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Public competition announcement for admission to the PhD programmes in "Criminology", "Enterprise, Labor, Institutions and Criminal Justice", "Institutions and Policies", "Management and Innovation", "Person and Legal Systems", "Psychology", "Person and Education Sciences", "Linguistic and Literary Sciences", "Social Work and Personal Social Services", "Sociology, Organisations, Cultures" and "Humanities. Tradition and Contemporaneity" at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - XL 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 may lead to an increase in the number of places on offer. Any subsequent amendments and/or additions to the call for applications will be published on <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi>

The activation of the PhD programme and the related selection procedures are subjected to the accreditation and the verification of the maintenance of requirements by Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR). The projects listed in Annex *sub* 1, which are linked to scholarships awarded pursuant to m.d. 630/24, are subjected to the verification of eligibility by the Ministry of University and Research.

PhD programme in: CRIMINOLOGY

Coordinator: Professor Francesco CALDERONI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 6

- Places with scholarship: 5

of which no. 1 place with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project " Profiling Cybercriminals with Data Science (PCDS)", funded by Agenzia per la Cybersicurezza Nazionale, Rome.

- Places without scholarship: 1

The PhD programme takes place in the Research Centre on Innovation and Crime (*TRANSCRIME*) of Università Cattolica.

Collaborating foreign universities:

- Comillas Pontifical University (Spain);
- University of *Surrey* (UK);
- *Cardiff* University (UK);
- University of *Leeds* (UK);
- University of Lausanne (Switzerland);
- University of *Maribor* (Slovenia);
- Stockholm University (Sweden);
- University of *Utrecht* (Netherlands);
- *Vrije - Universiteit Amsterdam* (Netherlands).

Collaborating Italian universities

- University of Florence;
- University of Palermo.

Information: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/criminologia>

The international PhD programme in Criminology combines training, research and teaching. The training programme is determined by the Academic Board according to the characteristics of each candidate: PhD students with scholarship will be engaged in full-time activities also at one of the affiliated locations; PhD student without scholarship will be engaged in training and research activities with periodic review.

Eligible candidates are undergraduates who obtain their degree, in Italy or abroad, by October 31st 2024.

The PhD programme is taught in English. The candidates will have the possibility to obtain the *Doctor Europæus label* and the opportunity to realize a *cotutelle* thesis. During the three-year period, it is also possible to spend a research period abroad within international organisations and/or at European universities and research centres.



In addition to the application form, each candidate must enclose:

- a detailed *CV* in English;
- a research project in English. The project must briefly present the state of the art, the research problem and questions, the objectives and methodology, the expected results and possible limitations of the research and bibliographical references. The entire document must not exceed 20,000 characters (including spaces);
- at least two reference letters. These letters must be sent directly by professors/lecturers to the e-mail address (transcrime@unicatt.it) no later than the deadline of this notice;
- for university graduates, self-certification of the degree held, with final grade and list of examinations taken with the relevant marks, or certification of the degree obtained at a foreign university, with final grade and list of examinations taken with the relevant marks;
- for undergraduates, self-certification of enrolment in a degree course with the list of examinations taken and the relevant marks, or in a foreign academic course with the examinations taken and the relevant marks;
- Certifications of any further qualifications, such as specialising Master's programmes and specialisation programmes taken in Italy or abroad, with a list of the examinations taken and the relative marks, and a copy of any other qualification considered useful for assessment purposes;
- publications deemed useful for the evaluation.

Evaluation procedure

Evaluation for admission to the PhD programme is based on the following elements:

- (a) *curriculum vitae* and other qualifications;
- (b) research project;
- (c) interview.

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

- elements (a) and (b) are rated from 0 to 20 points each. Only candidates scoring at least 30 points are admitted to the interview. The results of the assessment of elements (a) and (b) are communicated to the candidate by *e-mail* together with an invitation the interview, if any. These results will also be visible at <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/results>;
- element (c) is rated from 0 to 30 points. The interview, in English, is aimed at discussing the candidate's motivation and presenting the project as well as answering questions from the Selection Board. Only candidates who score at least 20 points in the interview can be admitted to the PhD programme.

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

Candidates are admitted to the PhD programme in the order of ranking, on the basis



of places available.

