

DECREE NO. 2480

**Public call for applications for admission to PhD programmes
42nd cycle of the University of International Studies of Rome - UNINT¹**

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO	the Statute of the University of International Studies of Rome, published in Official Gazette No. 178 of 1 August 2023;
HAVING REGARD TO	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, the General Data Protection Regulation;
HAVING REGARD TO	Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, the Regulation laying down procedures for the accreditation of institutions and PhD programmes and criteria for the establishment of PhD programmes by accredited institutions;
HAVING REGARD TO	the University's regulations governing PhD programmes, issued by Rector's Decree No. 2270 of 3 July 2025;
HAVING REGARD TO	Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022, which, with effect from 1 July 2022, sets the gross annual amount of the scholarship for attendance on PhD programmes at €16,243.00;
HAVING REGARD TO	Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, which sets out the description and characteristics of industrial PhD programmes;
HAVING REGARD TO	Ministerial Decree No. 301 of 22 March 2022, which governs the organisation and structure of industrial PhD programmes;
HAVING REGARD TO	Ministerial Decree No. 470 of 21 February 2024, which governs the minimum three-year duration of PhD programmes and their annual renewal following admission to subsequent years;
HAVING ASCERTAINED	that the accreditation proposal was formally submitted to MUR and ANVUR through the online procedure by 12 June 2024;
HAVING REGARD TO	ANVUR's favourable opinion on the accreditation proposal, received on 12 June 2026;

¹ Please note that, in this document, the masculine gender is used generically and is intended to include all persons.

HEREBY DECREES

ART. 1 - Establishment and accreditation

1. The 42nd cycle of the PhD programme in “**GLOBAL STUDIES & INNOVATION**” is hereby established at the University of International Studies of Rome - UNINT, with its administrative headquarters at UNINT, for the 2026/2027 academic year. Admission shall be by public competition based on qualifications and examinations.
2. Pursuant to Art. 3 of Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, PhD programmes may be established following the granting of ministerial accreditation and renewed subject to annual verification that the requirements continue to be met. Accordingly, the allocation of the advertised places and the award of scholarships are conditional upon confirmation of accreditation by ANVUR and subject to ministerial approval.
3. Successful candidates may enrol only after the ministerial checks have been completed with a positive outcome.

PhD programme in “**GLOBAL STUDIES & INNOVATION**”

Programme description and objectives	The programme is designed to prepare highly qualified researchers and professionals with a deep understanding of the theoretical landscape surrounding innovation and social change, as well as practical knowledge of the intercultural and transnational contexts in which such changes occur. It aims to develop expertise relating to the evolution of global society, with reference to individuals, organisations, institutions, languages and educational processes. The PhD programme therefore adopts an interdisciplinary approach, combining the study of the dynamics underlying ongoing changes in society from social, psychological, cultural, political and economic perspectives, with particular attention to the impact of digital innovation. PhD candidates are expected to develop and synthesise research in the social sciences, humanities, economics and technology in order to conduct innovative, interdisciplinary studies. The PhD programme also focuses on theories and practices of “transnational management”, with particular emphasis on relations between Europe and the most significant emerging geographical regions. The programme seeks to attract Master's graduates with a strong multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary profile and substantial knowledge of research paradigms in intercultural communication. Candidates must be capable of conducting high-quality scientific research focused on the following fields of study:
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	- Law, international relations and geopolitics - Multiculturalism and languages - Social, psychological and educational sciences - International and digital affairs - International security - Global business, international economics and sustainability - Technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and virtual reality The programme includes research and training in linguistics, education, management and intercultural communication. More broadly, it provides students with substantial knowledge of the influence of digital innovation from social, psychological, educational, cultural, legal, political and economic perspectives. Research activities are supervised by the PhD Academic Board in ongoing dialogue with PhD candidates, with a view to enhancing interdisciplinary aspects within studies of innovation and globalisation. The objectives include: - promoting basic and applied research by encouraging the dissemination of innovative models and enhancing synergies between universities and businesses. - supporting innovation projects with a strong social and technological impact at both national and international level. - expanding active dialogue among universities, businesses and local communities, while improving PhD candidates' skills so as to facilitate the planning of potential collaborative pathways.
Expected career and professional opportunities	Upon completion of the programme, PhD graduates will have acquired advanced analytical, planning, research and intervention skills applicable in academic, institutional, organisational, educational, social, healthcare, technological and business settings. The resulting professional profile will enable them to work in national and international environments characterised by a high degree of cultural, social, political, economic and digital complexity, while placing the individual, inclusion, sustainability, security and the social impact of innovation at the centre. PhD graduates may pursue teaching, research and advanced training positions at universities, higher education institutions, public and private research bodies, advanced training centres and national and international scientific organisations. They may conduct research in the social, psychological, educational, linguistic, cultural, economic and technological sciences, with particular reference to learning processes, neuroscience, typical and atypical development, neurodevelopmental

