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THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of the University of Sassari, published in the Official Gazette no. 298 of 23 December 2011;

HAVING REGARD TO Article 4 of Law no. 210 of 3 July 1998, which provides that Universities shall regulate the matter of PhD courses by their own regulations;

HAVING REGARD TO the University Regulation on PhD Courses issued by R.D. no. 746 of 01/03/2022;

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30/04/1999, published in G.U. no. 162 of 13/07/1999;

HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, and in particular art. 19;

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021;

HAVING REGARD TO the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors of 13 and 19 June 2007, respectively, concerning tax regulations;

HAVING REGARD TO the *Regulation of fees and contributions for postgraduate courses and State examinations* as per R.D. 3160 of 24 October 2019, prot. no. 121490 and subsequent amendments and supplements;

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23/02/2022 "*Increase in the gross annual amount of PhD scholarships*";

HAVING REGARD TO Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021, published in the Official Journal of the European Union L57 of 18 February 2021, establishing the European Union Recovery and Resilience Facility;

HAVING REGARD TO Regulation (EU) 2018/1046 of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No. 1296/2013, No. 1301/2013, No. 1303/2013, No. 1304/2013, No. 1309/2013, No. 1316/2013, No. 223/2014, No. 283/2014 and Decision No. 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 966/2012;

HAVING REGARD TO Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 establishing a framework to encourage sustainable investment and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088;

HAVING REGARD TO Article 17 EU Regulation 2020/852 which sets out environmental objectives, including the principle of Do No Significant Harm (DNSH), and to the related European Commission Communication C (2021) 1054 final of 12 February 2021 on "Technical guidance on the application of the principle of 'Do no significant harm' under the Recovery and Resilience Instrument Regulation";

HAVING REGARD TO Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of 24 June 2021, laying down common provisions applicable to the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Fund for a fair transition, the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, and the financial rules applicable to those Funds and to the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the instrument for financial support for border management and visa policy;

HAVING REGARD TO Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2105 of 28 September 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility by setting out a methodology for reporting on social expenditure;

HAVING REGARD TO the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2106 of 28 September 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, by setting out the common indicators and detailed elements of the Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard;

HAVING REGARD TO the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRP) - Mission 4 Component 2, "From research to enterprise" investment 1.5, "Creation and strengthening of "Innovation Ecosystems" construction of "Territorial R&D leaders", submitted to the European Commission on 30 April 2021 pursuant to Art. 18 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241 was positively assessed by ECOFIN Council Decision of 13 July 2021 and notified to Italy by the General Secretariat of the Council by note LT161/21, dated 14 July 2021;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Ministry of Universities and Research with Directorial Decree no. 3138 of 16/12/2021 approved and financed the European Commission's NextGenerationEU fund - "Public Notice for the submission of Proposals for the strengthening of research structures and the creation of R&D "national champions" - within the framework of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 Education and Research - Component 2 From research to enterprise - Investment 1.4

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Ministry of Universities and Research by Directorial Decree no. 3277 of 30 December 2021 approved and financed from the European Commission's NextGenerationEU fund - "Public Notice for the submission of Proposals for the creation and strengthening of "innovation ecosystems", construction of "territorial R&D leaders" - Ecosystems of Innovation - within the framework of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 Education and Research - Component 2 From research to enterprise - Investment 1.5

ACKNOWLEDGING that the University of Naples Federico II as the proposing party submitted the Expression of Interest for the establishment of a "National Research Centre for Agricultural Technologies", abbreviated as "Agritech" with the participation of the University of Sassari together with 19 other academic institutions;

ACKNOWLEDGING that by Director's Decree no. 1032 of 17 June 2022, registered by the Court of Auditors on 08 July 2022, the National Research Centre for Agricultural Technologies (Agritech) thematic area was admitted to funding, facilitation application marked with identification code CN000022, for the realisation of the Research Programme entitled "National Research Centre for Agricultural Technologies"; the resources allocated to the National Centre amount to € 320,070,095.50, CUP B63D21015240004;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the National Research Council (CNR) as the proposing party submitted the Expression of Interest for the establishment of a National Research Centre named "National Biodiversity Future Centre", abbreviated as NBFC, with the participation of the University of Sassari together with 3 Public Research Institutions (CNR, OGS, SZN); 22 Universities and 23 bodies not governed by the MUR;

ACKNOWLEDGING that by Director's Decree no. 1034 of 17 June 2022, registered by the Court of Auditors on 14 July 2022, the National Centre "National Biodiversity Future Center" thematic "Biodiversity" application marked with the identification code CN000033 has been admitted for funding, for the realisation of the Research Programme entitled "National Biodiversity Future Center"; the resources allocated to the National Centre amount to € 320,026,665.79, CUP J83C22000870007;

