



## ANNEX No. 2 RECTORAL DECREE No.1493 JULY 10TH, 2025

Public competition announcement for admission at PhD programmes in "Health systems and service research", "Experimental and translational medicine", "Neurosciences", "Cellular and molecular clinical research", "Basic biomedical sciences and public health", "Nutrition, metabolism, ageing and gender-related pathologies" and "Oncological sciences", at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - XLI cycle - Rome campus

### Art. 1 Opening

For each doctoral course - for which a public competition is announced - the duration, the positions available for competition, the scholarship, the affiliated locations, the coordinator, the calendar and the procedures for carrying out the competition tests are indicated.

The number of scholarships may be increased following funding from public and private entities, provided that the relevant agreement is signed within the deadline of the call.

The increase in scholarships may lead to an increase in the number of places offered.

Any subsequent amendments and/or additions to the notice will be published online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-bandi-e-concorsi-roma#content>

The PhD programme activation and the related selection procedures are subject to the condition of accreditation and verification of requirements' maintenance by the National agency for the evaluation of universities and research institutes (ANVUR).

### PhD programme in: HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICE RESEARCH

Coordinator: Prof. Giuseppe ARBIA

Duration: 3 years

Places: 5

- Places with scholarship: 4
- Places without a scholarship: 1

The following collaborate by financing scholarships:



- Altems Advisory S.r.l.;
- Fondazione Roma.

Information : <https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/health-systems>

The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;  
the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat

PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare that they are competing for a place in the general ranking;

In addition to the application form, all the contestants must enclose:

- a detailed resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included) with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of 3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in Health Systems and Service Research, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;

The research project must relate to one of the following areas of candidate's choice:

- Healthcare Management;
  - Health Economics;
  - Economic assessments of health programmes;
  - HTA (Health Technology Assessment);
  - Big Data Analytics for Healthcare Service and Systems Management;
  - Global Health;
  - Health Legislation;
  - Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare
- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;



- for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
- self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad;
- a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.

To be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme candidates must also send - within the deadline's call for applications on Friday August 22nd, 2025 - by e-mail to the PhD Office (dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) and to the Programme Coordinator's Secretariat (altems@unicatt.it) both their Resume and their research project with the abstract.

#### Assessment procedure:

The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- Resume and other qualifications;
- research project;
- interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>
- element c) is evaluated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the examining commission in order to verify candidate's linguistic qualification (English language, level B2) and the presence of adequate IT skills.

The final ranking is the result of the scores' sum obtained in elements a), b) and c).

Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Schedule of tests:

Interview: Monday, September 22nd, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Room 20, Faculty of Economics - Largo Francesco Vito, 1 - 00168 Rome.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference,



according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [altems@unicatt.it](mailto:altems@unicatt.it) specify the reason of the request.

Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The candidate could be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduct of the interview.

#### Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Friday, September 12th, 2025.

### **PhD programme in: EXPERIMENTAL AND TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE**

Coordinator: Prof. Ornella PAROLINI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 18

- Places with scholarship: 14

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Application of Vascular-Stromal Fraction from Adipose Tissue via 3D Bioprinting in Urethra Tissue Reconstruction: Study of an Autologous Regenerative Approach” – financed by MULTISCOPE project - Grant Agreement n. 101185664, Project Identifier (CUP): J83C24001310006 and by STRONG UR project Grant Agreement n. 101191695, Project Identifier (CUP): J53C24002360006

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Engineering of 3D Bioprinted Tissue Models for the Simulation and Study of Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Approaches of the Gastrointestinal System” financed by MULTISCOPE project - Grant Agreement n. 101185664, Project Identifier (CUP): J83C24001310006 and by STRONG UR project Grant Agreement n. 101191695, Project Identifier (CUP): J53C24002360006;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Development of a 3D Intestinal Model for Diagnostic Marker Validation” - funded by the ENDO-LIDAR project - Precision Medicine: Transforming Endoscopy with LIDAR and NIRI Technology” Italian Fund for Applied Sciences (FISA) code 2023-00241 - Project Identifier (CUP): B83D23001190001 (scientific manager Prof. Massimiliano PAPI) – notice n. 1233 of August 1st 2023 - Public notice “aimed at financing project proposals with the



