

**REOPENING OF THE DEADLINES OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ISSUED BY
RECTORAL DECREE NO. 1531/2025 – FORM F, LIMITED TO ADMISSION TO THE
PhD PROGRAMME IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR ECONOMICS,
ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH – 41st CYCLE
UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA - A.Y. 2025/2026**

The deadline for submitting applications expires without exception.
December 17, 2025 (13:00 Italian time)

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- Having Regard** to Law No. 476 of 13/08/1984, containing provisions on scholarships and doctoral studies at universities, as subsequently amended;
- Having Regard** to Law No. 398 of 30/11/1989, as subsequently amended;
- Having Regard** to Article 4 of Law No. 210 of 3/07/1998, as amended by Article 19 of Law No. 240/2010;
- Having Regard** to the Interministerial Decree of 9/07/2009, which established the equivalence between old system university degrees (DL), Specialist Degrees (LS) pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, and Master's Degrees (LM) pursuant to Ministerial Decree 270/2004;
- Having Regard** to the current Statute of the University of Foggia;
- Having Regard** to Legislative Decree No. 198 of 11/04/2006, "Equal Opportunities Code between Men and Women";
- Having Regard** to the current University Regulations on Doctoral Studies and subsequent amendments;
- Having Regard** to Article 1, paragraph 254 et seq., of the 2017 Budget Law (Law No. 232/2016);
- Having Regard** to the current University Regulations on fees and contributions and subsequent amendments;
- Having Regard** to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021, which issued the "Regulations concerning the procedures for accreditation of doctoral programmes and institutions and the criteria for the establishment of PhD programmes by accredited institutions";
- Having Regard** to Ministerial Decree No. 301 of 22/03/2022 "Guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral programmes pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulations in Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021", through which the Ministry redefined the accreditation guidelines for PhD programmes and institutions;
- Having Regard** to Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23/02/2022, which redefined, effective from 1/07/2022, the annual amount of the doctoral scholarship at €16,243.00 gross of social security charges borne by the recipient, in addition to the charges borne by the institution;
- Having Regard** to MUR Note no. 8936 of 29/04/2025, announcing the start, from 30 April 2025 to 12 June 2025, of the digital procedure for the accreditation of PhD programmes of the 41st cycle;

- Having Regard** to the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors of the University of Foggia, meeting jointly on 10/06/2025, with which each governing body, within its respective competence, approved the applications for renewal of accreditation and establishment of the following PhD programmes for the 41st cycle, along with the allocation of doctoral scholarships:
- Basic and Clinical Neuroscience;
 - Biotechnology and Smart Practices for a Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture;
 - Law and Security;
 - Economics and Finance of Territorial Sustainability and Well-being;
 - Medical Humanities and Welfare Policies;
 - Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health;
 - Education, Development and Learning Sciences;
 - Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing;
 - Economic and Social Sciences;
 - Humanities;
- Having Regard** to the letters of intent and agreements between the University of Foggia and public/private entities for the activation and funding or co-funding of doctoral scholarships for the 41st cycle;
- Considering** the possibility that, even after the publication of this call, further expressions of interest in co-funding or full funding of doctoral scholarships may be received from external bodies;
- Ascertained** that there is financial coverage for the scholarships offered in this call;
- Considering** that any changes and/or additions to this call will be published exclusively on the Official University Notice Board and on the University website at:
<https://www.unifg.it/en/study/post-lauream/phd-programmes/41th-cycle>
- Taking Note** of the positive evaluation outcomes for accreditation by ANVUR, communicated on 11 July 2025 via the CINECA platform, for the following programmes:
- Basic and Clinical Neuroscience (Form A);
 - Biotechnology and Smart Practices for a Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture (Form B);
 - Law and Security (Form C);
 - Medical Humanities and Welfare Policies (Form E);
 - Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health (Form F);
 - Education, Development and Learning Sciences (Form G);
 - Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing (Form H);
 - Economic and Social Sciences (Form I);
 - Humanities (Form L);
- Having Regard** to the Ministerial Decree no. 872/2025, whereby the renewal of the accreditation with amendments for the 41 cycle of the PhD programme in:
- Economics and Finance of Territorial Sustainability and Well-being (Form D) was confirmed;
- Having Regard** to the Ministerial Decree no. 805/2025, whereby initial accreditation was granted for the 41 cycle of the PhD programmes in:
- Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health (Form F);
 - Economic and Social Sciences (Form I);
- Having Regard** to the Rectoral Decree no. 1531/2025 of 29/07/2025, whereby the Call for Applications for admission to the PhD programmes of the 41 cycle – University of Foggia, academic year 2025/2026 – was issued, aimed at launching the public competition procedures for admission to the above-mentioned and accredited ten PhD programmes;
- Considering** that the specific features of each PhD Programme (available positions, research-topic-based scholarships, types of qualifications required for participation in the competition, any additional requirements and admission procedures) were

