

Public competition announcement for admission to the PhD programmes in "Enterprise, Labor, Institutions and Criminal Justice", "Institutions and Policies", "Person and Legal Systems", "Psychology", "Person and Education Sciences", "Linguistic and Literary Sciences", "Economic History and History of Economic Thought. Firms, Institutions, and Cultures" and "Humanities. Tradition and Contemporaneity" at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - XLI cycle - Milan campus

Art. 1 Opening

For each PhD programme, for which an open competition is announced, the coordinator, duration, number of places on the course, number of scholarships and affiliated institutions are indicated.

The number of scholarships may be increased as a result of funding from public and private entities, provided that the relevant agreement is signed by the deadline of the call for applications.

The increase in scholarships will define an increase in the number of places on offer. Any subsequent amendments and/or additions to the call for applications will be publicised on <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi>

The activation of the PhD programme and the related selection procedures are subjected to accreditation and the verification of the maintenance of requirements by the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR).

PhD programme in: ENTREPRISE, LABOR, INSTITUTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Coordinator: Professor Matteo CORTI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 8

- Places with scholarship: 6

of which 2 places for research in each field included in the disciplinary areas pertaining to the PhD;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of criminal justice and criminology, with a scholarship co-funded by the "Federico Stella" Graduate School of Criminal Justice, at whose headquarters in Milan the winning candidate, by acceptance, undertakes to carry out research activities and scientific collaboration;

of which 1 place with fellowship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of business law;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at research on "Collective bargaining, equivalence

regime and new structure of the procurement code," financed by Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini s.r.l., Rome, in collaboration with which the winning candidate, through acceptance, undertakes to carry out research activities, including at the relevant sites;

of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at research on "New Emerging Risks for Occupational Health and Safety," funded by "Intesa SanPaolo S.p.A.", in collaboration with which the successful candidate, by acceptance, undertakes to carry out research activities, including at the relevant sites.

- Places without a scholarship: 2 for research in any field included in the disciplinary areas pertaining to the PhD.

Information: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/ilig>

The PhD programme in Enterprise, Labor, Institutions and Criminal Justice responds to a scientific and educational project that crosses the areas of business law, labor and social security law, international law, criminal law and public law. The programme is intended for young scholars who demonstrate aptitude for scientific research.

In addition to the general track related to the above areas, the PhD programme includes a finalised research track in criminal law and criminology, a finalised research track in business law, and a finalised research track in labor law and social security.

The PhD student may be required, during the first year, to participate in training activities up to a maximum of 100 actual hours.

Admission to the PhD programme requires a graduate degree in law or economics or social sciences [corresponding to the classes of LMG1 (Law), LM56 (Economics), LM62 (Political Science), LM63 (Public Administration Science), LM77 (Economic and Business Sciences)] with a minimum grade of 105/110 or an equivalent degree awarded abroad.

Also eligible for admission are graduating candidates in the same degree classes who have earned an average of at least 28/30 in their proficiency exams and will graduate by the deadline of October 31, 2025.

Admission to the PhD programme is incompatible with enrollment and/or participation in the School of Specialization for Legal Professions.

All candidates are required to have adequate knowledge of Italian and one other language; if the second language is other than English, the candidate must still demonstrate sufficient knowledge of English.

Application for participation

In the application, by selecting one of the following options, candidates should state:

- to compete for a place on the general ranking list, possibly specifying the intention to compete only for a place without a scholarship;
- to compete for the position aimed at interdisciplinary research in criminal justice and criminology, with scholarship co-funded by the "Federico Stella" Graduate School of Criminal Justice;
- to compete for the fellowship position aimed at interdisciplinary research in the area of business law;
- to compete for the position aimed at research on "Collective bargaining, equivalence regime and new structure of the procurement code," funded by Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini s.r.l., Rome;
- to compete for the position aimed at research on "New Emerging Risks for Occupational Health and Safety," funded by "Intesa SanPaolo S.p.A."

