

FAQ PhD Admission Competition

1 - The call for applications expires on 1st September and I am graduating on 2nd September. Can I supplement the competition application with my degree grade?

No. You can take part in the competition sub-contest by indicating your average exam grade, but you cannot make any changes to your application after the deadline (1st September, 1:00 PM)

2 - I have a degree obtained abroad, but I cannot have the documentation translated and legalised by the competition deadline. Is this a problem?

No. You can self-certify the degree, providing all the information needed for the commission to be able to declare the equivalence of the degree for competition purposes. You can submit the translated and legalised documents later, by 31 October.

3 - Do I have to present a certificate to attest my Master's degree?

No. The Master's degree (or foreign qualification) used as a qualification for admission to the competition is self-certified directly during the on-line application procedure, when the candidate is obliged to indicate the degree held (unless you are taking part as a sub-conductor).

4 - I have a degree obtained abroad. During the online application procedure, which of the four options should I select?

You must select option 4, 'Foreign qualifications'. The first three options are reserved for degrees obtained in Italy.

5 - I have a second degree. How do I self-certify it?

If you have a second Master's degree (i.e. not the one used as a qualification for admission to the competition), a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree, it is useless to indicate them because they will not be evaluated under any circumstances.

6 - How do I self-certify other qualifications that can be assessed for the purposes of evaluating qualifications?

You may submit a self-certification on unstamped paper, in accordance with Presidential Decree 445/2000, in which, for each title, you indicate the details and any other information useful to the selection board for proper evaluation of the title. For example, in the case of a qualification: type of qualification, title, university of achievement, year and evaluation.

A PDF (or a single PDF) must be made of each self-certification and uploaded during the on-line procedure when the "Doctoral competition titles" are requested.

7 - Can I attach my CV and a letter of reference to the competition application?

Of course, they will not be marked. They may, however, help the selection board when assessing the candidate.

8 - I have realised that I have not submitted the competition application correctly. Will I be notified by the University Offices?

No. Correct submission of the competition application is a candidate's duty and no such communication will automatically be sent by the Office. The candidate may, however, by the date and time of the deadline of the call for applications, modify the competition application by accessing the on-line procedure again and making the desired modifications or additions.

9 - I started the on-line application procedure at 12:55 p.m. (thus, before the deadline) but at 1:00 p.m. I still had not completed it. Now, the system does not allow me to close the application. Can I still do it?

No. The application must have been submitted correctly (procedure completed) by 1:00 PM. If at this time, the procedure is still open, the system will automatically close and the application cannot be submitted.

It is therefore recommended to submit the application in time for it to be closed by 1:00 PM.

10 - I already have credentials for accessing Student Self. Do I have to register again for the competition?

No. If you already have your credentials (even if they were issued when you enrolled in a previous course of study), you can use them.

11 - I have completed the on-line submission of my application and the system tells me that the procedure has been completed correctly. Can I consider the application valid?

No. Of course, the application must be submitted correctly and completely, but it will only be considered regularised, and therefore valid for all purposes, with the payment of the competition fee, which must be made by the deadline of the call for applications (1st September).

12 - I would like to pay the competition fee by bank transfer. Can I do this?

No. Payment of the competition fee (as well as of the enrolment fees for those enrolling in the Courses) can only and exclusively be made through the electronic payment systems provided by PagoPA, following the instructions given after the attachments to the Announcement

No other form will be accepted. If, therefore, the candidate were to proceed autonomously with payment by bank transfer, his situation would not be regularised and, consequently, he would be excluded from the competition.

13 - My course does not provide for the evaluation of a research project. Do I still have to submit it?

Yes. In this case, the project will not be given a mark, but will nevertheless be used by the Commission for the interview.

14 - Is the choice of research topic for the interview left to the candidate or to the selection board?

It is at the candidate's choice, based on the topics indicated in the call for applications. The oral test, however, is intended as an interview between the candidate and the committee. The choice of subject, therefore, is to be understood as the starting phase of the interview, which may, therefore, also cover other aspects.

15 - To take the oral test, do I necessarily have to be present in Sassari on the day indicated?

The arrangements for the interview are specified, for each course, in Appendix 1.

16 - How can I find out if I have been admitted to the interview?

On the same page on which the call for applications is published, the lists of those admitted to the interview will be published on the basis of the assessment of the project or the written paper, depending on the choice of PhD Course.

For courses that have opted for the "qualifications+interview" option, the notification of admission/non-admission will only concern candidates with an admission qualification obtained abroad. Candidates holding an Italian qualification, on the other hand, will be automatically admitted to the interview, unless they incur the grounds for exclusion set out in the competition notice (non-payment of the competition fee or insufficient documentation).

The same page will also publish the lists of candidates excluded for failure to pay the competition fee or (for qualifications obtained abroad) for failure to declare the equivalence of the foreign qualification for competition purposes.

17 - On the day of the interview, in the case of an online interview, will I be contacted directly by the selection board?

No, it is the candidate who must contact the selection board using the contact details that will be published on the website. It is advisable to connect in advance of the times that will be indicated.

18 - Will the research topic chosen for the competition (project or interview) be the same if I enrol in the PhD programme?

Only if the topic used for the project corresponds to the topic associated with the scholarship. For the purposes of the PhD programme, in fact, it is the topic associated with the grant that is binding. The other themes will only be used for competition purposes.

19 - Will the selection board publish the ranking list immediately after the interview?

No, no ranking list will be published immediately after the interview. The rankings will only be published on the same page on which the notice was published once the competition acts have been approved.

20 - If I were the first of the unsuccessful candidates, would I have any chance of gaining access to the PhD programme?

Of course. Already by the enrolment deadline there could be some drop-outs. In that case, the rankings will be adjusted starting from the first of the eligible candidates. The same sliding of the ranking list could also occur in the event of further funding arriving in addition to the scholarships already indicated in the call for applications.