resources of the Italian Fund for Applied Sciences (FISA) for the year 2023;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Design of an Endoscopic Optical System based on LIDAR-NIR Imaging and Artificial Intelligence for Advanced Medical Diagnostics” - financed by the ENDO-LIDAR project - Precision Medicine: Transforming Endoscopy with LIDAR and NIRI Technology” Italian Fund for Applied Sciences (FISA) code 2023-00241 - Project Identifier (CUP): B83D23001190001 (scientific manager Prof. Massimiliano PAPI) – notice n. 1233 of August 1st 2023 - Public notice “aimed at financing project proposals with the resources of the Italian Fund for Applied Sciences (FISA) for the year 2023;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Role of splicing in pancreatic cancer cell homeostasis and in the crosstalk with the tumour microenvironment”;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Investigating novel signalling mechanisms in control of metastatic ovarian cancer cells”

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Immunophenotype analysis in patients with oral lichen planus: an observational cohort study”

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Study of the cellular and molecular mechanisms responsible for muscle degeneration in facioscapulohumeral dystrophy: towards the identification of new therapeutic targets”

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Characterization of extracellular vesicles in patients with antiphospholipid antibodies: correlation with vascular manifestations”

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Comparison of the immunomodulatory properties of mesenchymal stromal cells (MSC) from different perinatal sources”, co-financed with the participation of Poliambulanza Foundation – Brescia.

- Places without a scholarship: 4

Information : <https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/medicina-sperimentale-home>

The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;



the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat.

PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare only one of the following possibilities:

- competing for a place in the general ranking;
- to compete for a place of one of the following finalised scholarship:
  - Application of Vascular - Stromal Fraction (Multiscope/ Strong);
  - Tissue Model Engineering (Multiscope/ Strong);
  - Development of a 3D Intestinal Model;
  - Imaging LIDAR-NIR;
  - Pancreatic cancer cell homeostasis;
  - Investigating novel signalling mechanisms;
  - Immunophenotype analysis;
  - Study of cellular and molecular mechanisms;
  - Characterization of vesicles;
  - Fondazione Poliambulanza – Brescia.

In addition to the application form, all applicants must enclose:

- a detailed Resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included) with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of 3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in Experimental and Translational Medicine, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;

The research project must relate to one of the following areas of the candidate's choice:

- Renal Medicine;
- Transplant Medicine;
- Computational Biomedicine;
- Rare Diseases;
- Endothelial and Haemostasis Medicine;

- Regenerative Medicine;
  - Gynaecology.
- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;
  - for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
  - self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad; a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.
  - a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.

In order to be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme, candidates must also send - within the deadline's call for applications on Friday August 22nd 2025 - by e-mail to the PhD Office (dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) and the Applied Biology Section (sezione.biologiaapplicata@unicatt.it) both their Resume and their research project with the abstract.

#### Assessment procedure:

The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- a. Resume and other qualifications;
- b. research project;
- c. interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>
- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the selection committee.

The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores obtained in elements a), b) and c). Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the

interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

Schedule of tests:

Interview: Tuesday September 16th 2025 ore 9:30 a.m., Aula Moscati, ground floor - Istituti Biologici - Largo Francesco Vito, 1 -00168-Roma.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [sezione.biologiaapplicata@unicatt.it](mailto:sezione.biologiaapplicata@unicatt.it) specifying the reason of the request.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduction of the interview. The candidate can be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.

Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Wednesday September 8th 2025.

**PhD programme in: NEUROSCIENCE**

Coordinator: Prof. Paolo CALABRESI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 22

- Places with scholarship: 17

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in "Identification of markers in Hereditary Transthyretin (ATTR) Amyloidosis." in collaboration with AstraZeneca;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project regarding the notice issued by the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research on 13th September 2022 n. 1405 - Public notice "aimed at financing project proposals with the resources of Italian Fund for Applied Sciences (FISA) for the year 2022" - Project title: "PRED-AGGR: Software prediction of aggressive/suicidal behaviours based on clinical, neuroimaging and





motion/facial expression data through Artificial Intelligence” – FISA Code n. 2022-00919 – Project Identifier (CUP) B83C22009870008 (Scientific director Dr Delfina Janiri);

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “PaNTHeON: study of prognostic factors and the Timeout model in the care pathway between neurorehabilitation, palliative care and territorial structures for patients with severe acquired brain injuries” financed by Fondazione “Gli artisti del sorriso”;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Prevalence, clinical features and biomarkers of Neuromotor and Orobulbar Fatigue in SMA type 2 and SMA type 3: a prospective study” financed by Nemo Centre;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “RISE (Robotic and Integrated Sensor-based Evaluation): innovative technologies and simultaneous objective measures in the rehabilitation of severe acquired brain injuries”, financed by OFI LAZIO;

of which 2 places with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project in “Psychopathology of prodromal states of psychosis and schizophrenia spectrum disorders in developmental age: clinical trajectories and treatment personalization”, financed by Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital.

