



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

UNIVERSITY OF TORINO

Call for Admission for PhD positions – XXXVI Cycle

Deadline: 4th June 2020 at 12.00 (noon, Central European Time)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ART. 1 PhD PROGRAMMES

The call for admission to PhD programmes of the University of Torino is open and the following PhD programmes are available:

Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences
Archaeological, Historical and Historical-Artistic Sciences
Arts and Humanities
Biological Sciences and Applied Biotechnologies
Biomedical Sciences and Oncology
Business and Management
Chemical and Material Sciences
Comparative Analysis of Institutions, Economics and Law
~~Complex Systems for Life Sciences~~ - **Complex Systems for Quantitative Biomedicine**¹
Computer Science
Earth Sciences
Economics "Vilfredo Pareto"
Experimental Medicine and Therapy
Global History of Empires
Innovation for the Circular Economy
Law and Institutions
Law, the Individual and the Market
Medical Physiopathology
Modeling and Data Science
Molecular Medicine
Neurosciences
Pharmaceutical and Biomolecular Sciences
PhD Technology Driven Sciences: Technologies for Cultural Heritage (Tech4Culture)
Physics
Psychological, Anthropological and Educational Sciences
Social and Political Change
Veterinary Sciences for Food and Animal Safety

According to the Italian Regulation DM 45/2013, PhD programmes will be activated upon Ministerial accreditation. Successful applicants will be enrolled conditionally to the Ministerial accreditation.

ART. 2 PhD POSITIONS

Available positions are:

¹ Due to a clerical error, the Phd Programme title has been updated on 24th April 2020.



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- Positions with scholarships, including positions with fellowships bound to specific research topics;
- Positions with scholarships funded by INPS – *Istituto Nazionale delle Previdenza Sociale* (National Social Welfare Institution);
- Positions without scholarships;
- Positions with apprenticeship contract;
- Positions reserved to students with international qualifications;
- Positions reserved to students selected within specific international mobility programmes or within specific agreements in which the University of Torino is involved;
- Positions reserved to students who are recipients of scholarships granted by foreign institutions;
- Positions reserved to company employees;
- Positions covered by research grant (*assegno di ricerca*).

Number and types of available positions, entry requirements, selection and evaluation procedures, and admission criteria are defined in the PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) available for each PhD Programme and integral part of the Call for Admission.

The list of research topics is available at University websites: [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) (In Italian) and [PhD programmes](#) (in English).

This list and number of positions may be updated until the call deadline (**4th June 2020**). Updates will be published only on the University websites: [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) and [PhD programmes](#), under each PhD Programme.

Scholarships will be awarded according to the merit ranking list (Please check Art. 8).

Applicants who are already winners of positions announced within the framework of specific agreements of which the University of Torino is part of or applicants who have been successful after a competitive selection within the framework of international mobility programmes may enrol into the PhD Programme (provided that such positions are offered by the PhD Programme), upon approval of the PhD Programme Doctoral Board. In this case, applicants shall contact the University PhD Office at dottorati@unito.it.

Dates and venues of entrance examinations will be published only on University websites [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) and [PhD programmes](#) starting from **4th June 2020**. Applicants will not receive any personal communication. Any changes to dates or venues will be published only on the above-mentioned websites. Applicants will not receive any personal communication.

The results concerning all steps of the selection and evaluation procedures will be published on University websites [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) and [PhD programmes](#). Applicants will not receive any personal communication.

ART. 3 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants of any citizenship and age can participate to this Call for Admission, provided that they meet one of the following requirements:



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- A degree awarded by an Italian University prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99, i.e. *laurea vecchio ordinamento (L)*;
- A second level degree awarded by an Italian University (pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/99 and Ministerial Decree 270/04, i.e. *laurea magistrale (LM)* or *laurea specialistica (LS)*);
- A Master's degree level or other equivalent academic qualification of second cycle level awarded by an officially recognised foreign university and granting access to PhD studies.