Amount of scholarship

In recognition of cooperation in the Transcrime Centre's activities, PhD students enrolled in the first year may receive an integration of their scholarship up to a maximum of € 5,000.00 gross. Those enrolled in the second and third year may also receive an integration of their scholarship up to a maximum of € 6,500.00 gross per year.

The 50% increase of the scholarship for research activities abroad, provided for each scholarship holder, will in any case be calculated on the basic amount of scholarship established by law.

Financial support for competition winners living abroad

In order to promote the internationalisation of the PhD programme, winners of scholarship, resident abroad may receive up to € 5,000.00 for documented travel and accommodation expenses incurred in moving to Milan during the first year of the PhD programme.

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

Coordinator: Professor Matteo CORTI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 9

- Places with scholarship: 7

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out an interdisciplinary research in the field of criminal law and criminology, with a scholarship co-funded by the Graduate School "Federico Stella" of Criminal Justice, at whose central offices in Milan the successful candidate, by accepting, undertakes to carry out research and to collaborate in the scientific activities;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out an interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining", funded by the Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini s.r.l., Rome;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition", funded by O-I Italy S.p.a., Origgio (VA);

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases

Regimes", funded by INAIL – Istituto Nazionale Per l'Assicurazione contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro, Rome.

- Places without scholarship: 2

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 commercial law, labor law and social security, international law, criminal law and public law. The programme is intended for young scholars who demonstrate an aptitude for scientific research.

In addition to the general track relating to the above-mentioned areas, the PhD programme includes a targeted research track in the field of criminal law and criminology, as well as a targeted research track in the field of labor law and social security.

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

Admission to the PhD programme requires a graduate degree in law, economics or social sciences - corresponding to the following Italian classes: LMG1 (Law), LM56 (Economics), LM62 (Political Science), LM63 (Public Administration Science), LM77 (Economics and Business Studies) - with a minimum mark of 105/110 or an equivalent qualification obtained abroad.

Graduating candidates in the same degree classes who have achieved an average of at least 28/30 in their examinations and who will graduate by October 31st, 2024 may also be admitted.

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

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

Application for Participation

In the application, by selecting one of the following options, applicants must declare:

- to compete for a place on the general list, possibly specifying their intention to compete only for a place without scholarship;
- to compete for the place aimed at interdisciplinary research in criminal law and criminology, with a scholarship co-funded by the Graduate School "Federico Stella" of Criminal Justice;
- to compete for the place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in commercial law;



- to apply for the place for research "Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining", funded by the Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini s.r.l., Rome;
- to compete for the place for research "Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition", funded by O-I Italy S.p.a., Origgio (VA);
- to compete for the place for research "Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases Regimes", funded by INAIL – Istituto Nazionale Per l'Assicurazione contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro, Rome.

Candidates competing for the places aimed at interdisciplinary research in the fields of criminal law and criminology co-funded by the Graduate School "Federico Stella" of Criminal Justice and for the place with scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law, also compete for places on the general list if they are eligible at the end of the tests and are not placed in a useful position to obtain the scholarship co-funded by the Graduate School "Federico Stella" of Criminal Justice or the co-funded scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law.

Attachments to the application

Applicants may enclose with their application a research topic with an outline of the subject, hypotheses and the methodology considered most appropriate for carrying out the research.

All applicants may attach to their application an electronic version of:

- a copy of the candidate's dissertation and publications deemed useful for the evaluation, with a list thereof;
- a copy of any other title considered useful for the purposes of evaluation, with a list thereof;
- copy of one of the following certifications of English language proficiency (which, in any case, is not a substitute for verification of proficiency in English): BEC, *British Chamber of Commerce*, CAE, CPE, FCE, IELTS, TOEFL, *Trinity College London Certificate*.

Admission Examination

On the proposal of the Academic Board, the Rector appoints:

- a general Selection Committee, composed of five tenured professors in the disciplinary scientific sectors to which the PhD programme refers (at least one of whom belongs to the disciplinary scientific sector IUS/17 and at least one of whom belongs to the disciplinary scientific sector IUS/04 or IUS/05) for the allocations of the places on the general list, of the place with a scholarship for interdisciplinary research in criminal law and criminology and of the place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in commercial law;
- a Special Selection Committee, composed of three tenured professors belongs to



the disciplinary scientific sector IUS/07, for the allocation of scholarship places for research in the fields of (i)"Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining",(ii)"Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition" and (iii)"Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases Regimes".