- Places without a scholarship: 5

A.R.E.F.; AL.CHI. MI. A. S.r.l. collaborate by funding scholarships.

Information : <https://scuoleididottorato.unicatt.it/dottorato-neuroscienze-home>

The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;  
the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat.

#### PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare only one of the following possibilities:

- to compete for a place in the general ranking;
- to compete for a place of one of the following finalised scholarship:
  - ASTRAZENECA;
  - Italian Fund for Applied Sciences (FISA) 2022;
  - Gli artisti del sorriso;

- Nemo Centre;
- OFI LAZIO;
- Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital.

In addition to the application form, all candidates must enclose:

- a detailed Resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of 3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in Neuroscience, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;
- The research project must relate to one of the following areas of the candidate's choice:
  - Clinical Neuroscience;
  - Neuropsychology;
  - Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience;
  - Translational medicine of the head and neck district and neurophysiopathology of the sensory systems of the head and neck;
  - Development and Disability in paediatric age;
  - Developmental Neurological Sciences;
  - Biophysics.
- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;
- for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
- self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as Master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad; a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.
- a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.

In order to be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme, candidates must also send - within the deadline's call for applications on Friday August 22nd 2025 - by e-mail to PhD Office



(dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) and to the Programme Coordinator's Secretariat (flavia.torlizzi@policlinicogemelli.it) both their Resume and research project with the abstract.

#### Assessment procedure:

The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- a. Resume and other qualifications;
- b. research project;
- c. interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>
- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the selection committee.

The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores obtained in elements a), b) and c).

Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Schedule of tests:

Interview: Wednesday September 24th 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Aula 617, 6th floor - Policlinico Agostino Gemelli, n.8 - 00168- Roma.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [flavia.torlizzi@policlinicogemelli.it](mailto:flavia.torlizzi@policlinicogemelli.it) specifying the reason of the request.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduction of the interview. The candidate can be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.

Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Monday September



15th 2025.

## **PhD programme in: CLINICAL CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR RESEARCH**

Coordinator: Prof. Luca RICHELDI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 9

- Places with scholarship: 7

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project SCOPE-AI (Surveillance Colonoscopy and Prevention Effect with Artificial Intelligence) - Impact of artificial intelligence in surveillance colonoscopy in the screening program for the prevention of interval colorectal cancer: a prospective longitudinal study, financed by Fondazione Poliambulanza - Brescia.

- Places without a scholarship: 2

Information : <https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/cellulare-molecolare-home>

The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;  
the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat

PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare only one of the following possibilities:

- to compete for a place in the general ranking;
- to compete for a place of the following finalised scholarship:

Fondazione Poliambulanza - Brescia

In addition to the application form, all candidates must enclose:

- a detailed Resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of 3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in Clinical Cellular and Molecular Research, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;
- The research project must relate to one of the following areas of the candidate's choice:



- Cardiology;
  - Cardiac surgery;
  - Diabetology;
  - Digestive endoscopy;
  - Infectiology;
  - Dentistry;
  - Pulmonology.
- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;
  - for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
  - self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as Master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad; a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.
  - a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.

In order to be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme, candidates must also send - within the deadline's call for applications on Friday August 22nd 2025 - by e-mail to PhD Office (dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) and to the Programme Coordinator's Secretariat (claudia.caccianotti@unicatt.it) both their Resume and their research project with the abstract.

#### Assessment procedure:

The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- a. Resume and other qualifications;
- b. research project;
- c. interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>

- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the selection committee.

The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores obtained in elements a), b) and c).

Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Schedule of tests:

Interview: Wednesday September 18th 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Aula 805-806, 8th floor - wing Q - Policlinico Agostino Gemelli, n.8 - 00168- Roma.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [claudia.caccianotti@unicatt.it](mailto:claudia.caccianotti@unicatt.it) specifying the reason of the request.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduction of the interview. The candidate could be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.

Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Tuesday 10th September 2025.