ACKNOWLEDGING that on 24 February 2022, the University of Sassari, as the proposing party, submitted an Expression of Interest for the establishment of the eINS Ecosystem Of Innovation For Next Generation Sardinia, to which the University of Cagliari, the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Sardegna, Cybertech S.r.l., So.G.Aer S.p.A. and the Chamber of Commerce of Sassari formally adhered;

ACKNOWLEDGING that by Directorial Decree no. 1056 of 23 June 2022, registered by the Court of Auditors on 26 July 2022, the eINS Ecosystem Of Innovation For Next Generation Sardinia facilitation application marked with identification code ECS0000038 was admitted for funding; the resources allocated to the ecosystem amount to € 119,000,000.00, CUP J83C21000320007;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the National Research Council" Fiscal Code 80054330586, as the proposing entity has submitted, with reference to Directorial Decree no. 3264 of 28 December 2021 "Public Notice for the submission of project proposals for "Strengthening and Creation of Research Infrastructures" to be funded under the PNRR - Mission 4, "Education and Research" - Component 2, "From Research to Enterprise" - Investment Line 3. 1, "Fund for the realisation of an integrated system of research and innovation infrastructures", the project proposal entitled "European Brain ReseArch INfrastructureS-Italy", ESFRI area "Healthand Food", marked with the identification code "IR0000011", acronym project EBRAINS-Italy, with the participation of 15 co-proponents including the University of Sassari;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the University of Turin, as proposing party, has submitted the Expression of Interest for the establishment of the research infrastructure "Strengthening the MIRRI Italian Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Bioscience and Bioeconomy", abbreviated as SUS-MIRRI.IT, with the participation of the University of Sassari together with 2 Public Research Institutions (CNR, ENEA) and 21 Universities;

ACKNOWLEDGING that by Director's Decree no. 114 of 21 June 2022, recorded by the Court of Auditors on 14 July 2022, the research infrastructure "Strengthening the MIRRI Italian Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Bioscience and Bioeconomy" application for a grant marked with the identification code IR00005, for the realisation of the Research Programme entitled "Strengthening the MIRRI Italian Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Bioscience and Bioeconomy" has been admitted to funding; the resources allocated to the National Centre amount to € 16,949,360.00, CUP D13C22001390001;

ACKNOWLEDGING that by the decree granting funding prot. no. 117 of 21-06-2022, registered with the positive outcome of the regularity checks by the Central Budget Office, prot. no. 3654 of 28/06/2022 and by the Court of Auditors prot. no. 1925 of 20/07/2022, the project proposal entitled "European Brain ReseArch INfrastructureS-Italy" - EBRAINS-Italy, ESFRI area "European Brain ReseArch INfrastructureS-Italy" - ESFRI area -, marked with the identification code "IR0000011", CUP B51E22000150006, proposing party "Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche" C.F. 80054330586, for a total amount of € 22,370,240.00, was admitted for funding;

ACKNOWLEDGING that on 07 June 2022, pursuant to Articles 2615 ter and 2462 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code, a non-profit foundation was established under the name of "Centro Nazionale di Ricerca per le Tecnologie dell'Agricoltura", abbreviated as Fondazione Agritech, with the participation of the University of Sassari as a founding member;

ACKNOWLEDGING that on 14 June 2022, pursuant to Articles 2615 ter and 2462 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code, the Limited Liability Consortium Company was established under the name of "National Biodiversity Future Center", abbreviated as "NBFC s.c.a.r.l", with the participation of the University of Sassari as founding member;

ACKNOWLEDGING that on 15 June 2022, pursuant to Articles 2615 ter and 2462 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code, a limited liability consortium company was incorporated with the name e.INS Ecosystem of Innovation For Next Generation Sardinia, with the participation of the University of Sassari as founding member;

HAVING REGARD TO the agreement with the National Research Council (CNR) for the funding of a scholarship within the framework of the PhD Course in Agricultural Sciences on the resources of the ITINERIS (Italian Integrated Environmental Research Infrastructures System) project, submitted to Notice no. 3264 of 28/12/2021 "Strengthening and creation of IR within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)", which was admitted for funding by D.D no. 130 of 21/06/2022; the funding amounts to € 155,208,808.81;

IN THE PROCESS of establishing further agreements with external funders for the allocation of funds for PhD scholarships;

CONSIDERED that the interventions subject to the financing provided for by the aforementioned decrees must be:

