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HAVING CONSIDERED the Statute of the University of Sassari, published on the Italian Official Journal no. 298 dated 23 December 2011;

HAVING CONSIDERED art. 4 of Law no. 210 dated 3 July 1998, providing that Universities are entitled to implement internal regulations for the management of PhD Programme;

HAVING CONSIDERED the Regulations on PhD Programmes of this University approved by Rector's Decree no. 1413 dated 03/05/2019;

HAVING CONSIDERED Ministerial Decree no. 224 dated 30 April 1999, published on the Italian Official Journal no. 162 dated 13 July 1999;

HAVING CONSIDERED Italian Law no. 240 dated 30 December 2012, and in particular art. 19;

HAVING CONSIDERED Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 08/02/2013, published on the Italian Official Journal no. 104 dated 06/05/2013;

HAVING CONSIDERED the resolutions on University fees published on 13 and 19 June 2007 by the Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees of this University, respectively;

HAVING CONSIDERED *the Post-graduate Tuition Fees and Charges and State exams* referred to in R.D. 3160 no. 121490 of 24 December 2019.

HAVING CONSIDERED Ministerial Decree dated 25 January 2018 on the *Annual gross increase for PhD scholarships*;



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HAVING CONSIDERED the proposals to launch the XXXVII PhD cycle at the University of Sassari, submitted by the research units;

HAVING CONSIDERED MIUR Memo no. 35238 dated 16/03/2021, dictating the operational guidelines for the accreditation procedures of Graduate Schools and Programmes for the 2021/2022 academic year;

PENDING the results of the evaluations carried out by ANVUR;

HAVING CONSIDERED the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors of 11 and 12 May 2021 respectively;

HAVING CONSIDERED possible increase of resources or the availability of different financial resources, also beyond the deadline set by this call. In which case, a notice will be published on the University website;

DOES HEREBY DECREE AS FOLLOWS:

ART. 1 – Announcement

The University of Sassari does hereby announce the XXXVII call for PhD Programmes.

Calls based on qualifications and examinations are open for the admission to the PhD Programmes listed in Annex 1 and reporting the number of positions available, the number and type of scholarships, the qualifications which will be subject to evaluation by the Selection committee, the research topics required for the sole purpose of the selection procedure.

Available scholarships are as follows:

No.	RESEARCH GRADUATE SCHOOL in	No. of positions
1	Archaeology, History and Human Sciences	7
2	Architecture and the Environment (in agreement with the University of Karabuk - Turkey)	4
3	Culture, Literature, Tourism and Territory	4



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No.	RESEARCH GRADUATE SCHOOL in	No. of positions
4	Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods (in agreement with the Université de Bordeaux - France)	6
5	Life Sciences and Biotechnologies (in agreement with the University Shiraz - Iran)	27
6	Agricultural sciences	15
7	Biomedical sciences (in agreement with the Charles University - Czech Republic)	8
8	Juridical sciences	7
9	Veterinary Science (in agreement with the Chungnam National University – South Korea, and the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona – Spain)	7
TOTAL		85

Should further scholarships become available, to be funded by INPS, PON RI 2014/2020 or FSC 2015/2017, in addition to those referred to in this call, even after the completion of the competitive procedure, the same shall be assigned to the Doctoral Programmes with administrative offices at the University of Sassari in the academic year 2021/2022. Such scholarships shall be subject to the criteria set out in this notice and those provided for by the INPS Notice for Universities or by the MUR. The study grants from the above funds shall be definitively assigned to the Universities only following the verifications carried out by the Istituto Nazionale di Previdenza Sociale (National Social Security Institute) or the MUR.

ART. 2 – Minimum admission requirements

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.

For admission purposes, foreign citizens, whose qualifications are not validated, shall formally request the validation to the PhD Programme Council when submitting their application form and attach any document that may be necessary to the Council to issue an equivalence report, pursuant to art. 7 provisions. Any original document written in a language other than Italian must be translated into Italian or presented in English, French



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or Spanish and stamped by the Italian consulate or diplomatic authority based in the applicant's country of origin or residence, in compliance with current Italian regulations on foreign student admission to Italian universities.

Foreign applicants who do not have any document translated as above, may submit a self-certification stating their compliance with the relevant requirements. Applicants shall then be admitted *sub condicione* and, should they be selected, they will be required to submit the above documentation **by 31/10/2021**, under penalty of exclusion.

For the foreign applicants having a foreign academic qualification yet to be validated as equivalent to an Italian *laurea* degree, the same provisions apply.

The enrolment in the PhD Programme above is not compatible with any other enrolment at any EQF 6, 7 or 8 level Programme of this or other university.

Attendance to joint medical specialization Programme and the PhD Programme is governed by art. 7 of Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013.