disorders, school and social inclusion, digital transformation and the evaluation of *evidence-based* interventions.

Further career opportunities are available in schools, educational and health and social care services, foundations, cooperatives, third-sector bodies and organisations promoting inclusion and quality of life. In these settings, PhD graduates may design, manage and evaluate interventions for people with autism spectrum disorders, other neurodevelopmental disorders or special educational needs, including through behavioural methods, virtual reality, augmentative and alternative communication, artificial intelligence and digital tools supporting communication, independence, socialisation and inclusion in school, society and employment.

The programme also provides access to positions in businesses, multinational companies, international organisations, public institutions, supranational bodies, NGOs, consulting firms and organisations involved in internationalisation, cooperation, organisational development and the management of intercultural complexity. Duties may include managing internal and external intercultural communication, negotiating in transnational settings, managing cross-border transactions, country analysis, intercultural segmentation of foreign markets, *diversity management*, human-resources management in multicultural settings, and the development of language, translation and communication strategies for businesses, institutions and organisations.

In keeping with the PhD programme's focus on digital innovation, PhD graduates may also work in public and private organisations engaged in designing, managing and evaluating advanced technological solutions. The skills acquired will enable them to contribute to projects involving artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data governance, information protection, cyber-risk management, algorithmic ethics, digital-system security and the responsible use of emerging technologies in educational, organisational, communication and social processes.

The programme also prepares qualified professionals for geopolitical analysis, international security, the prevention and management of social conflicts, consultancy for public and private actors involved in global crisis scenarios, organisational development programmes and community initiatives. These skills may be applied in institutions, research centres, international organisations, businesses and non-governmental organisations.

In the fields of tourism, culture and local development, PhD graduates may work in public bodies, convention bureaux, tourism businesses, universities, foundations and cultural organisations, analysing tourism phenomena with particular attention to meetings and conference tourism.

	They may contribute to the study of supply and demand, the assessment of participant experience, the improvement of event quality, accessibility, inclusiveness and sustainability, and the enhancement of local areas. Overall, the programme trains researchers and professionals capable of integrating scientific, methodological, technological, interpersonal and managerial expertise, working responsibly in complex settings and contributing to the development of individuals, organisations and society.
Admission requirements	All Master's, specialist or pre-reform degrees
Total places available	10
Of which places with a PhD scholarship (pursuant to Ministerial Decree 247/2022 and Ministerial Decree 226/2021)	8
Unfunded places	2
Programme languages	English and Italian
Academic disciplines	GIUR-17/A; PHIL-03/A; GIUR-10/A; GIUR-05/A; GIUR-01/A; GIUR-03/A; GIUR-14/A; INFO-01/A; IINF-05/A; GSPS-05/A; GSPS-06/A; GSPS-07/B CON-08/A; ECON-07/A; ECON-04/A; STAT-02/A; STAT-03/B; GSPS-08/A; GSPS-08/B; GEOG-01/B; PSIC-03/B; PSIC-01/B; PSIC-01/C; PSIC-01/A; PSIC-02/A; PSIC-04/A; MEDS-11/A; MEDS-20/B; MEDS-08/C; BIOS-06/A SIC-02/A; PSIC-04/B; PAED-02/A; MEDS-20/B; PSIC-03/A; MEDS-11/A; PAED-02/B; L-FIL-LET/11; L-LIN/12; L-LIN/04; L-OR/21; L-LIN/09.