- a) consistent with the objectives and goals of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, with the general strategy and the Detailed Sheet of the PNRR Component
- b) oriented towards the achievement of the results measured with reference to milestones and targets eventually assigned to the Investment within the terms established by the Plan
- c) compliant with the "do no significant harm" (DNSH) principle pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 in accordance with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (European Commission Communication 2021/C58/01)
- (d) appropriate to address and redress gender inequalities;
- e) in support of the participation of women and young people, also consistent with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 77 of 31 May 2021 (the so-called Simplification Decree), as amended by Conversion Law No. 108 of 29 July 2021, in relation to the management of the PNRR;

HAVING REGARD TO the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors of 30 December 2022 concerning the allocation of scholarships financed under the e.INS project to PhD courses;

HAVING REGARD TO Rectoral Decree no. 76 of 16 January 2023 amending the recruitment plan within the e.INS Ecosystem, financed by the PNRR;

HAVING CONSIDERED the resolutions with which the Colleges of the Doctoral Programmes have requested the announcement of additional positions on the Courses activated for the XXXVIII cycle with respect to those approved by the Academic Bodies in their resolutions of 30 December 2022; PRESO ATTO della proposta della Scuola di Dottorato del 16 gennaio 2023 di attivazione delle procedure concorsuali per l'insieme delle posizioni destinate ai Corsi di Dottorato di ricerca;

HAVING REGARD TO the Rectoral Emergency Decree no. 84 of 17 January 2023 for the activation of the competition procedures for the allocation to the Research Doctorate Courses - XXXVIII cycle of the positions and resources financed by the PNRR and by funds of external funders;

CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE to provide in the call for applications that the scholarships object of this competition shall be definitively awarded only upon confirmation of the funding by the respective funders;

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ART. 1 - Establishment

A public selection is announced at the University of Sassari for the award of PhD positions - cycle XXXVIII within the framework of the National Plan for Recovery and Resilience (PNRR), Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From research to enterprise". Within the same selection, additional positions will also be awarded as indicated in the table below.

Competitions on the basis of titles and examinations are announced for the admission to the PhD courses listed in Annex 1, for each of which the number of places on offer, the number and type of scholarships, the qualifications that will be evaluated by the Selection Board and the themes of the research project required for the competition phase only are indicated.

The positions are divided as follows:

N.	PhD Course in	PNRR e.INS	Other PNRR	Other positions
1	Architecture and Environment	5	0	0
2	Culture, Literature, Tourism and Territory	6	0	1
3	Life Sciences and Biotechnologies	3	2	1
4	Agricultural Sciences	7	11	1
5	Biomedical Sciences	7	0	0
6	Legal Sciences	6	0	3
7	Veterinary Sciences	3	1	1
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Should further scholarships become available within the deadline of this notice, it may be supplemented with the corresponding positions. The scholarships covered by this competition will only be definitively awarded following confirmation of funding by the respective funders.

ART. 2 - Requirements for admission

All applicants are required to be in possession of a valid Masters' Degree certificate or an equivalent academic degree pursuant to M.D. no. 509 of 3 November 1999, and M.D. no. 270 of 22 October 2004, or a degree obtained under the previous university system (prior to D.M. no. 509 of 3 November 1999) or other equivalent qualification obtained abroad.

Foreign citizens in possession of a qualification that has not already been declared equivalent to a university degree must - solely for the purpose of admission to the PhD programme for which they intend to apply - accompany the application form, according to the procedure described in art. 5 below, with the documents necessary to allow the Selection Committee to declare equivalence. Said documents must be translated into Italian or presented in English, French or Spanish and legalised by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular representations abroad in accordance with the regulations in force for the admission of foreign students to degree courses at Italian universities.

Foreign citizens who are not in possession of the translated and legalised documents required above may submit an application for admission by self-certifying possession of the qualification. Candidates will be admitted to the selection process *sub condicione* and, should they be successful, they must produce the documentation requested above **by 28/02/2023 at the latest**, under penalty of forfeiture and exclusion from the Course.

For Italian citizens having a foreign academic degree that has not already been declared equivalent to an Italian degree, the same provisions set forth in the previous paragraphs shall apply.

As of the 2022/2023 academic year, the simultaneous enrolment of students in two courses of study is permitted in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 33 of 12 April 2022 and the relevant implementing decrees.

The joint attendance of the medical specialisation course and the PhD course is regulated pursuant to Article 7 of Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14/12/2022.

Candidates applying for reserved positions may be admitted to the PhD courses if they are successful in the competitive examinations referred to in articles 6 and 7 of this notice.

Those interested must draw up their applications according to the procedure described in the following articles 4 and 5 of this call.

Those who have obtained their degree by the closing date of the notice may participate in the competition.

