

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TO PHD PROGRAMMES AT UNIVERSITY OF MOLISE XL CYCLE - A.Y. 2024/2025.

National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR). Ministerial Decrees No. 629 and 630 of 24 April 2024.

Art.1

Purpose of the initiative

A public selection for academic qualifications and exams is called for admission to the PhD courses for the XL cycle, Academic Year 2024/2025, with administrative office at the Università degli Studi del Molise, for the positions with and without scholarship indicated below.

Titling of PhD courses	Related department	Position with scholarship	scholarship DM629	scholarship DM630	Position without scholarship
Biology and Applied Sciences	DiBT	2	1		
Law and Economics	Economia	2	2	2	
Ecology and Territory	DiBT	2	1	1	1
Translational and Clinical Medicine	DiMeS	2		5	2
Cultural heritage: memories, cultures	SuSeF	2	1		
Agri-Food Production Sciences	DiAAA	3		3	
Technologies and Innovation in Medicine	DiMeS	3		3	2

For each PhD Course, the annexed data sheets (Annex A) to the present call - which represent an integral and substantial part of the same - specify the requirements for admission, the qualifications that may be assessed, the admission procedures, the assessment criteria for the tests, the calendar of the competitive examinations, the curricula, if any, the places with ordinary scholarships, the places with PNRR scholarships referred to in the MM.DD. 629 and 630 of 24 April 2024 and the related research topics, the places without scholarship.

For all PhD courses, the beginning of activities is set at 1 November 2024 and the end date at 31 October 2027.

Pursuant to art. 3 of Ministerial Decree 226 of 14 December 2021, the above-mentioned PhD courses may be activated subject to accreditation or verification of the maintenance of accreditation requirements by the Ministry of Universities and Research, on the basis of the opinion of the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research. Winners will therefore only be able to enrol following the positive outcome of this verification: the competition procedure may therefore be cancelled at any time should these courses not be accredited by the M.U.R.

Art.2

Types of grants available

1. Type - 1 Doctoral scholarships - Ministerial Decree 629/2024

The doctoral scholarships referred to in the present section, for the year 2024/2025, relating to programmes on themes aimed at bringing about a significant development of knowledge, including applied knowledge, in the fields of interest of the PNRR, are declined as follows:

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

The educational courses linked to the scholarships financed through the specific action as per Ministerial Decree 629/2024 shall mandatorily provide for

- a) a period of study and research in a company, research centre, Public Administration - as detailed in the specific sheet of the chosen Doctorate Course, of six (6) months;
- b) a period of study and research abroad of six (6) months.

2. Type 2 - Doctoral Fellowships D.M. 630/2024

The scholarships referred to in this section concern innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of enterprises and promote the recruitment of researchers by these enterprises. They provide for partial co-financing of the scholarship by the host enterprises as well as

- a) a period of study and research in the company - as detailed in the specific sheet of the chosen PhD 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

The actual activation of each of the PNRR scholarship places referred to in the MM. 629-630/2024 is also conditioned by the verification of eligibility for PNRR support, performed by the Ministry/Anvur, of the selected and assigned scholarships, based on the eligibility requirements identified in articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Ministerial Decree 629/2024 and article 7 of Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

Once the verification of eligibility is completed, the Ministry communicates the confirmation or non-confirmation of the total amount allocated to the funding of the selected scholarships within the resources allocated pursuant to the Ministerial Decrees. **629-630/2024.**

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

Consistently with the transversal 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 favour equal generational, gender and territorial opportunities and to support the employment inclusion of persons with disabilities.

3. Type 3 - PhD scholarships financed by the University.

The scholarships referred to in the present paragraph are entirely financed by the Università degli Studi del Molise.

The University Administration reserves the right to revoke the competition notice, 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 envisaged in the notice, due to needs that cannot currently be assessed or foreseen. In particular, the Administration reserves the right not to award the scholarships or to suspend the disbursement thereof following the occurrence of unforeseen, unforeseeable causes that will result in the loss of both public and private funding.

