

UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES FEDERICO II



PhD programmes – 42nd cycle – academic year 2026/2027

Call for applications of foreign students

APPLICATION DEADLINE

July 21st 2026, 12:00 A.M. (CET)

This document cannot be used for legal purposes and it is only meant to provide information in English on the call for applications.

ARTICLE 1 (Establishment)

The 42nd cycle of PhD programmes is hereby established, with its administrative headquarters at the University of Naples Federico II, subject to accreditation and verification by the Ministry of Universities and Research that the accreditation requirements continue to be met. Open competitive examinations are hereby announced for admission to the PhD programmes listed **in Annex A)**, which forms an integral part of this decree. **Annex A)** sets out, for each PhD programme:

- a) the selection procedures;
- b) the number of places available;
- c) the number of scholarships;
- d) the number and type of any reserved places;
- e) the duration, any partner institutions, the department responsible for the doctoral programme's administration, and the course coordinator;
- f) the timetable for the examination sessions;
- g) the web page address where the programme's organisation, research topics and teaching activities are outlined.

Places covered by scholarships fully funded by public or private bodies on the basis of a letter of intent will be activated subject to the signing and finalisation of the relevant agreement by the funding body no later than the start of the selection panel's proceedings concerning the specific PhD programme.

The number of places covered by scholarships may be increased following the receipt of funding from public or private bodies. Authorisation to enter into the relevant agreement must be granted prior to the start of the selection committee's proceedings concerning the PhD programme for which the funding is intended. The agreement may set out specific arrangements regarding the study and training programme.

The publication of the timetables in this call **for applications** constitutes official notification to interested parties. **Candidates will not receive any further written communication regarding the dates of the examination sessions.**

Any changes to the timetables will be announced promptly on the University's website, at www.unina.it, under the section Education → Postgraduate Studies → PhD Programmes → Calls for Applications and Rankings → 42nd cycle → Competition for admission to PhD programmes of the



42nd cycle; candidates are therefore required to check this section regularly.

ARTICLE 2

(Admission requirements)

The competition is open, without any age or nationality restrictions, to those who hold one of the following qualifications:

- a specialist or master's degree obtained in accordance with Ministerial Decree 509/1999 and subsequent amendments and/or additions;
- a degree obtained in accordance with previous academic regulations (where the standard duration of the course was at least four years);
- an equivalent academic qualification obtained from a foreign university.

Furthermore, those who will obtain the required degree by 31 October 2026 may also take part in the competition; failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of admission to the course.

***All candidates are admitted to the selection process subject to conditions.
The Administration may, at any time and by means of a reasoned decision, exclude candidates for failing to meet the prescribed requirements; such a decision will be communicated to the candidate by registered post with acknowledgement of receipt.***

ARTICLE 3

(Qualifications obtained abroad)

The suitability of a degree obtained from a foreign university is assessed, solely for the purposes of admission to the selection process, by the selection board. In such cases, the degree certificate, specifying the examinations taken and the course of study followed, as well as any further documents deemed useful for assessing the suitability of the qualification, must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 4 below. All documents must be translated into English if they are written in a different language.

ARTICLE 4

(Submission of application and supporting documents)

Applications to take part in the competition must be submitted **exclusively via the online procedure available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unina/> no later than 12:00 (Italian time) on 21 July 2026.**

To take part in the competition, candidates who have obtained the qualification required for admission in Italy must pay a fee of **€50.00**, **failing** which they **will be excluded**; payment must be made exclusively in accordance with the methods set out in the procedure. Candidates who have obtained the qualification required for entry abroad are exempted from the payment of the registration fee of **€50.00**. The fee for taking part in the selection process is valid exclusively for the PhD competition for which the application is submitted. **The fee paid for the organisation of the competition will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

Applications submitted in breach of the provisions of this article will not be considered.

DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS (AND THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL, IF REQUIRED) MUST BE SUBMITTED EXCLUSIVELY BY UPLOAD WHEN SUBMITTING THE

APPLICATION

For the purposes of **ASSESSING QUALIFICATIONS AND THE PROJECT (IF REQUIRED)**, candidates must submit the following documentation, in accordance with the instructions set out below:

1) Italian graduates

1. Degree mark and weighted average based on the credit points (CFU) of the marks obtained in the examinations taken for the Master's degree, and any other elements deemed relevant to the assessment (for example, a list of examinations taken with the corresponding marks). These qualifications must be submitted by means of a self-certification declaration, made in accordance with Article 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
2. final degree mark and weighted average based on the credit points (CFU) of the marks obtained in the examinations taken for the three-year degree, and any other elements deemed relevant to the assessment (e.g. a list of examinations taken with the corresponding marks). These qualifications must be submitted by means of a declaration in lieu of certification, made in accordance with Article 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, as amended;
3. Master's thesis and any publications, accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial certificate attesting to their conformity with the original;
4. any other qualifications (for example, scholarships, further academic qualifications) by means of a declaration in lieu of certification, made in accordance with Article 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, as amended.
5. any letters of recommendation from academics, which must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out below.

2) Candidates currently completing their degree in Italy

1. Weighted average, based on the CFU credits, of the marks obtained in the examinations taken for the specialist/master's degree and, where applicable, other elements deemed relevant to the assessment (for example, a list of examinations taken with the corresponding marks). These qualifications must be submitted by means of a self-certification declaration, made in accordance with Article 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;
2. final degree mark and weighted average based on the credit points (CFU) of the marks obtained in the final examinations taken for the three-year degree, and any other elements deemed relevant to the assessment (e.g. a list of examinations taken with the corresponding marks). These qualifications must be submitted by means of a declaration in lieu of certification, made in accordance with Article 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, as amended;
3. any publications accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial certificate attesting to their conformity with the original;
4. any other qualifications (for example, scholarships, further academic qualifications) by means of a declaration in lieu of certification, made in accordance with Article 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, as amended;
5. any letters of recommendation from academics, which must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out below.

3) Candidates who graduated abroad

1. degree certificate, for both first- and second-cycle degrees, specifying the examinations taken and the course of study followed (*the certificate must be translated if not in English*);

2. second-cycle degree thesis and any publications, accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial certificate attesting to their conformity with the original
3. any other qualifications held (scholarships and certificates of attendance for postgraduate courses, qualifications related to research activities, scores obtained in standardised tests used for selection for admission to university courses at international or national level, etc.);
4. Any letters of recommendation from academics, which must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out below;
5. curriculum vitae;

4) Candidates currently completing their degree abroad

1. academic transcript, detailing the examinations taken and the course of study followed (*the transcript must be translated if not in English*);
2. any publications, accompanied by a declaration in lieu of a notarial certificate attesting to their conformity with the original;
3. any other qualifications held (scholarships and certificates of attendance for postgraduate courses, qualifications relating to research activities, scores achieved in standardised tests used for selection for admission to university courses at international or national level, etc.);
4. Any letters of recommendation from academics must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set out below;
5. Curriculum Vitae

The application must be printed, signed and uploaded via the online portal in accordance with the instructions provided therein, attaching a copy of a valid identity document. Failure to provide a signature and/or a valid identity document will result in exclusion from the selection process.

Once the application has been submitted, the candidate may request **letters of reference** by completing the relevant section, no later than the application deadline (**21 July 2026** at 12.00 – Italian time). The notification to complete the reference letter will be sent to the referee only after the application has been definitively submitted. The referee will be automatically notified by the system and must personally complete the reference letter template provided in the online application system and submit it by **23 July 2026** at 12.00 (Italian time).

The Administration accepts no liability for the non-receipt of documentation resulting from an error attributable to the candidate, or from any mishaps attributable to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

Candidates with disabilities who declare in the online application process that they require assistance will be provided, via the process itself, with instructions on how to complete the application, in accordance with current legislation (Law No. 104/1992, as supplemented and amended by Laws No. 17/1999 and No. 53/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions), and on how to upload the relevant medical certificate.

ARTICLE 5 (Examination Papers)

The examination papers, which are the same for all subject areas into which the PhD programme may be divided, are designed to ensure a fair comparative assessment of candidates and to ascertain the candidate's preparation and aptitude for scientific research.

