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THE RECTOR

- Having regard to Law no. 168 of 9 May 1989, and in particular Article 6(1), “Autonomia delle Università”;
- Having regard to Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, “Norme in materia di organizzazione delle università, di personale accademico e di reclutamento, nonché delega al Governo per incentivare la qualità e l’efficienza del sistema universitario”;
- Having regard to Rector’s Decree no. 2711 of 27 February 2012 – and subsequent amendments – by which the Statute of the University of Pisa was approved (published in the Official Gazette no. 55 of 6 March 2012);
- Having regard to Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021 “Regolamento recante modalità di accreditamento delle sedi e dei corsi di dottorato e criteri per la istituzione dei corsi di dottorato da parte degli enti accreditati”;
- Having regard to the University Regulations on Doctoral Programmes, issued by Rector’s Decree no. 696 of 17 May 2017, as last amended by Rector’s Decree no. 669 of 9 May 2025;
- Having regard to Article 8(1), entitled “Bando di concorso” (Call for Applications), of the above-mentioned Regulations, which provides for the announcement, at least once a year, of a public selection procedure for admission to doctoral programmes, following which a single merit ranking list is drawn up (including both successful candidates and any eligible but not admitted candidates), also with regard to specific selection procedures;
- Having regard also to Article 8(3-bis) of the University Regulations on Doctoral Programmes, which provides for the possibility of allocating a share of the available places:
- a) to holders of a formalised employment contract, of a duration at least equal to that of the programme, with public or private partner organisations that have entered into an agreement with the University of Pisa prior to the issue of the Call for Applications;
 - b) to holders of research grants awarded by the University of Pisa, subject to verification that the research subject of the congruity of the research subject with the doctoral programme;
- Having regard to Ministry of University and Research (MUR) Decree no. 301 of 22 March 2022, concerning the guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral programmes pursuant to Article 4(3) of Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021;
- Acknowledging that on 15 June 2026 the University completed the accreditation procedure for the 42nd cycle of PhD programmes;
- Acknowledging that only places with grants (or otherwise covered by other forms of financial support) fully guarantee the right to university studies;
- Having regard to the resolutions of the Academic Senate (17 March 2026, no. 54) and the Board of Directors (27 March 2026, no. 114), which, within their respective areas of competence, approved: a) the doctoral programme offerings of the University of Pisa for the academic year 2026/2027 – 42nd cycle; b) the allocation of doctoral grants funded by the University; c) the possibility of issuing and conducting selection procedures for admission to the 42nd-

- cycle doctoral programmes (a.y. 2026/2027), pending the outcome of the accreditation procedure;
- Having regard to the resolutions of the Board of Directors (29 May 2026, no. 173) and the Academic Senate (15 May 2026, no. 94) by which, within their respective areas of competence, the doctoral programme offerings for the academic year 2026/2027 were supplemented through the activation of the National Doctorate in Artificial Intelligence and the Industrial Doctorate in *High Performance Scientific Computing* (HPSC);
- Having regard to the circular of the Ministry of University and Research (available at <https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>) concerning the procedures for the entry, residence, and enrolment of international students, as well as the recognition of their qualifications for higher education programmes in Italy valid for the academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028;
- Acknowledging the doctoral grant funding received from public and private external entities or from University departments, duly documented through letters of intent and/or formal agreements;
- Having regard to the regional public notice, issued by Executive Decree No. 2942 of Regione Toscana dated 11 February 2026, concerning the funding of PhD programmes organised as networks among universities, university institutes and research bodies, including in collaboration with businesses, launched in the 2026/27 academic year – 42nd cycle – ‘Pegaso’ doctoral grants for the year 2026;
- Having regard to the funding applications submitted for the four doctoral projects (*Economia Aziendale e Management; Informatica; Scienze dell'antichità e archeologia; Smart Industry*) coordinated by the University of Pisa;
- Having regard to Executive Decree No. 14654 of 15 June 2026, by which Regione Toscana approved the ranking list for the Pegaso 2026 projects, from which it appears that the projects submitted by the University have been awarded funding for the number of grants requested;
- Given that the deadlines set out in the 2021–2027 ESF Operational Programme must be adhered to, with 31 December 2029 being the final deadline for the eligibility of expenditure to cover the costs of courses commencing in the 2026/2027 academic year, with the consequence that any suspensions shall under no circumstances result in the recognition of expenditure incurred and/or paid after that deadline;
- Considering that Article 15 of the aforementioned regional notice establishes that the public notices issued by the implementing body for the admission to doctoral programmes funded under the “Pegaso” regional programme must include, in addition to the logos of the funding bodies and the 2021–2027 ESF Operational Programme, reference to the applicable EU, national, and regional legislation, which is also indicated in the course-specific information sheets attached to the Call;
- Considering the intention to include the above-mentioned grants in this Call for Applications, listing them in the specific information sheets for each doctoral programme;
- Deeming it appropriate, following the issue of the Rector’s Decrees, to make available any grants that may not have been awarded during the procedures for the reallocation of available places, by means of a special Notice, to be issued by Rector’s Decree in November. Such Notice will be reserved for eligible candidates who have been successfully placed in the rankings of the selections already concluded;
- Having regard to Legislative Decree no. 198 of 11 April 2006, containing the “Codice delle pari opportunità tra uomo e donna” (Code of Equal Opportunities between Women and Men);
- Considering the decision to use the gender-neutral singular “they” for reasons of simplicity and conciseness, with the understanding that all references shall be considered gender-inclusive in the spirit of promoting equal opportunities;
- Having regard to the internal regulations of the University of Pisa’s doctoral programmes, which, pursuant to Article 5 of the University Regulations on Doctoral Programmes, govern the

