UNIVERSITÀ DI PAVIA
Area Ricerca
e Terza Missione

**SUBJECT: Public competition for admission to PhD courses of national interest – 41st cycle - academic year 2025/2026**

**THE RECTOR**

**CONSIDERING** Law n. 210 of July 3, 1998, art. 4;

**CONSIDERING** Law n. 240 of December 30, 2010, art. 19;

**CONSIDERING** the Ministerial Decree n. 226 of December 14, 2021;

**CONSIDERING** the University of Pavia Statute;

**CONSIDERING** the University of Pavia "Regulations for PhD courses" issued with Rectoral Decree n. 900 of April 11, 2022 and subsequent modifications and integrations;

**CONSIDERING** the Ministerial Decree n. 247 of February 23, 2022;

**CONSIDERING** the resolution of the Academic Senate of April 23, 2025;

**CONSIDERING** the resolution of the Administrative Council of April 29, 2025;

**CONSIDERING** the need to issue the call for applications for public competitions to be admitted to the PhD courses of national interest, 41st cycle, administered by the University of Pavia

**DECREES**

***Art. 1***
***Activation***

1. The University of Pavia hereby announces public competitions for admission to the 41st cycle (academic year 2025/2026) of PhD courses of national interest, listed below:

   **- Micro- and Nano-Electronics**

   **- One Health Approaches to Infectious Diseases and Life Science Research.**

2. In Annex 1 and 2, which forms an integral part of this call, for each course the location, course coordinator, research topics, name of the cooperating institutions and possible issue of double or joint degrees, available positions and scholarships, selection procedure and qualifications assessed, admission test timetable and programs offered are specified. The PhD courses start on October 1st, 2025; their legal duration is specified, for each course, in Annex 1.
3. The PhD courses activation is subject to the completion of the accreditation procedure or to the verification of the requirements conservation by ANVUR. Therefore, the selections will be carried out only for the PhD courses that have received the accreditation or its confirmation by the Ministry.
4. The number of PhD positions mentioned in Annex 2 may vary, with subsequent provisions, according to additional funding made available after the publication of this call. In any case, the deadline for applications will remain unchanged.
5. The funding provided by external entities will be assigned provided an agreement is reached between the University and the entity involved.
6. **This call for applications is equivalent to a notification to all intents and purposes. Further modifications, updates or additions to its content will be announced exclusively on the http://phd.unipv.it/ website.**
7. The presentation of the application as outlined in art. 5 implies the acceptance by the candidate of the rules contained in this call for applications. Failure to respect these rules will result in the candidate being excluded from the competition.

## Art. 2
## Admission requirements

1. Applications are invited from candidates, regardless of age and nationality, unless otherwise specified in Annex 1 or 2:
    a. who hold an Italian *"diploma di laurea ante D.M. 509/1999 (vecchio ordinamento) / laurea specialistica / laurea magistrale"*, or an equivalent second-level degree issued by an AFAM *(Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale)* institution;
    b. who hold an academic degree awarded abroad and recognised by the examining Committee as being eligible for the selected PhD competition purpose only. Such a degree must be comparable to an Italian second-level degree in terms of duration, level, and disciplinary field. During the application procedure, candidates will have to upload, in addition to the qualifications required for the specific PhD course, the following documents, in order for their foreign degree to be recognised as eligible:

i. in case of Italian and EU citizens: self-declaration, pursuant to D.P.R. 445/2000 and subsequent modifications, of all their academic degrees, including the courses attended, the marks received and the legal duration of the degree courses;

ii. in case of non-EU citizens: certificates of all their university degrees, in Italian or English, including the courses attended, the marks received and the legal duration of the degree courses. In case of certificates in a language different from Italian or English candidates will have to submit, together with the certificates, their sworn and legalized translation into Italian or English.

iii. any other document relevant to the assessment of a degree eligibility, such as a Diploma Supplement, Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco or statement of comparability and verification issued by ENIC-NARIC centers (CIMEA).