Admission examinations are conducted in one of the following ways:

- a) on the basis of academic qualifications and examinations (written and oral tests);**
- b) on the basis of academic qualifications and an oral examination;**

c) on the basis of academic qualifications, a research proposal and an oral examination.

Annex **A** sets out the selection procedures for each PhD programme.

Candidates must also demonstrate a good knowledge of a foreign language, chosen from English, French, Spanish or German, with the exception of the PhD programmes in 'Cardiovascular Pathophysiology and Therapeutics', 'Physics' and 'Habit (Habitat in Transition)', for which the foreign language test must be taken in English.

Examinations may also be held in one of the languages listed above.

The qualifications and topics covered in the examinations must be relevant to the scientific and disciplinary fields of the PhD programme and may vary by thematic area.

La Commissione The assessment panel has a total of one hundred points at its disposal.

Where the admission examinations are conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 2(a) – **academic qualifications and examinations (written and oral tests)** – of this article, the marks are allocated as follows: 20 marks for academic qualifications, 30 marks for the written test and 50 marks for the oral test. The academic qualifications to be assessed and the marks allocated to them are:

- the candidate's entire academic career, using as assessment criteria the degree classification or the weighted average, based on the CFU credits, of the marks obtained in the examinations taken and, where applicable, other elements deemed appropriate by the Committee: up to a maximum of 15 points;
- scientific publications, the Master's thesis and other relevant qualifications (awards, patents, scholarships, etc.), to be assessed also in the light of any letters of recommendation from academics: up to a maximum of 5 points.

Candidates who have achieved a score of at least 8/20 in the assessment of qualifications will be admitted to the written examination.

The written examination consists of writing an essay on a topic chosen by the candidate from among those (at least three) indicated by the selection board.

Candidates who have passed the written examination with a mark of at least 18/30 are admitted to the oral examination.

The oral examination is deemed to have been passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 30/50.

Where the admission examinations are conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 2(b) – **academic qualifications and oral examination** – of this article, the marks are allocated as follows: 30 marks for academic qualifications and 70 marks for the oral examination. The academic qualifications to be assessed and the marks allocated to them are:

- the candidate's entire academic career, using as assessment criteria the degree classification or the weighted average, based on the ECTS credits, of the marks obtained in examinations, and, where applicable, other elements deemed appropriate by the Committee: up to a maximum of 22 points;
- scientific publications, the Master's thesis and other relevant qualifications (awards, patents, scholarships, etc.), to be assessed also in the light of any letters of recommendation from academics: up to a maximum of 8 points.

Candidates who have achieved a score of at least 12/30 in the assessment of qualifications are admitted to the oral examination.

The oral examination is deemed to have been passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 42/70.

Where the admission examinations are conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in point (c) – **academic qualifications, research proposal and oral examination** – of this article, the marks are allocated as follows:

- 20 points for academic qualifications,
- 30 points for the research project,

- 50 points for the oral examination.

The qualifications to be assessed and the corresponding marks are:

- the candidate's entire academic career, using as assessment criteria the degree classification or the weighted average, based on the ECTS credits, of the marks obtained in examinations, and, where applicable, other elements deemed appropriate by the Committee: up to a maximum of 15 points;
- scientific publications, the Master's thesis and other relevant qualifications (awards, patents, scholarships, etc.), to be assessed also in the light of any letters of recommendation from academics: up to a maximum of 5 points.

Candidates who have achieved a score of at least 8/20 in the assessment of qualifications and a score of at least 18/30 in the assessment of the research project will be admitted to the oral examination.

The oral examination is considered passed only if the candidate achieves a mark of at least 30/50.

The final mark is calculated as the sum of the marks obtained in the assessment of qualifications and the research project (where applicable), the written examination (where applicable) and the oral examination.

To sit the competition examinations, candidates must present one of the following valid forms of identification: identity card, passport, driving licence bearing a photograph, firearms licence, or identification cards – bearing a photograph and a stamp or other equivalent mark – issued by a government authority.

A candidate's absence on the day, at the venue and at the time of any of the tests will be regarded as a withdrawal from that test, whatever the reason.