procedures for admission to such programmes, this preamble can be included in the Internal regulations;

Having regard to the measures adopted by the Coordinators of the doctoral programmes concerning the selection procedures for the positions advertised, in accordance with the above-mentioned internal regulations;

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS

Article 1

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Public calls for applications are hereby issued for admission to doctoral programmes administratively based at the University of Pisa for the academic year 2026/2027 (42nd cycle):
 - a) Biology
 - b) Linguistics, foreign literature and Italian studies
 - c) Business Economics and Management – *Joint PhD programme conducted with: University of Siena, University of Florence, University of Pisa*
 - d) Physics – *PhD programme run in partnership with the National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN)*
 - e) Clinical pathophysiology
 - f) Geosciences and the Environment
 - g) *High-performance scientific computing – Industrial PhD programme in partnership with S.I.T. – Sordina IORT Technologies S.p.A.*
 - h) Computer Science – *Joint PhD programme conducted with the University of Siena and the University of Florence*
 - i) Energy, Systems, Territory and Construction Engineering
 - j) Information Engineering
 - k) Industrial Engineering
 - l) Artificial Intelligence (National PhD Programme) - *National Doctorate in partnership with the University of Naples “L’Orientale”, the University of Bari Aldo Moro, the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, the University of Palermo, the University of L’Aquila, and the Gran Sasso Science Institute - Scuola di dottorato internazionale, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, University of Messina, University of Perugia, Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, National Research Council (specifically CNR – IIT and CNR – ISTI), National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN)*
 - m) Pharmaceutical Science and Bioactive Substances
 - n) Agricultural, Food and Agro-Environmental Sciences
 - o) Chemical and Materials Sciences
 - p) Clinical and Translational Sciences
 - q) Classical Studies and Archaeology - *Joint PhD programme with: University of Siena, University of Florence, University of Pisa*
 - r) Legal Sciences
 - s) Political Science
 - t) Veterinary Sciences
 - u) *Smart Industry - Joint PhD programme with: University of Siena, University of Florence, University of Pisa*
 - v) History.

The admission procedures, selection criteria for the formation of the ranking lists, specific requirements, available places, and grants are detailed in the information sheets for each doctoral programme, which form an integral part of this Call.

2. The following information is also specified in the aforementioned fact sheets:

- a) the possible number of positions reserved for candidates holding a formal employment contract, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 6, of this Call;
 - b) the possible number of positions reserved for candidates holding research grants from the University of Pisa, pursuant to the current internal regulations and in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 7, of this Call.
3. Pursuant to Article 3 of Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021, doctoral programmes may be activated only after verification by ANVUR of continued compliance with accreditation requirements. Therefore, the selection procedures will take place *sub condicione* of a positive outcome of said verification. Any negative outcome of such assessment will be promptly communicated to candidates and/or successful applicants.
4. The duration of the doctoral programme is three years, starting, as a rule, on 1 November of the first year and ending on 31 October of the third year.