Date of oral examination	6 October 2026
Coordinator	Prof. Salvatore Patera

Art. 2 - PhD scholarships funded pursuant to Ministerial Decree 226/2021 and Ministerial Decree 301/2022

1. Under Article 10 of the Ministerial Decree (entitled *Industrial PhD Programme*) and under point 2 (entitled *Jointly Delivered PhD Programmes*), the aim is to support the promotion and strengthening of advanced education and postgraduate specialisation at doctoral level.
 2. The University has resolved to allocate three-year PhD scholarships under the industrial PhD programme for a total of 10 PhD places, of which two are University-funded, four are industrial, two are executive and two are unfunded.
 3. The University has selected the research-project topics to be offered within the 42nd cycle of the PhD programme in "GLOBAL STUDIES & INNOVATION"
- Pursuant to the decrees cited above, these projects shall be:

- a. consistent with the objectives and purposes of Ministerial Decree 226/2021 and the regulations governing the nature and characteristics of industrial and executive PhD programmes;
- b. geared towards meeting the priorities defined at European level and the development strategies of the national system;
- c. compliant with the "do no significant harm" (DNSH) principle pursuant to Art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 and consistent with the technical guidance prepared by the European Commission (European Commission Notice 2021/C58/01);
- d. capable of addressing and closing gender gaps;
- e. supportive of the participation of women and young people, including in accordance with Decree-Law No. 77 of 31 May 2021 (the Simplification Decree), as amended by Conversion Law No. 108 of 29 July 2021.

The University of International Studies of Rome - UNINT, in its capacity as implementing entity, shall select the research projects receiving scholarships under the industrial research programmes on the basis of the following criteria:

- a. they must concern disciplinary fields and topics consistent with the needs of the country and of the regions involved in the programme, in terms of highly qualified professionals capable of meeting businesses' innovation needs;
- b. they must provide for the entire PhD pathway - training, research and assessment - to be carried out at the institutions' administrative and operational premises, without prejudice to periods of study and research at a company and abroad, scheduled consistently with the training and research activities planned at the implementing entity's premises;



- c. they must provide for periods of study and research at a company lasting at least six (6) months and no more than eighteen (18) months, which may be non-consecutive, over the three-year period;
- d. they must provide for periods of study and research abroad, which may be non-consecutive, lasting at least three (3) months and up to the maximum limit laid down in Art. 9(3) of Decree No. 226 of the Minister for Universities and Research of 14 December 2021 and Art. 8(3) of Decree No. 470 of the Minister for Universities and Research of 21 February 2024, over the three-year period;
- e. they must ensure that PhD candidates have access, in accordance with the law, to qualified, specialised operational and scientific facilities for study and research activities, including, where relevant to the type of programme, scientific laboratories, libraries, databases, etc.;
- f. they must provide training activities to improve language and IT skills, research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, and to enhance research results and intellectual property;
- g. they must provide, by means of a letter of commitment and/or agreement, for businesses to be involved in defining the training pathway and for those businesses to co-finance the amount needed to cover the total cost of the scholarship, in accordance with applicable legislation;
- h. while respecting intellectual property, they must promote the exploitation of research results both in the activities of the co-financing businesses, including with a view to technology transfer, and in the scientific sphere, through appropriate dissemination of the results achieved, in all cases in accordance with the principles of "Open Science" and "FAIR Data";
- i. for the two University-funded PhD scholarships, provision shall be made solely for periods of study and research abroad, without an industrial placement period.

The ten scholarships seek to develop topics relating to the promotion of economic development and the productive system, facilitating joint project design in relation to research topics and the activities of PhD candidates. Projects may focus on understanding the theoretical landscape surrounding innovation and social change, as well as the intercultural and transnational contexts in which such changes occur. The objective is therefore to develop expertise relating to the evolution of global society, with reference to individuals, organisations, institutions, languages and educational processes through an interdisciplinary approach combining the study of the dynamics underlying ongoing changes in society from social, psychological, cultural, political and economic perspectives, with particular attention to the impact of digital innovation.

The foundation of the scholarship remains the relationship between research in the social, psychological, cultural, political and economic fields and the local and business context.