Any other scholarships that may become available, within the framework of research themes financed by National Operational Programmes, Regional Operational Programmes, other Community, National and Regional Programmes and/or International Projects, may be used in addition to the scholarships financed by the University.

This notice has the value of notification for all legal purposes. Any changes, updates or additions will be made known through publication on the UNIMOL web page <https://www3.unimol.it/didattica/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/68>.

Non-compliance with the rules contained in this notice shall result in exclusion from the competition.

The present notice is drawn up in Italian and English, in compliance with the regulations in force on the subject and with the University Regulations on PhDs.

Art.3

Admission requirements

Participation in the selection is open, without any citizenship, age or gender restrictions, to those who hold at least one of the following qualifications

- a) master's degree, single-cycle master's degree or specialist degree;
- b) degree from the previous system (old system);
- c) a similar qualification obtained abroad - recognised as equivalent to the above-mentioned second-level academic qualifications, according to the Bologna process or Master's Degree level, giving access to the doctorate in the country of origin, issued by an officially recognised academic institution. Candidates **already in possession of the degree's equivalence** issued by an Italian university must enclose with their application for admission to the competition the relevant self-certification (indicating details of the measure, etc.). The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the commission for admission to the PhD course, in

compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the pursuit of studies. **Assessment of the unsuitability of the qualification entails exclusion from the exams.** In particular, for the purposes of such recognition, candidates must attach to the online application any documentation deemed useful for the purposes of the suitability assessment. The completion of the online application entails an implicit request for the suitability of the qualification obtained abroad to be assessed. Assessment of the qualification will be possible only if, from the documents produced, it is possible to deduce all the necessary information containing the minimum elements for assessment (type of qualification; normal duration of the course; official name of the academic institution awarding the qualification; date of award; grade/judgement of achievement in relation to the scale adopted in the higher education system of reference) as indicated in the personal data sheet (Annex A) of each chosen Doctoral Course to which reference should be made.

Undergraduates may also apply for admission provided that they obtain their degree by 31 October 2024, under penalty of forfeiture. Graduating candidates are required to send to the Settore Scuole di dottorato e Dottorati di Ricerca (email: settoredottorati@unimol.it), by 3 November 2024, the documentation relating to the achievement of the degree, as specified in art. 4 below. Such candidates are conditionally admitted.

PhD scholarships funded under DM 629/2024 and DM 630/2024 may not be awarded to those who have previously benefited (even partially) from PNRR scholarships. (Self-certification - Attachment 1 bis to the application form).

In assessing applications for grants funded with the resources set forth in Ministerial Decree 629/2024 and with particular reference to the project proposal submitted by applicants, the Commissions will also take into account the criteria set forth in Ministerial Decree 629/2024.

In assessing applications for grants financed with the resources set forth in Ministerial Decree 630/2024 and with particular reference to the project proposal submitted by applicants, the Commissions will also take into account the criteria indicated in Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

Art.4

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

The application for admission to the selection must be submitted **exclusively** via the online procedure on the Student Portal, which can be accessed from the homepage of <https://www3.unimol.it/servizi/servizi-online/studenti> ('*Student Portal and Online Services*'). No paper documents must be sent to the offices.

The online application procedure is active from the day of publication of the notice in the Official Gazette and publication of the notice on the University Register and closes at 12 noon (Italian time) on the thirtieth day following the date of publication. It is therefore recommended to start the process well in advance in order to complete it before the deadline.

Applications received after the deadline or not submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this article will not be considered valid.

On the [Student Portal](#) of this University the candidate:

1) if he/she has never been registered at this University, he/she must carry out (from the '[Registration](#)' button on the left-hand menu) a new registration, at the end of which the procedure issues the personal keys (username and password) which can be printed from the appropriate function ([the manual containing the instructions for registration](#) to the Portal is available on the University website);

2) if he/she is already a registered user, he/she must log in directly using the personal keys (username and password) he/she already has.

Candidates who have already registered and have lost their access credentials to the Portal may request them - by appointment - from the Student Secretarial Offices (Campobasso, Pesche and Termoli offices) or, if they have entered a still active personal e-mail address when registering, they may retrieve them using the '[Password Recovery](#)' function on the [Student Portal](#) homepage: 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 personal page through the 'Login' function and entering his credentials) must click on the 'Menu' function in the top right-hand corner.