Applicants applying for foreign student scholarships shall be admitted to the PhD Programme if they successfully pass the selection procedure referred to in art. 7 and 8 of this call.

All applicants must submit their application according to the procedure described in Articles 5 and 6 of this call.

Applicants are required to have obtained the necessary qualification for eligibility purposes by the deadline set for the submission procedure.

Applicants may be admitted *sub condicione*, including for the assignment of dedicated scholarships as specified in the following art. 3 and 4, if such missing qualification is acquired before the **31 October 2021**.

If selected, a *sub condicione* applicant, applying for any type of position, will be required to submit to *Ufficio Alta Formazione* a self-certification regarding the of the acquiring of access qualification degree no later than **31/10/2021**.

The applicants not submitting the relevant documentation by the set deadlines or submitting incomplete, and/or incorrect applications will be excluded and not awarded of any position and scholarship.



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

Each PhD Programme has the right to reserve positions to applicants who have obtained **their access qualifications** for the PhD Programme in a foreign university. Such positions will be assigned, in the order of merit, for applicants who meet the specific requirements indicated by each PhD Programmes in Annex 1.

ART. 4 - Positions reserved to applicants funded by foreign States and to employees of companies or organizations engaged in highly qualified activities

Each PhD Programme has the right to reserve positions to applicants being funded by foreign States and to employees of companies or organizations engaged in highly qualified activities. Applicants who wish to apply for such positions are required to explicitly select this option in the application form. The position will be assigned to those applicants selected in accordance with the provisions of the subsequent Articles 7 and 8.

Selected applicants who are assigned scholarships available to foreign applicants only, must submit the documents certifying their status no later than 31/10/2020 to the *Ufficio Alta Formazione*.

ART. 5 – Application procedure

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

The application form must contain the following information, on pain of exclusion.

- A. last name and first name, date and place of birth and permanent address;
- B. citizenship;
- C. degree awarded, date of issue of the degree and awarding University, or the equivalent certification issued by 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.



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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.

On penalty of exclusion from the call, together with the application form, and only for the PhD Programmes which require it, reported in Annex 1, applicants must submit a research project on the topics highlighted for each position applied to, as described in Annex 1. For this purpose, applicants can use the form included in ANNEX 2 to this call published on www.uniss.it.

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. 8, 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.

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.

Pursuant to art. 15 of Law No. 183 of 12/11/2011, as of 01/01/2012 it is not possible to request or accept certificates issued by public administrations attesting the status, personal skill of, or facts regarding natural persons. Therefore, any statement referred to in letters A, B, C, and D of this article, shall be submitted in the application for the admission test as self-certification, pursuant to artt. 46 e 47 of PRD 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.



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

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.

ART. 6 – How to apply

Applications must be submitted, on penalty of exclusion, by **1 pm of 1st July 2021 (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 are required to upload a duplex (front and back) copy of their ID/Passport (in PDF format only).

Applicants for posts reserved for employees of companies or entities engaged in highly qualified activities must certify their status by completing the appropriate form (downloadable from the same web page on which this call for applications is published). The presentation of this certification is compulsory and, if it is not among the documentation produced by the candidate by the deadline of the call, the same candidate will be excluded from the reserved posts but will be given the opportunity to compete for ordinary posts.

Applicants with special needs or learning disabilities, pursuant to Law n. 104 of February 5, 1992 a.a.s. and Law 170 of October 8, 2010, based on their specific needs, may request assistance as well as extra time for the completion of their exams if they require so, in addition to other measures safeguarding equal opportunities during the test phase. Their condition must be proved by medical certificates issued by competent medical authorities. If the "I require specialized assistance and/or tutoring services" "Richiedo assistenza e/o servizi di tutorato specializzato" option is selected in the on line enrolment procedure, the applicant is required to send an email including a specific request for such additional service by sending an email to rzallu@uniss.it. If the level of disability is not entered in the online application form, or the applicant fails to send the email to request



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the additional service, the University may not guarantee such additional service during examination procedure.

To complete the application procedure, the applicant is required to pay a EUR 10.00 fee by **1st July 2021 (CET)**, via electronic payments systems approved by PagoPA (<https://www.agid.gov.it/it/piattaforme/pagopa>).

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.

Support for online services

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

ART. 7 – 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 + 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.

As for the interview, the date, time and references to the online connection will be specified for each Programme, along with the list of admitted applicants for the PhD Programmes which require the evaluation of the research project, by 5 August 2021 on the www.uniss.it website.

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.

Applicants must connect by the scheduled 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 interview is public.



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Applicants are aware of the possible technical problems which might occur with online interviews.

The final ranking list shall be drafted based on the results of the oral examination, the research project (if required by the PhD Programme), and the evaluation of the qualifications, and shall be published on www.uniss.it following the approval of the final result report.