### **PhD programme in: BASIC BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

Coordinator: Prof. Maurizio SANGUINETTI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 13

- Places with scholarship: 10

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “EDiHTA - The first European Digital Health Technology Assessment framework” Horizon Europe, Project Identifier (CUP) J53C23003590006;



of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Digital Lifelong Prevention DARE” whose co-financing for the first year is based on the funds of the National Complementary Plan PNC-I.1 - Research initiatives for innovative technologies and pathways in the healthcare and assistance sector issued by the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research Directorial Decree n. 931 of 06th June 2022 - DARE - Digital Lifelong Prevention" project code PNC0000002- Project Identifier (CUP): B53C22006320001, the second and third years co-financed instead through the SHIELD project, Grant Agreement n. 101233259 - Strategies for Health interventions to eliminate infection related cancers;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases (JA PreventNCD)”, Project Identifier (CUP) R4124300914;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Investigation and advancement of methodologies for estimating the post-mortem interval (PMI)”, Project Identifier (CUP) FPG5760027;

- Places without a scholarship: 3

Information: [https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/biomediche-base-home\\_](https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/biomediche-base-home_)

The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;  
the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat

#### PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare only one of the following possibilities:

- to compete for a place in the general ranking;
  - to compete for a place of the following finalised scholarship:
    - EDiHTA;
    - DARE;
    - JA PreventNCD;
- Project Identifier (CUP) FPG5760027.

In addition to the application form, all candidates must enclose:

- a detailed Resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of



3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in Basic Biomedical Sciences and Public Health, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;

The research project must relate to one of the following areas of the candidate's choice

- Molecular medical genetics;
  - Tools for risk assessment and management in the context of occupational exposure to new technologies;
  - Public Health and Health Systems;
  - Epidemiological Methodology;
  - Studies of biological samples through proteomic platforms;
  - Study and characterization of microbial pathogenicity determinants;
  - Identification and molecular characterization of antimicrobial resistance determinants;
  - Molecular genetics, clinic, epidemiology and forensic implications of sudden cardiac deaths;
  - Human population genetics and its forensic applications;
  - Safety, ethical evaluation of research and humanization of healthcare organizations.
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- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;
  - for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
  - self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as Master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad; a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.
  - a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.

In order to be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme, candidates must also send - within the deadline's call for applications on Friday August 22nd 2025 - by e-mail to the PhD Office ([dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it)) and to the Programme Coordinator ([maurizio.sanguinetti@unicatt.it](mailto:maurizio.sanguinetti@unicatt.it)) both their Resume and their research project with the abstract.

Assessment procedure:



The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- a. Resume and other qualifications;
- b. research project;
- c. interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>
- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the selection committee.

The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores obtained in elements a), b) and c).

Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Schedule of tests:

Interview: Wednesday September 24th 2025 at 8:30 a.m., Aula 716, 7th floor - Policlinico Agostino Gemelli, n.8 - 00168- Roma.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [maurizio.sanguinetti@unicatt.it](mailto:maurizio.sanguinetti@unicatt.it) specifying the reason of the request.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduction of the interview. The candidate could be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.

Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Tuesday 15th September 2025.

**PhD programme in: SCIENCE OF NUTRITION, METABOLISM, AGEING AND**



## **GENDER-RELATED DISEASES**

Coordinator: Prof. Alfredo PONTECORVI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 22

- Places with scholarship: 17

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Disentangling microbiome engraftment by multi-omics of the gut ecosystem during fecal transplant (DissEcT)” financed by FONDO ITALIANO PER LA SCIENZA (Directorial Decree no. 2281 of 28th September 2021) – Italian Ministry for universities and research (MUR) Project Code: FIS\_00001711 Project Identifier (CUP): J53C23002260001;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “A gut microbiome-based diagnostic tool for the screening of colorectal cancer”, financed by AIRC - Foundation for Cancer Research NGO announcement Next Gen Clinician Scientist 2023;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Research on transfer of adipocytes and adipose-derived stem cells (ASDCs)”, financed by BIEMME & PARTNERS SRL;

of which 2 places with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Study of predictive factors and personalized medicine for patients with chronic inflammatory bowel diseases: from bench to bedside”;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Multidimensional evaluation of JACARDI pilot projects conducted on Italian territory: a contribution to the prevention and management of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes in the EU”, financed by the Italian Higher Institute of Health;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Advancing Education in minimally invasive approaches (MIA Academy): development and implementation of High-Tech, Interdisciplinary training program for healthcare professionals”;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research project “Image-guided radiation therapy in cervical cancer: radiomics assessment and creation of a deep learning model for predicting pelvic floor dysfunctions”;

- Places without a scholarship: 5



H.A.R.G. SB SRL collaborates by funding scholarships.

