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A public Call for Applications to

Ph.D. program *Sugli ambiti di interazione e integrazione tra le scienze umane e le tecnologie avanzate. Humanities and Technologies: an integrated research path*

XL Cycle

Article 1 (Institution)

A Ph.D. program entitled *Sugli ambiti di interazione e integrazione tra le scienze umane e le nuove tecnologie avanzate. Humanities and Technologies: an integrated research path* XL cycle has been set up for the 2024/2025 Academic year.

The administrative headquarters is located at Suor Orsola Benincasa University, Naples

A public Call for Applications has been authorized for 13 places of which:

- **No. 8 with scholarships** – annual gross amount 16.243,00 Euros pursuant to Ministerial Decree 247 of 23 February 2022
- **No. 2 without scholarship**
- **No. 3 reserved to employees of companies**

The PhD program lasts three years and covers the following syllabuses/disciplinary ambits:

- *Digital Law and Innovation Economy;*
- *Pedagogy and Methods of teaching;*
- *Psychology and Cognitive Ergonomics;*
- *Languages, Cultures and Communication.*

TABLE A – DOCTORAL POSITIONS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE

CURRICULUM	
<i>Digital Law and Innovation Economy;</i>	1 (ex DM 630 co-funded by GRADED S.p.A.) 1 (ex DM 630 co-funded by Studio Legale e Tributario D'ANIELLO & ASSOCIATI) 1 (reserved to employees of Re-Lab S.r.l.)
<i>Pedagogy and Methods of teaching</i>	1 (ex DM 629) 1 (without scholarship)
<i>Psychology and Cognitive Ergonomics;</i>	1 (ex DM 630 co-funded by HITACHI Rail STS S.p.A.) 1 (reserved to employees of Re-Lab S.r.l.)
<i>Languages, Cultures and Communication.</i>	3 (ex DM 630 co-funded by Re-Lab S.r.l.) 1 (predefined research topic co-funded by Riserva Naturale Statale "Isola di Vivara") 1 (reserved to employees of AVL ITALIA S.r.l.) 1 (without scholarship)

The funding sources for scholarship positions are the following:

a) PNRR – D.M. n.629 e D.M. n. 630 of 24 April 2024:



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- **n. 6 scholarships** ex DM 630, Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to Enterprise" - Investment 3.3. "Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by enterprises";
- **n. 1 scholarship** ex DM 629, Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 1 "Strengthening the offer of education services: from kindergartens to universities" - Investment 4.1 "Extension of the number of innovative PhD programmes for public administration and cultural heritage" (generic);
- b) n. 1 scholarship** with a predefined research topic co-funded by Riserva Naturale Statale "Isola di Vivara" under the three-year cooperation agreement between Riserva Naturale Statale RNS «ISOLA DI VIVARA» e UNISOB, to carry out the project of drawing up the Archaeological Map of the island of Vivara, to continue the activities of archaeological research both on land and underwater, to monitor the status of excavation sites and artifacts of archaeological interest, within the curriculum Languages, cultures and communication;
- c) n. 3 scholarships** reserved to the employees of the following partner companies: n. 2 Re-Lab S.r.l; n. 1 AVL Italia S.r.l.

Article 2 (Requirements for admission)

The selection is open, regardless of age and nationality, to all candidates who possess one of the following academic titles at the closing date of this call for applications:

- Master's degree or Italian *laurea magistrale* awarded pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999 and subsequent amendments and/or additions or equivalent course; Degree (minimum four years) awarded under one of the previous education systems.
- Equivalent academic qualification awarded by a foreign university. Eligible candidates must hold an academic qualification, which can be considered to be equivalent - in terms of duration, level and disciplinary field - to the Italian degree which allows to undertake Ph.D. studies in Italy. Candidates for the recognition of foreign academic qualifications must apply for equivalence, solely for admission to the doctorate, following the procedure indicated at this link: https://www.unisob.na.it/universita/normeamministrative/reg_titoli_esteri.htm?vr=1
- Admission to the selection for candidates who are about to graduate. Participation in the public selection is also open to those who, on the closing date of this call for applications, are not in possession of the required university degree, but will have graduated before enrolment in the PhD course. These candidates will be admitted conditionally and must submit on line a declaration attesting graduation. In the declaration, the candidate must indicate the name of the University issuing the degree, the date of graduation, the type of degree and the mark obtained, together with a copy of a valid identification document.
Candidates who do not possess the minimum qualification for admission when submitting their application for selection must in any case state the presumed graduation date.

