

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMMES 42nd CYCLE – UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA – A.Y. 2026/2027

The deadline for submitting applications expires without exception.
September 8, 2026 (at 1:00 p.m. - Italian time)

THE RECTOR

- 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 <https://www.unifg.it/sites/default/files/normative/2025-09/regolamento-dottorato-di-ricerca-en.pdf>;
- 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. 2386 of 13/05/2026, announcing the start, from 14 May 2026 to 15 June 2025, of the digital procedure for the accreditation of PhD programmes of the 42nd cycle;
- HAVING REGARD** to the Horizon Europe 2021–2027 Programme – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks (MSCA-DN-01-2024), Call HORIZON-MSCA-2024 Doctoral Networks - Call Horizon-EIC-2023;

- HAVING REGARD** to Rector's Decree No. 2177/2024, authorizing the participation of the University of Foggia – Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences in the above-mentioned Call with the project entitled "Biomarkers and Intervention Outcomes in MN Optimization" (acronym: BIO-MICRO);
- HAVING REGARD** to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant Agreement No. 101226686, signed following the successful selection of the University of Foggia under the above-mentioned Call;
- WHEREAS** the BIO-MICRO project proposal, among its funded activities and actions, provides for the recruitment of two doctoral students with scholarships;
- HAVING REGARD** to the eligibility requirements and mobility rules for these positions, as mandatorily established under the Horizon Europe 2021–2027 MSCA Doctoral Networks Programme, according to which:
- applicants must not already hold a doctoral degree (PhD);
 - applicants may be of any nationality but must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy for more than 12 months during the three years (36 months) immediately preceding the application deadline for the Call for Applications for admission to the PhD Programmes of the 42nd Cycle at the University of Foggia;
- WHEREAS** doctoral candidates awarded scholarships funded under the MSCA Doctoral Networks Programme are entitled to receive:
- Living allowance (salary);
 - Mobility allowance;
 - Family allowance (payable only where the candidate has eligible family members).
- The relevant amounts are established by the European salary table, which varies according to the Country of recruitment (at the following link, at page 118: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-2-msca-actions_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf)
- 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 of the following PhD programmes for the 42nd 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;
 - Education, Development and Learning Sciences;
 - Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing;
 - Economic and Social Sciences;
 - Humanities;
- WHEREAS** the two doctoral scholarships funded under the BIO-MICRO project within the framework of the MSCA Doctoral Networks Programme will be awarded as part of the PhD Programme in Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing, offered by the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences;

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 42 nd 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:
GIVEN	that, pursuant to MUR Decree No. 226/2021, doctoral programmes can only be activated after accreditation granted by the Ministry, based on ANVUR's opinion;
RESERVING	any provisions that may be adopted by the Ministry of University and Research, upon ANVUR's opinion, regarding the renewal of accreditation for the 42 nd cycle doctoral programmes administered by the University of Foggia;
GIVEN	that enrolment in programmes pending accreditation will only be possible after the publication of the final ranking lists, and only if accreditation for the 42 nd cycle is granted;
HEARD	the General Director;

DECREES

Art. 1

Establishment and Call for Applications

The 42nd cycle of PhD programmes, for the academic year 2026/2027, is hereby established at the University of Foggia, conditional upon the granting or confirmation of accreditation requirements by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR).

1. Public selection procedures are announced for admission to the following three-year PhD programmes:

- Basic and Clinical Neuroscience (Annex A);
- Biotechnology and Smart Practices for a Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture (Annex B);
- Law and Security (Annex C);
- Economics and Finance of Territorial Sustainability and Well-being (Annex D);
- Medical Humanities and Welfare Policies (Annex E);
- Education, Development and Learning Sciences (Annex F);
- Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing (Annex G);
- Economic and Social Sciences (Annex H);
- Humanities (Annex I).

Pursuant to Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021, the aforementioned PhD programmes will only be activated following verification by the Ministry of University and Research of compliance with or continued fulfillment of accreditation requirements. Consequently, the allocation of positions and the awarding of scholarships are subject to the confirmation of accreditation by ANVUR and are conditional upon ministerial approval.