Applicants whose degrees will be awarded after call deadline (**4th June 2020**) may apply under the condition that their qualification is obtained **within 31st October 2020**.

Applicants that are holders or are applying for international protection shall contact the PhD office (dottorati@unito.it) that will start a dedicated assessment procedure.

Furthermore, only with respect to positions with scholarships funded by I.N.P.S. (*Istituto Nazionale per la Previdenza Sociale*) bounded to specific research projects for 36th PhD cycle (academic year 2020/2021), applicants must meet additional requirements, as provided by the announcement published on the I.N.P.S. website, which includes the following conditions:

to be the son/daughter or orphan of employee or retiree registered to *Gestione Unitaria delle prestazioni creditizie e sociali o di pensionato utente della Gestione Dipendenti Pubblici*.

Please, view the announcement published on the website of I.N.P.S. for further details. Any information concerning the announcement of I.N.P.S. may be asked to *Direzione Regionale Piemonte* via e-mail: CreditoWelfare.Piemonte@inps.it.

ART. 4 INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be considered eligible to apply within this call for PhD admission, higher education degrees awarded by non-Italian universities must be assessed equivalent to an Italian second level degree (Art.3, 1 and 2). The Examining Board (Art. 7) will carry out a comparative assessment of qualifications to award, for the sole purpose of admission to this selection process, the recognition of eligibility of international qualifications.

Applicants must therefore upload within the online application procedure the following documents:

1. **First and second cycle degree diplomas - Bachelor's and Master's Degree level** according to the Bologna Process that allow admission to PhD level/3rd cycle studies in the home country, awarded by a recognized academic Institution, with final mark;
2. **Transcripts of records of both first and second cycle Degree with complete grading;**
3. **Any other document useful for the recognition of eligibility** (such as the Diploma Supplement or alternatively *Dichiarazione di valore in loco* issued by the University or the Italian embassy/consulate in the country where the degree was issued, respectively);

Whenever those official documents are in a language other than Italian, English or French, a complete Italian or English translation and certified as true copies by either the issuing institution or the Italian embassy/consulate must be provided and uploaded within the platform.

Failure to provide the documents listed in points 1) and 2) will result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.



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Applicants who obtained a recognition of eligibility issued by an Italian University to enter PhD studies must submit in their applications the official declaration together with documents listed in points 1) and 2).

Recognition results of eligibility will not be communicated to the applicants. Results will be published exclusively on the following University website [PhD programmes](#).

ART. 5 APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

Applicants can submit only one application for each PhD programme.

Applications must be submitted **only through the online platform**, accessible through the following pages: [Iscrizione al concorso](#) and [How to apply to PhD Programmes](#). Applications received by email will not be taken into consideration.

Applicants must register on PICA (*Piattaforma Integrata Concorsi di Ateneo*) platform first, then choose the application language (Italian or English), and then the PhD Programme within which they wish to apply. Detailed guidelines about how to register within the platform and how to upload the application form and requested documents are available at [How to apply to PhD Programmes](#).

PhD Programmes may offer positions “reserved to applicants with international qualifications” and positions “reserved to students who are beneficiaries of scholarships granted by foreign institutions”. This information is provided in each PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1). During the online application procedure, applicants who intend to compete for these positions must select the PhD programme labelled “POSITIONS RESERVED – INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS”. Whenever a PhD programme offers both reserved and non-reserved positions, applicants must **choose amongst one of the two**.

Applicants with a disability can apply for specific request about individualised entrance examination. Upon request, applicants with specific learning disorder can benefit from a 30% additional time as regards written examinations, where applicable. This request must be submitted following information available in the online application procedure.

Applications must be submitted within 4th June 2020 at 12.00 (noon) Central European local time.

Applicants are kindly invited to submit their application well in advance before the deadline. Applicants are responsible for verifying the correct completion of the online procedure. Complaints pertaining to any system malfunctioning due to website traffic overload close to deadline will not be accepted.