Article 2

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

1. To participate in the selection procedure, candidates must:
- a. **complete the application exclusively online, no later than the strict deadline of 10 August 2026, 1:00 p.m. (CEST)**, by entering the required information at <https://www.studenti.unipi.it> **and print the receipt issued at the end of the procedure**. This receipt must be retained, as it not only serves as proof of registration for the selection procedure, but also contains the “**pre-enrolment ID number**”, which is **required** to anonymously access the evaluation of the CV and the results of the selection procedures. Candidates wishing to apply for more than one doctoral programme and/or for more than one selection within a given programme must submit a separate application for each selection they intend to participate in;
 - b. pay, by **10 August 2026, 11:59 p.m. (CEST)**, the registration fee of EUR 30.00 via the PagoPA system, which is accessible at the end of the online application process. **The fee is due for each doctoral programme applied for**. If the fee has been paid by the candidate but has not yet been received by the University of Pisa, the candidate will be admitted conditionally, pending verification of the payment. The registration fee is non-refundable, except in the event that the selection procedures cannot be held for the reasons stated in Article 1, paragraph 3, of this Call.
Any technical malfunctions of the platform must be immediately reported to the relevant offices of the University of Pisa. It is understood that the IT system will not allow the submission of applications after the deadline indicated and that late submissions will not be taken into consideration.
2. **Candidates who, as of the application deadline, hold an employment contract with an Italian public entity, with a duration at least equal to that of the doctoral programme, may choose:**
- 1. to take part in the selection procedure as public employees, thereby automatically waiving the doctoral grant;
 - 2. to take part in the selection procedure for a place with grant, without declaring their status as a public employee during the application stage.

In the case described under point 1, public employees must declare their status during the online registration procedure by selecting the appropriate option in the dedicated field available on the “Alice” platform at <https://www.studenti.unipi.it>. These candidates must also submit a self-declaration confirming the service rendered at the public entity to which they belong (Annex 1). Any applicant who, when submitting the online application, declares that they wish to participate as a public employee shall automatically waive the grant, and the provisions governing the ranking list set out in Article 5 of the Call shall apply. This choice is irrevocable and may not be changed at a later stage.

Article 3

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates are eligible to apply if, by 31 October 2026, they hold at least one of the following academic qualifications:
 - A Laurea Magistrale (Master's Degree) or Laurea Specialistica;
 - A degree awarded under the pre-reform Italian university system, as specified in the relevant programme information sheets;
 - A foreign qualification deemed equivalent to the above-mentioned second-level academic degrees.
2. During the online application process, candidates must upload a self-declaration concerning the degree obtained or about to be obtained, in accordance with Annex 2 of this Call. To be admitted to the selection procedure, candidates must also declare that they are aware of the consequences of making false statements, pursuant to Article 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000.
3. Candidates holding (or expecting to obtain) a qualification from a foreign academic institution may be admitted to a doctoral programme provided the qualification is comparable in level to the Italian degree required for doctoral studies (Master's Degree or equivalent second-level degree). Admission of candidates with foreign degrees is therefore subject to assessment of the suitability of the qualification. It is clarified that the suitability of the qualification is assessed exclusively for the purpose of admission to the doctoral programme and does not imply the academic recognition of the qualification in Italy. The evaluation is carried out by the Selection Committee, which verifies the equivalence of the foreign qualification to an Italian second-level academic qualification (Master's Degree or equivalent), taking into account the level of education, the duration of the programme, the educational contents and the academic rights that the qualification allows in the country of award (in particular, access to further study cycles). **Candidates with a foreign qualification are required to submit any documents useful for verifying the degree** (e.g. translations, legalisations, declaration of value, Diploma Supplement, transcript of records, ENIC-NARIC statements, etc.). Failure to provide these documents could potentially impact the assessment of the foreign academic qualification, thus preventing the Selection Committee from deliberating on the above-mentioned required equivalence.
4. The foreign academic qualification and any supporting documentation must be uploaded (exclusively through the online application procedure) strictly by the deadline of this Call (10 August 2026, 1:00 p.m. CEST).
5. The University reserves the right to exclude, at any time, any applicant who does not meet the admission requirements by the deadline of the Call, without prejudice to the provisions set forth in paragraph 1 of this Article.
6. To apply for the reserved positions referred to in Article 1, paragraph 2, letter a) of this Call, candidates must submit **a self-declaration (Annex 3)** certifying that they hold an employment contract, of at least three years' duration, with a public or private entity that has signed a specific agreement with the University of Pisa **before the publication of this Call. The employment contract must be valid as of the application deadline (10 August 2026).**
7. To apply for the reserved positions referred to in Article 1, paragraph 2, letter b) of this Call, candidates must, **as of the deadline of the Call for Applications** (10 August 2026), hold a research grant awarded by the University of Pisa, pursuant to the current internal regulations: (https://www.unipi.it/phocadownload/Ateneo_Regolamenti/area-didattica/regborice1.pdf). For the purposes of admission to the PhD programme, candidates are required to declare, on their own responsibility and under penalty of exclusion, that they have adequate funding by completing and signing the relevant self-certification form (Annex 4). In particular, in order to take part in the selection process, candidates must declare, on their own responsibility and under penalty of exclusion, that – as of the deadline of the Call for Applications – that they hold a research grant awarded by the University of Pisa.