All candidates may also be admitted *sub condicione*, including those taking part in the reserved places referred to in art. 3 below, who, not in possession of the qualification on the date of the deadline of the call, will obtain it by **28 February 2023. The starting date of the XXXVIII cycle of PhD Courses at the University of Sassari for the present selection is 1 March 2023.**

All candidates, including those competing for a reserved position, thus admitted *sub condicione*, who have been successful in the competition procedures, must submit, to the Higher Education Office of this University, self-certification of the achievement of the degree no later than **28/02/2023.**

Candidates who do not communicate the achievement of the degree by the deadline or who send incomplete or erroneous communications will be excluded.

ART. 3 - Positions reserved to applicants graduated at foreign universities

Each PhD Course may reserve places for Fellows from foreign countries. Candidates who opt for these types of places must make an explicit request in the application form and must also be successful in accordance with the provisions of articles 6 and 7 below.

Successful candidates for positions reserved for applicants from foreign countries must submit the documentation demonstrating their status to the Higher Education Office of this University no later than 28/02/2023.

ART. 4 – Application procedure

The attached application form must be prepared according to the prescriptions and by the deadlines described in art. 8.

In the application, the candidate must state under his/her own responsibility, on pain of exclusion from the competition:

- A. surname and first name, date and place of birth and place of residence;
- B. citizenship;
- C. degree awarded, as well as the date and university at which it was issued, or the corresponding/equivalent degree awarded at a foreign University;
- D. the selection of the *sub-conditions* option in the call, with an indication of the University to be issuing the qualification and the name of the qualification. To certify this condition, the applicant will be required NOT to fill the form fields regarding the date of qualification and the relevant result;
- E. the contact address for the purposes of the call. EU citizens and foreigners must indicate an Italian physical address or the details of the the Embassy of their country in Italy, selected as reference address. Any change in the address must be communicated in timely to the *Ufficio Alta Formazione*, by e-mail by writing to helpesse3@uniss.it or rzallu@uniss.it.

Alla domanda di concorso deve essere **obbligatoriamente** allegata copia fronte/retro del proprio documento di identità con fotografia perfettamente visibile che consenta l'identificazione del candidato.

The application must also include a copy of the applicant's ID (front and back) featuring a visible picture allowing the identification of the applicant.

Under penalty of exclusion from the competition, a research project on the topics indicated for the posts for which you are competing, as set out in Attachment 1, must be submitted together with the application form and with the sole exception of the PhD course in Juridical Sciences. To this end, the candidate may use the model in ANNEX 2 of this notice of competition published on the website www.uniss.it. For PhD courses that have opted for the "Qualifications + interview" mode of assessment, the research project will not be marked. Even in this case, however, submission of the research project together with the application form is mandatory, under penalty of exclusion from the competition. Under no circumstances shall the research project be accepted for submission by any means other than those described in Article 5 below.

The following qualifications, presented by the applicants jointly to the application form, in any case within the time limits and modes provided for under art. 5, will be assessed:

1. scientific publications in copy up to a maximum of 5 (no more than 5, strict limit);
2. numbered list of scientific publications referred to in point 1 (only the first 5 on the list will be considered; no points will be awarded for publications if the list is not submitted);
3. a self-certification, pursuant to arts. 46 and 47 of DPR 445/2000, concerning other university degrees such as Master's degrees, Postgraduate Programmes, Research scholarships, and postgraduate qualifications equivalent to those listed.

Applicants may also attach their CV's to the application form. This will not, in any case, be awarded any point by the Selection committee and failure to do so will not hinder the applicants' participation in this competition. The presentation of a Bachelor's degree, if any, is not required and will not, in any case, be evaluated.

Both the ID (front and back) and the research project, and any additional qualification and Curriculum Vitae must be annexed in PDF format, in accordance with the procedures reported in the "Guidelines for applicants to public calls" published on the same page of the University of Sassari website where this call is published. Should the uploaded files not be readable, also as a result of using a digital format other than PDF, the University will not be liable for such problems.

Pursuant to Article 15 of Law no. 183 of 12/11/2011, from 01/01/2012 it is not possible to request or accept certifications issued by Public Administrations regarding states, personal qualities and facts. Therefore, the declarations referred to in points A, B, C and D of this article must be made, in the application for admission, in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000.

This Administration reserves the right to accept sub conditione applicants to the selection procedure and the right, at any time, to exclude applicants who are not in possession of the qualifications and requirements set forth in this notice.

No communication will be sent to applicants and all the information will only be published on the www.uniss.it website.

Any amendment/addition to this call shall be published on the official website www.uniss.it by the deadline set by this call.