The candidate may be required at any time to submit further documents, in order to verify the eligibility of their degree;

c. who expect to receive the degree mentioned in para. a and b **no later than October 31, 2025. Failure to attain the degree no later than October 31, 2025 will result in candidates being excluded from the PhD course.** Such candidates, if successful, will be conditionally admitted and enrolled in the PhD course and will be required to submit by email (concorso-dottorati@unipv.it) to the University administration office, **no later than October 31, 2025**:

i. in case of degree obtained in Italy: a self-declaration, conforming to the model available at http://phd.unipv.it/call-41/, testifying they have attained the degree, together with copy of a valid identity document;

ii. in case of degree obtained abroad:

1. in case of Italian or EU citizens: a self-declaration, conforming to the model available at http://phd.unipv.it/call-41/, testifying they have attained the degree, together with copy of a valid identity document;

2. in case of non-EU citizens: a certificate in Italian or English language testifying the degree attainment. In case of certificates in a language different from Italian or English candidates will have to submit, together with the certificates, their sworn and legalized translation into Italian or English.

## Art. 3
## Additional PhD reserved to candidates employed by companies, institutes or public research centres in highly qualified positions and additional PhD positions in higher-education apprenticeships

1. Employees of companies, institutes or public research centres in highly qualified positions may be assigned, while keeping their job position and stipend, specific positions within a PhD course accredited as industrial. For these positions, the training objectives and research activities are arranged between the University and the company, institute or public research centre by means of a specific agreement. A member of the company can take part in the selection procedure. Candidates' interviews will include a discussion of the research topics proposed by the company. A separate ranking list is drawn up for these candidates. An agreement between the University and the company must be formalised. It will specify, among other things, the conditions and nature of the research to be carried out at the company, institute or public research centre and the division of the employee's time. Candidates applying for these positions must enclose to the application their employment contract or a declaration of the company stating an employment relationship lasting at least as long as the duration of the PhD program.
2. If the conditions exist, it is possible to establish PhD positions in apprenticeships with companies. This type of contract allows graduates aged up to 29 years to enrol in a PhD course and get simultaneously employed by a company. A separate ranking list is drawn up for these candidates. A member of the company can take part in the selection procedure. The Committee will examine, at the end of the interview, also the research topics proposed by the company. These positions will be activated provided that the company identifies a candidate suitable for their needs and that an agreement is formalised, specifying, among other things, the conditions and nature of the research to be carried out at the company, institute or public research centre and the division of the employee's time.
3. Candidates interested in these positions must select the appropriate administrative category during the application procedure, if available for their chosen PhD course.

## Art. 4
## Additional positions reserved to candidates with a scholarship from a foreign country, additional positions reserved to candidates holding a scholarship from a specific international mobility program, additional positions with scholarship reserved to candidates who graduated abroad

1. The "Additional positions reserved to candidates with a scholarship from a foreign country" are reserved to candidates holding, at the time of the enrollment onto the PhD course, a scholarship of the same duration of the PhD course. The University of Pavia does not provide PhD scholarships for such positions. Applications for the "Additional positions reserved to candidates with a scholarship from a foreign country" and the "Additional positions reserved to candidates holding a scholarship from a specific international mobility program" will be subject to a check by the University administration on the actual availability of the funding whose ownership is declared by the candidate. Candidates are admitted to the PhD course after the assessment of the

qualifications presented and, unless otherwise specified in Annex 1 for the course selected, an interview, also by videoconference, aimed at verifying the candidate's preparation, ability and aptitude for research, as well as knowledge of the Italian and/or English language. Candidates must select the appropriate administrative category, if available for their chosen PhD course, during the application procedure. The examining committee will draw up specific reports and separate ranking lists.

2. "Additional position with scholarship reserved to candidates graduated abroad" are reserved to candidates holding a second-level university degree attained abroad. Candidates will be selected through a qualification assessment and an interview via videoconference. Candidates must select the appropriate administrative category, if available for their chosen PhD course, during the application procedure. The examining committee will draw up specific reports and a separate ranking list. In case no candidate is suitable for such a position, the scholarship will be assigned to the candidate suitable for regular positions without scholarship, using the ranking order as the criterion for assignment.

**Art. 5**
**Applications**

**1.** Candidates who wish to participate in a PhD competition at the University of Pavia **must apply online by July 25, 2025 at 13:00 CET**. **Applications can only be made via the online procedure in the candidates' Personal Area** at the following link: **https://studentionline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng**.
Applications submitted via any other means will not be considered. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that their application has been completed accurately and in full; complaints related to the malfunctioning of the online procedure will not be accepted. Candidates are highly recommended to complete the online application well in advance of the application deadline.