For the oral examination, at the discretion of the Selection Board, a remote format may be adopted, provided that the candidate's identity can be verified.

ARTICLE 6

(Selection Boards and Competition Procedures)

The Selection Board is appointed by Rector's Decree in accordance with Article 13 of the University Regulations governing PhD programmes and will be published on the University portal at www.unina.it, in the section Education → Postgraduate Studies → PhD Programmes → Calls for Applications and Rankings → 42nd cycle → Competition for admission to PhD programmes in the 42nd cycle.

At its first meeting, the Selection Board shall establish the criteria and procedures for assessing the examination tests, to be formalised in the relevant minutes, in order to assign the marks and assessments to the individual tests.

Before the start of the examination tests, the members of the Board, having reviewed the list of participants, shall sign a declaration stating that there are no conflicts of interest between themselves and the candidates, in accordance with Articles 51 and 52 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

For the written test, where applicable the Selection Board prepares three sets of questions, each comprising at least three topics, one of which will be chosen by the candidate for the test. The sets of questions are placed in three sealed envelopes, each signed on the outer flaps by the members of the Commission and the secretary. The sets of questions are confidential and their disclosure is prohibited.

At the time set for the start of the examination, the candidates' identities are verified, and the Selection Board ensures they are seated in such a way that they cannot communicate with one another. The Commission then has one of the candidates verify that the three envelopes containing the topics remain unopened and draws lots to determine which topic is to be answered.

The answers must be written exclusively – under penalty of invalidity – on paper bearing the official stamp and the signature of a member of the Examination Board.

Candidates may not bring writing paper, handwritten notes, books or publications of any kind. They may consult only unannotated legal texts authorised in advance by the Commission and dictionaries. During the examination, candidates are not permitted to communicate with one another verbally or in writing, or to interact with others, except with members of the Examination Commission or with invigilators.

Candidates are prohibited from using or even merely possessing mobile phones of any kind (including

devices capable of sending photographs and images) and electronic devices, including 'handheld' devices or laptops of any kind capable of connecting to the outside world via wireless connections or to the standard telephone network using UMTS, GPRS or GSM, on pain of exclusion from the competition.

Candidates are therefore advised not to bring mobile phones or any of the other electronic devices described above with them. If they do, any candidate in possession of such items must hand them over to the staff responsible for checking them before entering the examination venue.

Furthermore, candidates are prohibited from keeping bags, rucksacks, writing paper, notes, books or publications with them during the examination, on pain of the examination being invalidated.

Handbags, rucksacks, writing paper, notes, books, publications or any other materials must instead be placed in plain view on the floor next to the desk where the candidate is sitting the examination, or in another location indicated by the Chair of the Examination Board or the Examination Supervisor.

Any candidate who contravenes the provisions of the preceding paragraphs or who has, in any way, copied all or part of the examination paper will be excluded from the competition. Should it transpire that one or more candidates have copied, in whole or in part, all candidates involved will be excluded.

In order to ensure the anonymity of the written examination, the selection Board must provide each candidate, before the start of the examination, with two envelopes of the same colour – one large and one small – each containing a white card. After completing the essay, without signing it or marking it in any other way, the candidate must place the sheet or sheets in the large envelope. They shall write their first name, surname, date and place of birth on the card and place it in the small envelope. They shall then place the small envelope inside the large envelope, seal it, and hand it to the Chair of the Examination Board or their deputy. The chair of the Selection Board, or their deputy, shall sign the envelope across its width – so that the seal and the remainder of the envelope are covered – and note the date of submission. All envelopes are subsequently placed in a single package, which shall be opened in the presence of the Selection Board when it proceeds to mark the papers.

The Selection Board shall open the small envelopes to match the names only after the assessment and evaluation of all candidates' papers have been completed. This matching process must also include papers awarded a mark of less than 18/30.

The oral examinations must take place in a hall open to the public, with sufficient capacity to ensure maximum participation.

Oral examinations, whether held in person or online, must be conducted in such a way as to ensure maximum publicity and participation.

