PhD Announcement Academic Year 2020/2021

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Application

The selection announcement for the admission to the 2020 PhD Programs is officially open. Candidates, regardless of their nationality, age and gender are invited to submit their application. Candidates can find all essential information in the relevant paragraphs of this announcement.

Possible modifications to: requirements, submission procedures, available positions and/or scholarships, will be given, before the deadline, at the page [http://dottorati.uniroma2.it](http://dottorati.uniroma2.it).

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Requirements

The call is open to all candidates with a second level degree obtained in Italy or abroad within October 31st, 2020. The PhD Board will have to establish whether the degree awarded abroad could be considered equivalent to an Italian degree or not, through a specific assessment limited to the PhD call purposes.

The PhD description sheets form an integral part of this announcement and duly provide the requirements for the admission along with the expected date of the exams. Any changes to the dates will be available at http://dottorati.uniroma2.it with a 15 days’ notice.

Foreign candidates

Foreign candidates are only those with a foreign citizenship, that is not Italian. Foreign candidates with a degree obtained in Italy are still considered foreign candidates for the PhD Call purposes. They must submit their applications with the online procedure described in the paragraph “Application procedure”. When entering their personal data in the online form, candidates are required to enter all the first names and last names on their passport. Moreover, candidates are invited to avoid the use of nicknames, shorts and terms of endearment since this will result in an invalid fiscal code assigned by the submission system.

During the online procedure, foreign candidates must choose only one of the following options

1. to apply for the position and also for a scholarship or
2. to apply for the position only since they have their own source of funding (so-called Independent Candidates).

Independent Candidates (c.d. Foreign State Fellows) will skip the written exam, will be able to take the oral exam remotely and will be placed on a reserved ranking list compared to ordinary candidates.

All foreign candidates are required to pay for the selection fee of 35 euros only if they will be effectively admitted to the PhD.

In addition to requirements of this announcement and of the PhD description sheets, foreign candidates with a non-EU degree title must submit the Declaration of Value to the PhD Office, within 6 months from the enrolment date.
Candidates with disability

In accordance to art. 3 of Law 104/1992, candidates with disability equal or higher to 66% that needs assistance and/or additional time have to notify the University Committee for Students with Disabilities by email at the following addresses segreteria@caris.uniroma2.it and giovanni.larosa@uniroma2.it:

- requests for ordinary assistance have to be sent at least 10 days before the first examination test;
- requests for special technology assistance have to be sent at least 20 days before the first examination test.

All assistance forms are available at this link: [http://caris.uniroma2.it/?page_id=208](http://caris.uniroma2.it/?page_id=208).

Application procedure

The applications must be submitted online at this link [https://delphi.uniroma2.it/totem/jsp/index.jsp?language=EN](https://delphi.uniroma2.it/totem/jsp/index.jsp?language=EN) by following the procedure described below:

1. Click STUDENT SECTION
2. Click Postgraduate Courses (BOX A)
3. Click Doctorate Degree Courses (BOX 4)
4. Click Enrollment to the Admission Test for the Doctorate Program (BOX 1)
5. Click Start application procedures (BOX a)
6. Select the appropriate School
7. Select the PhD you want to apply for. Each PhD has one selectable row for Italian candidates only and one selectable row for foreign candidates only. It is important to read carefully and select the proper row.
8. Enter the requested data in the text field. If you have multiple first names and/or last names in your passport, it is important to enter all of them because this will affect the fiscal code generation and to avoid nicknames, shorts and terms of endearment. Click Next
9. Section “MANDATORY INFORMATIONS AND DOCUMENTS: this part of the application is based on the corresponding section of the PhD sheet. Enter/upload the required information/documents. Please consider that the following fields are always mandatory:
   - DEGREE: enter the requested information related to your degree
   - IDENTITY DOCUMENT: upload a signed copy of your passport (EU nationals only can, in alternative, upload a signed copy of their national identity card)
   - SCHOLARSHIP: choose one of the following options
• “I wish to apply also for a University Scholarship” (YES or NO)
• “I don’t want to apply for a University Scholarship since I am an Independent Candidate” (YES or NO)

Click Next

10. In this section you must declare whether you have available publications or not, select YES or NOT. If you select YES, you must enter some information for each publication you want to be evaluated

Click Next

11. The last is the UPLOAD section
  - The first sub-section shows the mandatory documents previously uploaded. It is read-only, if you need to edit something go back to the relevant section
  - The second sub-section allows to upload a zip file with your publications (max 30 MB)
  - The third sub-section (OTHER) allows to upload everything marked as “discretionary – to be upload on delphi” in the PhD sheet along with everything you consider important for your evaluation

Click Next – APPLICATION COMPLETED, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO PRINT THE APPLICATION

Use the assigned fiscal code and the CTRL code to modify the submitted application before the deadline.