The application for admission may be submitted for each PhD Course indicated in Appendix 1. If the candidate intends to compete for several PhD Courses, he/she shall submit separate applications for admission and pay the corresponding fee for each of them.

Candidates interested in applying for a PhD course with curricula can opt for only one of these. If you apply for several curricula within the same course, you must choose the one for which you wish to participate.

Submission of the application for admission, in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 5 below, implies the candidates' acceptance of the rules contained in this call for applications.

ART. 5 – How to apply

Applications must be submitted, on penalty of exclusion, by **1 pm of 17th February 2023 (CET)** only by connecting to <https://uniss.esse3.cineca.it> and logging in the personal area (or registering if the UNISS web service is used for the first time).

Applications must be submitted to the modes provided by the "How to submit an application" document published on the same page of the UNISS website where the call is published.

If required, the application may be modified directly by the applicant, within the terms of this notice, only via the website <https://uniss.esse3.cineca.it>, by logging in, selecting the call and clicking on "edit" (modifica).

In this regard, please refer to the separate Tutorial available at <https://www.uniss.it/ateneo/documenti-di-ateneo/tutorial-immatricolazione>.

The applications filed, for any reason, after the terms and/or in ways other than those set forth in this call, will not be accepted.

Applicants must submit their application by selecting, within the PhD Course, the administrative category corresponding to the scholarship for which they intend to participate, in accordance with the provisions of Attachment 1 to the notice. The choice of administrative category will be binding as the rankings will be divided by administrative category. In the same PhD Course it is possible to apply for only one administrative category.

The application may be modified by the candidate, also with regard to the choice of PhD course or administrative category, within the deadline established in the present call. Any application received by the Office after this deadline will not be taken into consideration.

Applicants are required to upload a duplex (front and back) copy of their ID/Passport (in PDF format only).

Sub-conditional candidates must also certify their status using Annex 3 to the notice.

Candidates with conditionality must also certify their status using Annex 3 to the notice.

All candidates with disabilities or with specific learning disorders (DSA) are guaranteed the possibility of using compensatory tools for reading, writing and calculation difficulties, as well as the possibility of using an extension of the time allocated for the same tests, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, paragraphs 2, letter b) and 4, of Law no. 170 of 8 October 2010. Candidates with disabilities and candidates with DSA, in accordance with Law no. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended, and Law no. 170 of 8 October 2010, may therefore make an explicit request, in relation to their own needs, for the necessary aids and any additional time with respect to those established for the majority of candidates, as well as any other measures designed to guarantee equal opportunities in the performance of the test. With specific regard to the granting of additional time for the written tests, candidates with a certificate of disability or with certification pursuant to Law No 104 of 1992, issued by the medical board responsible for their area of competence, proving the type of disability and/or the degree of recognised handicap, will be entitled to additional time not exceeding 50 per cent more than the time allowed for the test. Candidates diagnosed with specific learning disorders (DSA) as per law no. 170/2010, with appropriate certification issued by NHS facilities or by organisations and specialists accredited by the same, will be entitled to additional time not exceeding 30%. These conditions must be proven by appropriate medical certification issued by the competent health authorities, the validity of which the University reserves the right to verify in accordance with the provisions of the regulations in force. Those who have selected the item "I request assistance and/or specialised tutoring services" in the on-line application procedure must make an explicit request for the necessary aid by sending an e-mail to rzallu@uniss.it. Failure to indicate your disability status when registering online, or to send an email requesting assistance, does not ensure that the necessary aids will be provided in time for the tests.

No other form of payment is accepted; therefore, applicants who use electronic payment systems other than those provided by PagoPA will be automatically excluded from the selection procedure.

Under no circumstances will the competition entry fee be refunded.

Support for online services

Help for online services for applicants is available via e-mail to helpesse3@uniss.it

ART. 6 – Exam

The exam for admission to the PhD Programme takes place in one of the two following ways, as chosen by each PhD Programme:

- qualifications + research project + interview;
- qualifications + written + interview;
- qualifications + interview.

The purpose of the exam is to test the applicant's knowledge, his or her aptitude for scientific research and his or her knowledge of the foreign language selected by the applicant or expressly required by the PhD Programme.

The interview may be held in Italian or English or other EU language, upon request of the applicant and upon approval of the Selection Committee, during the examination session.

The date, time, place and references for the interview and the written test, if any, will be posted for each Course, together with the list of those admitted to take it, at www.uniss.it.

Applicants shall access the interview upon submission of a valid ID, passport, driving license, or other personal identification card issued by public authorities, submitted together with the application form. Failure to provide such documents will result in the exclusion from the examination procedure.