2. For each PhD programme, as outlined in the attached programme descriptions — which form an integral part of this call — the following information is provided:

- The Department acting as the administrative seat;
- The number of positions with and without scholarship, which will be assigned according to the specific course ranking lists, taking into account any subdivisions by curriculum and research topic, where applicable;
- The number of reserved positions for candidates with academic qualifications obtained abroad;
- Any curricula provided within the programme;
- **Specific details regarding the admission procedures, including the schedule and location of the examinations, as well as any additional specific and binding admission requirements for each individual PhD programme;**
- The Departmental and University websites where all relevant information regarding the training path, the competition calendar, and any candidate notifications can be found.

Art. 2

Types of Scholarships

1. The types of scholarships available under this call for applications are as follows:

a) Type 1 – PhD scholarships funded by the University of Foggia

These scholarships are fully funded by the University of Foggia.

b) Type 2 – PhD scholarships funded by third-party institutions

These scholarships are fully or partially funded by external public or private entities.

c) Type 3 – PhD Scholarships funded under the Horizon Europe 2021–2027 MSCA Doctoral Networks Programme – BIO-MICRO Project (Annex G)

The scholarships referred to in this section are fully funded by the Horizon Europe 2021–2027 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks Programme. They will be awarded within the PhD Programme in Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing, offered by the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences.

The amount of each scholarship is determined in accordance with the MSCA salary table applicable to the country of recruitment and includes:

- Living Allowance (salary);
- Mobility Allowance;
- Family Allowance (payable only to eligible doctoral candidates with family obligations, in accordance with the MSCA rules).

Eligibility for these scholarships is subject to the following mandatory requirements:

- applicants must not already hold a doctoral degree (PhD);
- applicants may be of any nationality, however, they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy for more than 12 months during the 36 months immediately preceding the application deadline for the Call for Applications for admission to the PhD Programmes of the 42nd Cycle at the University of Foggia, in accordance with the MSCA Doctoral Networks mobility rule.

2. The number of scholarship-funded positions may be increased following additional funding, which may be obtained even after the publication of this call, from public or private entities.

Art. 3

Admission Requirements

1. Admission to the PhD programme is open to candidates of any nationality who, by the deadline of this call, hold the qualification specified in the corresponding programme sheets (A – I) for each PhD course.

Candidates who expect to obtain the required degree no later than the enrolment date for the PhD programme — and in any case by October 31 at the latest — are also eligible to apply. Failure to obtain the degree by this deadline will result in forfeiture of admission. In such cases, admission to the selection process will be granted conditionally, and successful candidates must provide proof of qualification through self-certification, under penalty of exclusion.

The University reserves the right to exclude a candidate from the selection process at any time, by reasoned decision of the Rector, should the required qualifications be lacking.

2. Candidates holding a degree from a foreign university must possess a second-cycle academic degree (as per the Bologna Process) or a Master's-level degree, which qualifies them for PhD studies in the country where the degree was obtained and which was awarded by an officially recognized academic institution.

2a. Candidates **already in possession of an equivalency** (equipollenza) issued by an Italian university must include a self-certification of this recognition in their application (indicating the official reference of the decision).

2b. For degrees not yet declared equivalent, their validity will be assessed by the selection committee, in accordance with current legislation in both Italy and the country in which the qualification was awarded, as well as any applicable international treaties or agreements on the recognition of academic qualifications for study purposes. In particular, for this purpose, candidates must upload all documents deemed useful for the evaluation of the foreign qualification, especially the degree certificate and the transcript of records or study plan. The online submission of the application implies a formal request for assessment of the eligibility of the foreign qualification.

3. Candidates of foreign nationality must upload a copy of their degree, translated into English, French, Spanish, or German. If available, a Statement of Comparability (Dichiarazione di valore in loco) should also be attached.