Research projects must be submitted within the following subject areas:

PHD SCHOLARSHIP AREA	SPECIFIC TOPIC
1/ Global Studies and Internationalisation Area/Digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence for innovation in language learning, teaching and assessment - ANG-01/C (10/ANG/01);	Topic: The PhD scholarship develops and evaluates innovative technologies for language learning, teaching and assessment, integrating artificial intelligence, natural language processing and digital environments in order to personalise learning

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FLMR-01/D (10/FLMR/01); FRAN-01/B (10/Fran/01); ECON-07/A (13/ECON/07); INFO-01/A; IINF-05/A GIUR-11/B (12/GIUR/11) - University-funded scholarship	pathways, promote multilingualism, and foster inclusion, effective teaching and lifelong learning.
2/ Global Studies and Internationalisation Area/Inclusion, educational innovation and learning technologies: models, methods and tools for accessible, personalised schooling - PSIC-02/A; PSIC-02/B - University-funded scholarship	Topic: The PhD scholarship promotes research into inclusion and educational innovation by developing models, methods and technologies to personalise learning, improve accessibility, and foster equity, participation and educational success in school, university and lifelong-learning settings.
3/ Area of Ethics, Law, Governance and Security of Artificial Intelligence - GIUR-17/A; PHIL-03/A; GIUR-10/A; GIUR-05/A; GIUR-01/A; GIUR-03/A; GIUR-14/A; INFO-01/A; IINF-05/A; GSPS-05/A; GSPS-06/A; GSPS-07/B - Industry-funded scholarship financed by E.N.I.A.	Topic: "Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Artificial Intelligence". The scholarship examines the ethical, legal and regulatory dimensions of Artificial Intelligence, with particular attention to transparency, accountability, data protection, non-discrimination and security. The research aims to define reliable, sustainable governance models that comply with fundamental rights in public and private settings.
4/ Area of Business, Economic, Social and Statistical Sciences Applied to the European Business Events Industry - ECON-08/A; ECON-07/A; ECON-04/A; STAT-02/A; STAT-03/B; GSPS-08/A; GSPS-08/B; GEOG-01/B; PSIC-03/B - Industry-funded scholarship financed by <i>ConventionBureauItalia</i>	Topic: "Mapping, Skills Alignment and Future Workforce Development in the European Business Events Industry". The scholarship focuses on skills mapping, workforce development, conference tourism, digitalisation, sustainability and international competitiveness through business, economic, social and statistical sciences applied to the European Business Events industry, with a focus on skills mapping, workforce development, conference tourism, digitalisation, sustainability and international competitiveness.
5/ Psychology Area - PSIC-04/B; PSIC-01/B; PSIC-01/C; PSIC-01/A; PSIC-02/A; PSIC-04/A; MEDS-11/A; MEDS-20/B; MEDS-08/C; BIOS-06/A - Industry-funded scholarship financed by <i>Casa di Cura Tortorella SpA</i>	Topic: "Eating Disorders and neuro-cognitive aspects". The scholarship examines Eating Disorders through an analysis of neuro-cognitive, emotional and behavioural correlates, with particular attention to executive functions, emotional regulation, body image and decision-making processes. The research aims to identify clinical profiles and personalised, integrated and scientifically grounded interventions.
6/ Area of clinical psychology and special education applied to the management of severe challenging behaviours and the promotion of personal development - PSIC-02/A; PSIC-04/B; PAED-02/A;	Topic: "Management of Severe Challenging Behaviours and Person-Centred Development". The scholarship examines the management of severe challenging behaviours in people with typical and

MEDS-20/B; PSIC-01/B; PSIC-01/C; PSIC-01/A; PSIC-03/A; PSIC-04/A; MEDS-11/A; PAED-02/B - Industry-funded scholarship financed by Associazione Pegaso ETS	atypical development, with particular attention to functional assessment, prevention, evidence-based interventions, and educational, family and social settings. The research aims to promote well-being, independence, inclusion and the person's overall development.
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Detailed description of the research projects:

Project 1

The PhD scholarship is dedicated to developing and evaluating innovative technologies that support language learning, teaching and assessment. The project will examine the use of artificial intelligence, natural language processing, immersive environments, adaptive systems and digital platforms to personalise learning pathways, improve language skills and foster the inclusion of learners with different educational needs. It will also analyse the cognitive, pedagogical, ethical and methodological aspects associated with the adoption of these tools, promoting the development of evidence-based models and technological solutions that can be transferred to school, university and lifelong-learning settings, with particular attention to multilingualism and future skills.