From the 'Menu' he/she must enter the 'Secretariat' area and click on the 'Admission Test' function: on this page he/she must search for the competition to which he/she wishes to apply.

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

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ON THE PORTAL penalty of exclusion		Attachment number
Application for admission to the selection	drawn up in accordance with Annex 1	1
Self-declaration that the candidate has not previously benefited from doctoral scholarships financed by the PNRR	drawn up in accordance with Annex 1 bis	1 bis
Scanned valid ID with photograph	front and back scanning	2
Documents* attesting the completion and awarding of both first and second cycle degrees. The documents must include: 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.	Type of certification 1. Italian Public Universities 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 fac-simile of self-certification can be found on the University website - section Doctorates - forms; 2. Ue/extra Ue Universities the certificate, the Transcript of Records of the Bachelor's and Master's Degree or the Diploma Supplement, if present. 3. Italian Private Universities 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>	Certificate of examinations taken and grades obtained with the weighted average of exam grades at the bottom (the weighted average is only required for undergraduates at Italian universities)	
Curriculum vitae	A fac-simile that the candidate can use is available on the University website - section Doctorates - forms (Annex 4).	4
Research project proposal or abstract (as required by the chosen PhD programme)	A fac-simile that the candidate can use is available on the University website - section Doctorates - Forms.	5
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE UPLOADED TO THE PORTAL		
Other assessable qualifications (scanned into a single pdf file) <i>that candidates may possess</i>	indicated in the personal data sheet of the chosen PhD course and deemed useful for assessment purposes	6
Attestation of additional requirements (as indicated in Art. 3bis - Industrial doctorate)		7

with places reserved for company employees)		
<p>*Documents must be produced in a language chosen from Italian, English, French, German or Spanish. For qualifications issued in a different language, an official translation into Italian or English, made by the University that issued the qualification or by an authorised body, must be attached.</p> <p>** According to current regulations, the University cannot accept certificates issued by other Public Administrations. Therefore, the qualifications possessed by candidates, attached to the application for admission to the competition, if issued by Italian public universities, must be self-certified.</p>		

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

During the enrolment phase, it will be possible to apply for more than one course but not for more than one curriculum of the same course, if you meet the relevant requirements. In this case, it is necessary to re-apply for each of the competitions of interest according to the procedures indicated above, **it being understood that this circumstance will not be binding for the timetable of the tests.**

All applications submitted by a single candidate are subject to the same rules as those set out in this article. **The application to participate in the selection is inclusive of all 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 additions, and is valid as such for all legal purposes. The application made by the candidate must contain all the elements necessary for the evaluation of the qualification to be produced and for the verification of its truthfulness. The omission of even a single element shall result in the non-evaluation of the self-certified qualification.**

All candidates are admitted subject to verification of the declarations made for admission to the selection announced by the present call, and to any phase of the selection procedure, even subsequent to enrolment, in accordance with art. 43 of T.U. no. 445/2000. The Università degli Studi del Molise reserves the right to carry out checks in accordance with the provisions of art. 71 and following of D.P.R. 445 of 28.12.2000. If, following verification of the self-certifications produced, the qualification possessed does not comply with the requirements or the declarations produced are not true, 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 deadline of this notice, no changes or additions may be made to the attachments uploaded on the Portal. Candidates are invited to submit their application online well in advance of the deadline. It is the candidate's responsibility to check that the computer procedure has been completed correctly. No complaints will be accepted for malfunctions of the computer system due to overloads encountered by candidates close to the deadline. Pursuant to art. 75 of D.P.R. no. 445/2000, should the Administration find, on the basis of appropriate checks, that the content of the declarations made by the candidate is untrue, the declarant shall forfeit any benefits deriving from the measure issued on the basis of the untrue declaration. The University Administration shall not be held responsible in the event of the loss of communications due to inaccurate information regarding the candidate's residence, address or e-mail address, or due to failure or delay in communicating changes thereof, or for any computer errors not attributable to the Administration itself.