The Admission Examination consists of:

- 1) an evaluation of the *curriculum vitae* and qualifications submitted by the candidate;
- 2) a written test;
- 3) an oral interview.

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

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

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

The oral interview is deemed passed if the candidate obtains a mark of not less than 40/60 and demonstrates an adequate knowledge of a foreign language and, if the second language is other than English, an adequate knowledge of English.

Conduct of tests

The written and oral examinations will be conducted in Italian and will consist of a test of the candidate's knowledge of topics of interest to the PhD programme and its research directions, as well as his or her propensity for scientific research. Candidates competing for a scholarship place aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of criminal law and criminology, for a scholarship place aimed at interdisciplinary research in commercial law or in the field of labor law (i)"Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining",(ii)"Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition" and (iii) "Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases Regimes" will have to take the written test relating to the field of criminal law, commercial law or labor law, in accordance with the application.

The oral interview may also relate to the research topic that the applicant may have attached to the application. The oral interview will be followed by a test assessing the knowledge of a foreign language. If the second language is other than English, the candidate must still demonstrate adequate knowledge of English.

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).



Rankings

The Selection Committee for the allocation of places on the general list, for the allocation of scholarships for interdisciplinary research in the fields of criminal law and criminology, as well as for the conduct of interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law, assesses the *curriculum vitae*, qualifications and tests and awards marks for candidates competing for the allocation of places with non-focused scholarships, places without scholarship, place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the fields of criminal law and criminology and place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law.

The Special Selection Committee for the awarding of scholarships for researches (i)"Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining",(ii)"Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition" and (iii)"Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases Regimes" evaluates the *curriculum*, qualifications and tests and awards the scores for the candidates competing for the above-mentioned scholarships.

On the basis of the marks awarded, the Selection Committees will form two merit ranking lists:

- an overall ranking of candidates for the places with a non-focused scholarship, the places without scholarship and the place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the fields of criminal law and criminology, and the place with a scholarship aimed at interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law;
- a special ranking of only those candidates competing for scholarships for research in the fields of (i)"Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining", (ii)"Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition" and (iii)"Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases Regimes".

Scholarship places for researches (i)"Digital Transition, Restructuring and Decentralized Collective Bargaining", (ii)"Labor Regulation in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for a Responsible Corporate Behavior and a Just Transition" and (iii)"Liability Rules and AI in relation to Accidents at Work and Professional Diseases Regimes", are allocated on the basis of a special ranking list.

The place with a scholarship for interdisciplinary research in the field of criminal law and criminology is awarded to the first candidate who, having indicated that he/she is applying for this place at the time of his/her application, has passed the written test on criminal law and has been successful in the oral test, placing him/her in the overall ranking. Should such a candidate be placed on the general ranking list in a position for which a non-focused scholarship or a place without a scholarship is to be awarded, the ranking list will be adjusted for the purposes of awarding that scholarship or place without a scholarship.

Likewise, the scholarship place with a scholarship for interdisciplinary research in the field of commercial law shall be awarded to the first candidate who, having indicated that he/she is competing for this place at the time of his/her application, has taken the written test in commercial law and has been successful in the oral test, placing him/her in the overall ranking. Should such a candidate be placed on the general ranking list in a position for which a non-focused scholarship or a place without a scholarship is to be awarded, the ranking list will be adjusted for the purposes of awarding that 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: MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION

Coordinator: Professor Eugenio ANESSI PESSINA

Duration: 3 years

Places: 5

- Places with scholarship: 4

of which no. 2 places with scholarship pursuant to m.d.630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Corporate finance for SMEs", funded by CONSOB (Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa), Rome;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "The organization and corporate governance of SMEs", funded by CONSOB (Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa), Rome.



- Places without scholarship: 1

Information: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/management>

Admission to the PhD programme is open, without age or nationality restrictions, to those who hold a graduate degree (or second-level degree or a degree obtained prior to the entry into force of Ministerial Decree 3 November 1999, no. 509 as amended) in economics, business and related subjects or a similar academic qualification obtained abroad and recognised as suitable.