4. Foreign degree holders who are admitted to the programme must provide the “Dichiarazione di valore in loco” (Statement of Value) for their qualification, along with the official transcript with exams and grades, translated and legalized by the Italian diplomatic or consular authorities in the country where the degree was awarded. The Statement of Value must confirm that the qualification is valid in the country of origin for enrolment in a PhD programme.

Art. 4

Application Procedure

1. Applications for admission to the above-mentioned PhD programmes must be submitted exclusively online, by using the digital procedure **no later than 1:00 p.m. (Italian time) on September 8, 2026. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.**

The application must be completed through the University of Foggia's Esse3 portal, available at the following address: <https://unifg.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the online procedure is properly completed. No complaints regarding potential digital disruptions will be accepted.

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, if required, aligned with the themes of the PhD programme — specifying, if applicable, the curriculum or thematic focus of the chosen scholarship as outlined in the Programme Annex;
 - 6) Any reference letters, written by qualified referees;
 - 7) For applicants applying “UNDER RESERVE” (i.e., those who will graduate after applying), a self-declaration of exams taken for the master's degree, including grades and study plan.

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, all the applicant must pay a non-refundable admission fee of € 30,00 via the PagoPA system **no later than 1:00 p.m. (Italian time) on September 8, 2026**. 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.

5. Candidates who intend to apply for more than one PhD programme must register separately on the platform for each individual call, upload the required documentation, and pay the corresponding fee for each application.

In case of technical issues with the Esse3 online platform, candidates can contact the dedicated support service at: <https://helpdesk.unifg.it> selecting the reason: "technical issues esse3 – PhD admissions".

7. 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.

8. All eligibility requirements must be met by the application deadline, with the sole exception of the degree qualification, which, for those applying under reserve, may be obtained by the date of enrollment, and in any case no later than October 31.

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. 5

Appointment of the Selection Committee

The Selection Committees for the admission examinations to the PhD programmes will be appointed by the Rector, in accordance with the composition established by the University's Regulations on Doctoral Studies. For the evaluation of applications submitted for the PhD scholarships funded under the Horizon Europe 2021–2027 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks Programme – BIO-MICRO Project, within the PhD Programme in Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing (Annex G), the PhD Programme Board may appoint an ad hoc Evaluation Committee for this purpose.

Art. 6

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 "research project" submitted or a written test – the research project must be attached to the application, where required, and must be relevant to the objectives of the PhD programme or, where applicable, the chosen curriculum for which the application is submitted. In particular:
 - **Annex F** - for the PhD programme in Education, Development and Learning Sciences, failure to indicate the chosen curriculum will result **in exclusion from the selection procedure**, as specified and detailed in the relevant programme description;
 - **Annex G** - for the PhD Programme in Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing, applicants are required to indicate, both in the application for admission and in the online application procedure, the type of position for which they intend to apply, selecting one only of the following options:
 - a) University-funded PhD scholarship or PhD position without a scholarship;
 - b) PhD scholarship funded under the BIO-MICRO Project.

Applicants who choose the PhD scholarship funded under the BIO-MICRO Project shall compete exclusively for that category of position and will be included in a separate ranking list, to be drawn up by the Selection Committee.

- **an oral examination** on topics related to the PhD programme's research areas, including an assessment of English language proficiency. Upon request, the oral interview may be conducted entirely in English.

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 at the following link: <https://www.unifg.it/en/study/post-lauream/phd-programmes/42th-cycle>

Any changes regarding the date and time of the aforementioned examinations will be published on the University website and shall serve as official notification.

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. 7

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

For graduating students, the degree grade will be calculated based on the weighted average of all examination grades obtained by the application deadline.

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.

Note:

For the PhD programme in “Law and Security”, the written test will be conducted in person at the Department of Law, located in Foggia – Largo Giovanni Paolo II no. 1, according to the procedures specified in Annex C of the Call.

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 each 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 courses and/or the research project submitted, where required.

Art. 8**Formation of the Ranking List**

1. Upon completion of the admission examinations, each Selection Committee shall draw up the general merit ranking list for the relevant PhD Programme or, where provided for in the Programme Information Annex, separate merit ranking lists for each curriculum selected by the candidates or for each specific restricted research topic, on the basis of the aggregate score obtained by each candidate in the individual assessment components.