Candidates who compete for the position aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of criminal

law and criminology (scholarship co-funded by the "Federico Stella" Graduate School of Criminal Justice) or for the position aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law (co-funded scholarship dedicated to such research) also compete for places on the general ranking list (University scholarship), where they are eligible at the outcome of the tests and do not place first on the ranking list to obtain respectively the scholarship co-funded by the "Federico Stella" Graduate School of Criminal Justice, or the scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law.

Attachments to the application

Candidates may attach to the application a research topic with an outline of the subject matter, hypotheses and methodology deemed most appropriate for conducting the research.

All candidates may attach to the application in electronic format, if necessary:

- Copies of any other titles deemed useful for evaluation purposes, with a list thereof;

Copy of one of the following English language proficiency certifications (which, in any case, is not a substitute for English language proficiency testing): BEC, British Chamber of Commerce, CAE, CPE, FCE, IELTS, TOEFL, Trinity College London Certificate.

Admission test

Upon the proposal of the Faculty Board, the Dean appoints:

- a general Selection Board, composed of five tenured faculty members in the disciplinary scientific fields to which the PhD programme relates (at least one of whom belongs to the disciplinary scientific field GIUR-14/A and one of whom belongs to the disciplinary scientific field GIUR-02/A or GIUR-03/A), for the allocation of the places on the general ranking list, the place with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the fields of criminal law and criminology, and the place with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the subjects of commercial law;
- a special Selection Board, composed of three tenured faculty members in the disciplinary scientific field GIUR-04/A, for the allocation of places with scholarships aimed at research in the area of labor law topics: (i) "Collective bargaining, equivalence regime and the new structure of the procurement code" (grant funded by Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini s.r.l., Rome), and (ii) "New emerging risks for occupational health and safety" (funded by Intesa SanPaolo S.p.A.).

The admission test consists in:

- an evaluation of the curriculum vitae and qualifications submitted by the candidate;
- a written test;
- an oral test.

In relation to the qualities and achievements ascertained, each candidate is awarded up to 60 points for each of the three parts of the entrance examination, for a maximum total score of 180 points.

A candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 40/60 in the evaluation of the *curriculum* and qualifications shall be admitted to the written test.

Any candidate who has obtained both in the evaluation of the *curriculum* and qualifications and in the written test a score of not less than 40/60 shall be admitted to the oral test.

The oral test is passed if the candidate obtains a score of not less than 40/60 and demonstrates adequate knowledge of a foreign language, and, if the second language is other than English, sufficient knowledge of English.

Important information on the tests

The written and oral tests will be conducted in Italian and will consist of a test of the candidate's knowledge on topics of interest to the PhD programme and its research directions, as well as on the candidate's propensity for scientific research. Candidates competing for scholarship places aimed at interdisciplinary research in the areas of criminal and criminology or in the area of commercial law,

or in the area of labor law topics ("Collective Bargaining, Equivalence Regime and the New Structure of the Procurement Code," and "New Emerging Risks to Occupational Health and Safety"), must take the written test related to the criminal, commercial law or labor law fields of study, respectively, in accordance with the application.

The oral test may also be on the topic of the research project attached to the application by the candidate. The oral test will be followed by a foreign language proficiency test. If the second language is other than English, the candidate must still demonstrate sufficient English proficiency.

To take the tests, candidates must show a suitable valid identification document in accordance with Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of December 28, 2000 (ID card, driver's license, passport).

Rankings

The Selection Board for the awarding of places on the general ranking list, for the awarding of the scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the fields of criminal law and criminology, and the scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the subjects of commercial law evaluates the *curriculum*, the qualifications and evidence, and assigns scores for candidates competing for the positions with unfinalised scholarships, the positions without scholarship, the position with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in criminalistics and criminology, and the position with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the subjects of commercial law.

The Special Selection Board for the awarding of scholarships aimed at research in the area of labor law topics ("Collective Bargaining, Equivalence Regime and the New Structure of the Procurement Code," and "New Emerging Risks to Occupational Health and Safety") evaluates the *curriculum*, qualifications and evidence and awards scores for candidates competing for the above scholarships.