Candidates should report to the venue indicated or connect to the telematic contacts indicated by the time that will be published on www.uniss.it, in such a way that the Selection Committee has enough time to complete the necessary identification procedures. Applicants who fail to connect to the scheduled conference call will be excluded.

The examinations are public.

Candidates are aware of the possible technical inconveniences that the telematic mode may entail. The University is therefore not liable for any inconvenience or difficulty due to technical reasons.

The overall merit ranking resulting from the marks obtained by each candidate in the interview, in the research project (if envisaged by the PhD Course), in the written paper (if envisaged by the PhD Course) and in the assessment of qualifications will be published on www.uniss.it following the approval of the final result report.

ART. 7 – Selection Committee and their requirements

The selection committee for the competition for admission to the PhD Course will be composed in accordance with the University rules on PhD Courses.

The Selection Committee may award up to 100 points for the evaluation of each applicant, broken up as follows:

- For the PhD Programmes which have opted for the "qualifications + research project + interview" option

- up to a maximum of 30 points for the evaluation of the qualifications;
- up to a maximum of 20 points for the evaluation of the research project;

- up to a maximum of 50 points for the interview;

- For PhD courses that have opted for the option consisting of qualifications, writing and interview

- up to a maximum of 30 points for the evaluation of the qualifications
- up to a maximum of 35 points for the evaluation of the written paper
- up to a maximum of 35 points for the oral test.

- For the PhD Programmes which have opted for the "qualifications + interview" option:

- up to a maximum of 30 points for the evaluation of qualifications;
- up to a maximum of 70 points for the interview;

The 30 points for the evaluation of qualifications are defined as follows:

- Degree grade (out of /110, up to a maximum of 11 points, **as an alternative to the final grade in /10**):
 - up to 100 – 0 points;
 - between 101 and 104 – 2 points;
 - between 105 and 107 – 4 points;
 - between 108 and 109 – 6 points;
 - 110/110 – 8 points;
 - 110/110 cum laude – 11 points;
- Degree grade (out of /10, **as an alternative to the final mark out of /110**), up to a maximum of 11 points:
 - up to 8.42 – 0 points;
 - between 8.43 and 8.85 – 2 points;
 - between 8.86 and 9.10 – 4 points;
 - between 9.11 and 9.25 – 6 points;
 - between 9.26 and 9.35 – 8 points;
 - between 9.36 and 10 – 11 points;
- Average mark of passed exams (up to a maximum of 11 points, **only for sub condicione applicants who have not finished yet their degree, as an alternative to the degree grade**):

up to 25.25 – 0 points;
between 25.26 and 26.50 – 2 points;
between 26.51 and 27.25 – 4 points;
between 27.26 and 27.75 – 6 points;
between 27.76 and 28.24 – 8 points;
between 28.25 and 30.00 – 11 points.

- Publications (up to a maximum of 10 points): **a maximum of 5** publications (in the case of candidates submitting more than 5 papers, only the first five on the list will be considered) with research topics related to the PhD Programme chosen can be enclosed by the applicant. Only scientific publications with the ISBN/ISMN/ISSN or papers published in journals indexed on "Web of Science" or "Scopus" databases, or otherwise accepted (attach documentation) for final publication will be evaluated.
- Other **qualifications** (up to a maximum of 5 points): the applicant may indicate only one academic qualification among the post graduate degrees, specialization diplomas, research scholarships, postgraduate qualifications equivalent to those listed. The qualification presented by the applicant must be consistent with the research areas of the PhD Programme he/she intends to apply to. Only the qualifications awarded (or at least completed) from 2017 on, will be considered.
- Foreign language certification - B2 level or higher (4 points).

The score assigned to each of the applicants admitted *sub conditione* will not be revised if the applicant successfully passes the selection procedure.

The research project to be evaluated by the PhD Programmes which have chosen that option, must obtain a result of at least 12/20 to be admitted to the interview. In the case of an assessment of less than 12/20, the candidate is not admitted to the interview.

The written paper, for PhD courses that have opted for its evaluation, must obtain a mark of at least 21/35 for the candidate to be admitted to the oral test. In the case of an assessment of less than 21/35, the candidate is not admitted to the interview.

The list of selected applicants will be signed the President of the Evaluation Committee and published on www.uniss.it along with the date, time, place and online reference to connect for the interview.

"Qualifications + research project + interview" option: the interview is passed if the applicant is awarded at least 30/50, according to the following scale

- Knowledge of a foreign language, to be assessed testing the written and spoken language skills: max 15 points;
- Discussion of the research project, to be assessed as:

- a) knowledge and ability to apply the scientific method on the research topics: max 15 points;
- b) knowledge and understanding of the research topics and motivations: max 20 points.