For the application to be valid, the candidate must hold a grant of a duration at least equal to that of the PhD programme (3 years) or a one-year grant, provided that, in the event of admission to the PhD programme, the research grant is automatically extended subject to the successful completion of the annual assessment.

Candidates who do not fall into either of the two categories specified above may nevertheless take part in the selection process, provided they declare in Annex 4 that they are aware that, should they be successful, they cannot be enrolled if the Department funding the research grant does not formally undertake to guarantee financial support for the entire duration of the PhD programme (3 years).

With regard to these reserved places, the Selection Committee is also required to verify that the research topic is consistent with the programme's doctoral course.

8. Beneficiaries of the "Pegaso" doctoral grants for the academic year 2026/27, funded by Regione Toscana through resources from the 2021–2027 ESF Operational Programme within the GiovaniSì initiative (www.giovanisi.it – the project of Regione Toscana supporting youth autonomy), are also required:

- to have reached no more than 35 years of age at the time of application to the PhD selection (up to and including the day of their 35th birthday);
- to demonstrate adequate knowledge of English (at least B2 level). The level of proficiency will be assessed by the Selection Committee during the selection procedure; moreover, the candidate must submit, prior to enrolment and acceptance of the Pegaso grant, a certificate attesting knowledge of English at a minimum level of B2;
- to declare their availability to undertake study and research stays abroad **for at least 6 months (at least 12 months for recipients of international grants) and acknowledge that failure to carry out such mobility may lead to the revocation of funding by the Region**. This requirement does not apply to beneficiaries of topic-specific grants for which no international mobility was foreseen at the project submission stage;
- (*only for subject-based grant recipients*) to formally declare their willingness to undertake a period of **at least 3 months of training/research in an applied setting** – such as a company, a public research body, or another (non-university) institution/organisation – **and acknowledge that failure to carry out such an experience may result in the revocation by the Regione of the funding for the entire grant**;
- to declare their willingness to attend courses aimed at developing soft skills, labour market and research awareness, and data collection, analysis, and management methodologies (*Data Science*), as proposed by the implementing body over the three years of the doctoral programme.

Article 4

SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Each selection procedure shall include the assessment of the following:
 - the candidate's CV, to which a duly justified overall score shall be attributed, based on criteria defined by the Selection Committee during the preliminary meeting. For certain programmes, the competition fact sheet indicates a minimum curriculum score required to access the next stage;
 - a research project (if applicable). The research project submitted for the purposes of the selection does not constitute a constraint on future research activity. If assessed alongside the CV, the project is evaluated with regard to the candidate's ability to design a research proposal, as well as its consistency with and relevance to the subjects of the PhD programme. If assessment takes place also during the interview, the applicant is required to present and illustrate the project in order to highlight its feasibility and demonstrate its actual implementation;
 - a written test (if applicable);
 - an interview.