Candidates must **pay the application fee,** amounting to **€ 35.00, by July 25, 2025. Failure to pay the admission fee by the deadline will result in candidates being excluded from the competition. Under no circumstances will the admission fee be refunded**. Candidates applying for the "Additional positions reserved to candidates holding a scholarship from international mobility programs" are exempted from the application fee.

2. Candidates must be registered at https://studentionline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng in order to access the online application procedure. Candidates who have yet to register must select the "Registration" tab and insert the requested data; then, by selecting the "Login" item and entering the username and password provided by the system, they will be able to access their Personal Area and apply for the PhD competitions.

Candidates who have already registered on the University of Pavia website must select only the "Login" tab and access the Personal Area by entering the username and password already in their possession. **Candidates are requested to check and update their personal information already present in the database, in particular the residence and the e-mail address which will be used for all communications related to the PhD competition.**

In order to submit the application, candidates have to select the "Admissions" item from the top right menu, then, from the same menu, the "Admission test" item, and then the PhD competition in which they would like to take part.

During the application procedure, candidates must:

- enter the information regarding their degree course and the details of a valid identity document; a copy of the same identity document will have to be uploaded during the application procedure;
- choose the PhD competition, the appropriate administrative category and the foreign language, from those listed in Annex 1 for each PhD course, whose knowledge will be verified during the interview;
- request to take the interview via videoconference, only if Annex 1 of the call for applications allows this option for the chosen course. Such request can no longer be modified once the online application is concluded;
- enter the name and e-mail address of the chosen referee/s, in case the reference letter/s is/are included among the qualifications assessed for the selected PhD competition (see Annex 1). The referees themselves will have to upload the reference letter by June 30, 2025 at 13:00 CET, following the instructions they will receive by email when the candidate completes the online application.;
- attach, via an upload, proof of the qualifications required for their chosen PhD competition (see Annex 1) and the identity document whose details were entered during the procedure.

Qualifications and documents must be attached as .pdf files and must not exceed 5MB each. Each file's denomination must bear the candidate's surname and the type of the qualification (e.g. surname_curriculumvitae).

Candidates will have to prove they are in possession of the qualifications[1] issued by the Italian Public Administration by means of a self-declaration, pursuant to art. 46 of D.P.R.

[1] Pursuant to D.P.R. n. 445 of December 28, 2000 and subsequent modifications, Italian and EU citizens must provide a self-declaration attesting the following conditions and facts certified by the Italian Public Administration:

a. enrolment in professional organisations or on lists managed by Italian Public Administration;
b. membership of professional associations;
c. qualifications and exams taken;

445/2000. The self-declaration must be duly dated and subscribed. The self-declaration regarding the exams taken must conform to the model available at http://phd.unipv.it/call-41-din/ or, if available, it can be downloaded from the website of the institution where the degree was awarded. The self-declaration must bear all information requested in Annex 1 for the PhD course for which the candidate is applying. **Non-EU applicants in possession of qualifications awarded by a non-Italian institution cannot submit a self-declaration, but must attach to the application a copy of the relevant certificates.**

**A self-declaration uploaded in the application portal, to be valid and hence considered for evaluation by the Committee, must be signed with one of the following modalities:**

- digital signature, in a format recognized by the Italian Digital Administration Code (CAD)
- original signature on a paper document, then scanned

**and accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document. In the absence of one of these features, the document will be invalid**.

**The Committee will not consider for evaluation any of the following documents**: invalid self-declarations; certificates, copies of Italian diplomas, diploma supplements issued by Italian Public Administrations. Certificates issued by private entities are considered as valid.

With the exception of the degree required for admission (see art. 2, para. 1), all further qualifications must have been obtained by the deadline for applications.

The examining committee will take into consideration only the qualifications listed in Annex 1 for each PhD course.

Candidates with a disability (under the provisions of Law n. 104 of February 5, 1992 integrated by Law n. 17 of January 28, 1999) or affected by a Specific Learning Disability (under the provisions of Law n. 170 of October 8, 2010) should make a specific request in their application for the necessary assistance and, if required, for extra time to complete the selection tests. Candidates with disabilities are required to submit a medical certificate issued by the competent health authorities via the medical committees. Candidates with Specific Learning Disabilities must submit an appropriate clinical certificate issued by the National Health Service, specialists or accredited structures.