Information : [https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/nutrizione-metabolismo-home\\_](https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/nutrizione-metabolismo-home_)

The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;  
the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat

PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare only one of the following possibilities:

- to compete for a place in the general ranking;
- to compete for a place of the following finalised scholarship:

- FIS\_00001711;
- AIRC;
- BIEMME & PARTNERS SRL;
- Studio dei fattori predittivi;
- JACARDI;
- MIA Academy;
- Image-guided radiation therapy.

In addition to the application form, all candidates must enclose:

- a detailed Resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of 3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in *Science of Nutrition, Metabolism, Ageing and Gender-Related Diseases*, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;

The research project must relate to one of the following areas of the candidate's choice:

- Gastroenterology and Nutrition;
  - Endocrine-Metabolic;
  - Gerontology and Geriatrics;
  - Medical-Surgical Gender Pathologies.
- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final



grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;

- for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
- self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as Master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad; a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.
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In order to be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme, candidates must also send, by the deadline of the call for applications, Friday August 22nd 2025, by e-mail to the PhD Office (dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) and to the Programme Coordinator's Secretariat (segreteria.endocrinologia-rm@unicatt.it) both their Resume and their research project with the abstract.

Graduates must have the degree certificate at the time of enrolment in the PhD course (November 1st, 2025)

Specializing doctors must be enrolled in their final year at the time of enrolment in the PhD course (November 1st, 2025).

#### Assessment procedure:

The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- a. Resume and other qualifications;
- b. research project;
- c. interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>
- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the selection committee.

The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores obtained in elements a), b) and c).

Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

Schedule of tests:

Interview: Tuesday September 23rd 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Aula Brasca, Policlinico Agostino Gemelli, n.8 - 00168- Roma.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [segreteria.endocrinologia-rm@unicatt.it](mailto:segreteria.endocrinologia-rm@unicatt.it) specifying the reason of the request.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduction of the interview. The candidate could be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.

Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Friday 19th September 2025.

**PhD programme in: ONCOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Coordinator: Prof. Valerio DE STEFANO

Duration: 3 years

Places: 21

- Places with scholarship: 16

of which 1 position with a specific call for bids is activated and reserved for the project “Terahertz Integrated Biosensing from molecular, vesicular to the cellular and tissue level (TeraIBs) - Grant Agreement n. 101169419” financed under the Horizon Europe programme – Marie Skłodowska Curie Action -Doctoral Network (Announcement HORIZON-MSCA-2023-DN-01-01);

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the realization of the research “Study of the Scanjet system in the diagnosis of prostate cancer”, financed by TXT e-solution S.p.A.

- Places without a scholarship: 5

Information: <https://scuoledidottorato.unicatt.it/oncologiche-home>



The PhD programme includes a mandatory specific training course;  
the lesson schedule will be transmitted by the coordinator's secretariat

PhD application:

In the application, candidates must choose and declare only one of the following possibilities:

- to compete for a place in the general ranking;
- to compete for a place of the following finalised scholarship:
  - TXT *e-solution* SpA.

In addition to the application form, all candidates must enclose:

- a detailed Resume written in English;
- a research project written in Italian or English (indicative limit of 20,000 characters, spaces included with a bibliography accompanied by an abstract in English (indicative limit of 3,000 characters, spaces included). The research project must allow the verification of the scientific interests of the candidate and his/her adherence to one of the scientific lines of the PhD in Oncological Sciences, but it does not constitute a constraint on subsequent research activity within the PhD. The project must demonstrate the candidate's full knowledge of sector art's state, mastery of research methodologies within the discipline and it has to include an adequate bibliography;

The research project must relate to one of the following areas of the candidate's choice

- precision oncology in solid tumours;
  - oncohematology;
  - molecular and translational oncology;
  - radiotherapy oncology, imaging and technological innovation;
  - oncology and Human Sciences ("Biomedical Humanities" in oncology).
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- for graduate students is required a self-certification of the qualification obtained with final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades or the certification of the qualification obtained from a foreign university which includes the final grade and the list of exams taken with the relative grades;
  - for graduating students is required a self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of exams taken and the related grades or a self-certification of enrolment in a foreign academic course with the exams taken and the related grades;
  - self-certification or certification of any additional qualifications such as Master's degrees and specialization courses obtained in Italy with the list of exams taken and the related grades and a copy of any other qualification deemed useful for the purposes of evaluation, if obtained abroad; a copy of any publications deemed useful for the assessment.