Article 3 (Submission guidelines)

The application must be submitted online, by connecting to the operational area: <https://areaoperativa.unisob.na.it/> and by following correctly the instructions, and it **must arrive no later than 12 July 2024, 11.45 a.m. under penalty of exclusion (for technical support in submitting your application, write to: segreteria.helpdesk@unisob.na.it)**



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Only for foreign candidates: to submit the application use the form A attached to this call.

If the candidate is a former student of the University, he already owns the login credentials for the application. In case of loss of the credentials, the candidate will have to follow the recovery procedure in the operational area. If the candidate is not already a student of the University, he/she must first register.

Candidates, under penalty of exclusion, may apply for only one type of scholarship. The scholarships are identified by one of the following identification codes that the candidate must enter in the application for selection, under penalty of exclusion:

code 01 PEDAGOGY AND METHODS OF TEACHING scholarship DM 629 Research NRRP

code 02 DIGITAL LAW AND INNOVATION ECONOMY scholarship DM 630 co-funded by Studio Legale e Tributario D'ANIELLO & ASSOCIATI

code 03 DIGITAL LAW AND INNOVATION ECONOMY scholarship DM 630 co-funded by GRADED S.p.A.

code 04 PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE ERGONOMICS scholarship DM 630 co-funded by HITACHI Rail STS S.p.A

code 05 LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND COMMUNICATION scholarship DM 630 co-funded by RE-LAB S.r.l.

code 06 LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND COMMUNICATION scholarship DM 630 co-funded by RE-LAB S.r.l.

code 07 LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND COMMUNICATION scholarship DM 630 co-funded by RE-LAB S.r.l.

code 08 LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND COMMUNICATION scholarship co-funded by RNS "Isola di Vivara"

code 09 DIGITAL LAW AND INNOVATION ECONOMY scholarship RESERVED TO RE-LAB S.r.l. EMPLOYEES

code 10 PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE ERGONOMICS scholarship RESERVED TO RE-LAB S.r.l. EMPLOYEES

code 11 LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND COMMUNICATION scholarship RESERVED TO AVL ITALIA S.r.l. EMPLOYEES

In their application - to be submitted by using the attached **Modulo (Form) A** - candidates must state:

- a) name and surname, date and place of birth, social security number, citizenship, residence, address for the purposes of the selection procedure complete with postal code, telephone number and e-mail address;
- b) type of scholarship for which they intend to apply, entering the relating identification code;
- c) degree held, with the date and the name of the University from which it was obtained, or the equivalent degree from a foreign university. Applicants with foreign qualifications, must apply for verification of the suitability of their academic qualification only for the purposes of the selection process, following the procedure indicated at this link:
https://www.unisob.na.it/universita/normeamministrative/reg_titoli_esteri.htm?vr=1
- d) that they have adequate knowledge of the Italian language (for foreign nationals);
- e) level of competence in English;
- f) that they have/have not previously been awarded other scholarships (even for one year) for a doctoral program;
- g) that they hold/do not hold a research grant;
- h) that they are/are not employed by a Public Administration;
- i) that they are/are not employees of RE-LAB S.r.l or AVL ITALIA S.r.l.;
- l) that they undertake to attend the PhD program full-time as specified by the Academic Board;
- m) that they are aware that the acceptance of PNRR scholarships (DM 629 and DM 630) includes the obligation to carry out periods of study and research abroad and in companies (Art. 12 of this call) and that failure to comply with these obligations involves the withdrawal of the scholarship.
- n) that they undertake to inform the University of any change of residence or address provided for the purposes of the selection procedure;



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o) that they have read this call for applications.