ARTICLE 7

(Merit-based rankings)

For PhD programmes that have different selection procedures for reserved places, separate merit rankings will be drawn up: one for non-reserved places and one for reserved places.

The rankings will be pseudonymised and listed in descending order of the overall score achieved by each candidate in the individual tests, and will be approved by Rector's Decree. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the younger candidate will be given priority in the ranking.

Candidates will be declared successful in accordance with the order of the ranking list until all the places available for each PhD programme have been filled.

Should the places reserved for candidates with degrees from foreign universities remain unfilled, they will be made available through the standard admission procedures, and vice versa.

In the event of failure to accept the offer by the deadline referred to in Article 8, paragraph 3, below, or of withdrawal by the start date of the courses, the next candidates in the ranking list will take their place.

ARTICLE 8

(Admission to the programme)

The Rector's Decrees approving the ranking lists for the individual PhD competitions will be published, **from 12 October 2026**, on the University's Official Notice Board, available on the University's website and at



www.unina.it, in the section Education → Postgraduate Studies → PhD Programmes → Calls for Applications and Rankings → 42nd cycle → Competition for admission to the 42nd cycle PhD programmes.

This publication will constitute official notification of the competition results; successful candidates will not receive any personal notification.

Successful candidates must submit their application for enrolment on the programme to the PhD and Scholarships Office **no later than 5 days after the publication of the aforementioned Rector's Decrees – failing which their place will be forfeited** – in accordance with the procedures to be published alongside the Rector's Decree.

Successful candidates holding a degree from a foreign university, which has not already been recognised as equivalent to an Italian specialist/master's degree, must also submit or ensure the delivery of a translated and legalised degree certificate, accompanied by a declaration of equivalence issued locally by the competent Italian diplomatic mission in the country where the institution that awarded the degree is based. For further information on this matter, please refer to the website of the Ministry of Universities and Research at <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>

Enrolment requires payment of the regional contribution towards the right to education (payment instructions will be available on the University portal at www.unina.it, under the section Education → Postgraduate Studies → PhD Programmes → Calls for Applications and Rankings → 42nd cycle → Competition for admission to PhD programmes of the 42nd cycle.

Enrolment must be completed by the deadline specified in the third paragraph of this article.

Once the registration deadline referred to in the third paragraph of this article has passed, any places that remain available will be offered to candidates who have been deemed eligible.

To this end, the following will be published on the University portal at www.unina.it, under the section Teaching → Postgraduate → PhD Programmes → Calls and Rankings → 42nd cycle → Competition for admission to PhD programmes of the 42nd cycle: the list of eligible candidates, entitled to enrol, for each PhD programme, together with the deadline by which they must enrol.

This publication shall constitute official notification; candidates deemed eligible will not receive any personal communication.

Eligible candidates who fail to enrol by the deadline specified in the notice published in the manner described above will be deemed to have tacitly withdrawn and will permanently forfeit their right to enrol.

The scrolling of the final merit ranking list will be permitted until the deadline of 31 December 2026.

ARTICLE 9

(Award, entitlement and payment of scholarships)

Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the order of the ranking list, up to the number of scholarships available for each PhD programme.

In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, for the sole purpose of awarding the scholarship, priority in the ranking list shall be determined by assessing the candidates' financial circumstances, as determined in accordance with the regulations in force governing the payment of fees and contributions by students at this University.

Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and are renewed provided that the PhD student has completed the programme of activities scheduled for the previous year and has been admitted to the next year of the

programme.

The annual amount of the scholarship is €16,243.00 (sixteen thousand two hundred and forty-three/00), inclusive of social security contributions payable by the recipient, as established by Article 1 of Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022. The scholarship will be paid in monthly instalments **in arrears**, and the annual total personal income limit for eligibility is set at €16,243.00 (sixteen thousand two hundred and forty-three/00) gross. This refers to the calendar year in which the majority of the scholarship payments are made. In determining this income, account is taken of income from assets as well as emoluments of any other nature that are of a recurring nature, excluding those of an occasional nature. Naturally, the amount of the scholarship is excluded from the calculation of this income.