	detailed in ten separate Forms attached to the Call itself, forming an integral part thereof;
Whereas	Form F specifies the characteristics of the newly established PhD programme in Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health and, in particular, provides for 8 positions in the competition, of which: • 3 positions with scholarship funded by the University; • 1 position with scholarship funded by the University and assigned to the following research topic: "Gender-based violence and social impact"; • 1 position with scholarship funded by the company GARGANO ESCO S.r.l., assigned to the following research topic: "Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems"; • 1 position with scholarship funded by the company GATTEFOSSE SAS, assigned to the following research topic: "Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology – developing novel lipid-based nanosystems intended for brain delivery applied to Parkinson's disease"; • 2 positions without scholarship;
Having Regard	to the Rectoral Decree no. 1775/2025 of 09/09/2025 appointing the Examination Committee for the admission competition to the aforementioned PhD programme;
Having Regard	to the Rectoral Decree no. 2140/2025 of 16/10/2025, approving the records of the public selection procedure for admission to the PhD Programme in Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health, and approving the merit rankings—one general ranking and one for each position linked to a specific research topic—as required by Article 8, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Call;
Whereas	the ranking for the research-topic position funded by Gargano Esco ("Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems") shows only one eligible candidate, who was declared the winner;
Having Regard	to the Article 11, paragraph 2, of the Admission Call, according to which failure to enrol within the established deadlines results in forfeiture of the ranking position;
Having Regard	to the Article 17, paragraph 6, of the University Regulations on PhD Programmes, according to which, in the event of renunciation by successful candidates, the next candidate in the ranking list shall be admitted;
Considering	that Dr Tommaso Mazziotti, winner of the research-topic position funded by Gargano Esco, did not complete the enrolment within the prescribed deadline, and that there are no other eligible candidates in the ranking for possible replacement;
Acknowledging	the note sent on 28 October 2025 by the company Gargano Esco, expressing its intention to terminate the agreement and to request reimbursement of the amounts paid, and the subsequent note dated 19 November 2025 confirming said termination and declaring that the company no longer intends to invest in the PhD programme or in the originally agreed research topic, also stating that it will make no further claims should the research be carried out by the University regardless;
Having Regard	to the Resolution no. 1676/2025 of the Council of the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences, whereby, acknowledging the scientific and departmental interest expressed by Prof. Rosa Prato in funding the PhD scholarship with the aforementioned research topic, the amount of € 69.995,00 was allocated to fund the research-topic-based scholarship "Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems" within the PhD programme Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health, 41 cycle;
Whereas	the above expenditure will be charged to the projects coded ALTRIPRIV_STALLONE of the 2025 budget section of the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences (constraints 2188–2189–2190–2191 and 2192 of 2025);
Noting	the high scientific value of the research topic "Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems," with specific reference to public health;
Considering	that exclusively for the PhD Programme in <i>Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health</i> – Form F – to reopen the application deadline of the "Call for Applications for admission to the PhD programmes of the 41 cycle – University

of Foggia, academic year 2025/2026” for the research-topic position in “Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems”;
the General Director;

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Art. 1

Reopening of the Application deadlines

The deadlines for participation in the Call for Applications for admission to the PhD programmes – 41st cycle, a.y. 2025/2026, based at the University of Foggia and issued by Rectoral Decree no. 1531/2025 of 29/07/2025 – are hereby reopened, **exclusively** with regard to the PhD programme in:

- **Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health – Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine.**

The reopening concerns **only 1 position**, with scholarship, with the following restricted research topic: **“Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems.”**

Art. 2

Admission Requirements

1. Access to the PhD Programme is open, without any restriction of citizenship, to all applicants who, by the deadline of the call, hold the qualification indicated in Sheet F attached to Rectoral Decree No. 1531/2025.