Art.5

Candidates with disabilities and candidates diagnosed with DSA

The selection is also organised taking into account the individual needs of candidates with disabilities, pursuant to art. 16 of Law no. 104/1992 and subsequent amendments and supplements, as well as candidates diagnosed with specific learning disorders (DSA) pursuant to Law no. 170/2010.

Candidates with disabilities or DSAs who wish to request aids and/or compensatory measures to take the oral test must make such a request by 10/07/2024, by sending the [form](#) available on the website at the page: <https://www3.unimol.it/servizi/dettaglio/44> by PEC to amministrazione@cert.unimol.it.

The certification-original or notarized copy on plain paper-issued by the relevant medical board attesting to the recognized disability or DSA status must be attached to this form.

Applicants with disabilities or DSA residing in foreign countries, who wish to take advantage of adaptations, must submit the legalized certification attesting to the state of disability or DSA issued in the country of residence, accompanied by an official translation exclusively in Italian or English.

The Center for Disabled Students and Students with DSA Services will make an assessment regarding the possible recognition of additional time (to the maximum extent of 50% more than the time scheduled for the conduct of the test) and/or the provision of specific aids.

If such aids are not available or difficult to be made available in time for each admission test, the Disabled Students and Students with DSA Service Center, having heard the candidate, will propose a reasonable accommodation for the conduct of the admission test.

The Dean's Delegate for Student Condition and Disabilities will propose the identified solution to the Chair of the Commission in charge of carrying out the selection, if already formally appointed, or to the Doctoral Course Coordinator, who will decide on the matter.

For more information you can contact the [Centro servizi studenti disabili e studenti con DSA](mailto:disabiliabili@unimol.it) at disabiliabili@unimol.it and visit the Center's web pages available at [https://www3.unimol.it/servizi/Centro servizi per studenti disabili e studenti con DSA](https://www3.unimol.it/servizi/Centro_servizi_per_studenti_disabili_e_studenti_con_DSA).

Sensitive data will be kept and treated confidentially in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR - EU Regulation 2016/679).

Art.6

Reasons of exclusion

Submission of the application for admission, according to the procedures in Article 4, implies acceptance by applicants of the rules contained in this notice, non-compliance with which will result in exclusion from the competition. In particular:

- failure to submit the research project, where required (see "Annex A - master sheet of the chosen course"), entails non-admission and therefore exclusion from the examination tests;
- the assessment of ineligibility by the selection board of the academic qualification obtained abroad entails exclusion from the tests;
- if the documentation produced does not clearly indicate the duration of the academic degree and/or the eligibility of the foreign degree for access to the doctoral program in the country of reference or the value scale to which the degree and exam scores refer, the Selection Board may deny admission to the tests or not evaluate the degree or exam scores;
- failure to appear for the oral test will be considered as withdrawal from the competition.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the competition, candidates, before the interview begins, must show their identity document, preferably the same one indicated during admission.

Candidates may be excluded from the competition if they have not indicated their personal e-mail address (account) in the case of holding the oral test by videoconference, miss the connection, are unavailable on the appointed day or time, or if they do not show their identity document. The Università degli Studi del Molise disclaims any responsibility if technical reasons prevent the smooth conduct of the interview.

Art.7

Selection Committees

The Selection Committee for each Doctoral Course, appointed by the Rector by his own Decree published on the University's Bulletin Board, upon the proposal of the competent Board of Professors will be announced after the deadline of the call for applications.

Each Selection Committee will be composed of three full members and the same number of alternates, chosen from University Professors and Researchers who are experts in the field, including from other Italian and foreign Universities.

In the case of Doctoral Courses divided into curricula, the Commission may be expanded to include an additional Component, in addition to the three regular members, for each curriculum.

In the case of Doctoral Courses in agreement with public or private entities, the Selection Boards may be supplemented with an expert working at such entities. Said expert may express his or her judgment regarding the selection of only those candidates who present a research project inherent to the thematic grant funded by the entity to which they belong.

The Selection Committee 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 8 of this notice below.