Project 2

The PhD scholarship is intended to develop innovative models, methods and tools to promote inclusion and the quality of educational processes in school, university and training settings. The project will examine evidence-based teaching strategies, Universal Design for Learning, digital technologies and artificial intelligence in support of personalised learning pathways, with particular attention to students with special educational needs and situations of vulnerability. The research will integrate pedagogical, psychological and neuroscientific perspectives in order to assess the effectiveness of interventions and develop sustainable practices geared towards equity, participation and educational success. The results will contribute to innovation in educational systems by fostering inclusive, accessible and collaborative learning environments capable of meeting the challenges of contemporary society.

Project 3

The PhD scholarship is dedicated to the study of the ethical, legal and regulatory aspects of artificial intelligence, with particular reference to the development, adoption and governance of intelligent systems in public and private settings. The project will analyse the principles of transparency, fairness, accountability, privacy, data protection, security, non-discrimination and human oversight, in accordance with the European and international regulatory framework, including the AI Act. It will examine risk-assessment models, implications for fundamental rights and compliance strategies, fostering an interdisciplinary approach that integrates legal, technological, ethical and organisational expertise. The research will contribute to the development of guidelines and governance models for trustworthy, responsible and sustainable artificial intelligence.

Project 4

The PhD scholarship is dedicated to analysing the evolution of professional skills and employment



needs in the European Business Events sector, with the aim of developing innovative models to align education, the labour market and transformations in the sector. The project will examine skills-mapping processes, the impact of digitalisation, sustainability and artificial intelligence on emerging professional profiles, as well as the reskilling and upskilling strategies required by organisations. Quantitative and qualitative methods will be used to identify tools supporting the planning of education and human-capital policies. The results will contribute to the definition of European frameworks for developing a qualified, resilient and competitive workforce capable of meeting the future challenges of the Business Events industry.

Project 5

The PhD scholarship is intended to study eating disorders through an interdisciplinary approach integrating neuroscience, clinical psychology, neuropsychology and psychiatry. The project will examine the neurocognitive, emotional and behavioural mechanisms involved in the onset, persistence and treatment of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge-eating disorder and other related conditions. Particular attention will be devoted to executive-control processes, emotional regulation, cognitive flexibility, body perception and decision-making, including through the use of neuroimaging tools, biomarkers and digital technologies. The research will contribute to the development of predictive models, assessment protocols and personalised interventions, promoting greater diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive effectiveness throughout the lifespan.

Project 6

The PhD scholarship is dedicated to the study and development of evidence-based models for assessing, preventing and managing severe challenging behaviours in people with disabilities, neurodevelopmental disorders and other conditions involving highly complex care needs. The project will examine functional behaviour analysis, behavioural and psychoeducational interventions, person-centred models, and strategies to promote quality of life, self-determination and social participation. It will also investigate the integration of digital technologies, support for caregivers and staff training, with particular attention to ethical and organisational aspects. The research will contribute to the development of innovative protocols and guidelines for personalised, sustainable interventions tailored to individual needs across different life settings.

For the two unfunded places, candidates may submit a project in one of the six subject areas corresponding to the six funded places; for executive PhD places, the sponsoring companies (*ConventionBureauItalia* and *Associazione Pegaso*) will select from among their own employees those who will participate in the PhD cycle and join the research promoted by the specific industrial partner.

By accepting the scholarship (Annex A), the PhD candidate **declares:**

- ✓ that they formally undertake to complete the required periods of research at a company and abroad and acknowledge that failure to complete such periods, where required, will result in revocation of the scholarship;
- ✓ that they are aware that any change to the project objectives and expected results, unless authorised in advance, will result in revocation of the scholarship;



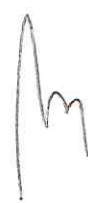
- ✓ that they are aware that an adverse assessment by the PhD Academic Board and the consequent non-admission to the following year of the PhD programme will result in revocation of the scholarship;
- ✓ that they are not currently receiving any other scholarship, however awarded, and undertake, for the entire duration of the additional scholarship, not to receive any other scholarship, however awarded, except those permitted under applicable national legislation;
- ✓ that, throughout the research project, they undertake to ensure that the planned activities do not cause significant harm to any of the six objectives referred to in Art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 and, at the same time, do not fall within the so-called “brown” research activities, in accordance with EU Commission Notice 2021/C 58/01, “Technical guidance on the application of the DNSH principle”;
- ✓ that the activities comply with relevant EU and national environmental legislation.