The Administration may, at any time and by means of a reasoned decree of the Rector, order the exclusion from the selection procedure in the event of failure to meet the prescribed requirements.

2. Applicants holding a degree awarded by a foreign University must hold a second-level academic qualification (in accordance with the Bologna Process) or a Master's Degree that grants access to PhD programmes in the country where it was issued, and which has been awarded by an officially recognised academic institution.

2a. Applicants who already hold an equivalence declaration issued by an Italian University must attach to the application a self-certification indicating the details of the relevant decree.

2b. The suitability of a foreign qualification that has not already been declared equivalent to an Italian degree shall be assessed by the Selection Committee, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was issued, as well as with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies. For the purposes of such assessment, applicants must upload, together with the online application, all documents deemed useful for the evaluation of the qualification, in particular the degree certificate and the transcript of records or study plan. Submission of the online application automatically entails a request for assessment of the suitability of the foreign qualification.

3. Foreign applicants must upload, together with the online application, a copy of their academic qualification, duly translated into English, French, Spanish, or German and, if available, the “Statement of Comparability” or “Dichiarazione di Valore in loco”.

4. Successful applicants holding a qualification awarded by a foreign University must submit the “Dichiarazione di Valore in loco” relating to their degree, as well as the degree certificate with transcript and grades, translated and legalised by the Italian diplomatic or consular authorities in the country where the awarding institution is located.

The “Dichiarazione di Valore” must certify that the qualification held is valid in the country of issuance for enrolment in a PhD Programme.

Art. 3

Application Procedure

1. Applications for admission to the PhD Programme in *Quantitative Methods for Economics, Environment and Health* must be submitted exclusively through the online procedure, by the **non-extendable deadline of 17 December 2025, at 13:00 (Italian time)**, under penalty of

exclusion from the selection. Applications must be submitted through the Esse3 portal of the University of Foggia, accessible at: <https://unifg.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>

It is the responsibility of each applicant to verify the correct completion of the online procedure; therefore, no complaints will be accepted regarding any malfunction of the IT system.

2. Access to the online application procedure is subject to registration in the Esse3 system, according to the following instructions:

- Candidates already registered with the University of Foggia must click on the “LOGIN” menu item and access their personal area using their existing credentials. It is strongly recommended that candidates update their personal data, especially the email address to which all competition-related communications will be sent, by selecting the “HOME” section.
- Candidates not yet registered with the University of Foggia must click on “REGISTRAZIONE” (Registration) and enter the requested personal data. They may then log in by selecting “LOGIN” and entering the credentials provided by the system, in order to access their personal area and submit their application.

In case of lost credentials, candidates can retrieve their password by clicking on the “Recupero Password” (Password Recovery) link on the same webpage.

Once registered, candidates must select “SEGRETERIA” (Secretary's Office) from the menu on the right-hand side, then “PROCEDURA DI AMMISSIONE – ISCRIZIONI CONCORSO” (Admission Procedure – Competition Registration), and finally choose the PhD programme they wish to apply for.

Applications submitted using methods other than the one described above will not be considered valid.

3. Applicants must also:

- Indicate the need for any assistance or aids (for applicants with disabilities);
- Enter their academic data and follow the instructions provided by the system;
- Upload the following documents (in PDF format):
 - 1) A copy of a valid identification document;
 - 2) A curriculum vitae et studiorum, which must be signed at the bottom, and include the following statement: “I declare that the information contained in this curriculum is true in accordance with Italian Presidential Decree 445/2000”;
 - 3) The application form for admission to the selection, which must include: a list of qualifications to be evaluated; a list of attached publications; a declaration confirming the absence of any conflicts or impediments to formalizing a doctoral position;
 - 4) PDFs of any publications (if available);
 - 5) A research project, proposed **EXCLUSIVELY** on the topic “**Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems**”, for which the reopening of the Call has been authorised;
 - 6) Any reference letters, written by qualified referees;

All documents must be uploaded as PDF files, each with a maximum file size of 5 MB. Each file must be named according to its content (e.g., “CV”, “ID Document”, “Research Project”, etc.).

The CV, research project, and reference letters may also be written in English.

Please note that failure to upload the required and signed documents will result in exclusion from the selection process, even if the online registration has been completed.