Based on the scores awarded, the Selection Boards will form two merit rankings:

- an overall ranking of candidates for the places with unfinalised scholarship, the places without scholarship, the place with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in criminal and criminology, and the place with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in business law;
- a special ranking of only those candidates competing for scholarships aimed at research in the area of labor law topics ("Collective bargaining, equivalence regime and new structure of the procurement code," and "New emerging risks for occupational health and safety").

Places with scholarships aimed at research in the area of labor law topics ("Collective bargaining, equivalence regime and new structure of the Procurement Code," and "New emerging risks for occupational health and safety") are awarded according to the special ranking list.

The places with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in criminalistics and criminology is awarded to the first candidate who, having indicated that he or she is competing for such a position at the time of application, has taken the written test in criminalistics and has been successful in the oral test, placing in the overall ranking. Where such a candidate is placed on the general ranking list in a position for which an unfinalised fellowship or a place without a scholarship is to be awarded, the ranking list will be scrolled for the purpose of awarding such scholarship or place without a scholarship.

Likewise, the scholarship place aimed at interdisciplinary research in the area of commercial law is awarded to the first candidate who, having indicated that he or she is competing for such a position at the time of application, has taken the written test in the area of commercial law and has been successful in the oral test, placing in the overall ranking. Where such a candidate is placed on the general ranking list in a position for which an unfinalised scholarship or a place without a scholarship is to be awarded, the ranking list will be scrolled for the purpose of awarding such a scholarship or place without a scholarship.

PhD programme in: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES

Coordinator: Professor Paolo COLOMBO

Duration: 3 years

Places: 5

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

Information: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/istituzioni-politiche>

The admission examination, which is designed to ascertain the candidate's preparation, skills and aptitude for scientific research, consists of:

- an assessment of the qualifications and research project submitted;
- an oral test.

In relation to the qualifications, the Board may award each candidate a score up to a maximum of 30/100.

With regard to the research project the Board may award each candidate a score up to a 40/100.

The research project must be no longer than 2,000 words (excluding references).

For the purposes of assessing the qualifications, each candidate must enclose with the application, under penalty of exclusion:

- the curriculum vitae;
- the research project;
- the list of examinations taken in the undergraduate and graduate degree programmes, with the corresponding marks (also in self-certification);
- the table of contents, introduction, conclusions and bibliographical references of the graduate degree dissertation.

Any other qualifications, such as publications, certifications of language skills or other documentation proving professional and research experience relevant to the application may also be attached.

Candidates are required to provide in support of their application the names of two tenured university professors acting as *referees* (indicating their position, *e-mail* address, telephone number), whom the Board may contact.

Candidates who obtain a total score of not less than 55/100 in the assessment of their qualifications and research project are admitted to the oral test. In relation to the oral test, the Board may award each candidate a mark up to a maximum of 30/100.

The oral test will include a discussion of the titles and research project presented by the candidate; it will also include a test of knowledge of the foreign language indicated by the candidate.

The oral test is only passed if the candidate scores no less than 20/100 and demonstrates an adequate knowledge of a foreign language.

The candidate may choose to conduct the entire competition examination in Italian or in English. In the latter case, the Board will test the candidate to verify his/her sufficient level of Italian.

At the end of the examination, the Selection Board draws up the final ranking on the basis of the scores obtained by the candidates in the individual tests.

Any further information about the admission tests may be made public exclusively via the PhD programme website.

In order to take the oral test, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 (identity card, driving licence, passport).

PhD programme in: PERSON AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Coordinator: Professor Andrea NICOLUSSI

Duration: 3 years

Total places: 4

- Places with scholarship: 3
- Places without scholarship: 1

Information: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/persona-ordinamenti-giuridici>

The following addresses are activated for Cycle XLI: Law and religion, Criminal law, Roman law and foundations of European law, Tax law.

Admission to the PhD programme is incompatible with participation in the School of Specialisation for the Legal Professions.

At the time of application, the applicant must compulsorily:

- 1) indicate whether they intend to apply *i)* for a place with scholarship in one of the scientific addresses; *ii)* for a place without scholarship in one of the scientific addresses;
- 2) attach a summary of their research project (approximately 5,000 characters including spaces).