Compliance with these requirements may be subject to specific checks by MUR. In accordance with the University's regulations governing PhD programmes, each PhD candidate must produce an annual **Report** indicating the time commitment involved (broken down into months spent at a company, at the University and abroad) and summarising the main activities carried out, while also declaring that those activities comply with the “do no significant harm to the environment” principle.

Art. 3 - Admission requirements

Applications may be submitted, without restrictions as to age, sex or nationality, by:

- a. persons who, by the deadline for this call, hold a pre-reform degree, a specialist/Master's degree, or an academic qualification obtained abroad that is recognised as suitable and equivalent to a second-cycle qualification giving access to a PhD programme in the country of origin. Applications from candidates holding a foreign qualification are subject to the examining committee's assessment of the qualification's suitability for enrolment in the PhD programme. This assessment must be carried out in compliance with the applicable legislation in force in Italy and in the country in which the qualification was awarded, as well as with international treaties or agreements concerning recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies. The committee must assess equivalence in terms of level, scope, content and academic rights with the Italian academic qualification required for access to the PhD programme. Candidates holding a foreign qualification must submit the documents deemed useful for verifying it (e.g. translation, legalisation, declaration of value, Diploma Supplement). The absence of such documents may prevent the foreign qualification from being assessed as satisfying the admission requirement if the examining committee is unable to determine the necessary equivalence referred to above;
- b. persons who are duly enrolled in the final year of a pre-reform degree programme, specialist/Master's degree programme or programme of study at a foreign university and who will obtain the relevant qualification giving access to the PhD programme **by 30 November 2026, failing which they will not be admitted** to the programme. If the selection outcome is positive, admission to the PhD programme will be granted conditionally, and the candidate will be required, on pain of exclusion, to submit a self-certification confirming that the qualification has been obtained.



Art. 4 - Selection procedure

1. The selection shall be conducted by an examining committee comprising at least five full members and two alternate members, at least two-thirds of whom must be affiliated with UNINT and all of whom must belong to the PhD Academic Board. At its first meeting, the committee shall appoint a chair. Decisions shall be adopted by a majority vote; in the event of a tie, the chair shall have the casting vote.
2. The admission examination is intended to ascertain, through an appropriate comparative assessment, the candidate's basic academic preparation and aptitude for scientific research. It is divided into two stages.
3. In the first stage, the committee shall assess the following qualifications and award each candidate a maximum of 20 points, as set out below:
 - a. university record (MAX. 6 POINTS), documented by the final degree grade or the average marks obtained in examinations (only for those required to obtain the qualification by 20/09/2026), and by the *Abstract* of the degree thesis;
 - b. an original research project prepared by the candidate (MAX. 7 POINTS), consistent with the programme's general objectives for ordinary PhD scholarships or with the topics referred to in Art. 2 of this call for scholarships *pursuant to* Ministerial Decrees 226/2021 and 301/2022, validated by a university lecturer who is not a member of the PhD Academic Board;
 - c. any publications by the candidate (MAX. 3 POINTS);
 - d. one or more reference letters from qualified lecturers or scholars who are not members of the PhD Academic Board (MAX. 2 POINTS);
 - e. any professional experience and other qualifications held by the candidate (MAX. 2 POINTS).
4. Candidates who achieve a minimum score of 12 points shall be admitted to the second stage (oral examination). The list shall be published on the UNINT website following the assessment of qualifications.
5. The oral examination shall consist of an interview before the committee to explore the content of the proposed research project in greater depth. The interview may be conducted online if requested when the candidate submits the application and provided that it is authorised by the committee. The maximum score available to each candidate for the oral examination is 30 points.
6. At the end of the interview, the committee shall identify the eligible candidates, who shall be placed on the final ranking list, expressed out of fifty, based on the sum of the scores obtained in the assessment of qualifications and the interview. Candidates shall be deemed eligible if, at the end of the assessment of qualifications and the oral examination, they achieve an overall score of at least 30/50, provided that they also achieve a minimum score of 18/30 in the oral examination.
7. The oral examination shall take place by 6 October 2026. The PhD Office shall not issue any further communication in this regard; candidates are therefore invited to check the University website.
8. In the event of a tie, the scholarship shall be awarded to the younger candidate.