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In order to be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme, candidates must also send, by the deadline of the call for applications, Friday August 22nd 2025, by e-mail to the PhD Office (dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) and to the Programme Coordinator (valerio.destefano@unicatt.it) both their Resume and research project with the abstract.

#### Assessment procedure:

The admission's assessment to the PhD course is based on the following elements:

- Resume and other qualifications;
- research project;
- interview with the Selection Committee.

The evaluation is based on a scale from 0 to 70 points assigned according to the following criteria:

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring a total of 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements a) and b) will be visible online: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-esiti-prove-concorsuali-results-competition-tests#content>
- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview - in Italian or English - is aimed at discussing candidate's research project and purpose answering the questions of the selection committee.

The final ranking is the result of the sum of the scores obtained in elements a), b) and c).

Candidates are only admitted to the PhD programme if they obtain at least 20 points in the interview and in order of ranking according to the number of available places.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Schedule of tests:

Interview: Friday September 12th 2025 at 8:00 a.m., Classrooms 703,704A,704B, 7th floor, Policlinico Agostino Gemelli, n.8 - 00168- Roma.

In any case, the Commission reserves the right to conduct the oral exam via videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Candidates unable to attend the oral exam at the designated location may request - within the deadline of the announcement - to take the oral exam online on Microsoft Teams platform by sending an email to [valerio.destefano@unicatt.it](mailto:valerio.destefano@unicatt.it) specifying the reason of the request.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore shall bear no responsibility if any technical reasons may affect the conduction of the interview. The candidate could be excluded if he/she cannot be found on the agreed day and time.



Candidates are required to have audio and video equipment suitable for Microsoft Teams.

The final meeting time and place will be published at the same time as the publication of the rankings.

#### Merit ranking:

The admission rankings for the oral tests will be published starting from Friday 5th September 2025.

### **Art. 2 Admission requirements**

Admission to the PhD programme is open, with no age or nationality restrictions, to those who hold a specialised or graduate degree, or a degree awarded in accordance with the teaching regulations prior to the entry into force of Ministerial Decree November 3rd 1999, no. 509, as amended and supplemented, or a suitable foreign qualification.

Unless otherwise specified, applications may also be submitted by those who will obtain the qualification, in Italy or abroad, referred to in the first paragraph by October 31st 2025.

### **Art. 3 Application form**

Those wishing to take part in the competition must submit their applications to the Magnificent Rector of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore by the peremptory deadline of Friday, July 22nd 2025, until 2 p.m. (local time).

To apply for the competition, you need to go to: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-bandi-e-concorsi-roma#content> and follow the online application procedure only.

Each application may refer to only one PhD programme. Candidates wishing to take part in more than one PhD competition must submit several applications, enclosing the necessary documentation for each one, without prejudice to the possibility of overlapping the date of the admission examination for the PhD programmes that are being advertised.

In the application, available in Italian and English, applicants should register and activate their nominal account by selecting the category corresponding to their profile.

In the case of registration as a new user, the registration procedure must be carried out by entering all the required information, paying particular attention to the mandatory fields marked with an asterisk.

Registration provides access credentials (Nominal account).

For the activation of their nominal account, each user will receive instructions by e-mail at the e-mail address indicated during registration.

The information provided during registration is used exclusively for activities related to selection for admission to PhD programmes. All information is retained for five years after the candidate's registration.

To continue with registration for the competition, you must proceed to change your password, following the instructions received by e-mail.



In the Competition Registration section, candidates must fill in the following information under their own responsibility:

#### Competition Ranking Section

Select the admission competition for the PhD programme in which you wish to participate and indicate where required whether you are interested in a place on the general list or other targeted scholarships.

#### Language Preference Section

Indicate two options, indicating as first choice the mother tongue and, as second option, the preferred foreign language for the oral test.

#### Personal Data Section

The data entered during registration will be displayed.

- Personal data: in order to make changes to personal data, it is necessary to send an e-mail to [dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) , specifying what is required.
- Residence and Domicile Data: they can be changed directly by the user.