Admission to the PhD programme requires a four-year graduate degree or a post-graduate degree in law from an Italian University (with a minimum mark of 105/110) or from a University abroad (with a equivalent score), and an adequate knowledge of English or an adequate knowledge of German, French, Spanish in addition to a sufficient knowledge of English.

Applicable only to the position without scholarship in Tax Law, applicants are required to hold either a four-year degree, a master's degree, or a specialized degree in Law, or a master's degree in Economics and Business obtained from an Italian or foreign university, with a minimum grade of 105 out of 110 (or an equivalent score). In addition, applicants must demonstrate adequate knowledge of the English language, or adequate knowledge of German or French or Spanish, along with sufficient knowledge of English.

The PhD programme in Person and Legal Systems brings together the various disciplines of law, both positive and historical-philosophical, under the banner of the idea that the person is or should be the '*Grundnorm*', the first principle of legal systems. In this way, it offers a common horizon of meaning for in-depth studies of individual topics in which both the specific method within each legal discipline (in the empirical-descriptive, logical-analytical and logical-systematic dimensions) and interdisciplinary and international comparison can be exploited.

The PhD programme therefore envisages, in addition to the specific individual research pathway that the PhD student carries out in a given discipline under the guidance of a

tutor, special interdisciplinary meetings, aimed at integrating each research perspective with the points of intersection that can be detected in relation to other legal perspectives and especially inherent to the protection of the individual.

Evaluation procedure

The admission examination consists of:

- a written test;
- an oral interview.

Each candidate is awarded up to 60 points for each of the two parts of the admission examination.

Both tests must take place in Italian or, alternatively, in a language of the European Union. The written test and the oral interview are aimed at ascertaining the adequacy of the candidate's knowledge in one of the scientific addresses of the PhD programme, as well as his/her aptitude for scientific research. The oral interview, including discussion of the candidate's proposed research project, will be followed by a test of the candidate's knowledge of the foreign language required for admission to the PhD programme.

Any candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 40/60 in the written test shall be admitted to the oral interview. The oral interview is deemed to have been passed if the candidate obtains a score of no less than 40/60 and demonstrates an adequate knowledge of the English language or an adequate knowledge of German or French or Spanish in addition to a sufficient knowledge of English.

At the end of the examination, the Selection Board draws up the final ranking on the basis of the scores obtained by the candidates in the individual tests.

PhD programme in: PSYCHOLOGY

Coordinator: Professor Margherita LANZ

Duration: 3 years

Places: 9

- Places with scholarship: 7
of which 2 places with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Scientific models and application protocols for the neuroscience of well-being," co-funded by the International Research Center for Cognitive Applied Neuroscience (IrcCAN).
- Places without scholarship: 2

Information: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/psychology-en>

Application for admission

For applicants competing for places with or without scholarship, must also attach to the application:

- 1) a detailed *curriculum vitae* indicating:
 1. qualification with grade received;
 2. attendance at methodological training seminars/programmes/modules;
 3. title of lecturer, teaching assistant;
 4. possible teaching experiences;

5. possible any professional experience relevant to the PhD training course;
 6. participation in research groups indicating, where possible, the role played in the specific research project. In particular, highlight:
 - collaboration with national or international research groups
 - periods of work abroad relevant to the PhD training course
 7. publications of articles in national and/or international indexed journals and/or oral or poster presentations at national and/or international conferences;
- 2) an original research project (i.e. not pre-registered, not published, not previously funded, or subjected to any comparative evaluation procedure) articulated in its main parts, including an analysis of feasibility and timeframe. The research project must be written of a maximum of 5,000 words written in Times New Roman 12 with 1.5 line spacing and no longer than 5 pages. Beyond the fifth page the project will not be evaluated. The paper must be written in English and will be discussed in English during the oral interview;
 - 3) a motivation letter stating the reasons for the choice, expectations and fields of interest;
 - 4) two reference letters from professors (national and/or international) in the field of psychology that exhaustively detail the candidate's profile and the reasons supporting his or her application for the specific PhD competition. The letters must be provided with dates. Letters of support from non-academics, generic or referring to other activities will not be considered valid.

Candidates must have acquired their graduate degree, or eligible foreign degree, by July 31, 2025.