Only degrees and qualifications already hold by the deadline of the present Call for Admission will be assessed (except for applicants admitted under condition to attain their Master’s Degree before 31st October 2020).

Applicants applying under condition to attain their **Italian Master’s Degree** must upload a self-certification including transcripts of records with grades, weighted average and credits related to their Master’s Degree and their Bachelor Degree.



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Applicants applying under condition to obtain their **international qualification of Master's Degree or equivalent must upload the documentation as indicated in Art. 4**, with the exception of their Master's Degree.

If applicants are holders of Binational Second Level Degree, they should choose amongst one of the two degrees in case of double degrees or they can participate with the joint degree.

Qualifications and documents required by the chosen PhD program must be uploaded within the application. If there is an application for more than one PhD Programme, each application must be accompanied by the relevant qualifications and documents. All documents must be uploaded in PDF format file.

Once completed, the application must be signed and reloaded in the procedure following the instructions described in the online procedure. **The lack of signature and / or of the identity document are grounds for exclusion from the selection.**

In order to submit the application, the candidate must pay the application fee (Art. 6) according to the procedures provided for by the online procedure. At the end, the application will be registered into the system, this registration will correspond to the submission.

After submitting the application, the candidate may, in cases where it is envisaged, request letters of reference by filling in the appropriate section. The candidate can request the letters of reference within the same deadline for submitting the application (**4th June 2020 at 12.00 Italian time**). The referee will be automatically notified by the system and must personally fill in the reference letter form present in the online procedure and send it by the deadline of **4th June 11.59 p.m. (Italian time)**. Letters of reference attached by the candidate will not be considered.

Applicants who already hold a PhD degree are eligible but only for a position without scholarships/financial support.

ART. 6 APPLICATION FEE

The application fee is **€ 50.00** for each application submitted. This payment is compulsory for each application submitted.

Payment must be made before submitting the application.

The fee paid for participation in the selection will not be refundable under any circumstances.

Applicants participating into the Call for admission to PhD programmes with international qualifications are exempt from paying the application fee.

ART. 7 EXAMINING BOARD

Examining Boards are composed according to the University Regulations about PhD programmes. Board composition will be published on University websites after Call closure at the following web pages: [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) and [PhD programmes](#). Examining Boards, one for each PhD Programme, are responsible for the whole selection and evaluation procedure, from the eligibility step of international qualifications assessment to the interview and the finalizing of ranking list.



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ART. 8 SELECTION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE, RANKING LISTS

The entrance exam, aimed at assessing applicant's attitude to scientific research, will be carried out according to the criteria outlined in PhD Programme Information Sheet (Annex 1). Criteria may include the assessment of qualifications, CV, research proposal and interview. Scores awarded for each criterion or step and threshold scores to pass to the next step of the selection are listed in each PhD Programme Information Sheet. The Examination Board will rank each application using 100 points.

Assessment results for PhD Programmes whose selection involves a minimum threshold to access to the next step will be published on the following websites.

During the interview, the Examining Board will evaluate the specific competences, experiences and aptitudes of the applicant and assign the eligibility or not of the position requested.

During entrance examination, the Examining Board may test foreign language skills specified by the applicant in the application form or requested by the PhD Programme Information Sheet. Interviews may be conducted online. In this case, applicants should send a request via email to the Examining Board no later than 5 days before the interview takes place.

If the PhD programme Information Sheet (Annex 1) provides scholarships bound to specific research projects or topics, the Examining Board may express an assessment of eligibility for the assignment of those scholarships bound to specific research projects/themes, by considering the specific skills, and experiences of applicants.

The **final merit ranking lists** of successful applicants will be published on following websites [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) and [PhD programmes](#) starting from **21st July 2020**.

This publication is the sole official communication. Applicants will not receive any personal communication concerning results or lists of successful applicants.

Applicants who are successful in more than one selection have to choose only one PhD position.