Applicants with disabilities must specify in their application, in accordance with current legislation, any assistance required with regard to their disability, including the possible need of additional time for the completion of the examination.

By the deadline of the present call, candidates have to pay a € 50.00 fee as a contribution for the selection. Payments must be made by bank transfer. The bank details are as follows: IBAN: IT86W0306903496100000300057, Codice SWIFT/BIC: BCITITMM - Università degli Studi Suor Orsola Benincasa – Via Suor Orsola, 10 80135 Napoli, reason for payment “Contributo di partecipazione alla selezione Dottorato di Ricerca in Humanities and Technologies: an integrated research path XL Ciclo”. The contribution is not refundable.

Applications for the selection must be accompanied by the following attachments, identified by the word "Allegato" ("annex"):

Allegato (annex) 1. front-facing copy of a valid identification document (D card, driving licence, passport, etc.)

Allegato (annex) 2. Curriculum vitae et studiorum

Allegato (annex) 3. Degree certificate with a list of the exams sustained

Allegato (annex) 4. PDF copy of the Degree Thesis

Allegato (annex) 5. Research project on the subject connected to PhD curricula or on the predefined research topic of the scholarships afferent DM 630 or cofunded by RNS “Isola di Vivara”, as detailed in Art. 7 of this call for application, from now on also referred to as “Project”, up to 3500 words (line spacing 1,5; body text 12), which must include:

1. research title;
2. scientific basis and related bibliographical data;
3. objectives and expected results of the research;
4. if necessary, experimental and data analysis methodologies. The aim of the research project proposal is to verify the candidate’s attitude towards research and their ability to propose an innovative, coherent and autonomous research project, in line with the required themes; the project may include changes in the definition of the research to be carried out and developed during the doctoral course

Allegato (annex) 6. Any publications the candidate has produced, together with an attached list, dated and signed

Allegato (annex) 7. Any certificates of English language proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL, or other)

Allegato (annex) 8. Any other documents or qualifications which illustrate the candidate's aptitude for research

Allegato (annex) 9. Copy of the receipt attesting the payment of the participation fee

Allegato (annex) 10. Self-certification attesting to ongoing working relationship with RE-LAB S.r.l. or AVL ITALIA S.r.l. (ONLY for those candidates who have a permanent working relationship with the company).

All candidates are admitted to the competition subject to verification of self-certified declarations in accordance with DPR n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

The University can formally exclude an applicant at any time if he or she is deemed not to have met the stipulated requirements. Any exclusions will be published on the University website. Publication on the University website **constitutes official notification**; candidates, therefore, will not be sent any form of



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personal communication.

The University administration does not accept any responsibility for the incorrect completion of the application due to error attributable to the candidate.

Article 4

(Obligations and rights of PhD students)

Admission to the PhD program requires an exclusive and full-time commitment.

The compatibility and incompatibility with the attendance of doctoral courses are governed by the current University Regulations on PhD (Regolamento di Ateneo in materia di dottorato di ricerca), and by the relevant national legislation.

The limit of annual gross personal taxable income to be eligible for the PhD grant is fixed at the amount of the same grant (€ 16,243.00).

Candidates cannot accumulate more than one scholarship, with the exception of funds to integrate study and research activities during periods spent abroad.

Any candidate who has already benefited from a scholarship for doctoral studies, even in the case of a one-year period, is not entitled to a second scholarship.

Enrolment in a doctoral programme is compatible with simultaneous enrolment in another course of study as regulated by Law no. 33 of 12 April 2022.

Those enrolled on the PhD program are required to take courses and carry out research activities in the facilities established for this purpose in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Academic Board.

Attendance of the PhD program may be suspended in the following cases, upon approval by the Academic Board:

- childbirth;
- military or civil service;
- serious certified illness.