ART. 8 – The Selection Committee and their requirements

The Selection Committee of each Programme will be composed based on the rules of the University regarding PhD Programmes-

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 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:

- Final 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;



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110/110 – 8 points;

110/110 cum laude – 11 points;

- Final mark (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 mark**):

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.



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- 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 2016 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.

The list of selected applicants will be signed the President of the Evaluation Panel and published on www.uniss.it by **5 August 2021** 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.

"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.



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After the completion of the examination phases, the Selection Committee shall establish the ranking of merit on the basis of the sum of the points awarded to each applicant in the evaluation of qualifications, the research project and the interview. The list may be either a single list or divided by specializations, according to Programme provisions, as reported in this call.

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

ART. 9 – Enrollment and Registration

Selected applicants are admitted to the PhD Programme on the basis of the merit list until the full assignment of available positions. They will be required to register, under penalty of exclusion, by the time specified when the merit list is published.

In case of failure or late acceptance by the beneficiaries, the subsequent applicant on the merit list will take over, provided three months have not passed since the beginning of the Academic Year, which is 01/11/2021.

In case of a tie, the position will be awarded to applicants according to the provisions of the “DPCM del 9 aprile 2001” decree (artt. 4 and 5).

Enrolment applications must be filed by the selected applicants by the deadlines set in the call, under penalty of loss of entitlement to the PhD scholarship, and in such a way as required by the call published on the University institutional website www.uniss.it when the results of the selection procedure are published.

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

ART. 10 – 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.

The qualification of “Dottore di Ricerca” (or PhD) will be awarded to applicants successfully completing the Programme and whose doctoral dissertation is positively evaluated by the PhD Board and final examination Committee.



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ART. 11 – Scholarship rejection or withdrawal

Applicants who fail to enroll by the afore-mentioned deadline will not be admitted to the Programmes. False statements are punished in accordance with current applicable regulations.

If no applicant is selected for one or more Programmes, or eligible applicants withdraw their application, the Board will redistribute available scholarships.

ART. 12 – Scholarships

The scholarships, the number of which is reported for each PhD Programme in Annex 1, are assigned by the Selection committees, following a comparative assessment of merit and according to the order defined in each ranking list, the latter being either a single list or specific list for each specialisation, if applicable.

The annual amount of the scholarship, which is determined in accordance with art. 1 of D.M. 25/01/2018 amounts to € 15,343.28 gross of employee benefit expenses borne by the recipient.

The scholarships reserved to applicants having graduated in a foreign university, which are not assigned to any applicant, may be reassigned pursuant to the Regulations governing the University PhD Programmes.

The scholarships have a duration of one year and are renewed upon completion of yearly Programme activities, verification according to the procedures laid down in the PhD Programme. If the activities are approved, the University is obliged to pay the scholarship to the applicant for next year.

An applicant is eligible to receive the PhD scholarship if his or her gross annual personal income does not exceeds € 15,000.00, during the calendar year when the scholarship is paid.

Unless reassigned or following late reassignments, the PhD scholarship starts from 01/11/2020 and is not compatible with other research scholarships of any other type, with the exception of the scholarships awarded by national or foreign institutions for the purpose of research periods abroad.

Subject to fund availability, the amount of each scholarship may be increased by 50% for research periods abroad.

The request for additional funds must be addressed to the attention of the Rector, will be subject to the Programme Coordinator's authorization for the period abroad, for a period of time not exceeding six months, or by the PhD Board for a period of time exceeding six months.

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



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An applicant who is awarded a PhD scholarship cannot be awarded a PhD scholarship for a second time.

ART. 13 – 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>.

The fees for the following years must be paid via electronic channels as provided for by pagoPA by 31 December of each year. If the payment is made after 31 December, penalties for late payment will be applied.

Exemption from the payment of the University contribution, but not of the insurance, stamp duty and the regional fee for the right to university study, is granted to students with special needs with a disability degree equal to or greater than 66%, which must be declared upon registration. Employees of companies or bodies engaged in highly qualified activities are required to pay registration fees.

ART. 14 – 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. Anna Paola Vargiu, Head of the Post Graduate Education Bureau, 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> page.

ART. 15 - Privacy

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ART. 16 – Reference regulations

For any other specification, please refer to art. 19 of Law No. 240 of 30/12/2010, M.D. No. 45 of 8 February 2013 on "Regolamento recante modalità di accreditamento delle sedi e dei corsi di dottorato e criteri per la istituzione dei corsi di dottorato da parte degli enti accreditati", R.D. No. 1413 of 03/05/2019, to the "Regolamento d'Ateneo sui Corsi di Dottorato di ricerca" as amended and supplemented.

The Rector

(signed Prof. Gavino Mariotti)