Failure to submit the documents under points 1), 2), 3), 4) will result in the application not being considered.

Admission to the PhD programme is based on the assessment of the curriculum vitae, publications, any other qualifications and the research project submitted, and on an oral interview.

A score of up to 40/70 will be awarded for the evaluation of the curriculum vitae, publications, any other qualifications and the research project.

For admission to the oral test, the candidate must have obtained a minimum score of 30/70 in the assessment of the curriculum vitae, publications, any other qualifications and the research project.

The oral test, which will be conducted in English, will consist of the discussion of a research article proposed by the Board, the methodological aspects of which the candidate will have to discuss. Candidates also be asked to share their educational and work experiences as presented in their CV, as well as any publications and titles. Finally, candidates will also be asked to briefly describe and discuss the submitted project with the Selection Board.

The oral test will be marked up to 30/70.

The allocation of places will take place on the basis of the final ranking given by the summation of the scores on a n/70 basis.

When submitting an application for admission to the PhD competition, candidates must indicate the type of PhD programme they wish to apply for.

Candidates entering the PhD programme in Psychology are required to attend at least 75% of the lectures in each year in order to be admitted to the following year. They are

also required to carry out a study/research period abroad of at least two months during the three-year period.

In order to take the oral test, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 (identity card, driving licence, passport).

PhD programme in: PERSON AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

Coordinator: Professor Antonella MARCHETTI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 12

- Places with scholarship: 9
 - of which 1 place with a scholarship aimed at the implementation of the research project "Learning the relationship, learning from the relationship: evidence-based educational approaches for the development of social-emotional skills," co-funded by Società PRISMA srl Impresa Sociale, Chignolo Po (PV);
 - of which 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "*Is there any long-lasting result of international aid for higher education? Analysis of the sustainability of the results of Erasmus+ Capacity-Building projects for internationalisation*," funded by the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI);
 - of which 1 place with scholarship aimed at the implementation of the research project "Executive Leadership in Universities of Applied Sciences in European University Alliances," funded by the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI).
- Places without scholarship: 3
 - of which no. 1 place reserved for the research topic "Higher Education, Internationalisation and Educational Strategies and Practices".

Information: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/scienze-persona-formazione>

The PhD programme is divided into three lines of research:

- Person, development, learning. Epistemological, theoretical and applicative perspectives;
- Teaching (Education);
- History and literature of the modern and contemporary age.

Application for admission

In order to take part in the admission test, the candidates must indicate in the application form for which of the three PhD research areas they wish to apply (only one area to be chosen from among the three active ones) and submit a research project, in addition to what is requested by the current call.

Candidates wishing to apply for a "targeted scholarship" must necessarily indicate this in their application and submit a research project that is consistent with the title of the targeted scholarship project. The "finalised scholarship" may not be awarded to candidates who did not compete for the specific scholarship, and if it is not awarded to any candidate, it will not be in addition to the other scholarships.

Admission is based on the evaluation of the *curriculum vitae* and the research project. Should this mark be equal to or higher than 40/60, the candidate will be admitted to an

oral interview in attendance, including discussion of the proposed research project and evaluation of the candidate's command of the English language (at the sole discretion of the Selection Board, a foreign language other than English may be taken into consideration if indicated and duly motivated by the candidate).

The interview is only deemed successful if the candidate obtains a score of no less than 40/60.

For the research topic "Higher Education Internationalisation and Educational Strategies and Practices", admission is based on an assessment of the *curriculum vitae*, the candidate's proposed research project and a reference letter from a scientific or institutional referee. If this evaluation is equal to or higher than 40/60, the candidate is admitted to the oral interview in English. All documentation must be in English.

The interview is only deemed successful if the candidate obtains a mark of no less than 40/60.

Candidates for the research topic "Higher Education Internationalisation and Educational Strategies and Practices " will take the interview by videoconference.

At the end of the examination, the Selection Board draws up the final ranking on the basis of the scores obtained by the candidates in the individual tests.

In order to take the oral test, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 (identity card, driving licence, passport).