Applicants will be admitted to PhD Programmes according to the **final ranking list** of successful applicants and according to available positions of the PhD programme, by considering information provided in PhD Programme Information Sheet with regard to positions reserved and positions with scholarships bound to a research topic.

Should successful applicants withdraw, their positions shall be assigned to qualified applicants according to the order of the final merit ranking list, except as provided for positions reserved and positions with scholarships bound to research topics and positions with scholarships funded by I.N.P.S.

If applicants have obtained the same score in the ranking list, scholarships will be awarded according their respective financial situations, pursuant to the Italian Regulation D.P.C.M. 9/04/2001. Positions without scholarship will be assigned to the youngest applicant, pursuant to the Italian Regulation Article 3 of Law N. 127 dated 15/05/1997.

ART. 9 ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION



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Successful applicants holding international qualifications must confirm their enrolment into the PhD programme through the same on-line procedure used for submitting the applications **within 30 days from the publication of final merit ranking list.**

Missing the deadline will result in exclusion from the PhD programme.

For the enrolment procedure, successful applicants must confirm their enrolment through the online platform at this [page](#) and upload in the same platform the following documentation:

1. Enrolment form [FORM A](#)
2. Bank account details [FORM B](#)
3. Declaration about job activities [FORM C](#)
4. Copy of Italian Tax Code (*Codice Fiscale*);
5. Original or certified copies of Bachelor's and Master's Degree;²
6. Original or certified copies of Bachelor's and Master's transcripts;
7. Original or certified copies of the "*Dichiarazione di valore in loco*" or Diploma Supplement (as per Art. 3, point 3).

Within 30 days from the publication of final merit ranking list, successful applicants must also **pay the tuition fees for enrolment to the PhD Programmes** as set out in the [University Regulation of Taxes and Contribution](#).

Applicants who applied under condition of obtaining their Master Degree or equivalent second cycle degree must communicate the date of the award of their **qualification within 31 October 2020 by sending Annex 3** to the PhD Office by email (dottorati@unito.it).

International applicants are requested to set a meeting with the PhD Office (dottorati@unito.it) in order to complete their enrolment and hand in the original documents specified under points 5, 6 and 7. **Only after the meeting, enrolment will be considered as completed.**

Successful applicants who do not provide the documentation within the terms and conditions set in this article lose the right to enrol in the PhD Programme.

ART. 10 ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR APPLICANTS HOLDING ITALIAN QUALIFICATION

Successful applicants holding Italian qualifications must confirm their enrolment into the PhD programme through the same on-line procedure used for submitting the applications **within 30 days from the publication of final merit ranking list.**

Missing the deadline will result in exclusion from the PhD programme.

² If documents requested under points 7 and 8 are in a language other than Italian, English or French, a complete Italian or English translation and certified as true copies by either the issuing institution or the Italian embassy/consulate must be provided and uploaded within the platform.



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For the enrolment procedure, successful applicants must confirm their enrolment through the online platform available at this [page](#) and upload in the same platform the following documentation:

1. **Enrolment form** [FORM A](#)
2. **Bank account details** [FORM B](#)
3. **Declaration about job activities** [FORM C](#)
4. Copy of Italian Tax Code (*Codice Fiscale*);

Within 30 days from the publication of final merit ranking list, successful applicants must also pay the tuition fees for enrolment to the PhD Programmes as set out in the [University Regulation of Taxes and Contribution](#).

Applicants who applied under condition of obtaining their Master Degree or equivalent second cycle degree within 31st October 2020 must communicate the date of the award of their **qualification within 31st October 2020 by sending Annex 3** to the PhD Office by email (dottorati@unito.it).

Successful applicants who do not provide the documentation within the terms and conditions set in this article lose the right to enrol in the PhD Programme.

ART. 11 SCHOLARSHIPS: GENERAL CONDITIONS

Available scholarships will be assigned by the Doctoral Board of PhD Programme. Scholarships funded by academic or non-academic bodies may be bound to specific research topics.