Expulsion from the PhD may occur, following a grounded decision taken by the Academic Board, in the following cases:

- a negative evaluation by the Academic Board of the results obtained for the year of the course attended;
- employment on the part of doctoral students without prior consent from the Academic Board;
- prolonged and unjustified absences.

In such cases the scholarship is discontinued and the scholarship holder is required to reimburse the amount hitherto received for the year regarding which the measure was taken.

The acceptance of NRRP scholarships (DM 629 e DM 630) includes the following obligations:

A. for scholarships DM 629 Inv. 4.1 NRRP Research: carry out a period of study and research abroad of at least six (6) months;

B. for scholarships DM 630 Inv. 3.3: carry out a period of study and research abroad of at least six (6) months and provide for study and research periods in companies from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months;

C. for scholarships DM 629 e DM 630: report the activity carried out, through the online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>), with a six-monthly report - with an indication of the time commitment (divided into months in the company/institution, at home, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out - validated by the Coordinator of the doctoral course. Periods of study and research at institutions and abroad, when both planned, are distinct and must be carried out at different subjects.



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Article 5 (Examinations)

The entry exam for the doctoral program which aims to test the candidate's preparation and his aptitude for scientific research, will consist in:

1. an evaluation of the **research project** and any other academic qualifications, attached to the application.
2. an **oral interview** (during the oral interview, candidates must also demonstrate that they possess a knowledge of the English language).

The **Research Project** developed by the candidate should relate to one of the following topics:

<p>PEDAGOGY AND METHODS OF TEACHING</p> <p>code 01 scholarship DM 629 – NRRP research</p>	<p>The objectives of the Curriculum "Pedagogy and methods of teaching" are: knowing and managing, at an advanced level, the many epistemological-methodological aspects of educational research: theoretical, to re-think the pedagogical epistemology in the light of digital transformation; historical-educational, to know and manage the methods of educational research related to the digital world; empirical, to know and manage the quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods of educational research related to objects, subjects and contexts involved in the transformations introduced by the digital revolution. Managing the links of teaching, education and training processes, with reference to digital natives: the formation of personal and social identity; the transformation of educational institutions; digital as a learning space (current and future developments). Knowing and managing educational technologies, understanding their critical aspects with respect to the development of the teaching, education and training processes: didactic technologies for the innovation of teaching-learning processes at school; media education in formal, non-formal and informal education of children and adolescents; game-based learning (youth and adults). Managing research approaches and strategies paying attention to the digital transformation of the school organization: teachers training in digital skills; digitization of the school organization; the role of digital technologies to support participation in the school life and in the wider context of the educational community. Developing knowledge and skills on techniques and tools of learning analysis, focusing on the role of big data in educational research and development of training programs, metrics, and their use in monitoring and evaluation of education and training processes.</p>
<p>DIGITAL LAW AND INNOVATION ECONOMY</p> <p>code 09 scholarship reserved to RE-LAB S.r.l. Employees</p>	<p>The curriculum "Digital Law and Innovation Economy " aims to train researchers and highly qualified professionals able to manage the growing interactions between the legal sphere and digital technologies, on the one hand, and the relationship between innovation, new economy and environment on the other. For the relation between law and new technologies, theoretical and applied research paths will cover: the legal impacts of technologies (for example, responsibility in autonomous technological systems and artificial intelligence); the role of data in the analysis of the legal context and in forecasting dynamics (e.g. predictive justice or the impacts arising from the widely used digital technologies in the output of legal services); privacy and its implications on technological evolution context, with its social and cultural impacts; the issues of cybersecurity and the security of personal data and organizational contexts; the debate on the ethics of algorithms; copyright and intellectual property in the digital age; the perspective of legal design; the social communication of law (as "false beliefs" travel on the web). These peculiar perspectives have a necessarily interdisciplinary connection with the innovation economy and with the new economy linked to the diffusion of information and digital technologies, which has radically changed the way of doing business: the</p>