The *facsimile* of the research project can be downloaded from <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/scienze-persona-formazione>

PhD programme in: LINGUISTIC AND LITERARY SCIENCES

Coordinator: Professor Federica MISSAGLIA

Duration: 3 years

Places: 8

- Places with scholarship: 6
 - of which 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Creation and automatic analysis of digital (written, spoken, and/or mixed), monolingual or multilingual linguistic data," co-funded by the Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento.
- Places without scholarship: 2
 - of which no. 1 place reserved for the research topic "Higher Education Internationalisation and Educational Strategies and Practices".

Information: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/scienze-linguistiche>

The candidates must indicate for which of the addresses, visible on the PhD website, they intend to compete and with which of the PhD programme's specialisation languages.

Candidates must declare whether they intend to compete for a place without scholarship only.

Candidates must submit a concise report (max 10,000 characters - including spaces) in

Italian on the studies they have carried out and the scientific interests they have developed, producing ample documentation of their educational background and any scientific activity (it will be possible to attach a pdf of the dissertation or of any publications). In addition, candidates should submit a description (max. 12,000 characters - including spaces) of the research project they intend to carry out. They may also attach a reference letter from a university professor/lecturer.

In the event of a positive assessment of the documentation submitted, candidates will be required to attend an oral interview, in Italian, during which they will demonstrate their ability to discuss the research topics they have dealt with as part of their studies, as well as the project submitted. Language skills relating to the languages indicated in the application will also be assessed through the analysis and commentary (in a foreign language) of a foreign language text.

In relation to the qualities ascertained, the selection board awards each candidate up to 60 points for the assessment of qualifications and up to 60 points for the oral test.

Any candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 40/60 in the assessment of qualifications shall be admitted to the oral test.

The interview is only deemed to have been passed if the candidate has obtained a mark of no less than 40/60.

In order to take the oral test, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 (identity card, driving licence, passport).

Research topic "Higher Education Internationalisation and Educational Strategies and Practices"

Admission is based on the assessment of the *curriculum vitae*, the research project proposed by the candidate and a reference letter by a scientific or institutional referee. In the event of a positive assessment of the qualifications, the candidate must attend an oral interview in English. All documentation must be in English. The *facsimile* of the research project can be downloaded from the website.

At the end of the examination tests, the Selection Board draws up the merit lists, one for each place, on the basis of the score obtained by the candidates.

PhD programme in: ECONOMIC HISTORY AND HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT. FIRMS, INSTITUTIONS, AND CULTURES

Coordinator: Professor Claudia ROTONDI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 4

- Places with scholarship: 3
- Places without scholarship: 1

Informazioni: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/storia-economia>

The PhD programme in *Economic History and History of Economic Thought. Firms, Institutions, and Cultures* responds to a scientific and educational project that aims to

provide methods and skills useful for doing research in the fundamental areas in which Economic History and History of Economic Thought are divided:

- economic history, with reference to transformations in economic systems and areas such as agriculture, industry, banking and finance, trade, technologies and mobility, population, resources and the environment, including in micro-historical terms;
- the history of economic thought, with reference to the developments over time and space of economic theories, ideas and schools, in relation to the scientific, institutional and cultural context in which they were formulated, the transmission of economic knowledge through writings, and the interrelationships between theories and economic policy interventions, including from a comparative perspective;
- the history of business and labor, with reference to the evolution of enterprises and the role of actors (entrepreneurs, managers, etc.), labor markets and socio-demographic dynamics, labor organization and technological innovations, regulation of labor relations and industrial relations, and welfare systems.

PhD students will be required to participate in training activities up to a maximum of 250 actual hours.

A graduate degree or equivalent degree obtained abroad is required for admission to the PhD programme.

Graduating candidates may also take the admission test. In case of suitable placement in the ranking list, they will be eligible for admission to the PhD programme if they graduate by the deadline of October 31, 2025.

Adequate English proficiency is required of all candidates.