The documents testifying the disability or the Specific Learning Disabilities must be uploaded by the candidate in the Personal Area during the online application.

d. professional qualifications, post-graduate qualifications, qualifying exams, training courses, refresher courses and technical qualifications;
e. student status.

Based on the documents submitted by the candidate, the Vice-Rector for Disabilities and Special Needs, in coordination with the examining committee, will decide on the possible assistance and the extra time granted for the tests.

After the completion of the online application and **before July 25, 2025 at 13:00 CET**, candidates will be able to:

- modify the data previously entered. **The modifications will be permanently saved provided that the candidate brings the full application again to a conclusion**;
- **add or modify the documents uploaded** (qualifications and copy of the identity document) by using the "Enter/modify qualifications" button; **cancel the documents already uploaded** by using the "Modify the registration" button;
- **add, cancel or modify the data of the chosen referee/s,** in case the reference letter/s is/are included among the qualifications assessed for the selected PhD competition (see Annex 1), and possibly send a reminder to the referee/s already inserted. **The modifications will be permanently saved provided that the candidate brings the full application again to a conclusion.**

After the deadline for applications, modification or addition to the data or to the documents will be no longer possible.

If the PhD office notices irregularities or omissions in the documents uploaded by the candidates during the application, the candidates concerned will be duly informed via email and will have the opportunity to regularize the documents within a peremptory deadline set by the office.

At the end of the procedure, candidates must **pay, by the deadline of July 25, 2025, the participation fee of € 35.00. Failure to pay the application fee by the deadline will result in candidates being excluded from the competition.** The participation fee must be paid via the PagoPA system, with one of the following methods:

- **direct payment** (credit cards or bank transfers through the affiliated banks) in the "Payments" section of your Personal Area, by clicking on the invoice number, then on the "Pay by PagoPA" button;
- **deferred payment**, bringing your PagoPA invoice to a bank, a post office, a SISAL or Lottomatica point, or using your home banking system. Candidates can print the invoice in their Reserved Area, by clicking on the invoice number and then on the button "Print notice for PagoPA".

3. After the deadline for applications, the University administration will check the validity of the applications received and verify that the application fee of € 35.00 has been paid within the deadline. **In cases of invalid applications, or where the payment has not been made within the deadline, the candidate will be excluded from the competition.**

The list of the candidates admitted to the selection procedure will be published for each PhD course at http://phd.unipv.it/call-41-din/.

4. Candidates who wish to take part in more than one competition will have to submit a separate application for each, together with the qualification certificates requested, and pay a participation fee for each PhD competition selected.
5. All applicants are conditionally admitted to the PhD competitions while the University administration office checks that they actually possess the requirements provided in this call for applications, pursuant to D.P.R. n. 445/2000, artt. 43 and 71. The University administration reserves the right, at any time, to exclude candidates from the selection procedure. The University administration will also check the veracity of candidates' self-declarations: candidates found to have made false declarations may face criminal proceedings and administrative sanctions, pursuant to art. 76 of D.P.R. 445/2000.

**Art. 6**
**EDiSU benefits**

1. PhD students, pursuant to D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001, are entitled to enjoy, under the same conditions of the other students, the benefits offered by the University of Pavia's EDiSU (Institution for the Right to Study).
2. Candidates who wish to enjoy these benefits (scholarships, accommodation, reduced meal prices at canteens etc.) must consult the http://www.edisu.pv.it/ website where the call for applications for the above-mentioned benefits will be advertised. Candidates are allowed to apply for the EDiSU benefits before the PhD competition and before their possible enrolment In the PhD course.

**Art. 7**
**Examining Committee**

1. The Committees in charge of the PhD competitions are appointed by the Rector in accordance with the University of Pavia "Regulations for PhD courses".
2. One or more members of the Committee can take part in the selection procedure via videoconference.
3. The composition of the examining Committees will be published, after the announcement deadline has passed, at http://phd.unipv.it/call-41-din/.