Candidates must enclose with their application, under penalty of exclusion:

- a detailed *curriculum vitae*;
- for university graduates, self-certification of the graduate degree, with final mark and list of examinations taken with the relevant marks, or certification of the degree obtained at a foreign university, with final mark and list of examinations taken with the relevant marks;
- for undergraduate students, self-certification of enrolment in a graduate degree programme, indicating the examinations taken and the relevant marks, as well as enrolment certification in a foreign academic course, indicating the examinations taken and the relevant marks;
- a motivation letter (no longer than 30 lines), in Italian or in English, stating the reasons for the choice, expectations and fields of interest;
- a research project (maximum 2,000 words), in Italian or English, indicating the subject, relevance, hypotheses and research methodology considered most appropriate. Title and content of the project must refer to one of the two areas of study of the PhD programme: Management or Innovation studies. Candidates must therefore specify in the project header which of the two is their chosen research area;
- two reference letters, in Italian or English, issued by university professors or researchers from national or international scientific institutions.

The applicant may also attach to the application:

- the certification of any further qualifications such as Specialising Master's programmes and specialisation programmes obtained in Italy and/or abroad and the list of examinations taken with the relative marks;
- a copy of any other title considered useful for the evaluation;
- a list of publications considered useful for the evaluation as well as a copy of those that the candidate considers useful to make known to the Selection Board;
- the GMAT or GRE result, if any.

Evaluation procedure

The admission tests consist of an evaluation of the qualifications submitted and an



oral test.

In relation to the qualities ascertained, the Selection Board awards each candidate 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 assessment of qualifications shall be admitted to the oral test.

The oral test will consist of an evaluation of the candidate's knowledge in the topics of interest as well as is his/her propensity for scientific research. During the oral test, the Selection Board will also ascertain the knowledge of the English language. The interview is only deemed successful if the candidate obtains a mark of no less than 40/60.

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).

PhD programme in: PERSON AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Coordinator: Professor Andrea NICOLUSSI

Duration: 3 years

Total places: 5

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

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

The following scientific addresses will be activated for the cycle XL: Civil law, Constitutional law, Comparative private law, Criminal procedural law, History of medieval and modern 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.

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.

In order to take the oral interview, 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: PSYCHOLOGY

Coordinator: Professor Margherita LANZ

Duration: 3 years

Places: 13

- Places with scholarship: 10
of which no. 5 places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;
- Places without scholarship: 3

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.

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

For candidates competing for places with scholarship or pursuant to m.d. 630/24, the submission of:

1. a detailed curriculum vitae indicating:
 - a. qualification with grade received;
 - b. possible attendance at methodological training seminars/courses/modules;
 - c. possible any professional experience (national and international) relevant to the PhD training course;
 - d. participation in working/research groups relevant to the PhD training course;
 - e. 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.

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, the candidate must select which type of PhD programme to apply for and submit an original research project. If the candidate chooses to compete for a finalised scholarship, he/she must submit an original research project consistent with the title of the project relating to the University scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 which is aimed at.

Finalised scholarships pursuant to m.d. 630/24 may not be awarded to candidates who did not compete for the specific scholarship, and if they are not awarded to any candidate, they will not be added to the other scholarships.

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: 17

- Places with scholarship: 13

of which no. 3 places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "The impact of social reserves on brain reserve and mentalizing performance in longevity and neurodegeneration-related disability", co-funded by Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi ONLUS, Milan;



of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Pedagogy of business, cultures of work, training for integral ecology", funded by CAUTO – Cantieri Autolimitazione, Cooperativa sociale a.r.l., Brescia;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Social vulnerability of youth and educational processes in the territory of South-Sardinia: co-designing formative paths to change and to educational and cultural entrepreneurship", funded by il Mio Mondo, Soc. Cooperativa Sociale, Cagliari;

of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Reverberations of Mobility in Practice: A Comparative Study of U.S. and Italian Teachers' Storied Accounts of Mobility and Its Influence on Teaching", funded by the Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (CHEI), Milan;

- Places without scholarship: 4

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: 12

- Places with scholarship: 9
 - of which no 3 places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;
 - of which no. 1 place with scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "De religious other in the Islamic international charters from 2010 to 2023", funded by Muslim World League, Rome;
- Places without scholarship: 3
 - 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 or in English 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 or in English, 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.

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 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: SOCIAL WORK AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Coordinator: Professor Maria Luisa RAINERI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 6

- Places with scholarship: 5
of which no. 4 places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;
- Places without scholarship: 1

Collaborating foreign universities

- *Ben Gurion* University (Israel);
- *Bournemouth* University (UK);
- *Cardiff* University (UK);
- University of *Utrecht* (Netherlands).