2. Candidates are admitted to the PhD Courses in ranking order, up to the number of available positions for each Course, or, where applicable, for each curriculum or restricted thematic area.

3. Scholarships reserved for students holding degrees obtained abroad will be assigned within each course according to the merit ranking among candidates with foreign degrees who are deemed eligible at the end of the competition.

4. Winners may accept only the type of scholarship assigned to them; refusal will result in loss of admission to the 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, or where applicable, the ranking lists of eligible candidates by specific curriculum or by single restricted topic, will be published on the webpage <https://www.unifg.it/en/study/post-lauream/phd-programmes/42th-cycle>, posted on the University's online notice board, and viewable in the personal Esse3 page. This 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 decrees containing the final rankings will be drawn up and made available on the University Portal.

Art. 10 Scholarships

1. Scholarships have an annual duration and are renewed on the condition that the doctoral candidate has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year, verified according to procedures established by the Board of Professors.

2. The annual amount of the scholarship, determined pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 247/2022, is €16.243,00 gross per year, subject to social security contributions payable by the recipient and subject to the INPS separate management social security contribution. The amount of the PhD scholarships funded under the Horizon Europe 2021–2027 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks Programme – BIO-MICRO Project, awarded within the PhD Programme in Innovative Sciences and Technologies for Health and Active Ageing (Annex G), is determined in accordance with the applicable European salary table and includes the following allowances: Living Allowance (salary), Mobility Allowance, and Family Allowance (payable only to eligible doctoral candidates with family obligations, in accordance with the MSCA rules). This amount is all-inclusive and also covers the research budget and the additional funding for research periods spent abroad.

3. To promote research activity abroad by doctoral candidates with scholarships, an increase of 50% of the scholarship amount is granted for a total period not exceeding twelve months for research activities abroad authorized by the Board of Professors. For doctoral candidates without scholarships, an additional budget equal to 50% of the scholarship amount is provided, proportional to a research period abroad of up to 12 months. This period may be extended up to a maximum total of eighteen months for joint supervision doctoral programs (co-tutelle) with foreign institutions or activated according to regulatory provisions concerning course accreditation by universities.

4. The scholarship is granted only to those whose personal taxable income does not exceed €16.243,00 annually. This requirement is verified annually. If it ceases to be met when moving from one academic year to the next, the doctoral candidate is not required to return the scholarship already received. However, if this requirement ceases to be met during the academic year, the candidate must return the installments already received for that academic year.

5. Those who have already partially or fully benefited from a scholarship for attendance at another doctoral course (at the University of Foggia or another doctoral institution) cannot benefit from this scholarship.

6. All candidates are admitted to the course conditionally, pending verification of self-certified declarations pursuant to D.P.R. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

7. Scholarships are paid monthly in arrears (payment is made no earlier than the twenty-fifth day of the month).

Art. 11 Enrollment

1. The procedures and deadlines for enrollment will be communicated through a specific Notice published on the Official Online Register (Albo Ufficiale) of the University of Foggia, which will have the value of an official notification, as well as on the University website, www.unifg.it, in the section dedicated to Doctoral Programs <https://www.unifg.it/en/study/post-lauream/phd-programmes/42th-cycle>.

2. Candidates admitted to the Doctoral Program must:

- complete the online enrollment on the Esse3 platform using the same login credentials used for the application to the competition;
- make the required payments through Pago PA and submit to the Doctoral Office (ufficiodottorato@unifg.it), under penalty of forfeiture and within the strict deadline indicated at the time of the publication of the ranking on the University Telecommunication Notice Board (Albo Telematico di Ateneo), the enrollment application for the Doctoral Program.

3. Enrolled doctoral candidates will have access, through U-Gov credentials provided by the University, to the University Research Catalog (IRIS), a platform for managing publications and research outputs.