The scholarship is increased by fifty per cent for the period of research carried out abroad, not exceeding a total of twelve months. This period may be extended up to a maximum total of eighteen months for PhD programmes under joint supervision with foreign institutions or carried out in partnership. This increase may not be claimed in the PhD student's country of origin or in the country where they are resident.

The PhD student is required to repay any scholarship instalments already received, even if they withdraw from the programme, should they exceed the income limit referred to in the preceding paragraph, or find themselves in one of the cases of incompatibility referred to in Article 11 below.

Those who have already received a scholarship for a PhD programme, even for only half the duration of the programme, are not eligible to receive a second one.

Scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships awarded on any grounds whatsoever, except for those granted by national or foreign institutions intended to supplement, through periods spent abroad, the scholarship holders' training or research activities.

The payment of the scholarship is linked to periods of attendance and to the study and research activities actually carried out.

In addition to the scholarship, each PhD student is guaranteed an annual *budget* for research activities in Italy and abroad equal to 10 per cent of the annual amount of the scholarship itself.

Those eligible for the scholarship must submit, at the time of enrolment, the forms available in the 'Enrolment Procedures' section – 'form to be completed' available at www.unina.it, in the section Teaching → Postgraduate → PhD Programmes → Calls for Applications and Rankings → 42nd cycle → Competition for admission to PhD programmes of the 42nd cycle. This declaration must be renewed at the start of each subsequent academic year of enrolment on the programme. Scholarship recipients must also set up an INPS contribution account by registering with the Institute's "Separate Scheme". Registration procedures and the relevant forms are available on the INPS website at www.inps.it.

Students enrolled on PhD programmes who receive a scholarship are eligible for the tax relief provided for in Article 6, paragraph 6, of Law No. 389 of 30 November 1989.

ARTICLE 10

(Fees)

Those admitted to PhD programmes are required to pay, for each academic year, the regional contribution towards the right to education.

ARTICLE 11

(Obligations, incompatibilities, suspensions)

The PhD programme requires an exclusive, full-time commitment, subject to the provisions set out in paragraph 7 below and in Article 8, paragraph 2, letter b) of the University Regulations governing PhD programmes. It is the responsibility of the Academic Board to authorise PhD students to undertake paid work, verifying its compatibility with the successful completion of the programme's educational and research activities. In particular, it is understood that, for PhD students receiving a scholarship, paid work must be limited to activities relating to the acquisition of skills relevant to the programme's educational scope; for PhD students not receiving a scholarship, any potential incompatibility arising from paid work must in any case be assessed on a case-by-case basis, provided that this does not result in conduct that infringes constitutionally protected rights, such as the right to education.

PhD students are obliged to attend and carry out all the required activities, to submit the requested oral or written reports, and to comply with any other requirements laid down by the PhD Programme's Academic Board.

PhD students who receive specific external funding are required to strictly adhere to the provisions regarding project obligations and the required reporting activities.

Each PhD student is normally expected to undertake research and training activities, consistent with their PhD project, at highly qualified institutions abroad.

By the end of each academic year, the Doctoral Programme Committee, on the basis of a detailed report on the activities and research carried out by each doctoral student, shall decide on admission to the following year or

propose to the Vice-Chancellor that the student be excluded from the programme.

At the end of the programme, PhD students are required to submit a report to the Academic Board on the activities carried out during their PhD and on any publications.

The Academic Board may also, at any time, by means of a reasoned decision, propose to the Rector that a PhD student be excluded from the programme.

Civil servants admitted to a doctoral programme are entitled, for the normal duration of the programme, to the leave of absence provided for in the collective agreement or, if employed under public law, to special leave for study purposes, subject to the needs of the administration, in accordance with Article 2 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984, No. 476, as amended, with or without pay and unless they expressly waive this right, provided they are enrolled on a doctoral programme for the first time, regardless of the subject area. The right to funding for research carried out in Italy and abroad, as referred to in Article 9(10) above, remains unaffected.

Enrolment in another doctoral programme at the same time is prohibited.