Collaborating Italian Universities

- University of Molise;
- University of Rome III;
- University of Trieste.

Information: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/socialwork>

The multidisciplinary PhD programme focuses on the specific *social work* competences included in the specific disciplinary scientific field SPS/07. The object of study on the one hand concerns the existential suffering and vulnerability of individuals, families and local communities, and on the other hand the ability of the helping professions (*primarily* social workers) and public/private *welfare* organisations (*personal social services*) to activate personalised interventions in order to promote, in individual situations of need or risk, better opportunities for care/protection, recovery, prevention or promotion of social well-being.

The main research directions proposed are in the following areas:

- Social Work theories for practice;
- Participatory social work research;
- Social Work education;

- Social Work in child protection;
- Intercultural Social Work;
- Social advocacy;
- Case management;
- Social work with groups;
- Social facilitation and family mediation skills;
- Development of social capital;
- Community Social Work;
- Social Work with people in poverty;
- Social Work with disabled people;
- Social work for preventing violence and supporting victims;
- The voluntary sector's contribution to social welfare, including its support for the sustainability of local welfare;
- Shared governance in local welfare (co-planning, co-design);
- Integration of personal social services with employment services and health services;
- Fourth (informal) sector participatory practices in service planning.

Choice of places to compete for

Applicants must indicate in their application form for which post(s) they are applying, choosing from among the following (Please note that it is possible to indicate one or more places, or even all of them; please consult the details of the research proposals on the PhD website: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/socialwork>)

- a) place with scholarship for a research on a topic freely chosen within the doctoral research field, to be developed within the theoretical-methodological framework of relational social work;
- b) Place with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 and aimed at carrying out the research project "Community work in the field of youth policies" (the scholarship compulsorily includes 6 months of study and research abroad and 18 months of study and research at LUMILHUB Impresa Sociale Società Cooperativa, Como);
- c) Place with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 and aimed at carrying out the research project "The contribution of local Caritas committees to community work and participation in local planning processes" (the scholarship compulsorily includes 6 months of study and research abroad and 18 months of study and research at Caritas Ambrosiana – Milan);
- d) Place with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 and aimed at carrying out the research project "The life paths of people with disabilities: participation, inclusion and self-determination" (the scholarship compulsorily includes 6 months of study and research abroad and 18 months of study and research at

Edizioni Centro Studi Erickson S.p.a., Trento);

- e) Place with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 and aimed at carrying out the research project "Evaluation of social work projects financed by 8x1000 allocated to Caritas Ambrosiana" (the scholarship compulsorily includes 6 months of study and research abroad and 18 months of study and research at Caritas Ambrosiana – Milan);
- f) Place without scholarship.

Candidates must indicate for which place they are competing for in preference. Only one should be indicated, from among: (a) place with scholarship for the implementation of the research project 'Ageism in social and socio-health services'; (b) place with scholarship for the implementation of the research project 'The estrangement of minors from their families of origin in the context of protection interventions'; (c) place with scholarship for the implementation of the research project 'The social service home visit instrument'; (d) place without scholarship, for the implementation of a research project on a topic chosen from among those of the PhD programme. Places will be allocated in order of ranking.

Admission tests

The admission tests consist of an evaluation of the qualifications submitted, a written test and an oral test. A (non-binding) guiding reading list for exam preparation is provided, which can be viewed at <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/socialwork>

Documents to be submitted

For the purposes of assessing the qualifications, candidates must enclose with their application, under penalty of exclusion:

- a detailed *curriculum vitae* (in Italian or English);
- for university graduates, self-certification of the graduate degree, with final grade and list of examinations taken with the relevant marks, or certification of the degree obtained at a foreign university, with final grade and list of examinations taken with the relevant marks (in Italian or English);
- for undergraduates, self-certification of enrolment in a graduate degree programme, indicating the examinations taken and the relevant marks, or in a foreign academic course, indicating the examinations taken and the relevant marks;
- for graduates, an electronic copy of their dissertation (in Italian or English);
- for undergraduates, an electronic copy of their final dissertation and a file with a short written presentation, in free form, of the theme and content of their dissertation, indicating the name of the supervisor (in Italian or English).

Candidates may also enclose with their application a list, on plain paper, of publications considered useful for assessment purposes, as well as a copy in electronic format of those that the applicant considers useful to make known to the Selection Board (in Italian or English).