#### Section Title of Study

For university graduates, enter the qualification held, as well as the date and university at which it was obtained or the academic qualification obtained abroad;

For graduating students: the academic qualification you intend to obtain, the probable date and university where it will be awarded, or the academic qualification you intend to obtain abroad, as well as the university and the probable date when it will be awarded.

#### Competition entry summary section

Select the 'payments' button and the relevant invoice number associated with the competition entry fee.

Select your preferred PagoPA mode for the payment of Euro 50.00 as the participation fee for the selection according to the path described in the guide available at the following link: Payment via PagoPA | Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (<https://studenticattolica.unicatt.it/contributi-e-agevolazioni-pagamento-tramitepagopa>).

Payment constitutes the completion of the procedure and must be made by the deadline of this notice.

The competition fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

#### Titles and Document Management Section

The following .pdf documents must be attached to continue the application:



- Resume;
- duly signed identification document;
- in the case of qualifications obtained abroad, attach the equivalence or declaration of value;
- further documentation where specifically requested;

Candidates undertake to notify the Commission without delay of any change in their place of residence or address for the purposes of the competition.

The university administration accepts no responsibility for the non-receipt of communications due to inaccurate information on the candidate's residence and domicile or failure or delay in communicating any change thereof, nor for any postal errors through no fault of the administration itself.

The University reserves the right to adopt, even after the competition tests have been held, measures for the exclusion of candidates who do not meet the requirements or who have not complied with the provisions of the notice of competition.

Candidates with disabilities, for the sole purpose of the competition, must specify in their application the aid they need in relation to their disability, pursuant to Law no. 104 of 5 February 1992.

#### Research Line Section

In order to be able to indicate the line of research you are interested in, you must fill in the questionnaire, otherwise the application will not be considered valid.

At the end of the procedure, each candidate will be assigned a numerical identification code (pre-enrolment), which will be used to identify their position in the ranking list.

### **Art. 4 Selection board**

The Rector, on the proposal of the Board of professors, shall appoint by decree the Commission for admission to the PhD programme, composed of three tenured professors, to which no more than two experts, including foreign ones, may be added, chosen from among public and private research bodies and structures, ensuring, where possible, a balanced representation of women and men. In particular cases, adequately justified, related to the articulation of the PhD programmes in directions or curricula, more than one Selection Committee may be set up, i.e. a Selection Committee consisting of up to five tenured professors.

The composition of the selection committees will be published after the deadline at <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-roma-commissione-esaminatrice-examination-board#content>

### **Art. 5 Competition test modalities**

The candidates will be admitted to the PhD programme, unless otherwise specified, in order of ranking until the number of places available for the PhD programme has been filled. In the event of any eligible candidates dropping out before the start of the PhD programme, they will be



replaced in accordance with the order of the ranking list. In the event of successful placement in several rankings, the candidate must exercise the option for only one PhD programme.

Unless otherwise specified, research scholarship recipients may be admitted to the PhD programme in supernumerary numbers, without holding a scholarship, while retaining their research scholarship, subject to passing the admission tests, provided that the PhD programme they are attending relates to the same scientific area of research for which they are scholarship recipients.

## **Art. 6**

### **Admission to PhD programmes**

As of Wednesday, October 1st 2025, the final merit rankings will be visible by accessing your personal competition registration page.

Such notification shall have the value of an official communication. Therefore, candidates will not receive any direct communication by e-mail or regular mail regarding the rankings.

Successful candidates will be admitted to the PhD programme in the order of their ranking and up to the number of places available for each PhD programme.

To avoid forfeiture, the winners of the competition must, within 7 calendar days of the publication of the final rankings, confirm their acceptance of the place by means of the online procedure used to register for the selection and upload the following documents in the *online* procedure:

- application for enrolment in the PhD programme;
- declaration of enrolment in another university programme (non-health area specialisation school, health area specialisation school, postgraduate programme, Italian university graduate degree programme or other university programme of study);
- a passport photo;
- Fiscal Master Form (MAF);
- Proceed with the payment of the first instalment of university fees and contributions. Payment must be made through the PagoPA circuit and is to be made at the same time as finalising the registration procedure, at any bank (even online if your bank allows it).

In the event of difficulties accessing the online system, please refer to the instructions on the dedicated web page (<https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-sede-di-roma-modulistica-per-i-dottorandi-immatricolazione#content>) and send via pec, to the following address [dottorati-rm@pec.ucsc.it](mailto:dottorati-rm@pec.ucsc.it) the required documents.