2. The schedule of the selection procedures, **which will take place between 14 and 30 September 2026**, will be published on 24 July 2026 at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>, indicating the venue, date, and time of the sessions.
3. The research project (if applicable) and the CV, **signed and accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document**, must be uploaded **exclusively** during the online application process. These documents must be written in Italian and/or English. Candidates must submit their CVs and/or research projects (if applicable) for each selection they intend to apply for. Therefore, a CV and/or research project (if applicable) uploaded in relation to a specific application cannot be used for other applications. **Failure to upload the CV and/or the research project (where required) does not, in any case, constitute grounds for exclusion.**
4. In the case of a written examination, the candidate must comply with the instructions issued by the Board regarding its proper conduct; failure to do so will result in exclusion.
5. To sit the written test and/or take the interview (also via videoconference), the candidate must be identified, under penalty of exclusion, by means of a legally valid identity document. **Only if explicitly indicated in the selection information sheet** may the interview be conducted via videoconference, either for all admitted candidates or upon the candidate's request. Failure to appear in person or to connect via videoconference on the scheduled date and time of the test shall be considered a withdrawal from the selection procedure.
6. Candidates with disabilities or with certified specific learning disorders (SLD-DSA), who require aids or additional time to take the admission test, must submit a request **by 10 August 2026**, using the dedicated form and following the procedures published at the following links:
 - candidates with disabilities <https://www.unipi.it/campus-e-servizi/servizi/usid-ufficio-servizi-per-lintegrazione-di-studenti-con-disabilita/assistenza-ai-concorsi/>;
 - candidates with a SLD-DSA certificate <https://www.unipi.it/campus-e-servizi/servizi/sportello-dsa-disturbi-specifici-di-apprendimento/>.
7. Before assessing the CVs, the Selection Committee must meet to establish, during the preliminary session, the evaluation criteria and parameters for the CV and the required tests, which will be made public at the same time as the publication of the merit lists. These parameters will be communicated to candidates by *email* by the Selection Committee before the test(s) take place. The results of the CV assessment, of the written test (where applicable), and of the interview will be published anonymously, by the Selection Committee, **on the Alice Portal www.studenti.unipi.it**. Candidates will be able to access their results using their “pre-enrolment ID number” as mentioned in Article 2, paragraph 1, letter a) of this Call. The results of the CV assessment and of the written test (where applicable) will be published before each test. **Publication on the Portal shall be considered official notification for all legal purposes. No individual notifications will be sent via email. Only** in the event that a minimum score is set for the assessment of the CV, the result will be published **at least three days prior to the first test**.
8. All further communications regarding the selection procedures will be published exclusively through updates of the information sheet of the specific programme, available at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>.
9. Selection Committees shall be appointed for each selection procedure in accordance with Article 10 of the University Regulations on Doctoral Programmes.
10. In the case of remote participation by one or more Committee members, the provisions of the current Regulations on remote board meetings shall apply (available at <https://www.unipi.it/images/2022/regsedutecollegiali21luglio.pdf>). It is specified that:
 - a) “remote meeting” or “meeting in remote mode” means a meeting in which all or some of the members participate remotely by means of a remote connection suitable for ensuring synchronous participation;
 - b) the meeting notice must specify that the session is held in person, with the possibility of remote participation for one or more members, and indicate any relevant operational details;

- c) the minutes must include the names of the members present in person and those connected remotely, as well as the mode of connection for the latter.
- d) members connected remotely will be required to issue a “concordance statement”, including a copy of an ID document in which they declare that, despite working remotely, the operations were conducted collegially.

Meetings may also be held entirely online, in compliance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Regulations.

11. Interviews conducted via videoconference shall take place as follows:

- a) Orally, using videoconferencing platforms provided by the University, which ensure simultaneous connection between the Committee members and each candidate, in compliance with personal data protection regulations. This must be recorded in the minutes prepared by the Committee;
- b) Audio/video recording of the interview is prohibited. It is also forbidden for anyone to distribute any such recording;
- c) The public nature of the interview must be guaranteed by inviting all potential candidates via a link to the event. Any third party wishing to attend the interview may do so by requesting access through the link, which will be published at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>.
- d) At the start of the session, a link will be provided through which each candidate present will be invited to join a dedicated virtual classroom with the Chair and/or the Secretary of the Committee for visual identification by presenting a valid identity document remotely. This identification procedure must be recorded in the minutes;
- e) Upon finishing the individual interview, in a different virtual classroom from the one used for identification, the President must end the connection with anyone who is not a member of the Commission in order to proceed with the interview evaluations.

Article 5

RANKING LISTS AND ENROLMENT

1. The ranking lists of eligible candidates will be published by **15 October 2026** at the following address: <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>. The ranking list is based on the overall score obtained by each candidate in the general assessment of the CV and the required test (including the evaluation of the research proposal, if applicable).
2. If explicitly indicated in the information sheet, **the selection procedure may require the Selection Committee to draw up separate ranking lists for each of the specific subjects advertised**. In such cases, the Selection Committee shall ask each candidate an additional question during the interview for each subject, in order to produce a distinct ranking list for every subject-specific grant. At the conclusion of the interviews, the Committee shall compile a separate ranking list for each topic-specific position.
3. The ranking list shall indicate the **successful candidates** for all advertised positions, including those awarded reserved positions. If, during the online application, a candidate has declared that they are applying as a public employee, they will be automatically admitted to the PhD programme without a grant, and the grant will be awarded to the next eligible candidate.
4. In the event of a tie in the final score, priority for the allocation of all positions shall be given to the younger candidate.
5. Successful candidates must enrol by **1:00 p.m. (CEST) on 22 October 2026; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the position**.
6. Following the publication of the ranking lists (15 October 2026), all candidates listed as eligible and interested in participating in the reassignment procedures—should a selected candidate withdraw or fail to enrol—must explicitly confirm their interest in such reassignment procedures. The procedures for submitting this declaration of interest, along with the related deadline, will be published by 15 October 2026 at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato> <https://www.unipi.it/didattica/corsi/dottorati/bando2026-27/>. **Failure to submit such**

declaration of interest shall be considered an explicit withdrawal and the candidate will therefore be excluded from reassignment procedures.