Evaluation of Titles

The titles that will be taken into account for the assessment will concern:

- the *curriculum studiorum* (academic qualifications, grade, continuity of study interests, student career, relevance between the curriculum and the PhD programme; language and transversal skills);
- the quality of the dissertation (relevance of the topic of the dissertation with the PhD programme and with the place for which one is applying; relevance and originality of the topic, presence or absence of an empirical research part; articulation of the contents, structure of the text and effectiveness of the written expression; relevance, breadth and international references) and of any publications (scientific level, editorial placement, relevance with the PhD programme);
- any professional experience (relevance to the PhD programme and the place for which the candidate is applying, originality or innovativeness);
- any research experience, other than empirical or theoretical research carried out for the dissertation (relevance to the PhD programme and the place for which the candidate is applying, scientific level).

Written test

The written test will consist of writing a paper (in Italian or English, at the candidate's choice) on the basis of an outline chosen by the candidate from among those provided by the Selection Board. One of three envelopes prepared by the Board will be drawn by one of the present candidates. The envelope will contain three titles, from which each candidate may choose the task to be followed for his or her paper. The time available will be two hours.

The titles will cover conceptual categories fundamental to Social Work and Personal Social Services Policies, with relevant sociological, psychological and legal references. Candidates will be invited to carry out the paper by developing the proposed topic in a way that best suits their preparation, from a perspective that may focus more on Social Work or Personal Social Services Policies, as they choose.

Oral interview

The oral interview (in Italian or in English, at the candidate's choice) will include:

- (1).an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of social work, sociology and social policy based on the content of the paper;
- (2).an assessment and orientation interview that will take into account each candidate's skills, aptitudes, interests and perspectives in relation to the specific post(s) for which he/she has declared to be applying;
- (3).an English language proficiency test (or Italian, if the interview is conducted in English) will be carried out through the translation of a short piece of specialist literature.

All tests will take place in person, at the University premises.

Scoring

The Selection Board awards each candidate the following score:

- evaluation of qualifications: up to 30 points;
- evaluation of the written test: up to 30 points;
- oral interview: up to 40 points, of which up to 16 points will be allocated on the basis of the knowledge referred to in point (1) above; up to 16 points will be allocated on the basis of the results of the interview referred to in point (2) above with values that may be differentiated according to the different posts for which the candidate is applying; up to 8 points will be allocated for knowledge of English (or Italian, if the interview is conducted in English), referred to in point (3) above.

Any candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 21/30 in the evaluation of qualifications shall be admitted to the written test.

Any candidate who has obtained a score of not less than 21/30 in the written test assessment shall be admitted to the oral interview.

The oral interview is deemed to have been passed if the candidate has obtained a score of not less than 28/40.

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.

In order to sit the written test and the oral interview, candidates must present a suitable valid identification document pursuant to Article 35, second paragraph of Presidential Decree 445 of 28 December 2000 (identity card, driving licence, passport).

PhD programme in: SOCIOLOGY, ORGANISATIONS, CULTURES

Coordinator: Professor Rosangela LODIGIANI

Duration: 3 years

Places: 2

of which no. 1 place with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24: see Article 2 of this notice;

- Places without scholarship: 1

Information: <http://dottorati.unicatt.it/sociologia>



The PhD programme in Sociology, Organisations, Cultures builds on the long and rich experience gained in the PhD programmes "Sociology and Methodology of Social Research" and "Organisational and Management Sciences". In particular, it integrates the theoretical-methodological knowledge of sociology with managerial and organisational knowledge, succeeding in combining advanced training for academic recruitment with advanced training for companies and organisations in the remaining labor market.

The PhD programme has a Board of Professors made up of scholars from various disciplinary fields (general theory and sociology, sociology of work and organisations, sociology of culture and communication, sociology of *welfare*, development of innovative social research methodologies, etc.), most of whom belong to the Sociology Department of the Università Cattolica and are part of important research networks at national and international level, as well as being involved in the professions. Candidates admitted to the PhD programme will thus have the opportunity to conduct research and write a dissertation in one of the many fields for which they will find support among the professors/lecturers of the programme.

Evaluation procedure

When replying to this call for applications, candidates must attach a research project of a maximum of 10,000 characters (including spaces and bibliographical references) divided into the following sections: subject, brief state of the art, research question, methods that would be adopted to answer the question. The project written by the candidates will not be binding with respect to the actual research to be developed during the PhD.