Art.8 **Evaluation criteria and admission tests**

In the master sheets relating to the individual doctoral courses and attached to this announcement (Annex A) - integral parts of the same and to which reference is made in full - are indicated the evaluation criteria, the marks reserved for the evaluation of the qualifications, the project proposal and the oral test, and the dates, times and locations of the examination tests: this publication counts as official notification for all legal purposes. Each Commission has, for the evaluation of each candidate, one hundred points, the allocation of which is governed by what is indicated in the description sheet of the Doctoral Course - Annex A to the announcement - to which full reference is made.

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

Candidates are not required to be present during the evaluation of qualifications and project proposal.

The list of candidates admitted to the interview, with indication of the score related to the evaluation of qualifications and project proposal will be published, as soon as available, before the oral test, on the website <https://www3.unimol.it/didattica/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/68> jointly with the convocation for the oral test.

Any further communications will be promptly posted on the University website at the dedicated section <https://www3.unimol.it/didattica/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/68> and will be valid for all purposes as official notification and convocation of the candidates, who therefore do not have to wait for further communications.

In order to take the oral test, the candidate must appear on the day and time indicated in the published schedule (in the registry sheets for the individual doctoral courses). For the purpose of identification for the oral test, each candidate is required to identify himself/herself, before the oral test begins, by showing preferably the same identity document already transmitted in copy, as attached to the application for participation.

It is the candidate's right to request, indicating this in the application for participation in the selection procedure ([Annex 1](#)), to be able to conduct the oral test by videoconference (through the use of the Google Meet platform only). In this case, the candidate must ensure possession of the hardware and software necessary to allow the videoconference connection and the use of a webcam to allow his/her identification to the Selection Committee.

The Università degli Studi del Molise assumes no responsibility for the possibility that technical reasons prevent the smooth conduct of the oral interview at a distance. These causes of exclusion do not operate if the candidate, equipped with a valid identification document, shows up on the day set for the interview in order to take the oral test "in presence."

Oral tests, including those at a distance, are public and may be conducted in Italian or English.

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

Art.9 **Rankings**

At the conclusion of the selection procedures, the Commission, on the basis of the marks obtained by each candidate in the individual examination tests, draws up a single, general merit ranking list for admission to the PhD Course.

However, for Courses divided into several curricula, the selection for admission and the Selection Committee are unique, as is the final merit ranking. The activation of the individual curriculum depends on the ranking of the winners, based on the choice they made in their application for admission to the selection ([Annex 1](#)).

Ordinary positions are those not bound to specific themes.

Bounded-thematic fellowship positions are those that bind the recipients of the relevant fellowships to the performance of doctoral activity on a specific research topic, as indicated in the doctoral file: in this case in the course of the selections the candidate's suitability for the performance of the aforementioned research will also be taken into consideration.

Reserved places are those intended for candidates with additional requirements beyond those of a scientific nature related to the merit evaluation carried out by the Commission.

The candidates, who pass the admission tests and are successful in one of the announced positions, shall be admitted to the Courses, according to the order established in the single and general merit ranking, up to the number of places offered for each Doctoral Course. This single and general ranking list will also detail the eligibility for the above positions. Should the candidate be eligible for both an ordinary fellowship and a subject-bound one, the Selection Committee will decide which position to assign, taking into account the overall evaluation of the qualifications and the examination.

The merit list for admission to the Doctoral Program will be approved by Decree of the Rector, having ascertained the regularity of the acts, and will be published on the [Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo on line](#) and on the University website in the dedicated section <https://www3.unimol.it/didattica/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/68>. This publication has the value of an official communication: no personal communications to the participants in the tests are provided, except in case of filling vacancies.

In the event of useful placement in more merit rankings, related to access to different Doctoral Courses, the candidate must exercise the option for only one Course among those to which he/she is admitted, proceeding to the relative enrollment. The choice of the Doctoral Course, made at the time of matriculation, is final and it will not be possible to change it in any way. Failure to finalize the matriculation, within the deadline indicated in Article 10 below will result in forfeiture of the right to admission to the Course.