Application for participation

Candidates should attach the following to their application for admission to the competition:

- the curriculum vitae;
- for graduate students: self-certification of the graduate degree, with final grade and list of examinations taken with grades, or certification of the degree from a foreign university, with final grade and list of examinations taken with grades; graduate thesis;
- for graduating students: self-certification of enrollment in the graduate degree program, indicating the exams taken and their grades, or certification of enrollment in a foreign academic programme, indicating the exams taken and their grades; index, bibliography and abstract of the graduate thesis;
- a research project, in Italian or English, of a maximum of 2000 words (excluding bibliography). The paper should state the subject and its relevance, the research questions and the methodology deemed most appropriate;
- a motivational letter stating the reasons for the choice, expectations and fields of interest.

Any other qualifications, such as publications, certifications of language skills, or other documentation of professional and research experience relevant to the application may also be attached.

Admission procedure

The admission test, designed to ascertain the candidate's preparation, abilities and aptitude for scientific research, consists of a written test, an oral test and evaluation of the qualifications submitted.

The written test – in Italian or English, at the candidate's choice – will cover macro-themes

in both economic history and the history of economic thought.

The oral test – in Italian or English, at the candidate's choice – may also focus, but not exclusively, on the research project attached to the application by the candidate. Included in the oral test is a test of English language proficiency.

Evaluation procedure

The Selection Board awards each candidate up to 30 points for the evaluation of qualifications and up to 60 points for each of the two tests.

A candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 20/30 in the evaluation of qualifications shall be admitted to the written test.

A candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 40/60 in the written test shall be admitted to the oral test.

The interview is considered passed only if the candidate has obtained a score of not less than 40/60.

At the end of the examination test, the Selection Board shall compile the final merit rankings based on the candidates' scores in the individual tests.

In order to take the tests, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of December 28, 2000 (identity card, driving license, passport).

PhD programme in: HUMANITIES. TRADITION AND CONTEMPORANEITY

Coordinator: Professor Giuseppe D'ANNA

Duration: 3 years

Places: 9

- Places with scholarship: 7
 - of which 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Digital Humanities and Epistemology of New Media," co-funded by the Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento.
- Places without scholarship: 2

Collaborating partner university: Ghent University (Belgium)

Information : <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/studi-umanistici>

Application for admission

Candidates must enclose with their application:

- a research project, in Italian or English, with an indication of the subject, relevance, hypotheses and research methodology considered most appropriate;
- two reference letters, in Italian or English, issued by university professors or researchers from national or international scientific institutions.

Any other qualifications, such as publications, certifications of language skills or other documentation proving professional and research experience relevant to the application

may also be attached.

Evaluation procedure:

The admission examination consists of two tests, one written and one oral, designed to ascertain the candidate's preparation, skills and aptitude for scientific research. The oral test includes verification of knowledge of the English language.

The candidate may choose to conduct the entire competitive examination in Italian or in English.

In relation to the qualities ascertained, the Selection Board awards each candidate, unless otherwise specified, up to 60 points for each of the two tests.

Any candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 40/60 in the written test shall be admitted to the oral interview.

The interview is only deemed to have been passed if the candidate has obtained a score of no less than 40/60.

At the end of the examination, the Selection Board draws up an overall merit list on the basis of the score obtained by the candidates in the individual tests.

In order to take the tests, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000 (identity card, driving licence, passport).

Art. 2

Admission requirements

PhD programmes are open, without age or nationality restrictions, to those who hold a specialised or graduate degree, or a degree awarded in accordance with the educational regulations prior to the entry into force of Italian Ministerial Decree, of 3 November 1999, No 509, as amended and supplemented, or a suitable foreign qualification.

The application, unless otherwise specified, may also be submitted by those who will obtain the degree, in Italy or abroad, referred to in the first paragraph, by October 31, 2025.

Art. 3

Application form

Those wishing to take part in the competition must submit their application to the Rector of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, by the final deadline of **Tuesday September 2nd, 2025**.

The application form is available at: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi> until 12 p.m. (local time) on the closing date of this notice.

In the application, to be completed *online* only and available in Italian and English, candidates must declare under their own responsibility:

- their personal details: surname, first name, tax code (only for Italian citizens), date and place of birth, citizenship, elected residence for the purposes of the competition;
- the name of the competition in which they intend to participate;
- the type(s) of scholarship(s) for which they intend to apply;
- for graduates: the qualification held, the date and the university at which it was awarded;

- for undergraduates: the degree to be awarded, the expected date and the university where it will be awarded;
- known foreign languages.