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

- a written test;
- an oral interview.

In connection with the evaluation of the written test, which is aimed at ascertaining theoretical and methodological sociological knowledge, the Selection Board may award each candidate up to 60 points.

Candidates who score a minimum of 40 points in this first evaluation will be admitted to the oral interview.

During the oral interview, the candidates' sociological knowledge and skills will be further verified, any qualifications and the research project attached to the application will be discussed and knowledge of the English language will be tested by means of a short conversation in the language and/or reading and translation of a passage. Alternatively, at the candidate's choice, the entire selection examination can be conducted in English.

The Selection Board awards each candidate up to 40 points for the oral interview. The oral interview is only passed if the candidate has obtained no less than 25 out of 40 points.

In order to take the oral interview, 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: HUMANITIES. TRADITION AND CONTEMPORANEITY

Coordinator: Professor Giuseppe D'ANNA

Duration: 3 years

Places: 8

- Places with scholarship: 6
- Places without scholarship: 2

Cooperating foreign 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

Scholarships ex m.d. 630/24

As reported in article 1, scholarships pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (from the National Recovery and Resilience Programme – PNRR) are detailed in Annex *sub* 1:

- m.d. 630/24: scholarships envisaged within innovative PhD pathways, responding to the innovation needs of the companies and regional territories concerned.

Candidates who are awarded scholarships pursuant to m.d. 630/24, undertake to:

- spend periods of study and research in companies or research centres of a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 18 months.
- spend periods of study and research abroad of a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months. The period may be extended up to a maximum of 18 months pursuant to Art. 9, para. 3 of Italian Ministerial Decree 226/21.

At the end of the selection procedures for doctoral candidates, as foreseen by m.d. 630/24, art. 8, any further scholarships, made available by the M.U.R., may be awarded to "eligible non-winner" candidates according to the order of the final merit list.

Scholarships pursuant to m.d. 630/24 may not be awarded to doctoral students who have renounced to PNRR scholarships in the XXXVIII cycle (mm.dd. 351/22 e 352/22) and XXXIX cycle (mm.dd. 117/23 e 118/23).

Art. 3

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.

Applications may also be submitted by those who will obtain the abovementioned qualification, in Italy or abroad, referred to in the first paragraph by October 31st, 2024.

Art. 4 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 July 30th, 2024**.

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. Pursuant to Article 8 of Ministerial Decree 226/21, the suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Commission for admission to the PhD course, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as with international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the pursuit of studies;
- 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 € 100.00 (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 email, 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. 5 Selection Boards

The Rector, on the proposal of the Academic Board, shall issue a decree appointing the Selection Committee for admission to the PhD programme, which shall be composed of three tenured professors, to which no more than two experts, including foreign ones, may be added, chosen from 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 programme in directions or curricula, more than one Selection Board may be set up, i.e. a Selection Board consisting of up to five tenured professors.

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

Art. 6 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 Selection Boards reserves the right to conduct the oral interview by videoconference, according to the instructions that will be communicated to all



admitted candidates.

Art. 7

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. 8

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/>

In order to obtain a visa, candidates, after completing their registration, must register on the portal www.universitaly.it and follow the indicated procedure.

Art. 9

Scholarship 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.

PhD students enrolled in the XL cycle are required to pay annual contributions for access to PhD programmes amounting to € 1,516.00, to be paid in three instalments, the first, of € 516.00, at the time of enrolment or renewal of enrolment, the second on 28 February and the third on 30 June each year, of € 500.00 each.

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. 10 Public employees

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

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 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. 13 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. 8347 of 16 February 2022 shall apply: "Amendments to the 'Regulations for PhD programmes and PhD schools at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore'" and

current regulations.

Further information can be obtained from the PhD Office, telephone +39 027234.5633/027234.5619, e-mail: dottorati.ricerca-mi@unicatt.it or on the website: <https://dottorati.unicatt.it/concorsi>.

The person in charge of the procedure for this call for applications is Dr. Roberto BRAMBILLA, Director of Postgraduate Education and Research Partnership, Via Carducci 28/30, Milan (Italy).