Following the renunciation, express or tacit, by successful candidates, the relevant ranking list will be scrolled for the allocation of the places remaining vacant up to the day before the beginning of the course, subject to the constraints described above for reserved or thematically bound positions. Any remaining vacancies will then be assigned to those with useful positions on the merit list, who will be summoned by e-mail from the PhD Sector.

Art.10

How to enroll in PhD Courses

Starting from the day of publication of each ranking list on the University Register, the winners will have 5 (five) days, natural and consecutive, to finalize their matriculation to the Doctoral Program under penalty of forfeiture. The matriculation application must be submitted via the web by accessing the [Portale dello Studente](#) on the website <https://www.unimol.it>.

Candidates who do not finalize their matriculation according to the procedures and terms prescribed in the order approving the ranking list will be considered tacitly renounced.

Candidates with degrees obtained abroad admitted to a Doctoral Program must attach the following documents to their matriculation application:

- for degrees awarded in non-EU countries: a copy, in Italian or English, of the first and second level degree awarded abroad and the certificate indicating the tests taken and the relative marks, with attached translations and legalization, and declaration of value in situ issued by Italian diplomatic or consular representations or certificates of comparability and verification issued by ENIC_NARIC centers. The declaration of value must certify that the degree held is valid in the country of attainment for enrollment in an academic course similar to the PhD. If the aforementioned on-site declaration of value is not available by the date indicated, a document proving that the request for issuance has been forwarded to the relevant diplomatic representation must be submitted.

- for degrees awarded in EU countries: Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for first and second level degrees or certificates of comparability and verification issued by ENIC_NARIC centers. The University reserves the right to require the Declaration of Eligibility also for degrees awarded in EU countries.

Candidates with foreign degrees who fail to produce the required documentation at the time of matriculation are enrolled with reservations and must submit the above documentation within 60 days of matriculation, under penalty of career blocking and subsequent forfeiture, with the obligation to return any scholarship payments received. This provision also applies if, upon verification, the title produced does not comply with the requirements of Article 3.

PLEASE NOTE: Non-EU citizens applying for visas must pre-register on the University Portal <https://www.universitaly.it> under "International Students" to apply for an Entry Visa.

Enrollment is finalized only upon the issuance of an entry visa for study in Italy, which is the exclusive responsibility of the Italian Diplomatic Representations abroad, regardless of the eligibility acquired.

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

Non-EU citizens only must also attach a valid residence permit, if already issued, or a copy of the application to the competent authorities within 8 working days of entering Italy.

Foreign students must compulsorily present themselves in person by 12/12/2024 at the Department of affiliation of the Doctoral Program for which they have matriculated. Failure to report by this deadline will be considered as withdrawal from the doctoral course.

Art.11 **Tuition fees**

For the student contribution and related exemptions, please refer to the provisions of the Regulations on [Materia di Contribuzione Studentesca](#) related to the academic year 2023/2024 to which reference is made in full. Withdrawal or exclusion from the doctoral course does not entitle the student to a refund of fees and contributions paid.

Art.12 **Scholarships**

Available scholarships will be awarded according to the order of the competition ranking. In case of equal merit, for places with scholarships, the evaluation of the economic situation in accordance with the Prime Ministerial Decree of April 9, 2001 and subsequent amendments and additions prevails; for places without scholarships, the youngest candidate by age is preferred, 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. 629 and 630 of April 24, 2024 and the related payment of the scholarship installments will be made following the confirmation of the eligibility of the training course by the competent ministerial office in charge of managing the financing of the aforementioned scholarships.

In this regard, it is emphasized that within the framework of the doctoral pathways under the PNRR resources ex DD.MM. 629 and 630, the places must be filled with scholarship, therefore candidates who are assigned to this type of place with scholarship and who will proceed to matriculation must complete the doctoral pathway in the same place with scholarship. Renunciation of the fellowship before the end of the doctoral program will result in the termination of enrollment in the same doctoral program with corresponding forfeiture.

All scholarships, co-funded by External Entity, will be activated and disbursed to the recipients subject to the actual collection by the University of the relevant amounts. The University assumes no responsibility for delays in the payment of externally-funded scholarships to the recipient candidates, in the event that such delays depend on causes attributable to the funding body.