**Art. 8**
**Selection procedure**

1. Admission to the PhD courses is subject to the passing of a selection procedure aimed at assessing candidates' competence, ability and aptitude for research. In Annex 1 the tests dates and locations, selection procedures and notes for each PhD competition are listed.
2. The selection procedure can be of three types:
    a. *Selection procedure by qualifications assessment and tests (written test and interview)*

    The selection procedure by qualifications assessment and tests consists of a comparative assessment of the qualifications submitted by candidates, as well as two tests (written test and interview).

    The admission tests consist of a written test and an interview, including a verification of candidates' knowledge of a foreign language, selected from those listed for each PhD course and indicated by the candidate in the application.
    The examining committee can assign up to 30 points per test for the evaluation of each candidate.

    The written test may consist of examinations, exercises and essays on topics related to the PhD course.

    Candidates who have passed the written test with a score of 21 points or more are admitted to the interview. The interview is deemed to have been passed if a candidate obtains a score of 21 points or more.

    If specified in Annex 1, candidates can ask to be interviewed via videoconference, by selecting the appropriate option during the online application procedure (see art. 5).

    Unless otherwise specified in Annex 1, the examining committee can assign up to 10 points for candidates' qualifications for each PhD course, divided as indicated in Annex 1. The qualifications assessment takes place after the written test and before the correction of the papers. The results of the qualifications assessment will be announced before the interview.

    b. *Selection procedure by qualifications assessment and interview*

    Unless otherwise specified in Annex 1, the examining committee can assign up to 10 points for candidates' qualifications, divided as specified in Annex 1 for each PhD course. For each PhD course, a minimum threshold may be set for admittance to the interview, as indicated in Annex 1. The results of the qualifications assessment will be announced before the interview, with the modalities and timing indicated in Annex 1.

The interview includes a verification of candidates' knowledge of a foreign language, selected from those listed for each PhD course. The examining committee may assign up to 30 points as an interview points scale. The interview is deemed successful if a candidate obtains a score of 21 points or more.

c. *Selection procedure by qualifications assessment only*

Unless otherwise specified in Annex 1, the examining committee can assign up to 10 points to candidates' qualifications for each PhD course, divided as indicated in Annex 1. Candidates who have obtained at least 6 points out of 10 are admitted to the ranking list.

The knowledge of a foreign language among those listed in Annex 1 for each PhD course is a mandatory requirement. In case this requirement is not met, the interview is not deemed successful. The linguistic skills do not provide for additional points, unless otherwise specified in Annex 1.

3. The examining committee will draw up specific reports. Candidates will be ranked in descending order by totaling the scores obtained by each candidate in the scheduled tests and the qualifications assessment.

4. The rankings can be managed in four ways, which must be declared in Annex 2 of the call:

   1. ***single ranking with eligibility option (type A)****:* candidates can apply for more than one of the available topic-related scholarships / locations. Candidates who express interest - according to the procedures mentioned in the call for applications – for one or more topic-related scholarships / locations are included in the ranking of regular positions, with possible assignment of eligibility for these topic-related scholarships / locations. To be awarded a topic-related scholarship / location, it is necessary to be declared as eligible for it. Anyone who is eligible for a topic-related scholarship / location and is in a useful position for its assignment has the obligation to accept the topic-related scholarship / location, otherwise he or she will be excluded. In case of eligibility for more than a topic-related scholarship / location, the candidate will be able to choose which one to opt for.

   2. ***single ranking with positions assigned by the Academic Board, based on the candidates' preferences and the criteria indicated in the call (type B)****:* candidates express preference for one or more topic-related scholarships / locations and become eligible for all the positions available. They are placed in a single ranking. At the end of the enrollment process, the assignment of topic-related scholarships / locations is determined by the Academic Board based on the preferences expressed during the admission step, using the ranking order as a criterion, until the topic related scholarships / locations are exhausted. The first candidate, in order of ranking, who cannot satisfy the expressed preference, will be assigned a different type of position, according to the criterion set out in the call for applications (Annex 1). In case of

withdrawal, the position of the dropout candidate is assigned to the first of those eligible. In the case of scholarships with particular restrictions, submitting an application for the PhD competition entails acceptance of the most restrictive requirements and obligations (e.g. entrance qualification, compulsory mobility abroad, etc.).