7. The list of reassigned candidates will be published using the same methods and at the same web address as the original ranking lists. Reassignment will proceed in accordance with the order of the ranking list and the dates indicated below and will only apply to candidates who have expressed their interest based on the procedure set out in the previous paragraph. **No reminder emails will be sent to selected or eligible candidates regarding the deadlines listed below.**

	Publication date	<u>Final</u> deadline for enrolment following reassignment
1st reassignment	26 October 2026	by 1 p.m. on 28 October 2026
2nd reassignment	30 October 2026	by 1 p.m. on 2 November 2026
3rd reassignment	4 November 2026	by 1 p.m. on 06 November 2026

8. Subsequent admissions from the ranking list, after 6 November 2026 and by 31 December 2026, are permitted only for “open” grants (i.e. those that are not related to a specific subject), as more precisely indicated in the decree approving the ranking list:
9. In the case of selections involving subject-based grants, any unassigned places at the end of the third round of admissions from the ranking list may be made available by means of a special notice, to be issued by Rector’s Decree in the month of November. Such Notice will be reserved for eligible candidates suitably placed in the ranking lists of the selections already concluded and will be published at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>.
10. **With regard to the publication of the Notice and the procedures for the reallocation of the grants, no individual email communications will be sent to eligible candidates, as all relevant information will be provided at the time of publication of the ranking lists.**
11. **Renouncing any grant (including subject-specific grants) advertised in the Call shall be considered as an expression of no interest in the assignment of any other place with grant that may become available during the reassignment procedure.** This is without prejudice to the possibility for successful candidates in the ranking list who have renounced one of the grants advertised to compete for the positions that may become available in the Notice referred to in paragraph 9.
12. If, in the case of subsequent admissions from the ranking list, the first eligible candidate has declared, during the online application phase, their intention to apply as a public employee, they may enrol in the PhD programme without a grant, and the funded position will be assigned to the next available eligible candidate.
13. The following documents must be submitted for enrolment, in accordance with the procedures that will be published by 15 October 2026 at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>:
- proof of payment of the regional tax (or documentation proving temporary or permanent exemption) and of the stamp duty;
 - the enrolment declaration, complete with all required attachments, using the form that will be made available at the above address;
 - any further documentation that may be required, as published at the above address.
14. **Successful foreign candidates who require a visa for long-term stays in Italy** must register on the University portal (<https://www.universitaly.it/>) and request a visa from the Italian Embassy or Consulate with territorial jurisdiction. **At the time of enrolment**, non-EU candidates must hold a residence permit valid for university enrolment or provide a receipt proving that they have submitted the relevant application. A copy of the permit (or receipt) must be sent to the “Concorsi e carriere dottorandi” Unit of the “Ricerca e valorizzazione delle conoscenze” Division. Where there are valid reasons, the relevant documentation may be submitted by 31 December 2026. In such cases, the PhD student will be enrolled without any credit being awarded for any coursework already completed on a provisional basis, pending the submission of the

aforementioned authorisation. After that date, **and no later than 30 April 2027**, the PhD student shall begin the programme on the day following the issuance of the visa, and the doctoral programme shall end three years from that day.

15. **Successful candidates holding a foreign degree** must submit the original qualification by 30 November 2026, without prejudice to the deadlines indicated in the preceding paragraph.
16. For any personal communications, candidates must correctly provide their email address. The University accepts no responsibility for the loss of communications due to incorrect contact details, failure to notify a change of address, or issues attributable to third parties.
17. After enrolment, the University of Pisa shall verify the accuracy of the statements made by successful candidates, pursuant to Articles 71 et seq. of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000. Should any statements be found to be wholly or partially untrue, the candidate shall automatically forfeit the right to enrol and/or to receive the PhD grant, without prejudice to any personal liability as provided for in Articles 75 and 76 of the same Decree.