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	<p>main areas of intersection include the understanding and comparison between technological options in function of social, cultural and industrial impacts; the regulation of Internet and digital markets; the increasingly broad concept of sustainability; technologies, innovation and regulation of circular economy; the social communication of global economy and financial technology.</p>
<p>PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE ERGONOMICS</p> <p>code 10 scholarship reserved to RE-LAB S.r.l. Employees</p>	<p>The curriculum "Cognitive Psychology and Ergonomics" aims to train researchers and professionals capable of grasping the complex interaction between cumulative technological culture and human neurocognition, also in order to predict future development of integrated technologies. In this perspective, the curriculum fully fits into the wider PhD context with a training course in which there are innovative issues about the effects on people and group of technological transformation of society; for example, the adoption of new interactive technologies and their effects on person and on cognitive sphere. The training and research areas will be as follows: methodological area (experimental methodology, The UX: how to intercept and measure); neuroergonomic area (principles of psychology; neuroscience; cognitive ergonomics; human factors); human-machine interaction (e.g.: intelligent interactive systems). Also an innovative issue such as inclusive ergonomics, as an application of cognitive ergonomics to improve the quality of human-machine interaction of elderly or disabled people. PhD students will also be involved in simulations of research proposals and in the drafting of national and European projects.</p>
<p>LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p>code 11 scholarship reserved to AVL ITALIA S.r.l. Employees</p>	<p>The curriculum "Languages, cultures and communication" aims to train highly qualified researchers and professionals able to operate in Digital Humanities areas closely related to literary, linguistic and communication disciplines, able to support through innovative approaches the Cultural and Creative Industries (ICC). The main theoretical and applied research paths are: the application of computational methods to literary data (distant reading vs. close reading); the most significant case-studies on the relation between philological practices and new technologies; integrated and multi-layered info-view technologies for digital libraries and repositories, capable of managing static and dynamic information (e.g. time and place) and new extraction and processing formulas based on semantic technologies; the techniques of A.I. for concept creation and storytelling, ensuring correct content and consistent with the historical, cultural and social context; activities of cross-media enhancement of valuable content for the cultural and creative industry, with specific attention to new media (e.g. Metaverso); the communication of art at the time of media (artists, museums, web, social); the application of FAIR principles (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability and Reuse) to the Human Data Sciences, based on open format metadata standards, cross-domain knowledge graphs and AI-based techniques; epistemic problems of profiling and filtering algorithms; opportunities and critical issues of algorithms and neural networks for the automatic processes of recoding and translation, and autonomous systems of production and semantic generation (e.g. the role of social BOT in corporate and political communication).</p>

Scholarships with predefined research topic

<p>code 02 scholarship DM 630 co-funded by Studio Legale e Tributario D'ANIELLO & ASSOCIATI</p>	<p>Development and implementation of a new ESG reporting model.</p>
<p>code 03 scholarship DM 630 co-funded by GRADED S.p.A.</p>	<p>Innovative strategies for energy transition: models, technologies, sustainable processes</p>
<p>code 04 scholarship DM 630 co-funded by</p>	<p>Development of Integrated Human-Machine Interactive Procedures for Railway</p>

HITACHI Rail STS S.p.A.	Traffic Control Using Artificial Intelligence
code 05 scholarship DM 630 co-funded by Re-LAB S.r.l.	The research project aims to outline an integrated platform for the management of technological maturity indices in SMEs, developing interpretative models, integrating sustainability and generative artificial intelligence, and proposing innovative solutions based on gamification dynamics.
code 06 scholarship DM 630 co-funded by Re-LAB S.r.l.	The research project aims to develop chatbot models - based on generative artificial intelligence and LLM algorithms - to improve multimodal textual interaction in various application contexts, from the enhancement of cultural heritage to mobility, according to the theories of textuality and communicational linguistics.
code 07 scholarship DM 630 co-funded by Re-LAB S.r.l.	The PhD research project involves the design of mixed immersive reality contexts with multimodal interactional situations (visual, acoustic and haptic) to represent the three-dimensional space in museum environments, cultural heritage and safety-critical working spaces.
code 08 - scholarship co-funded by RNS "Isola di Vivara"	Drafting of the Archaeological Map of the island of Vivara, for the continuation of archaeological research activities both on land and underwater, for monitoring the status of excavation sites and artifacts of archaeological interest