3. ***separate rankings (type C):*** candidates can compete for only one of the available topic-related scholarships / locations, expressing a single preference according to the procedures mentioned in the call for applications. These candidates' interviews will therefore also include a discussion of the project topics, if applicable, and the examining committee will draw up a specific ranking list. In case of renunciation or failure to enrol, moving down the ranking list is only possible within the specific ranking. By competing for the assignment of a topic-related scholarship / location, the candidate is excluded from the assignment of any other type of place, including regular positions.
4. ***single ranking with positions assigned by the Academic Board (type D):*** candidates become eligible for all the positions available and are included in a single ranking. At the end of the enrollment process, the assignment of topic-related scholarships / locations is determined by the Academic Board, using the ranking order as a criterion, until all available places are filled. In case of withdrawal, the position of the dropout candidate is assigned to the first of those eligible. In the case of scholarships with particular restrictions, submitting an application for the PhD competition entails acceptance of the most restrictive requirements and obligations (e.g. entrance qualification, compulsory mobility abroad, etc.).

A mixed mode is also possible.

5. If candidates have an identical score on the ranking list, the positions with scholarship will be awarded on a means basis, pursuant to D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001 and subsequent modifications and additions; for positions without a scholarship, the youngest candidate will have priority.
6. The President of the Committee will submit to the University Administration the competition reports.
7. **The admission tests schedule, indicated in Annex 1 of this call, is equivalent to a notification to applicants. Possible modifications in the dates and locations of the tests will be announced on the http://phd.unipv.it/call-41-din/ website. Candidates will not receive any further communication from the University administration office.**
8. Candidates will be asked to show a valid identity document.
9. **Failure to take part in the admission tests will be considered as constituting a withdrawal from the application process.**

**Art. 9**
**Admission to the PhD courses**

1. The Rector, by Rectoral Decree, acts to verify the validity of the competition records and approves the ranking lists. Candidates who have placed highly on each ranking list are declared winners, provided they meet the admission requirements for access to the PhD competition and enrolment onto a PhD course.
2. Candidates are admitted to the PhD courses in the ranking list order until all positions for the given PhD course are taken. Should a candidate decide not to take up their place before the start of the course, their place may be taken by other candidates following the ranking list order. Should a candidate win more than one competition, they will have to choose only one PhD course and communicate this choice in writing.
3. Before the beginning of the educational activity of the PhD course, additional students already selected by specific committees in the framework of international programs involving the University of Pavia can be admitted to the course.
4. The ranking lists will be published on the University's official noticeboard http://www-5.unipv.it/alboufficiale/ and on the https://studentionline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng website. In order to check their results, candidates have to login by entering the username and password provided at the end of the registration procedure, click on "Admissions" from the top right menu and then on "Admission test". **Candidates will not be informed personally: the publication of the ranking list is equivalent to an official notice to applicants.**

**Art. 10**
**Public Administration employees**

1. Prevailing laws regarding time off work or special leave will apply to any public administration employees admitted onto a PhD course.

**Art. 11**
**Enrolment**

1. Candidates can appeal against the approval of the ranking list to the TAR (Regional Administrative Tribunal) within 60 days from the publication of the results on the University's official noticeboard, or make a special appeal to the President of the Republic within 120 days; in the absence of an appeal, the provision shall be incontrovertible.
2. **Successful applicants must enrol** in the PhD course by following the instructions provided at http://phd.unipv.it/call-41-din/.

3. Successful applicants who do not yet hold the second-level degree necessary to enrol in a PhD course will be conditionally admitted. By October 31, 2025 they will have to provide the University Administration office with proof of graduation by following the procedure described in Art. 2, para. 1.
4. Candidates in possession of an academic degree obtained in a non-EU country, if successful, will have to provide the University administration, within 12 months from the enrollment date, legalized degree certificates, bearing the list of the exams taken during their academic career and the marks obtained, as well as one of the following documents, at their choice:
   a. the original *"Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco" (Declaration of Value)*, issued by the competent Italian diplomatic representative in the country where the academic qualification has been attained;
   b. statement of comparability and verification issued by ENIC-NARIC centers (CIMEA).