Scholarships are for one year and, for years after the first, must be renewed subject to admission to the following year by the Board of Teachers.

The scholarship shall commence from the start of the Course or, in case of deferred start of attendance, from the actual start of attendance.

As of July 1, 2022, the annual amount of the scholarship for attending PhD courses, is set at €16,243.00 gross of social security charges payable by the recipient, pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 247 of February 23, 2022. Payment of the scholarship is made in monthly installments in arrears.

The scholarship is disbursed exclusively to those who do not have, in the calendar year of the scholarship, a gross annual income exceeding the amount of one year's scholarship equal to €16,243.00.

The PhD scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 26, of Law August 8, 1995, No. 335, as amended, in the amount of two-thirds borne by the Università degli Studi del Molise and one-third borne by the scholar. Doctoral students enjoy the protections and rights associated with this. Scholarship recipients must register with the INPS separate management.

Scholarship recipients undertake, upon acceptance of the scholarship, not to exceed, for each year of enjoyment of the scholarship, this income limit, to 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 is

referred to the tax period related to the calendar year of the scholarship's greatest enjoyment. A Ph.D. scholarship holder who exceeds the personal income limit shall return the monthly payments of the scholarship received in the year in which such excess occurred.

Scholarships may not be combined with research grants or other scholarships in any capacity awarded, except with those granted by domestic or foreign institutions useful to supplement, with stays abroad, the Doctoral student's training or research activities.

The amount of the scholarship is increased, for the period of stay abroad provided ordinarily, at the rate of 50%, for a maximum period of 12 months for ordinary scholarships and 6 months for doctoral scholarships financed by the PNRR.

The scholarship is for one year and is renewed, for each year of the course, provided that the doctoral student passes the verification for passing to the following year.

Those who have already benefited from a doctoral scholarship in Italy cannot apply for one a second time.

Those who have already benefited from a PNRR scholarship for the Doctorate, even partially, may not request to benefit from it a second time.

Starting from Year I, each Doctoral student is assured a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, in an amount equal to 10% of the scholarship, in addition to the scholarship and within the existing financial resources in the budget of the accredited entities under current legislation.

This budget is not provided for scholars from foreign countries or recipients of financial support within the framework of specific mobility programs in relation to the provisions of the specific regulations.

Art.13

Rights and obligations of PhD students

Admission to the Ph.D. program entails an exclusive, full-time commitment, according to the terms indicated by the Board of Teachers, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 and Article 10, paragraph 2, letter b of Ministerial Decree 226/2021. Each doctoral student is ordinarily expected to carry out research and training activities, consistent with the doctoral project, at highly qualified institutions abroad (Article 12, paragraph 2 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021).

Pursuant to Ministerial Decrees Nos. 629-630/2024, the acceptance of scholarships from the resources of the aforementioned decrees compulsorily implies the performance of periods of study and research in the locations specified in the registry form of the relevant chosen Doctoral Program (to which please refer), for six (6) months.

The candidate, since the submission of the application, is aware of the need to carry out, in the event of the assignment of the position, such mandatory periods in Italy and abroad and that failure to comply with this provision will result in the revocation of the scholarship: in this case, the Università degli Studi del Molise may have recourse to the beneficiary for the repayment of the amounts received.

Civil servants admitted to Doctoral courses enjoy, for the period of the normal duration of the course, the leave of absence provided for by collective bargaining or, for employees under public law, extraordinary leave for study purposes, consistent with the needs of the administration, pursuant to Article 2 of Law No. 476 of August 13, 1984, as amended, with or without pay and unless explicitly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a Doctoral course, regardless of the disciplinary field.

Doctoral students are reminded that they are obliged to comply with:

- of the obligations and constraints established by the Regulations of Doctoral Courses of the University of Molise, issued R.D. no. 256 of 10/03/2022;
- of all applicable rules and Regulations of the University of Molise, including the regulations on student contributions established by the University.

In addition, the scholarship grantee in the context of the resources referred to in DD.MM. no. 629-630/2024 will be required to report on the activities carried out on a bimonthly basis. Specifically, the reporting will take place through the appropriate platform and using the forms provided therein: each doctoral student must produce a report indicating the time commitment (broken down into months in the company, onsite, abroad, as scheduled) and a summary of the main activities carried out.