At the end of the submission procedure the system will provide the finalized application form that must (at candidate’s choice):

a) printed, signed and finally delivered in person, together with signed copy of a valid identity document, to the PhD Board, the day of the first examination test or
b) printed, signed, scanned and finally sent to the address giovanni.larosa@uniroma2.it, together with a signed copy of a valid identity document.

Foreign candidates are required to pay for the application fee after the completion of the selection procedures only if they are effectively admitted to a PhD program. Further instructions will be provided by the PhD Office after the admission.
Enrolment

Admitted foreign candidates will first receive the invitation letter from the PhD office along with further instructions. In particular they will be required to provide the following documents to allow the PhD Office to carry out the enrolment procedure:

a) in case of Independent Candidates:
   - non-EU citizens must provide:
     - (i) a valid residence permit, or
     - (ii) the VISA, or
     - (iii) the documentation proving the ongoing visa application (a signed copy of the VISA application form, including the payment receipt for the visa processing);

   - both EU and non-EU citizens, must submit the documentation proving their financial statement such as, for example:
     - (iv) a bank account balance of at least 5,800 euros, certified by the bank, or
     - (v) a scholarship funded by the country of origin of the candidate, or
     - (vi) a scholarship funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or
     - (vii) the written declaration of an institution that wishes to support the candidate’s PhD or
     - (viii) an employment contract.

Under no circumstances an Independent Candidate may be a recipient of a University scholarship.

Under no circumstances the LazioDISU scholarship may be considered as a valid source of funding

b) in case of foreign candidates that have applied and have been selected for the University scholarship, non-EU citizens must provide:

   - (i) valid residence permit, or
   - (ii) the entry VISA, or
   - (iii) the documentation proving the ongoing visa application (a signed copy of the VISA application form, including the payment receipt for the visa processing);


c) in case of foreign candidates that have applied for the University scholarship but not selected for the scholarship, in addition to the documentation indicated in the previous point b), they must submit the documentation proving their financial statement such as, for example:

   - (iv) a bank account balance of at least 5,800 euros, certified by the bank, or
   - (v) a scholarship funded by the country of origin of the candidate, or
(vi) a scholarship funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or
(vii) the written declaration of an institution that wishes to support the candidate’s PhD or
(viii) an employment contract.

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The deadlines for the enrollment, which will be made available on the PhD Office website, are referred to Italian candidates only. Foreign candidates will receive a specific communication by email.

Enroled students accept to fully comply with the PhD Regulation of University of Rome Tor Vergata, issued by Decree of the Rector n. 1127 on 13 May 2016, available at https://web.uniroma2.it/module/name/Content/action/showpage/content_id/21717.

**Grounds for exclusion and application rejection**

Applicants will be excluded or application will be rejected if:

- All the requested documents and information are not provided within the deadline and in accordance with the rules laid down in the call, are not provided
- Either some or all requirements established in the PhD Description sheets are missing
- The application fee not payed within set out terms
- The signature, where explicitly requested, is missing
- The graduation day is later than October 31st, 2020.
- The academic qualification awarded abroad is not recognized as equivalent to an Italian qualification.
- The Declaration of Value is not provided to the PhD Secretariat within the prescribed term
- The research activities and the starting date of the PhD are not arranged, in agreement with the Coordinator, within fifteen days from the enrolment.
- Fraudulent and/or false statements have been provided. Declarations made can be subject to random verification in any moment during the PhD duration; in this specific case the selected candidates will also have to pay compensation equal to the scholarship’s amount received.
**Evaluation process**

The maximum cumulative score for each candidate, that takes into account both admission test and declared qualifications, is of 100 points.

The minimum threshold for the admission is a cumulative score of 60/100.

If the admission test includes an oral exam, the date of the exam can be communicated the day of the written exam.

The ranking lists, both provisional and final, will be made available at this page: http://dottorati.uniroma2.it.

Candidates will be admitted to PhD courses according to the final ranking lists until all available positions are assigned.

In case a candidate is present in more ranking lists, he/she has to choose only one PhD for the effective enrolment.

**Scholarships**

Similarly to the PhD positions, scholarships are granted according to the final ranking list. The scholarship gross amount is € 15,343.28 per year including social security contributions (INPS) and it is exempt from IRPEF income tax. The scholarship will be granted on a monthly basis and has a yearly validity. It can be renewed for a maximum of three years if the candidate’s activities are positively evaluated by the PhD Board.

More information and assistance can be requested to serena.sposato@uniroma2.it

F.to Giovanni La Rosa
Head of PhD School