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ANNEX *sub.* 1

Rectoral Decree No. 11609 of June 10th, 2024

Allocation of resources under the National Recovery and Resilience Programme (PNRR) to accredited pathways in the XL cycle

With reference to the call for applications for admission to the PhD programmes in "Criminology", "Enterprise, Labour, Institutions and Criminal Justice", "Institutions and Policies", "Management and Innovation", "Person and Legal Systems", "Psychology", "Person and Education Sciences", "Linguistic and Literary Sciences", "Social Work and Personal Social Services", "Sociology, Organisations, Cultures" and "Humanities. Tradition and Contemporaneity" - Milan campus, additional resources provided by the National Recovery and Resilience Programme (PNRR) are allocated for the following PhD programmes:

PhD programme in CRIMINOLOGY

Coordinator: Professor Francesco CALDERONI

Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001100001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Criminal schemes in the legal economy: the role of private firms and public administrations", co-funded by Crime&tech srl, Milan.

PhD programme in MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION

Coordinator: Professor Eugenio ANESSI PESSINA

Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001110001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project "Measuring impact in social entrepreneurship: frameworks and practices in developing countries", co-funded by E4Impact Foundation, Milan;

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “The role of cognitive biases and heuristic in AI adoption in organizational contexts”, co-funded by Cetif Advisory, Milan.

PhD programme in PSYCHOLOGY

Coordinator: Professor Margherita LANZ

Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001120001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Neuroscience and stress regulation in high-risk decision-making processes”, co-funded by Gruppo Concorde Spa, Spezzano di Fiorano (Mo);
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Psychopathological disorders in childhood: testing the effectiveness of innovative therapeutic strategies”, co-funded by Istituto di Neuropsichiatria Rete- Ricerca e Terapia in Età Evolutiva S.R.L., Milan;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Measuring patient and caregiver engagement activation in conjunction with health education interventions in two study models: type 1 diabetes screening and myocardial infarction”, co-funded by Sanofi S.r.l., Milan;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Value and meanings of work: evolutions, current challenges and implications for business management”, co-funded by Associazione Italiana per la Formazione Manageriale – ASFOR, Milan;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Using digital technologies (virtual reality and artificial intelligence) in cognitive assessment and rehabilitation”, co-funded by Istituto Auxologico Italiano – I.R.C.C.S., Milan.

PhD programme in PERSON AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

Coordinator: Professor Antonella MARCHETTI

Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001330001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Education in ecological transition: youth and cross-cultural competence. For a pedagogical design between business and sustainable mobility”, co-funded by Ambro-Sol S.r.l. Società Benefit, Cigole (BS);
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Development of psychological, relational and educational processes related to sustainability according to ‘green’ educational programmes”, co-funded by The Yellow Train srl, Milan;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Business pedagogy,



integral ecology, women's leadership training”, co-funded by Siderweb Spa S.B., Flero (BS).

PhD programme in LANGUAGE AND LITERARY SCIENCES

Coordinator: Professor Federica MISSAGLIA

Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001140001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Territorial communication and tourism industry in Italy: the development of destination brands in the contemporary media context” co-funded by Publitalia '80 spa, Cologno Monzese (MI);
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Enhancing the cultural heritage: the historical archives of Casa d’Arte Cerratelli”, co-funded by C.E.M.E.S. S.p.a., Pisa;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “A comparison between the Anglo-Saxon and Italian world in the practices of adaptation from novels to films and television series”, co-funded by Edizioni Ares, Milan.

PhD programme in SOCIAL WORK AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Coordinator: Professor Maria Luisa RAINERI

Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001150001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “The contribution of local Caritas committees to community work and participation in local planning processes”, co-funded by Caritas Ambrosiana – Milan;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Community work in the field of youth policies”, co-funded by LUMILHUB Impresa Sociale Società Cooperativa, Como;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “The life paths of people with disabilities: participation, inclusion and self-determination”, co-funded by Edizioni Centro Studi Erickson S.p.a., Trento;
- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “Evaluation of social work projects funded by 8x1000 allocated to Caritas Ambrosiana”, co-funded by Caritas Ambrosiana – Milan.

PhD programme in SOCIOLOGY, ORGANISATIONS, CULTURES

Coordinator: Professor Rosangela LODIGIANI



Duration: 3 years

Places with scholarship pursuant to m.d. 630/24 (CUP J53C24001160001):

- no. 1 scholarship aimed at carrying out the research project “New negentropic and generative organisational models. An empirical study”, co-funded by COMM.ON! - Associazione di Promozione Sociale, Milan.