Article 6

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS

1. The details of the available grants are provided in the annexed programme fact sheets, which form an integral part of this Call. Certain grants may be subject-specific; in such cases, the PhD candidates awarded these grants are required to carry out their doctoral activities on the specific research subject indicated in the relevant information sheet.
2. Based on the ranking order, the PhD Faculty Council shall decide on the allocation of grants to the eligible selected candidates. Grants will then be formally awarded by means of an order issued by the competent chief executive.
3. Candidates who have previously received, even partially, a grant for attendance in a PhD or equivalent programme at this or any other Italian university **are not eligible for a second PhD grant**.
4. The gross annual amount of the grant for the academic year 2026/2027 is EUR 16,243.00. Grant allocation is subject to the absence of any incompatibility as defined by current legislation, including that referred to in Article 12 of the University Regulations on Doctoral Programmes. Grants, including those allocated through reassignment, will ordinarily commence on 1 November 2026.
5. The University cannot make advance payments on doctoral grants funded or co-funded by external public or private bodies without a bank guarantee. As a result, it will not cover any unpaid amounts owed to the beneficiary by the external funder.
6. Grants are paid in monthly instalments. The amount is increased by 50% during periods of research conducted abroad, up to a total of twelve months. This period may be extended to a maximum of eighteen months for joint PhD programmes (cotutelle) with foreign institutions or for programmes delivered in partnership with other entities. To benefit from this increase, the PhD student must be authorised by the PhD Faculty Council to undertake research abroad. The University cannot make any advance payments relating to this increase; therefore, it shall not cover any unpaid amounts owed to the beneficiary by the external funder and not paid.
7. From the first year of the PhD programme onwards, PhD grant recipients will receive, in addition to the grant, a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, commensurate with the nature of the programme, amounting to at least 10% (23% for National Doctorates) of the annual value of the doctoral grant, in accordance with Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022. For grant recipients who are public employees, holders of reserved positions pursuant to Article 1(1)(a) and (b), and successful applicants admitted to positions covered by apprenticeship contracts, this budget and the corresponding increase referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be financed by the department in which the PhD programme is hosted or, where applicable, by external bodies.

8. **Each Department of the University of Pisa may decide, at its own discretion and using its own resources, to award additional contributions to PhD students. In that case, the information is given in the PhD programme information sheet.**

Article 7

COURSE ATTENDANCE AND TUITION FEES

1. Participation in the PhD programme requires full-time, exclusive commitment. Authorisation for any paid activity must be requested by the PhD student in accordance with Article 14 of the University Regulations on Doctoral Programmes. **Such authorisation must also be requested by public employees**, except for candidates referred to in Article 3(6). For successful candidates who are public employees, the Faculty Council of the PhD Programme is required to verify that any paid employment is compatible with attendance on the programme, in accordance with Article 14 of the aforementioned Doctoral Programme Regulations. Enrolment cannot be finalised until such compatibility has been confirmed.
2. PhD candidates in the medical and veterinary fields may, upon application, take part in clinical care activities at affiliated public healthcare facilities, provided that such activities are strictly related to their research project and subject to **prior authorisation by the Faculty Council**. Such participation may take place up to a maximum of twelve hours per week. However, this activity may only be carried out where the Director of the relevant Operational Unit assumes oversight of, and responsibility for, the work performed by the PhD student. In all cases, appropriate measures must be taken to ensure that the doctoral student's clinical activities are adequately supervised and that they are not entrusted with independent clinical responsibilities.
3. Doctoral students are not required to pay tuition fees but only the regional tax, amounting to EUR 140.00 per year, for each year of enrolment.

Article 8

PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROCEDURE AND PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

1. The person in charge of the administrative procedure is Dr Licia Del Corso.
2. In accordance with European Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679, personal data provided by candidates will be collected and processed at the University of Pisa for the purposes of managing the procedures to which this notice refers. The processing of personal data will be carried out both manually and by automated means; in all cases, the data will be stored in accordance with legal requirements. The provision of data is compulsory and any refusal to provide such data will make it impossible to carry out the above-mentioned procedures. Candidates may exercise the rights set out in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Chapter III of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (e.g. rights of access and information, rectification and erasure, restriction and objection to processing, and data portability) by submitting an email request to alicepostlaurea@adm.unipi.it. The extended information sheet pursuant to the Regulation is available at the following link: <https://www.unipi.it/wp-content/uploads/Informativa-Studenti.pdf>

Article 9

PUBLICATION OF THE CALL

1. This Call will be published at the address <https://www.unipi.it/didattica/corsi/dottorati/bando2026-27/> and advertised electronically on the websites of the University of Pisa, MUR and European Euraxess.
2. This Call and the ranking lists will also be published on the University's official register <http://alboufficiale.unipi.it>.

THE RECTOR
Prof. Riccardo Zucchi*

* Computer document digitally signed in accordance with Legislative Decree 82/2005 as amended and related regulations, which replaces the paper document and the handwritten signature.