The research programme must be submitted to the PhD secretariat by October 31st 2025 (<https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-programma-di-ricerca.pdf>).

By November 21st 2025, form 2 must be completed. The documentation must be downloaded, printed out and signed by the Co-ordinator (or by the responsible professor delegated for this purpose) of the PhD programme in which the PhD student is enrolled. To complete the procedure, please send the form by e-mail to: Prevention and Protection Service ([ser.sicurezza-rm@unicatt.it](mailto:ser.sicurezza-rm@unicatt.it)).

Should any eligible candidates withdraw, they will be replaced by an equal number of eligible candidates in the order of the ranking list, who will be notified by *e-mail*.



**Art. 7**  
**Joint attendance with a health-related specialisation school**

Doctors in specialised training who are enrolled in the final year of a specialisation school in the health area at the time of winning the PhD competition are allowed to attend a PhD programme run by Università Cattolica jointly, in accordance with the regulations in force. During the year of joint attendance, the doctor in specialised training cannot receive the PhD scholarship.

**Art.8**  
**Scholarships and contributions**

The amount of the fees required for access and attend PhD programmes activated at Università Cattolica is determined annually by the University Board of Directors.

PhD students enrolled in the XLI cycle are required to pay the annual contributions for access to the PhD courses for an amount equal to € 836.00 (including virtual stamp duty), to be paid in 2 instalments, the first, of € 536.00, at the time of enrolment or renewal of registration, the second equal to € 300.00 by April 30 of each year.

Receipt of a scholarship for attending a PhD programme is compatible with other income, including income received continuously in the calendar year in which the scholarship is received, provided that it does not exceed the amount established for the scholarship. If the (gross) income limit is exceeded, the scholarship is cancelled for the entire year in question. For the purpose of verifying the limit set, the person concerned is required to declare annually the income received and to report any exceeding of the prescribed limit and to repay the amount received during the fiscal year when the income exceeded the amount of the scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded for one year and are renewed on condition that the PhD student has completed the programme of activities planned for the previous year.

The amount of the scholarship, paid in monthly instalments, is € 16.243,00 per year, gross of social security charges. The scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 26 of Law no. 335 of 8 August 1995, as amended. The scholarship is exempt from paying local income tax and personal income tax (IRPEF).

This amount is increased by a maximum of 50% for a total period not exceeding 12 months if the PhD student is authorised by the board of professors to carry out research activities abroad. The period may be extended up to an overall maximum of eighteen months pursuant to Art. 9, para. 3 of M.D. 226/21.

As of the first year, each PhD student, with and without a scholarship, is guaranteed a budget of 10% of the gross annual amount of the scholarship, i.e. € 1.624,30, for research activities in Italy and abroad.

A PhD scholarship cannot be awarded to anyone who has previously received it, even partially.



**Art.9**  
**Public employees**

Current legislation on leave of absence or special leave applies to public employees admitted to the PhD programme.

Public employees (Italian Public Administration), in the event of a useful position in the final ranking, who would keep their salary (pursuant Italian Law no. 476 of 13 August 1984) may apply for all positions.

**Art. 10**  
**Acts and documents drafted in a foreign language**

Acts and documents drawn up in a foreign language must be translated and legalised by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular representations abroad and must comply with the provisions in force in the State in question.

**Art. 11**  
**Rights and duties of PhD students**

PhD students are required to regularly follow the activities envisaged for their training and to devote themselves with full commitment to individual and guided study programmes and to carrying out the research activities assigned by the Board of professors.

PhD students are also required to read the Code of Ethics of Università Cattolica and to respect its principles and aims.

**Art. 12**  
**Public disclosure**

This notice is published on the website of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore at: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-bandi-e-concorsi-roma#content>, on the European *Euraxess* website and on that of the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research.

**Art. 13**  
**Final Provisions**

For all matters not expressly provided for in this notice, the provisions of Rector's Decree No. 1098 of February 26th 2025 shall apply: «Amendments to the "Regulations for PhD programmes and PhD Schools at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore"» and current regulations.

Further information can be obtained from the PhD Office, telephone +39 0630154958 or +39 0630153982, email: [dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca-rm@unicatt.it) or on the website: <https://progetti.unicatt.it/progetti-ateneo-bandi-e-concorsi-roma#content>

The person in charge of the procedure for this notice is Dr Patrizia MELI, Head of Specialising Courses and Doctorates, Largo F. Vito 1, 00168 Rome.