Art. 12 Fees and Contributions

1. Pursuant to the University Regulations on Fees and Contributions and subsequent amendments, all doctoral candidates are required to pay the enrollment fee consisting of a stamp duty of €16.00 and the A.Di.S.U. fee, which is determined according to the income of their family unit (**ISEE model for university services – ISEEU type**), as detailed below:

REGIONAL TAX	ISEEU
€ 144,00	from € 0 to € 26.000
€ 168,00	from € 26.001 to € 52.000
€ 192,00	over € 52.000

The amounts may vary according to what is established in the A.Di.S.U. Puglia Benefits and Services announcement for the academic year 2026/2027.

If a student is enrolled simultaneously in two degree programs, both belonging to universities in the Puglia Region, they are required to pay a single regional fee for the right to study, equal to the amount corresponding to their income bracket.

2. The annual contribution for access and attendance to Doctoral Research Courses, for those who receive a scholarship, is € 300,00, in addition to the regional registration fee mentioned above. The amount due is divided into two installments:

- a) 1st installment, to be paid at the time of enrollment (€ 150,00);
- b) 2nd installment, to be paid by January 31 (€ 150,00).

3. As established by the University Fees and Contributions Regulations under the section "Enrollment in the PhD Program," doctoral students who are not scholarship recipients are exempt from paying the annual tuition fee, except for those who receive income from self-employment or employment with a gross annual amount exceeding €15.000,00. For these students, the contribution is determined according to the following table:

GROSS ANNUAL INCOME (R) FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT OR EMPLOYEE WORK OF THE PHD STUDENT WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT DUE
€ 15.000,00 < R ≤ € 18.000,00	€ 300,00
€ 18.000,00 < R ≤ € 23.000,00	€ 400,00
€ 23.000,00 < R ≤ € 30.000,00	€ 500,00
€ 30.000,00 < R ≤ € 40.000,00	€ 600,00
€ 40.000,00 < R ≤ € 50.000,00	€ 700,00
R > € 50.000,00	€ 800,00

It is specified that:

- Doctoral students who obtained their degree abroad are exempt from paying the annual fee and are only required to pay the stamp duty and the Regional enrollment fee;
- Doctoral students with a disability equal to or greater than 66% are required to pay only the stamp duty of €16.00;
- Doctoral students with a disability between 45% and 65% are entitled to a 50% reduction in the annual fee and are required to pay the stamp duty and the Regional fee.

4. As established by Ministerial Decree No. 930/2022, simultaneous enrollment in a PhD program and in an academic diploma program, advanced training course, master's program, or specialization course is permitted. Concurrent enrollment in AFAM (Higher Artistic and Musical Education) institutions is also allowed.

Art. 13

PhD and Medical Specialization Schools

Simultaneous enrollment in a PhD program and a Medical Specialization School, and the resulting reduction of the PhD program duration to a minimum of two years, may take place in accordance with the following general criteria:

- Compatibility—also considering the distance between the institutions—of the activities and commitments required by the specialization school and the PhD program, certified by the council of the medical specialization school and by the PhD Academic Board;
- Incompatibility between the PhD scholarship and any remuneration, by whatever name called, received in connection with the activities of the medical specialization school.

Art. 14

Personal Data Processing

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: rdp@cert.unifg.it or via regular email at: dpo@unifg.it.

Art. 15**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. 16**Final Provisions**

This call for applications, also issued in Italian, will be made public through its publication on the Online Official Notice Board of the University of Foggia, on the website <https://www.unifg.it/en/study/post-lauream/phd-programmes/42th-cycle> on the MUR website (bandi.miur.it), and on the European Union portal <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>.

A notice of publication of this call will also be sent to the Ministry of Justice for its publication in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic – IV Special Series “Competitions and Exams.”

This publication shall constitute official notification to all interested parties of the information contained therein; therefore, no further communications will be sent to the candidates.

The call is also published on the University website in the section “PhD Programs.”

Art. 17**Referral Clause**

For any matters not expressly covered by this Call for Applications and for all aspects regarding the functioning of the PhD Programs, reference shall be made to the applicable legislation and to the University Regulations.

The Rector
Prof. Lorenzo Lo Muzio