Per i corsi di dottorato che lo richiedono nella loro specifica scheda (Allegato 1), si terrà conto di eventuali lettere di referenza, da inviare con le modalità e nel numero massimo descritto nella Scheda stessa.

“Qualifications + written + interview” option: the oral test is considered passed if the candidate obtains a mark of at least 21/35, according to the following scale

- Knowledge of a foreign language, to be assessed testing the written and spoken language skills: max 10 points;
- Discussion of the research project, to be assessed as:
 - a) knowledge and ability to apply the scientific method on the research topics: max 10 points;
 - b) knowledge and understanding of the research topics and motivations: max 12 points.

"Qualifications + interview" option: the interview is passed if the applicant is awarded at least 42/70, according to the following scale

- **Knowledge of the English language**, to be assessed testing the written and spoken language skills: max 15 points;
- **Motivation**, to be assessed as the ability to present his or her motivation to undertake a PhD Programme: max 15 points;
- **Aptitude for research**, to be assessed as the knowledge and ability to apply the scientific method on concrete examples and relevant to the research topic: max 20 points
- **Specific knowledge and skills**, to be assessed as the knowledge and understanding of the research topic: max 20 points.

Once the competition tests have been completed, the Commission shall draw up the general merit rankings on the basis of the sum of the marks obtained by each candidate in the assessment of the qualifications, the research project (if any), the written test (if any) and the oral test. The rankings shall be divided into administrative categories, and the candidate placed in them on the basis of the choice made during the application procedure, and separated for each curriculum, if any, according to the Course Determinations as set out in this notice.

The final list will be published on the www.uniss.it website upon approval of the competition reports.

ART. 8 – Enrollment and Registration

The successful candidates are admitted to the PhD Courses on the basis of the merit list until the places available are filled. They will be required to enrol, under penalty of exclusion, by the deadline indicated when the ranking list is published.

In case of failure or late acceptance by the eligible candidates, another candidate will take over, according to the order of the ranking list. The starting date of the PhD course for this selection is 1 March 2023.

In the event of a tie in merit between candidates, the younger age will be taken into consideration, pursuant to Law no. 191, art. 2 of 16 June 1998.

Applications for enrolment of successful candidates must be submitted by the deadline, under penalty of forfeiture of the right to enrol in the PhD Course, and in the procedures that will be published on the University website www.uniss.it at the same time as the publication of the competition rankings.

In this regard, it is possible to consult the special tutorial available at <https://www.uniss.it/ateneo/documenti-di-ateneo/tutorial-immatricolazione>.

For the purposes of entry into Italy, non-EU citizens resident abroad must register on the [University](http://www.university.it) portal and apply for an entry visa at the Italian Embassy or Consulate with territorial jurisdiction.

ART. 9 – Attendance

All applicants are required to attend and participate in the PhD Programme activities as full-time students, as specified in the Programme requirements approved by the PhD Board.

At the end of each academic year, students will be required to file a detailed report of the research work carried out and their results. The PhD Board will retain the reports, evaluate the regular attendance and productivity of each applicant and recommend the Rector to approve or reject the continuation of the ongoing Programme.

Recipients of scholarships granted from funds deriving from projects financed under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) may be required to undertake a study/research period abroad and/or in a company, if this period is necessary for the purposes of the research requirements.

The PhD degree will be awarded at the end of the course following the successful evaluation of a research thesis by a specially appointed Committee.

ART. 10 – Fellowship rejection or withdrawal

Those who have not completed their enrolment by the aforementioned deadlines will be deemed to have withdrawn and those who have made false declarations, in addition to the criminal liability they will incur, will be declared forfeited.

If there are no suitable candidates within one or more curricula, or in the event of renouncement or forfeiture of the rightful candidates, the Course Committee may propose to the Rector the redistribution of the places available among the curricula activated.

ART. 11 – Fellowships

The fellowships, the number of which is indicated for each PhD course in Annex 1, will be awarded following a comparative assessment of merit and in the order set out in the respective single merit rankings or subdivided by curricula, where the course has provided for them, drawn up by the Selection Committees.

The annual amount of the fellowship, which is determined in accordance with art. 1 of D.M. 23/02/2022 amounts to € 16.243,00 gross of employee benefit expenses borne by the recipient.

Scholarships have a duration of one year and are renewed upon completion of the programme of activities foreseen for the previous year, verified in accordance with the procedures established by the PhD Course and in compliance with any additional requirements provided for by the funders, without prejudice to the obligation to disburse the fellowship upon passing the verification.