The doctoral programme may be suspended, at the request of the student concerned, in the event of:

- a) compulsory maternity leave, in accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 151 of 26 March 2001. The provisions protecting maternity and paternity rights set out in the Decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette No. 247 of 23 October 2007, apply to PhD students;
- b) civil service, for a maximum period of one year.

PhD students may also request a suspension of their studies for a maximum period of six months, for proven reasons provided for by law and for documented serious health reasons.

A suspension exceeding thirty days for any of the reasons set out above entails the obligation to make up the full duration of the interruption in activity and, for scholarship holders, the cessation of the payment of the scholarship or other equivalent funding for the period of suspension. The total duration of the PhD programme cannot be reduced as a result of the aforementioned suspensions and, therefore, it will be extended by a period corresponding to that of the interruption.

The periods of suspension referred to in paragraph 10, and the periods of extension referred to in Article 22, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the University Regulations governing the PhD programme, may not, in total, exceed eighteen months, except in specific cases provided for by law.

The PhD student shall carry out their activities abroad, subject to authorisation by the Academic Board, after consultation with their supervisor. For periods not exceeding six months in total, authorisation from the programme coordinator, after consultation with the supervisor, shall suffice. In the event of concurrent enrolment on both the PhD programme and a medical specialisation programme, it is possible to carry out activities abroad for a period equivalent to the sum of the maximum permitted periods.

The provisions set out in Legislative Decree No. 68 of 29 March 2012 are extended to PhD students, in accordance with the procedures laid down therein.

ARTICLE 12

(Doctor of Research degree and doctoral thesis)

The degree of Doctor of Research, abbreviated to 'Dott. Ric.' or 'Ph.D.', is awarded following the successful assessment of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of study. The doctoral thesis is written in Italian or English, or in another



language subject to authorisation by the academic board, and is accompanied by an abstract written in English.

Within thirty days of the defence and approval of the thesis, the University shall deposit an electronic copy of the thesis in the national register referred to in Article 14(1) of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, in a specific open-access section. Subject to authorisation by the academic board, parts of the thesis may be made unavailable – where necessary, for a limited period – where they involve the use of data protected by trade secrets or in cases where publications are in the process of being submitted, in accordance with the relevant legislation in force. This is without prejudice to the obligation to deposit the thesis with the central national libraries in Rome and Florence.

Furthermore, the University archives and makes the full text of the doctoral thesis available online via the open-access Institutional Repository and ensures that the thesis is deposited with the national libraries in Rome and Florence.

ARTICLE 13 **(Access, processing of personal data and data controller)**

The personal data of the data subject, including any special categories of personal data as well as any personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences, which authorised staff of this Administration may come into possession of by virtue of this procedure, shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and the Personal Data Protection Code, containing provisions for the adaptation of national legislation to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended and supplemented by Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, and subsequent amendments and additions), as well as the current Regulations of the University of Naples Federico II on the processing of personal data. The data collected will be processed for the purposes of this procedure for which they are provided and will be used exclusively for that purpose and, in any event, within the scope of the institutional activities of the University of Naples Federico II. The data subject is entitled to the rights set out in Articles 15–22, 77 and 79 of the EU Regulation. For full details on the processing of personal data required for participation in this procedure, please refer to the document published on the University's website at the following link: <https://www.unina.it/it/ateneo/statuto-e-normativa/privacy>.

ARTICLE 14 **(Publication of competition documents)**

This competition notice is published online on the University's website, the European *Euraxess* portal and the MUR website; all documents relating to it will be made public exclusively via online publication on the Official Notice Board of the University of Naples Federico II, available on the University's website at www.unina.it.

Publication on the Official Notice Board of the University of Naples Federico II shall constitute official notification for all purposes, and no personal communications will be sent to interested parties.

This notice shall remain posted for 90 days, whilst the related documents shall remain posted for 15 days.

ARTICLE 15 **(Reference)**

For matters not covered by this notice, reference is made to the University Regulations governing the PhD programme and to the provisions contained in Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021.

<i>Academic Affairs and Student Services</i> <i>The Head, Dr Maurizio Tafuto</i>



Organisational unit responsible for the procedure:
Doctoral and Scholarships Office
Head of the procedure:
Head of Office Dr Pellegrino Palumbo