FAQ
(updated to 23/07/2020)

Art. 2 - The notice expires on August 3 and I graduate on August 4. Can I supplement the competition application with my graduation grade?
No. You can take part in sub-conditions by indicating your average exams but you cannot make any changes to the application after the deadline (August 3, 13:00).

Art. 2 - I have a degree obtained abroad but I can't have the documentation translated and legalized by the deadline of the call. Is this a problem?
No. You can self-certify the title, providing all the information useful to the committee to declare the equivalence of the title for competition purposes. You can submit the translated and legalized documents later, by October 31.

Art. 3 - I graduated abroad and I want to participate in the reserved scholarships but during the online registration procedure I can't find the category. How can I?
The scholarships indicated in art. 3 of the competition notice are assigned in the same ranking as the "free" scholarships. Therefore, during the on-line application procedure, you must choose the administrative category "Categoria senza posti riservati". The other categories that you can find indicated concern only the places indicated in art. 4 of the announcement.

Art. 5 - I am interested in the scholarships funded by INPS but I do not know where to submit the second application for the specific notice, which is mentioned in art. 5 of the notice.
The specific notice referred to in art. 5 will be published by INPS on its institution's website (www.inps.it). Once published, we will report the news on our page (the same as our notice).

Art. 7 - Do I have to present a certificate to certify my Master's Degree?
No. The Master's Degree (or foreign qualification) used as a qualification to enter the competition is self-certified directly during the online registration procedure, when the candidate is required to indicate the degree held (unless you participate sub-conductingly).

Art. 7 - I have a qualification obtained abroad. During the online registration procedure, which of the four options should I select?
You must select option 4, "Titoli stranieri". The first three options are reserved for titles obtained in Italy.

Art. 7 - I have a second degree. How do you self-certify?
If you have a second Master's Degree (therefore, not the one used as a qualification to enter the competition), a Bachelor's Degree or a Master di primo livello, it is useless to indicate them because they cannot be evaluated under any circumstances.

**Art. 7 - How do I self-certify publications or other titles that can be evaluated?**

You can submit a self-certification in free paper, according to DPR 445/2000, in which, for each title, you indicate the details and any other information useful to the jury for an adequate evaluation of the title. For example, in the case of a qualification: type of qualification, name, University of achievement, year and evaluation. In the case of a publication: author(s), title, publisher, year of publication, ISBN.

A PDF (or a single PDF) must be made of each self-certification and uploaded during the online procedure when the "Titoli concorso di Dottorato" are requested.

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

Of course, the CV will not be scored but it can help the selection committee in the evaluation of the candidate.

The letter of reference, however, is not required in any case.

**Art. 7 - I realized that I have not submitted my application correctly. Will I be notified by the University Offices?**

No. The correct submission of the application is a duty of the candidate and no communication in this sense will be automatically sent by the Office. The candidate, however, by the date and time of the deadline of the notice, can modify the application, accessing the online procedure again and making the desired changes or additions.

**Art. 8 - I started the online registration procedure at 12:55 (therefore, before the deadline) but at 13:00 I had not yet completed it. Now, the system does not allow me to close the application. Can I do it anyway?**

No. The application must have been submitted correctly (procedure completed) by 13:00. If the procedure is still open at this time, the system will close automatically and the application cannot be submitted.

It is therefore recommended that you submit your application in time to allow it to close by 13:00.

**Art. 8 - I already have the credentials to access the self-students. Do I have to register again for the competition?**

No. If you already have the credentials (even if issued at the time of registration for a previous course of study), you can use them.
Art. 8 - I have completed the online submission of my application and the system tells me that the procedure has been completed correctly. Can I consider the application valid?

No. Certainly the application must be submitted correctly and completely, but its presentation will be considered regularized, and, therefore, valid for all purposes, only with the payment of the insolvency fee, to be made by the deadline of the call (August 3).

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Art. 8 - I would like to pay the competition fee by bank transfer. Can I do it?

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

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

Art. 9 - My Course does not include the evaluation of a research project. Should I present it anyway?

No. The presentation of a research project is compulsory only for courses that explicitly provide for it. In other cases, it can still be presented but will not be the subject of a score. It can be used by the selection board as an outline for the interview.

Art. 9 - Is the choice of the research topic for the interview referred to the candidate or to the selection board?

It is the candidate's choice, based on the themes indicated in the notice. The oral test, however, is intended as an interview between the candidate and the selection board. The choice of subject is therefore intended as the starting phase of the interview, which may therefore cover other aspects.

Art. 9 - To take the oral test, will I have to be present in Sassari on the day indicated?

No. Due to the health emergency, this year the interviews will be held exclusively in telematic form. Since the interview is the only moment of the evaluation where an interaction between the committee and the candidate is required, it will not be necessary to be present in the same seat of the committee but only to connect telematically at the indicated date and time.

Art. 9 - How do I know if I have been admitted to the interview?

By 11 August, on the same page where the call for applications is published, the lists of those admitted to the interview on the basis of the evaluation of the project will be published (only for Courses that have provided for the evaluation of the research project).
By the same date, for all the Courses, the lists of those excluded for non-payment of the competition fee or (for qualifications obtained abroad) for failure to declare the equivalence of the foreign qualification for competition purposes will also be published.

In both cases, the candidates excluded will be identified, for each Course, through the number of the pre-material number that each candidate receives at the end of the on-line procedure.

**Art. 9 - Will I be contacted directly by the selection board on the day of the interview?**

No, it is the candidate who must get in touch with the Selection Committee using the contacts that will be published on the website. It is advisable to connect in advance of the times that will be indicated.

**Art. 9 - Will the research topic chosen for the competition (project or interview) be the same if I have to enrol for a PhD?**

No. The theme chosen for the competition is valid only and exclusively for competition purposes. It does not bind either the PhD course or the future PhD student. The research project to be carried out for the following three years, in fact, will be assigned to the PhD student only after registration.

**Art. 10 - Will the selection board publish the ranking immediately after the interview?**

No, no ranking will be published immediately after the interview. The rankings will be published on the same page where the announcement was published only after the approval of the competition acts.

**Art. 13 - If I were the first of the eligible non-winners, would I have any chance to enter the PhD?**

Of course you would. Already within the deadline for registrations there could be some cancellations. In that case we will proceed to scroll the rankings starting from the first of the eligible. The same ranking will be scrolled in case of further funding in addition to the scholarships already indicated in the call for applications.