The entitlement to a scholarship for the attendance of a PhD Course is compatible with the possession of a gross annual personal income not exceeding €16,243.00 in the calendar year in which the scholarship is received.

The benefit of the PhD student grant shall take effect, unless reassigned or delayed, on 01/03/2023 and cannot be accumulated with other scholarships for any reason whatsoever, except with those granted by national or foreign institutions useful to supplement the PhD student's research activity with stays abroad, nor with research grants.

The amount of the fellowship is increased by 50% for periods spent abroad, subject to the existence of the relative financial cover. La richiesta ai fini dell'incremento di cui sopra, diretta al Rettore, è subordinata all'autorizzazione allo svolgimento di un periodo di permanenza all'estero rilasciata dal Coordinatore del Corso, nel limite di sei mesi, dalla Giunta del Corso per periodi superiori.

The study scholarship payment is made on a deferred monthly basis.

In the event of renouncement of the fellowship by the PhD student or revocation following a negative evaluation, the University reserves the right to request the return of any sums already received.

Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a fellowship for a PhD course may not benefit from it a second time.

For foreign citizens, the payment of the grant is subject to the presentation to the competent offices of the University of the Italian Fiscal Code issued by the Italian Consulate with territorial jurisdiction or by the Agenzia delle Entrate (Revenue Office), in the case of a candidate already on Italian soil.

ART. 12 – Tuition fees

The fees to access and attend a PhD Programme set by the academic bodies of the University amount to **€ 488,23** for the **first year** (including the University's contribution, stamp duty and insurance coverage against accidents and civil liability) and to **€ 472,23** for **each of the following two years** (including the University's contribution, insurance against accidents and civil liability, and the regional fee for university studies) and € 478.23 for each of the following two years (including the University's contribution, insurance against accidents and civil liability, and the regional fee for university studies).

Tuition fees for the first year of enrollment must be paid via the electronic payment pagoPA channel (<https://www.agid.gov.it/it/piattaforme/pagopa>) within the time frame set for the matriculation process, that will be published at the same time as the evaluation results. In case of late payment, penalties for late payment will be applied.

For this purpose, the Tutorial is available at <https://www.uniss.it/files/tutorialpagopapdf>.

Tuition fees for subsequent years must be paid through the electronic payment systems provided by pagoPA within two months from the effective date of the year of enrolment. In the event of payment after the 30 April deadline, a late payment fee will be charged.

Exemption from payment of the University contribution, but not of the insurance coverage, stamp duty and regional contribution for the right to university study, is granted to PhD students enrolled without a fellowship, disabled persons with a disability rating of 66% or higher, who will declare their status at the time of enrolment. Employees of affiliated organisations are required to pay tuition fees.

Fellows from foreign countries are exempt from paying the University contribution and insurance coverage but not stamp duty and the regional contribution for the right to university study.

ART. 13 – Person responsible for the proceeding

Pursuant to art. 4 of Italian Law No 241 of 7 August 1990 and following amendments (“Nuove norme in materia di procedimento amministrativo e di diritto di accesso ai documenti amministrativi”), Dr. Francesco Meloni, Head of the Didactics, Orientation and Student Services Area, shall stand in her capacity as the person responsible for the proceeding.

Applicants are entitled to exercise the right of access all the documents in the procedure in the manner provided or on the <https://www.uniss.it/urp> webpage.

ART. 14 - Privacy

The personal data transmitted by candidates with their application to take part in the competition will be processed, stored and archived by the University of Sassari, in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, for operational, administrative-accounting and/or other fulfilments connected with the management of this procedure and for fulfilments connected with law obligations and the start of the university career.

The provision of such data is mandatory for the purposes of assessing the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the competition procedure.

The data controller is the University of Sassari, which guarantees the data subjects, pursuant to Articles 15-18 of the aforementioned Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the right to access, rectify and delete the personal data transmitted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Regulation (EU). Applicants are acknowledged the rights to access their personal data, to request their rectification and integration as well as to obtain the restriction of their processing, by addressing their requests to the University of Sassari by email to: stud.privacy@uniss.it. For further information, please visit <https://www.uniss.it/protezione-privacy>.

ART. 15 – Reference regulations

For any matters not covered by this call for applications, reference is made to art. 19 of Law n. 240 of 30/12/2010, to Ministerial Decree n. 226 of 14/12/2021 - Regulation on the accreditation of doctoral schools and courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited institutions, to the University Regulations on PhD Courses issued by Rector's Decree n. 746 of 01/03/2022 and subsequent modifications and additions.

The Rector
(f.to Prof. Gavino Mariotti)