Art. 5 - Deadlines and application procedure

1. Applications must be received by the mandatory deadline of **4:30 p.m. for submission of hard-copy applications and 11:59 p.m. for completion of the online procedure on the thirtieth day following publication of the notice in the Official Gazette.**
2. The **application, accompanied by all required documentation and duly signed**, must be submitted to the PhD Office using exclusively one of the following methods:
 - a. by uploading PDF documents to the GS&I platform available at the following link: <https://www.unint.eu/gsi-application-platform-form/>. Once the upload procedure (*Upload*) has been completed correctly, the platform will send an automatic confirmation message to the email address provided by the candidate;
 - b. by delivering hard copies of the documents, by appointment, to the PhD Office of the University of International Studies of Rome - UNINT, which is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3. The notice relating to this call shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic, while the full text of the call shall be published on the UNINT website. The call shall also be published on the website of the Ministry of Universities and Research and on the Euraxess website.
4. The application must be prepared using the form provided in **Annex A, on pain of exclusion. The candidate must sign the application at the bottom.**
5. **Together with the application**, candidates must **compulsorily submit the documents specified below**; failure to provide any of them, even in part, shall result in exclusion from the selection procedure:
 - a. identity document: a copy of the identity card (for EU citizens) or passport, including the pages showing the photograph, personal details, document number, place and date of issue, expiry date and stamp of the competent authority;
 - b. *Abstract* of the degree thesis;
 - c. university record documented by a certificate showing the final degree grade; for candidates who are due to obtain the qualification by 30 November 2026, the certificate of examinations passed shall be accepted;
 - d. a research project, in English or Italian, prepared by the candidate and consistent with the programme's general objectives for ordinary scholarships or with the specific topics referred to in Art. 2 of this call for scholarships *pursuant to* Ministerial Decrees 226/2021 and 301/2022, validated by a university lecturer who is not a member of the Academic Board, whose curriculum vitae must be attached;
 - e. a self-certification stating whether the candidate's total gross personal annual income is above or below €16,000.00 (sixteen thousand euros/00) (Annex B);
 - f. Diploma Supplement (*Diploma Supplement*), if the qualification was obtained in another European Union country.

Candidates may also submit the following additional documents (optional):

- a. the candidate's publications;
- b. one or more reference letters from qualified lecturers or scholars who are not members of the PhD Academic Board;

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- c. other qualifications deemed useful for assessment purposes (professional experience and other roles held by the candidate).
6. Candidates with disabilities who, pursuant to Art. 20 of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, wish to obtain the assistance required in relation to their disability and/or additional time to sit the examinations must attach the relevant medical certificate to their application.
7. If a candidate submits more than one application, only the most recent application in chronological order shall be considered.
8. The Administration accepts no responsibility for lost communications resulting from candidates providing incorrect contact details or failing to provide, or providing late notice of, a change to the address stated in the application, nor for any online disruption or other disruption attributable to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure. When an application is submitted via the GS&I platform, the person concerned is responsible for ensuring that it has actually been received by the relevant office by the deadline specified in this call.

Art. 6 - Admission to the programme

1. The Rector's Decree approving the selection records and ranking lists shall be published on the University website.
2. Candidates shall be admitted to the programme in ranking order until all advertised places have been filled.
3. Candidates who do not complete enrolment by the deadline to be announced in a specific notice on the University website shall be deemed to have withdrawn.
4. Candidates who have made false declarations shall forfeit their place.
5. If a candidate withdraws or forfeits their place, the candidate immediately below them on the ranking list shall take their place.