Each application must refer to only one PhD programme. Candidates wishing to take part in more than one competition must submit several applications, enclosing the necessary documentation for each one.

To the application candidates must always attach (*upload*) in *.pdf* or *.jpg* format:

- curriculum vitae;
- self-certification attesting to the degree held or self-certification of enrolment attesting to the degree intended to be pursued;
- duly signed identification document;
- tax code (only for Italian citizens);
- passport-size photograph (ID use);
- for students with a qualification obtained or to be obtained abroad in NON-EU countries: translation, legalisation and Declaration of Value required at the offices of the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the country where the qualification was obtained or will be obtained. EU students may submit the Diploma Supplement of their home university as an alternative to the Declaration of Value;
- additional documentation specifically required for each individual PhD programme.

The application will only be complete and valid afterwards:

- having uploaded all mandatory documents and any optional documents;
- having paid the selection fee of € 50.00 (non-refundable) to be paid online;
- downloading the application file, which will be generated automatically by the system;
- uploading the *.pdf* file of the application itself on the portal.

At each step candidates are asked to confirm what they have entered by clicking on the 'continue' icon visible at the bottom right.

As proof of the validity of the application, the candidate will receive a confirmation *e-mail* from the PhD Office.

In the event of non-receipt of the *e-mail*, the candidate will have to log back into the portal to complete the procedure and finalise the application.

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 purposes of the competition, must specify in their application the aid required in relation to their disability, pursuant to the Italian Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992.

Art. 4

Selection Board

The Rector, on the proposal of the Academic Board, shall issue a decree appointing the Selection Board for admission to the PhD programmes, which shall be composed of three tenured professors, to which no more than two experts, including international ones, may be added, chosen from public and private research bodies and structures, ensuring, where possible, a balanced representation of women and men.

The composition of the Selection Boards will be published after the deadline on the following webpage: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi>

Art. 5

Competition tests modalities

In the current call for applications are indicated the modalities for the competition tests.

The calendar will be available on the following webpage: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi>

The results of the selection process will be published on the following webpage: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/results>

The Selection Boards reserves the right to conduct the oral test by videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all admitted candidates.

Art. 6

Admission to PhD programmes

The candidates will be admitted to the PhD programmes, unless otherwise specified, in order of ranking up to the number of places advertised. 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.

Research scholarship holders, unless otherwise specified, 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 and provided that the PhD programme they are attending relates to the same scientific area of research for which they are scholarship recipients.

Art. 7

Enrolment

The winners of the competition must register within 3 days from the day after they receive the relevant invitation by e-mail, by accessing the web page <https://iscrizioni.unicatt.it/iscrizioni/>

To obtain a Visa, applicants, after completing the registration procedure, must register on the following website: www.universitaly.it and follow the indicated procedure.

Art. 8

Scholarships and contributions

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

Research doctorate students enrolled in the XLI cycle are required to pay annual fees for access to doctoral programmes in the amount of €836.00, payable in two instalments, the

first of €536.00 at the time of enrolment or renewal of enrolment and the second of €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 granted, 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. In order to verify the limit set, the person concerned is obliged to report any exceeding of the prescribed limit.

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 subjected to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 26 of the Italian 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 a maximum of 18 months pursuant to Art. 9, para. 3 of Italian Ministerial Decree 226/21.

As of the first year, each PhD student, with and without 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 may not be awarded to anyone who has previously received one, even partially, for another PhD programme.

Art. 9 Public employees

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

Art. 10 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. 11 Public disclosure

This public announcement is published on the website of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore at <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi> on the Euraxess European website and on the Ministry of Universities and Research website.

Art. 12 Final provisions

This public announcement was originally written in Italian and has been translated into English for easy reference only. The Italian version will be considered definitive for any questions of interpretation.

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 at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore”» and current regulations.

Further information can be obtained from the PhD Office, telephone +39 027234.5633, e-mail: dottorati.ricerca-mi@unicatt.it or on the website: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi>.

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