   In case of documents in a language different from Italian or English candidates will have to submit, together with the original documents, their sworn and legalized translation into Italian or English. The University administration reserves the right to ask students to provide additional documents if necessary to carry out the appropriate checks on the degree. The Administration office also reserves the right to ask students holding a foreign degree obtained within the EU to provide the "Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco" in cases where its validity is doubted.
5. Upon enrolment, non-EU citizens must submit to the Administration office, within a deadline agreed with the office, a photocopy of their residence permit or application for the residence permit.
6. Competition winners **will have to pay**, through the payment notice provided at the end of the application procedure, **the enrollment fee, amounting to € 156.00.**
7. Successful candidates with scholarship, **who do not enrol and pay the enrolment fee by the deadline of 5 days from the day following the publication online** (https://studentionline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng) **of the ranking list**, will be considered as having **forsaken** their position.

   Successful candidates without scholarship, **who do not enrol and pay the enrolment fee by the deadline of 7 days from the day following the publication online** (https://studentionline.unipv.it/esse3/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng) **of the ranking list**, will be considered as having **forsaken** their position.
8. In case of any renunciations of the entitled candidates before the beginning of the training activities of the PhD course, the positions will be proposed to the following successful candidates in the final ranking. These candidates will be duly informed by e-mail and, if interested, will have to enroll and pay the enrollment fee as per para. 7 within the peremptory deadline of 3 days from the receipt of the e-mail. After that time, the candidate will be considered as having forsaken the position.

9. The University Administration reserves the right to check the validity of winners' declarations. Any applicants found to have made false statements will lose the benefits deriving from these declarations.

**Art. 12**
**Scholarships**

1. Unless otherwise specified in Annex 1 and/or 2, the annual gross amount of a PhD scholarship is € 16,243.00, including the I.N.P.S. contribution that is at the expense of the scholarship holder. PhD scholarships are regulated by the provisions of Law n. 476 of August 13, 1984, art. 4.
2. The Rector, by Rectoral decree, awards the scholarships to the successful candidates following the order of the ranking lists and until all scholarships for the given PhD course have been assigned.
3. Scholarships have a duration of one year and are confirmed annually, provided that the student has been admitted to the following year by the Academic Board.
4. **The scholarships are paid in monthly deferred installments.**
5. The scholarship amount is increased by 50%, for a period not exceeding 12 months in total, in case of research periods carried out at foreign institutions, duly authorized in advance by the Academic Board. This period can be increased up to 18 months overall in case of PhD students in joint supervision with foreign universities or PhD programs activated in cooperation with the institutions mentioned in art. 3 para. 2 of the Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021.
6. PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason whatsoever. The only exceptions are scholarships assigned by national or international bodies to support with internships abroad the research activities. The compatibility of these scholarships with the PhD scholarship is decided by the Academic Board.
7. Students who have already benefited from a PhD scholarship, even partially, are not eligible for a second one.
8. To each PhD student, with or without scholarship, a budget for research activity in Italy and abroad is awarded, amounting to 10% of the scholarship, in accordance with the provisions of the Ministerial Decree n. 226/2021, art. 9.

**Art. 13**
**PhD students' obligations**

1. Admission onto a PhD course entails full-time and dedicated commitment. The Academic Board may set specific rules for PhD courses jointly supervised with companies, institutes or public research centers or students of medical specialization schools attending PhD courses.

2. Admission onto a PhD course also entails knowledge of and compliance with the regulations regarding PhD programs, including the regulations concerning the specific PhD course of enrollment.

**Art. 14**
**PhD students' teaching activity**

1. Upon authorization of the Academic Board, the PhD students may act as a tutor, as well as fill a supplementary teaching role up to a maximum of 40 hours per academic year, as an integral part of their training project and without any increase of the amount of the PhD scholarship. The supplementary teaching roles are attributed by the Department Council, upon proposal of the professors in charge of the activities for which the collaborations are requested. PhD students in the medical area can take part in clinical and assistance activities.