Art. 7 - Fees for admission to and attendance on the programme

1. Those enrolled in doctoral courses with scholarships are required to pay an annual fee of €140.00 (one hundred and forty/00) (paid directly to the Regional Agency for the Right to Education and Knowledge - DiSCo Lazio), an annual fee of €150.00 (one hundred and fifty/00) (registration fee), plus a €16.00 (sixteen/00) annual stamp duty, and €90.00 (ninety/00) for the issuance of the diploma.

Students enrolled in doctoral courses without scholarships are required to pay €140.00 (one hundred and forty/00) per year (paid directly to the Regional Agency for the Right to Study and Knowledge - DiSCo Lazio), a payment of €2,000.00 (two thousand /00) per year (registration fee) divided into two six-monthly installments together with the amount of stamp duty of €16.00 (sixteen euros/00) for each year and €90.00 (ninety euros/00) for the issuance of the parchment.

Art. 8 - Scholarships

1. Scholarships shall be awarded according to the order set out in the merit ranking lists drawn up by the examining committee.



2. Scholarships are awarded for one year and renewed provided that the candidate has completed the programme of activities planned for the previous year, as verified by the PhD Academic Board.
3. In compliance with the relevant national legislation, the annual amount of the scholarship awarded to the PhD candidate (including total INPS contributions) is €16,243.00 (sixteen thousand two hundred and forty-three euros/00).
4. For each month spent abroad, the scholarship shall be increased by fifty per cent, up to a maximum of six monthly payments.
5. The PhD scholarship is subject to INPS Separate Account social-security contributions pursuant to Art. 2(26) of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as subsequently amended. Two-thirds shall be borne by the Administration and one-third by the scholarship recipient. PhD candidates shall enjoy the associated protections and rights.
6. During the years in which the scholarship is primarily used, the scholarship recipient must have a total gross personal annual income not exceeding €16,000.00 (sixteen thousand euros/00). The scholarship recipient must declare whether this income threshold has been exceeded pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000.
7. Income from assets and remuneration of any kind shall be taken into account when determining such income.
8. Exceeding the income threshold shall result in loss of entitlement to the scholarship for the year in which the threshold was exceeded and an obligation to repay any monthly instalments already received.
9. **It remains understood that, if a scholarship pursuant to Ministerial Decree 301/2022 is declared ineligible for funding following verification by the competent ministerial office, the candidate enrolled in the place corresponding to that scholarship shall forfeit the place. The candidate shall be entitled to a refund of €140.00 (one hundred and forty euros/00) paid as the right-to-study contribution.**
10. Anyone who already holds a PhD or an equivalent qualification may be admitted to a different PhD programme provided that they pass the selection examinations. Anyone who has already received, even in part, a scholarship to attend a PhD programme may not receive a second scholarship.

Art. 9 - Rights and obligations of PhD candidates

1. PhD candidates have university-student status throughout the entire period of attendance on the programme. While attending the PhD programme, PhD candidates are subject to the rights and obligations laid down in Art. 16 of the PhD Programme Regulations.
2. The doctoral degree, abbreviated as “Dott. Ric.” or “PhD”, is awarded following a positive assessment of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methods in the chosen field of study.

Art. 10 - Person responsible for the procedure

1. Pursuant to Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person responsible for the administrative procedure covered by this call is Dr Gaetano Castagnino, direttore.amministrativo@unint.eu,



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Art. 11 - Processing of personal data

1. Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and on the basis of the information provided on the University's institutional website at <https://www.unint.eu/privacy/>, the University of International Studies of Rome - UNINT hereby states that it is committed to preserving the confidentiality of information provided by data subjects. All data provided shall be processed solely for purposes connected with and instrumental to the procedure in question and, where applicable, the conclusion of the contract and management of the relationship with the University.
2. Provision of such data is mandatory for the purpose of assessing the admission requirements, failing which the candidate shall be excluded from the comparative assessment procedure.
3. The data subject enjoys the rights set out in the above-mentioned Regulation, including the right of access to their personal data, as well as certain additional rights, including the right to rectify, update, complete or erase data that are inaccurate, incomplete or collected in a manner that does not comply with the law.

Art. 12 - Reference to applicable legislation

Any matters not covered by this call shall be governed by the legislation currently in force on the subject.

Art. 13 - Contact details

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