Self-certification – Employment as a Public Employee [Article 2(2) of the Call]

(pursuant to Article 46, Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000)

I, the undersigned _____, born in _____ (____) on ____/____/____ and residing in _____ (____) at _____ (address)

aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false or untrue statements, as provided for in Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, and pursuant to Article 47 of the above-mentioned Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, under my personal responsibility

HEREBY DECLARE

- That I am currently employed as a public employee on a _____ [*specify* permanent or fixed-term] basis at _____, under a contract of at least three years' duration, already in effect by the deadline of the Call;
- That I wish to apply as a public employee and therefore automatically waive the PhD grant, with the consequent application of the merit ranking provisions set out in Article 5 of the Call;
- That I am aware that this **choice is irrevocable and may not be modified at a later stage.**

A valid identity document is attached and will be uploaded during the online application procedure.

Place and date _____

Signature _____

This declaration is exempt from stamp duty pursuant to Article 37 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000

Self-certification – University Degree
(pursuant to Article 46, Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000)

I, the undersigned _____, born in
_____ (____) on ____/____/____ and residing in
_____ (____) at _____ (address)

aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false or untrue statements, as provided for in Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, and pursuant to Article 47 of the above-mentioned Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, under my personal responsibility

HEREBY DECLARE

☐ that I have obtained a degree under the former Italian system / a second-level / Master's Degree in
_____ (class _____),
on (date) _____ from the University of _____,
with a final grade of _____;

or

☐ that I will obtain a Master's Degree in
_____ (class _____),
by 31 October 2026, on (date) _____, from the University of _____.

A valid identity document is attached and will be uploaded during the online application procedure

Place and date _____

Signature _____

This declaration is exempt from stamp duty pursuant to Article 37 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000

To be printed on employer's letterhead

Employer Declaration – Contracted employee under agreement [Article 3, paragraph 7].

I, the undersigned _____, born in _____ (____) on ____/____/____ in my capacity as legal representative / executive officer of the organisation / company _____ with registered office at _____

aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false or untrue statements, as provided for in Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, and pursuant to Article 47 of the above-mentioned Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, under my personal responsibility

HEREBY DECLARE

that Mr/Mrs _____, born in _____ on _____, is currently employed under a _____ (SPECIFY: fixed-term/permanent) employment contract with this organisation, and that such contract has a duration of at least three years, corresponding to the duration of the PhD programme, with effect from _____.

I FURTHER DECLARE

that the organisation / company entered into a specific agreement with the University of Pisa on _____ for the purpose of allowing the above-mentioned employee to participate in the selection procedure for admission to the PhD programme.

A valid identity document is attached

Place and date _____

Signature _____

Self-certification – Research Grants / Fellowships

[pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 8 of the Call].

(pursuant to Article 46, Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000)

I, the undersigned _____, born in
_____ () on ____/____/____ and residing in
_____ () at _____ (address)

aware of the criminal penalties applicable in the event of false or untrue statements, as provided for in Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, and pursuant to Article 47 of the above-mentioned Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, under my personal responsibility

HEREBY DECLARE

that I am, on the closing date of the Call for Applications, the holder of a research grant awarded by the University of Pisa (please tick the relevant option with an X):

- [a] for a period at least equal to the statutory duration of the PhD programme (i.e. 3 years);
- [b] for a period of one year, provided that the relevant award decision stipulates that, in the event of admission to the PhD programme, the research grant will be extended to cover the statutory duration of the PhD programme, subject to the successful completion of the annual progression assessment;
- [c] none of the above.

(if option [c] is selected) I further declare that I am taking part in the selection process in the full knowledge that, should I be successful, I will not be able to enrol unless the Head of Department formally undertakes to guarantee funding for the entire statutory duration of the PhD programme (three years) by automatically extending the research grant, subject to the successful completion of the annual progression assessment.

that I have read Article 3, paragraph 7, of the Call for Applications, which stipulates that the grant must cover at least the duration of the PhD programme (3 years).

A valid identity document is attached and will be uploaded during the online application procedure

Place and date _____

Signature _____

This declaration is exempt from stamp duty pursuant to Article 37 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000

VIDEO Form

IMPORTANT: This form must be uploaded, **exclusively** during the online application process, by candidates who wish to take the interview via videoconference (only if allowed as specified in the relevant programme information sheet)

PhD

Request form for Videoconference Interview

I, the undersigned [*surname*] _____ [*first name*] _____
born in _____ on _____, with reference to the PhD selection
procedure for _____

HEREBY REQUEST

to take the admission interview remotely (via videoconference).

To this end, I provide the following contact details:

- mobile phone number _____
- email address _____.

Date _____

Signature _____