**Art. 15**
**Joint attendance with medical specialization schools**

1. Final-year students of medical specialization schools can jointly attend a PhD course.
2. The year of joint attendance is followed by the exclusive attendance of the PhD course. The legal duration of the PhD course, including the year of joint attendance, remains unchanged.
3. Final-year students of medical specialization schools who have successfully passed the PhD competition can request the joint attendance to the University Administration, enclosing the following documents:
    a. written authorization to the joint attendance, issued by the specialization school Committee, considering the distance between the two locations, the activity and the commitment requested by both the specialization school and the PhD course;
    b. *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and self-declaration on the research activity carried out during the specialization school;
    c. possible request of reduction of the PhD activities, depending on the consistency between the PhD project and the research activities already carried out during the specialization school.
4. The Training for Research Unit submits the request to the Academic Board of the PhD course, which decides whether to allow the joint attendance, based on the consistency between the research program of the PhD program and the research activity already carried out by the student, and considering the distance between the locations, the activity and the commitment requested by both the specialization school and the PhD course. Any request for a reduction of the PhD activities is approved by the Academic

Board of the PhD program, subject to a positive evaluation of the consistency between the PhD project and the research activities already carried out during the specialization school. In case the request for joint attendance is not accepted, the enrolment in the PhD course is only allowed after renouncing the specialization school.

5. During the year of joint attendance, the PhD scholarship cannot be combined with any salary, however denominated, received for the activities of the specialization school.

**Art. 16**
**Incompatibility**

1. For what concerns any incompatibilities, candidates are invited to refer to the laws in force.

**Art. 17**
**Ethical Code**

1. PhD students will have to abide by the provisions of the University of Pavia Code of Ethics, available at the following link: https://web.unipv.it/ateneo/statuto-regolamenti/.

**Art. 18**
**Final exam and attainment of the PhD degree**

1. The title of PhD ("Dottore di ricerca") is attained following a positive assessment of a research thesis which contributes to the progress of knowledge or methodology in the research field chosen by the PhD student. The thesis is publicly discussed in front of a committee appointed by the Rector.

   Unless otherwise specified in Annex 1, the PhD degree is awarded by the Rector of the University of Pavia.

2. The attainment of the PhD degree will be certified by the University administration after the upload of the complete version of their PhD theses in the University's electronic archives by the PhD graduate. The University will take care of depositing the theses, according to the current Italian laws, at the National Libraries of Roma and Firenze where they will be conserved and made available for public consultation.

**Art. 19**
**Use of personal data**

1. Pursuant to art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the information supplied by candidates will be gathered by the University of Pavia's Research and Training for Research Unit.

2. The candidates' personal data will be used for the following purposes:
    a. management of the competitions for admission to the PhD courses;
    b. obligations related to any enrollment and academic career;
    c. obligations required by legal or regulatory obligations.

   The legal basis for the processing is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in connection with the exercise of public authority vested in the Data Controller, pursuant to art. 6, par. 1, letter e) of the GDPR.
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4. The data of the successful candidates, in compliance with the principles of minimization and relevance, may be made public for transparency purposes. Furthermore, they will be communicated, in accordance with current legislation, to the bodies directly interested in the legal and economic position, to the universities and research institutions that are partners of the doctoral courses of national interest, as well as to the bodies involved in the co-responsibility for training and in the financing of doctoral scholarships, also in relation to mobility between locations and scientific co-supervision. Such communication is necessary to guarantee the effective performance of the training and research activities envisaged by the doctoral course.
5. If training or research activities involve collaboration with entities located outside the European Economic Area, personal data may be transferred to such countries in compliance with the provisions of Articles 44 et seq. of the GDPR.
6. Candidates are entitled to the rights stated in art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including access to their personal data, its modification, updating, integration, cancellation etc., and likewise reserve the right to oppose any use of the data other than the institutional purposes stated above.

**Art. 20**
**Manager of Administrative Procedures**

1. The Manager of Administrative Procedures, under Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 and subsequent modifications and additions, is Ms Sofia Baggini, Head of the Research and Third Mission Area. For information please contact the Training for Research Unit – Via Ferrata n. 5 – Pavia (Italy), email concorso-dottorati@unipv.it.

**Art. 21**
**Final regulations**

1. In relation to any issues not explicitly specified in this announcement, the provisions of existing Italian legislation on PhD courses and of the University of Pavia "Regulations for PhD courses" issued with Doctoral Decree n. 900 of April 11, 2022 apply.
2. Only the Italian version of this call for applications will be binding in case of controversies.

**Pavia, register date**