The timetable for the selection oral test, indicating the day, month, time and place where they will take place, will be published on the University website at www.unisob.na.it/universita/dopolaurea/dottorati/. **This publication serves as official notification to the candidates; no further communication will be sent personally.**

The oral test will be held on site at the Suor Orsola Benincasa University - Naples. Prior to sitting the examination, candidates must present a valid identity document.

Should a candidate be absent on the day, place and time set for oral test – for whatever reason – s/he will be considered as having withdrawn from that test.

Oral tests are public.

Article 6 (The Examination Committee)

The assessment of applicants to the doctoral program will be carried out by a Selection Committee made up of five members and a secretary, where possible respecting the gender balance, appointed by the Chancellor acting upon proposals advanced by the Academic Board. The members of the Commission will be selected among professors (Full professors and Associate professors) and university researchers in order to guarantee that all the academic areas that comprise the doctorate are represented.

Article 7 (Assessment)

The Selection Committee can award up to 80 marks for the evaluation of each candidate. Applicants



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pass the selection if they score a total of no less than 50/80.

The Project and the oral test are each worth a maximum of 30 marks, with a pass mark of 21. The final mark will be supplemented by the evaluation of academic qualifications worth up to a maximum of 20 points. The academic qualifications will be assessed by the committee immediately after completion of the Project, only if the project has reached the minimum score to pass the test.

The criteria for the evaluation of the Project and the oral test will be decided by the Commission in the installation meeting, without prejudice to consistency with **the subject connected to PhD curricula or on predefined research topic of the scholarships afferent DM 630 or cofunded by RNS "Isola di Vivara.**

Positions without scholarship: Positions without scholarship shall be allocated to candidates assessed as eligible by the Commission, but with a score not sufficient to obtain the grant.

Upon completion of the tests, the Committee draw up a general ranking with the candidates listed in decreasing order of merit. The list will present the overall scores obtained by the candidates within each disciplinary field.

The ranking, approved by Decree of the Chancellor, will be published on the website: www.unisob.na.it/universita/dopolaurea/dottorati/

This publication constitutes official communication. Applicants will not receive personal notification of the final ranking.

The statutory deadline for appeal will commence from the date of publication of the final ranking.

Article 8 (Admission)

Candidates are admitted to the doctoral program on the basis of their position within the ranking list until the number of places available for each disciplinary field has been exhausted. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates within the same disciplinary field precedence will be given to the younger candidate.

In the event of withdrawal by successful candidates, the corresponding number of candidates for each disciplinary ambit will be drawn from the list.

Article 9 (Conferral)

The successful candidates must complete their enrolment on the doctoral course, in accordance with the stipulated registration procedure, **by and not beyond 12 September 2024**. The registration procedure, including information concerning the payment of the fee for entitlement to university studies, together with (should it be applicable) the contribution for access and attendance of courses, will be made available subsequent to the publication of the final list of merit.

Civil servants who have been admitted to a doctoral program, may be granted special leave upon request, and "taking into account the needs of the administration", in accordance with article 19 of Law N°. 240/2010. The period of unpaid leave is granted for study purposes and will last for the entire duration of the doctoral program. Civil servants will benefit from a doctoral grant providing all the necessary conditions have been fulfilled. Should the candidate have been admitted to the doctoral program without a study grant, or should s/he renounce the grant, for the entire duration of the doctoral program all emoluments, social security and retirement benefits will regularly be paid by the public administration for which s/he works.



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Those who fail to enroll by the deadlines listed above or who have issued mendacious statements will be deemed ineligible. The remaining places will be allocated to other candidates on the list of merit within the terms established by art. 7 of this call for applications.