According to criteria laid down by I.N.P.S. announcement, scholarships funded by I.N.P.S. are awarded by I.N.P.S. on the basis of a specific ranking list. The ranking list will be published on the I.N.P.S. website only after the University of Torino submits the list of enrolled PhD candidates to the PhD Programme, within 30 days from the begin of the Programme.

Annual amount of the PhD scholarship is € 17.500 (gross amount). This sum is subject to separate I.N.P.S. welfare contributions (*gestione separata*). The annual amount of the PhD scholarship may be different according to the funding body, please, check Annex 1.

The scholarship is confirmed on a yearly basis, provided that the PhD student has completed the required programme activities during the year and that the Doctoral Board admits them to the successive PhD year.

The scholarship is paid monthly, in arrears. The amount of the scholarship is increased for any research period spent abroad by 50%. This period must not exceed half of the duration of the PhD course. Scholarships funded by an external body and those that do not provide such benefits may not be eligible for this increase.

Applicants with scholarships funded by external bodies must become acquainted with the specific conditions applicable to their scholarship as set out in the agreement with the funding body. As regards scholarships funded by I.N.P.S., applicants must comply with the conditions set out in the I.N.P.S. announcement published on the website of the I.N.P.S.



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PhD Scholarships cannot be combined with any other kind of scholarship, except for those awarded by national and international institutions to support PhD students' training periods abroad.

PhD Scholarships cannot be combined with a research fellowship (*assegno di ricerca*).

Individuals who have benefitted from a previous PhD scholarship (entirely or in part) cannot be awarded a second PhD scholarship, unless the amount received for the previous scholarship has been returned. Scholarships are not compatible with specialist training contracts, in accordance with Legislative Decree N. 368 dated August 17th 1999 and with apprenticeship contracts in accordance with Legislative Decree N. 167/2011 Article 5.

ART. 12 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENT

Admission to PhD programmes obliges PhD students to full time attendance of the PhD programme. PhD students must regularly attend courses and carry out all research and study activities assigned to them by the relevant Department of the University, according to the procedures set out by the Doctoral Board of the PhD programme.

PhD students may carry out tutorial activities for undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as supplementary teaching activities as part of their training project; these activities are not eligible for an increase of scholarship. All activities must be previously authorised by the Doctoral Board for a maximum of forty hours per academic year. The limit is not applicable after the third year of the PhD Programme.

PhD students in medicine may participate in clinical assistance activities.

Regarding attendance of PhD courses and achievement of the PhD qualification, the University Regulations on PhD Schools and PhD programmes of the University of Torino shall apply.

ART. 13 INCOMPATIBILITY

Enrolment in a PhD Programme is incompatible with enrolment in other undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, Italian University master courses, other PhD Programmes and specialised courses organised by private institutions pursuant to art. 17, paragraph 96, Law 127/1997.

Applicants registered in any of the above-mentioned courses must comply with the PhD enrolment requirements within 15 days from enrolment, under penalty of exclusion from PhD programme.

The relevant incompatibility rules are set out in articles 29 and 30 of the University Regulations on PhD Schools and Programmes of the University of Torino.

ART. 14 CODE OF ETHICS

PhD students must comply with the [Code of Ethics](#) of the University Community issued by the University of Torino.

ART. 15 COLLECTING QUALIFICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

In the case of withdrawal or exclusion from the PhD programme, applicants can collect any original copy of their qualifications and/or publications they may have submitted when enrolling. The University will not cover the cost of this service.

ART. 16 PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA AND RIGHT OF ACCESS

Personal data provided by the candidates will be processed, pursuant to the EU Regulation n. 679 of 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR), for the execution of tasks outlined in this Call. The complete information regarding the data processing method is available at [University Pplicity Data](#).



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ART. 17 REFERENCE TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORINO

For all other terms and regulations not expressly set out in this Call, the University Regulations on PhD Schools and programmes of the University of Torino shall apply.

The English translation of the Call for Admission is not binding for legal purposes. In the event of dispute or disagreements, the Italian version of the Call prevails.