Doctoral students are obliged to attend the Doctoral Courses and to carry out all training, study and research activities in the facilities designated for this purpose and in the manner established by the Doctoral Course Teachers' Board.

Doctoral students carry out, as part of their training plan, activities aimed at ascertaining both the results of the research carried out and their expository skills in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Teachers.

By the end of each academic year, the doctoral student is required to submit to the Board of Teachers 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.

A positive evaluation by the Board of Lecturers, recorded in the appropriate minutes, results in the doctoral student's transfer to the following year.

Following enrollment, for institutional communications the Ph.D. student is required to use the institutional e-mail box provided upon enrollment.

Additional rights and obligations of Doctoral students are governed by Article 23 of the current University Regulations on Doctoral Studies, to which we refer.

Art.14

Final exam and achievement of the title

For the application for admission to the final examination and the awarding of the title of "Doctor of Research", reference is made to Article 34 of the current [Regolamento di Ateneo in materia di Dottorato di Ricerca](#). The title of Ph.D., abbreviated as "Dott. Ric." or "Ph.D.," is awarded following the positive evaluation of a thesis that highlights its originality and scientific relevance.

The Examination Committee, at the end of the discussion, with reasoned collegial judgment approves or rejects the thesis, and with a unanimous vote, has the faculty to award praise in the presence of results of particular scientific importance. The candidate who passes the final examination is awarded the title of Ph.D. and is issued a diploma bearing the wording of the Doctoral Course and the curriculum attended, if any.

Art.15

Processing of personal data

The data will be processed in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Code) and its amendments and additions, as well as EU Regulation No. 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

You can view the full 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 art.5 paragraph 1 of L.241/90, in the Head of the Sector Doctoral Schools and PhDs Dr. Antonella Fiorentino.

For information, it is possible to contact the Research and Third Mission Area, Doctoral Schools and Research Doctorates Sector, II Edificio Polifunzionale, Via de Sanctis, 86100 Campobasso, email: settoredottorati@unimol.it; phone +39 0874 404427.

Art.17

Advertising

This call for applications, drafted in Italian and English, is published on the Official University Register online as well as on the University website in the section dedicated to PhDs.

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

In the event of conflicting interpretations, the text of the notice in the Italian language will be considered valid. All publications provided for in this notice have the value of official notification to interested parties for all legal purposes and consequences and, therefore, exempt the Università degli Studi del Molise from sending personal notifications and communications to candidates.

This announcement will be published by Notice on the Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana, and will, in addition, be published on the University website, Research Doctorates section, on the European Site called

“Euraxess”, and on that of the Ministry of Education, University and Research. Any changes or additions to the contents of this announcement will be made known by publication on the University website in the section dedicated to Research Doctorates.

Art. 18

Final provisions

Applicants are admitted to the selection subject to verification of the requirements set forth in the notice, which will be carried out in accordance with Article 43 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of December 28, 2000. Anyone who makes false statements shall be punished under the Penal Code and the special laws on the subject. The measure of exclusion will be communicated to the interested party at the address indicated in the application for participation in the selection. The University may at any time, even when the Course has already started, carry out checks on the truthfulness of the statements produced and order, by reasoned decision, the exclusion of the candidate for lack of the requirements of 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 inaccurate indication of residence and address by the candidate or failure or delay in communicating the change of the same, nor for any postal or telematic misunderstandings not attributable to the fault of the University itself.

For all matters not provided for in this notice, reference is made to the regulations in force on the subject and, in particular, to the provisions, including regulations referred to in the introduction, to the Regulations on doctoral courses, issued by R.D. No. 256 of March 10, 2022.

The submission of the application to participate in the selections through the procedure referred to in Article 4 implies the acceptance by the candidate of the rules contained in this notice and in the Regulations on doctoral courses, as well as to any agreements entered into by this University for the establishment of Doctoral Courses and for the funding of scholarships.

IL RETTORE
Prof. Luca BRUNESE

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