the obligations and constraints established by the Regulations of the PhD courses of the University of Molise, issued by Rector's Decree no. 256 of 10/03/2022;
- all the applicable rules and regulations of the University of Molise, including the discipline on student contribution established by the University.

In addition, the recipient of the scholarship within the resources referred to in DD.MM. n. 117-118/2023 will be required to report on the activities carried out every two months. Specifically, the reporting will take place through the appropriate online platform and using the forms present therein: each PhD student will have to produce a report indicating the time commitment (divided into months in the company, at the headquarters, abroad, as planned) and a summary of the main activities carried out.

PhD students have the obligation to attend Doctoral Courses and to carry out all training, study and research activities in the structures intended for this purpose and according to the procedures established by the Board of Professors of the Doctoral Course.

PhD students carry out, as part of their training plan, activities aimed at ascertaining both the results of the research carried out and their exhibition skills according to the procedures established by the Board of Professors.

By the end of each academic year, the PhD student is required to submit to the Board of Professors a report regarding the research activity carried out and the results achieved, as well as any participation in seminars and congresses and other scientific initiatives, together with any publications produced. The positive evaluation by the Board of Teachers, reported on a special report, involves the passage of the PhD student to the following year.





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Following registration, for institutional communications the PhD student is required to use the institutional e-mail box provided at the time of registration.

Further rights and obligations of PhD students are governed by art. 23 of the current University Regulations on PhD, to which reference is made.

Art. 14

Final exam and achievement of the title

For the application for admission to the final exam and for the achievement of the title of "PhD" reference is made to art. 34 of the current [University Regulations on PhD](#).

The title of PhD, abbreviated with the words: "Dr. Ric." or "Ph.D.", is issued following the positive evaluation of a thesis that highlights its originality and scientific relevance.

The Examination Commission, at the end of the discussion, with a motivated collegial judgment approves or rejects the thesis and with a unanimous vote, has the right to award the praise in the presence of results of particular scientific importance. The candidate who passes the final exam is awarded the title of PhD and is issued a diploma that shows the wording of the Doctoral Course and any curriculum attended.

Art. 15

Processing of personal data

The data will be processed pursuant to d.lgs. N.196 of 2003 (code regarding the protection of personal data) and its amendments and additions, as well as eu Regulation no. 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

You can read the complete information on the processing of personal data at the following [link](#).

Art. 16

Responsible for the Administrative Procedure

The Person in charge of the administrative procedure is identified, pursuant to Article 5 paragraph 1 of Law 241/90, in the Responsible of the Doctoral Schools and PhD Sector dr. Silvia Bartollino.

For information you can contact the Research and Third Mission Area, Doctoral Schools and PhD Sector, II Multipurpose Building, Via de Sanctis, 86100 Campobasso, mail: settoredottorati@unimol.it; telephone +39 0874 404893.

Art. 17

Advertising

This call for selections, drawn up in Italian and English, is published on the Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo *on line* and on the University website in the PhD section.

The aforementioned publication has the value of official notification to the interested parties for all legal purposes.

In case of interpretative contrasts, the text of the call in Italian will be considered valid.

All the publications provided for in this announcement have the value of official notification to interested parties in all respects and consequences of the law and, therefore, exempt the University of Molise from sending notifications and personal communications to candidates.

This call will be published by notice in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic, and will also be published on the University website, PhD section, on the European website called "Euraxess", and on that of the Ministry of Education, University and Research. Any changes or additions to what is contained in this call will be made known by publication on the University's website in the section dedicated to PhDs.

Art. 18

Final provisions

Candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of the requirements set out in the notice, which will be carried out pursuant to art. 43 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000. Anyone who makes false statements is punished under the Criminal Code and special laws on the subject. The exclusion measure will be communicated to the interested party at the domicile indicated in the application for participation in the selection. The University may at any time, even after the course has already started, carry out checks on the veracity of the declarations produced and order, with a reasoned measure, the exclusion of the candidate for lack of the requirements required by the notice.

Failure to comply with the rules contained in this notice will result in exclusion from the competition.

The University assumes no responsibility for the dispersion of communications dependent on incorrect indication of residence and address by the candidate or by failure or late communication of the change of the same, nor for any postal or telematic problems not attributable to the fault of the University itself.

For anything not provided for in this announcement, please refer to the current legislation on the subject and, in particular, to the regulatory provisions referred to in the introduction, to the Regulation on doctoral courses, issued by Rector's Decree no. 256 of 10 March 2022.

The submission of the application for participation in the selections through the procedure referred to in art. 4 implies the acceptance by the candidate of the rules contained in this announcement and in the Regulations on doctoral courses, as





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well as any agreements stipulated by this University for the establishment of Doctoral Courses and for the financing of scholarships.

**The RECTOR
Prof. Luca BRUNESE**

(Electronic document signed with digital signature pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 82/2005, s.m.i. and related standards)