4. To complete the registration, the applicant must pay a non-refundable admission fee of € 30.00 via the PagoPA system **no later than 13:00 (Italian time) on December 17, 2025** (this fee is non-refundable under any circumstances).

The payment must be made by logging into the personal area using the credentials provided, and navigating to: “Segreteria” → “Pagamenti” (Payments Section).

Failure to pay the admission fee by the above deadline will result in exclusion from the selection process.

For IT issues encountered on the Esse3 platform, applicants may contact the support service at: <https://helpdesk.unifg.it>, selecting the reason: “problematiche tecniche esse3 – ammissione dottorati”.

5. In the online application form, candidates with disabilities (pursuant to Law No. 104/1992, as amended by Law No. 17/1999), or candidates with Specific Learning Disorders – SLD (under Law No. 170/2010), must explicitly request any aids and/or additional time needed for the admission exams.

6. All eligibility requirements must be met by the application deadline.

Candidates are strongly advised to complete the application process well in advance of the deadline. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure the successful completion of the application procedure. No complaints will be accepted for system malfunctions due to technical problems and/or communication/network overloads and/or software issues.

Art. 4

Admission Examinations

1. The admission examination consists of a specific assessment aimed at ensuring a suitable comparative evaluation and at verifying the candidates' aptitude for scientific research.

Admission is based on the evaluation of:

- **the qualifications referred** to in Art. 7, paragraph 2;
- the evaluation of the of the proposed **research project** – the research project must be attached to the application and must pertain to the following mandatory topic: **“Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems”**;
- **an oral examination** on research topics related to the project and to the mandatory research topic **“Quantitative methods for risk management in complex systems,”** including verification of English language proficiency; upon request of individual candidates, the interview may be conducted entirely in English.

The oral examination will take place on Monday, 22 December at 9:30 a.m., in remote (online) mode.

IMPORTANT: Any additional communications or corrections with respect to what is indicated in the individual programme descriptions will be provided through public notices posted on the University's Online Official Notice Board (Albo Telematico di Ateneo) and published on the website [www.unifg.it](https://www.unifg.it/en/studiare/corsi-post-laurea/ciclo-xli/metodi-quantitativi-economia-ambiente-e-salute) at the following link: <https://www.unifg.it/en/studiare/corsi-post-laurea/ciclo-xli/metodi-quantitativi-economia-ambiente-e-salute>

2. If a candidate cannot be contacted on the scheduled day of the written and/or oral examination or fails to provide proper identification, they will be excluded from the selection process.

The University of Foggia accepts no responsibility in cases where technical issues prevent the connection required for the proper conduct of the interview, or if the candidate is not available at the time of the call.

Art. 5

Examination Committee

The Examination Committee responsible for awarding the scholarship position covered by this Call is the same committee already appointed under Rectoral Decree No. 1775/2025.

Art. 6

Criteria for the Evaluation of Admission Examinations

1. For admission competitions based on qualifications and examinations, a maximum score of 20 points will be awarded for qualifications.

2. The categories of **qualifications** that will be assessed—provided they are relevant to the subject areas of the PhD programme to which the candidate is applying—and the maximum score assignable to each category are as follows:

♦ **Final degree grade**, up to a maximum of 10 points, allocated as follows:

- up to 100: 0 points
- 101–104: 4 points
- 105–107: 6 points
- 108–110: 8 points
- 110 with honours (lode): 10 points

If the candidate holds more than one degree relevant to the chosen PhD programme, they must indicate which one should be considered for the purpose of evaluation by the Selection Committee.

♦ **Scientific qualifications**, relevant to the research topics of the selected PhD programme, up to a maximum of 4 points for: scientific publications (monographs with a national ISBN, articles in scientific journals, proceedings of nationally and internationally recognized conferences, specific contributions in volumes, etc.) and patents.

♦ **Academic and educational qualifications**, relevant to the PhD programme topics, up to a maximum of 4 points for: additional Bachelor's or Master's degrees, a PhD, Level I or II University Master's degrees, postgraduate specialization or advanced training courses (e.g. summer schools) related to the PhD themes.

♦ Documented research activities, up to a maximum of 2 points, including any reference letters, carried out at qualified Italian or international institutions related to the PhD programme's subject areas, including participation in European projects.

Evaluation of the research project or written test and the oral examination

3. Research projects submitted in accordance with the template provided in the respective programme sheets (where required) will be evaluated by the respective Examination Committees. These Committees may, if they deem it appropriate, consult the Academic Board of the corresponding PhD programme.