Article 10 (Contribution for access to courses and attendance thereof)

Those candidates admitted to the doctoral program, in order of merit, are entitled to a scholarship up to the number of scholarships made available. In accordance with the Local Law N°. 16 of 7th of August 2014, the students enrolled in the Ph.D. programme are obliged to pay a fee of € 160,00 to the ADISURC (Azienda per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario della Regione Campania) for each year of their studies. The students are obliged to pay a tax (imposta di bollo) of € 16,00.

Students without scholarships must also pay a fixed sum of € 2.000,00 for each year of their studies. Information regarding payments will be made available together with the publication of the final list of merit.

Article 11 (Scholarship)

Those admitted to the doctoral program, in order of merit, are entitled to a scholarship up to completion of the number of scholarships made available for each disciplinary area. Once the places with scholarship end, the candidates usefully placed on the list are admitted to the PhD course without scholarship, up to the number of places provided.

The annual amount of the scholarships, excluding the fiscal contributions to be paid by the awardees, is stipulated in article 1 of this call for applications.

Doctoral grants benefit from the tax relief measures stipulated in article 4 of Law N°. 476 of August 13th 1984. They are also subject to the payment of *INPS* (National Social Insurance Agency) social security contributions under the regime of '*gestione separata*' in accordance with article 2 comma 26 of Law N°. 335, August 8th 1995 and subsequent modifications, with two thirds incumbent upon the administration and one third incumbent upon the awardee.

The scholarship award increases by no less than 50% in the event of periods spent abroad for valid study purposes. Periods of residence abroad may not, in any case, exceed 12 months. Each PhD candidate, whether a scholarship holder or not, is granted a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, amounting to 10% of the scholarship.

Scholarships are paid in monthly instalments.

Scholarships are confirmed for the subsequent academic year, subject to merit requirements, and upon the proposal of the Academic Board. Scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships awarded for the same purpose, except those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions for research activities abroad for the training and/or research activities of PhD candidates.

Those who have already received a scholarship for doctoral studies, even for only one year, are not eligible for a second one.

Article 12 (The PhD qualification)

The title of Doctor of Philosophy, abbreviated (in Italian) with the expression *Dott.Ric.* or *PhD*, is conferred by the Chancellor at the conclusion of the program and upon passing the final examination, subject to the submission of a thesis. The doctoral thesis written in Italian or English or in another



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language with the prior permission of the faculty must be accompanied by a summary in English. Together with the thesis, the candidate must present a detailed report on the activities carried out during the PhD and on any publications issuing thereof.

The committee for the final examination is appointed by the Chancellor in accordance with the University's PhD Regulations.

The presentation of the thesis will be public.

Article 13 (Privacy policy)

Pursuant to art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (hereinafter GDPR), the University of Suor Orsola Benincasa (UNISOB) informs those who submit an application in relation to this call that the data provided under the selective procedure will be processed for the pursuit of the institutional purposes of the University in relation to that selection and for the fulfilment of any regulatory obligations related thereto. The data provided by the participants will be processed in accordance with the current applicable European legislation (GDPR) and Italian (D.lgs. 196/2003 and s.m.i.). The full information is available at: <https://www.unisob.na.it/privacy.htm>

Article 14 (Official in charge of the Procedure)

The official in charge of the selection procedure referred to in this call for applications is the Chief of PhD Office at Suor Orsola Benincasa University - Via Suor Orsola, 10 - 80135 - Naples, e-mail ricerca.dottorati@unisob.na.it, telephone number +39 081 2522433

Article 15 (Legal Regulations)

For any issues not covered by this call for applications, please refer to the University Regulations for PhD programs and the legal provisions currently in force.

The application for the selections through the procedure referred to in Art. 3 means that the candidate accept all the rules contained in this notice and in the current University Regulations on PhD; and also the reporting rules of the research projects on which the grant is funded.

This Decree will be published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic.

Naples, 12/06/2024

THE CHANCELLOR
(Prof. Lucio d'Alessandro)

Emanato con D.R. n. 477 del 12/06/2024