4. The Examination Committees will compile the list of candidates admitted to the oral examination. The score obtained from the evaluation of qualifications, the research project or written test will be published on the University website before the oral examination date.

5. Candidates will be admitted to the oral examination only if they have obtained at least 27 out of 40 points in the evaluation of the research project or written test (where applicable, see Annex C). The oral exam will be considered passed only if the candidate obtains at least 41 out of 60 points.

6. At the end of oral examination session, the Committees will compile and publish the list of candidates interviewed along with the individual scores awarded.

In the case of oral examinations held online, the email address provided by the candidate will be used to create the platform and corresponding virtual rooms for the interview.

The scores assigned to the different tests are as follows:

Admission Tests	Max Score
Evaluated Titles	20
Research Project or Written Test	40
Oral Test**	60
TOTAL	120

**Includes verification of English language proficiency.

7. The topics covered in the tests will relate to the objectives of the PhD course and/or the research project submitted, where required.

Art. 8

Formation of the Ranking List

1. At the end of the examination, the will draw up the overall ranking based on the sum of the scores obtained by the candidates in the individual tests.
2. Candidates are admitted to the PhD Course in ranking order, up to the number of available positions for each Course.

Art. 9

Admission to the Course

1. In the event of a tie in merit for the allocation of scholarship positions, the economic condition assessed according to the D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001, and D.P.C.M. no. 159/2013 shall prevail. In this case, the candidate must declare their economic and patrimonial status by submitting a valid ISEE certificate. This declaration must be submitted within 5 days from the date of publication of the ranking list; after this deadline, the candidate will be placed in the less favorable position in the merit ranking.
2. In case of further tie in the score, the younger candidate will prevail.
3. The ranking list of eligible candidates will be published on the webpage <https://www.unifg.it/en/studiare/corsi-post-laurea/ciclo-xli/metodi-quantitativi-economia-ambiente-e-salute>, posted on the University's online notice board, and viewable in the personal Esse3 page. Such publication shall be considered an official notification to the successful candidates. No communications will be sent by mail.
4. Following the publication of the results of the final test, the approval decree containing the final ranking will be drawn up and made available on the University Portal.

Art. 10

Final Provisions

1. For matters not provided for or regulated in this decree, all other provisions of the Announcement referred to in D.R. No. 1531/2025 of 29/07/2025, by which the competition notice for admission to the PhD courses of the XLI cycle – University of Foggia, academic year 2025/2026, was issued, and not modified by this decree, shall remain valid and effective.
2. In particular, all provisions contained in Articles 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the Announcement adopted with D.R. No. 1531/2025, relating to: Scholarships; Enrollment; Fees and Contributions; PhD and Medical Specialization Schools, are confirmed.

Art. 11

Personal Data Processing

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Personal data will be processed in accordance with the principles set out in EU Regulation No. 679/2016 on the protection of personal data (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR). A specific privacy notice on data processing is attached to this call for applications.

The Data Controller is the University of Foggia, with its registered office at Via Gramsci No. 89/91, Foggia – PEC (certified email): protocollo@cert.unifg.it.

The legal representative of the University of Foggia is the Rector pro tempore, Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio, domiciled for the purposes of the position at the University's registered office, Via Gramsci No. 89/91, 71122 Foggia.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Lawyer Nicola Fabiano, who can be contacted at the certified email address: rpd@cert.unifg.it or via regular email at: rpd@unifg.it.

Art. 12

Person Responsible for the Procedure

Pursuant to Law No. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, the person responsible for the administrative procedure is Dr. Maria Grazia Mariella – Head of the PhD Programs, Scholarships, Research Contracts and Research Grants Office.

Any information or clarification may be requested from the PhD Office via email at: ufficiodottorato@unifg.it.

Art. 13

Publication

This Call, also drafted in English, will be made public by posting on the Electronic Register of the University of Foggia, on the website <https://www.unifg.it/en/study/post-lauream/phd-programmes>, on the MUR website (bandi.miur.it), and on the European Union website (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu>).

Such publication shall have the value of official notification to the interested parties for all the information contained therein; therefore, candidates will not receive any further communications. This announcement is also published on the University's website in the "PhD Programs" section.

The Rector
Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio