



UNIVERSITÀ DI NAPOLI
L'ORIENTALE

Teaching and Research Services
PhD and Research Contracts Office

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

PHD PLACES AND SCHOLARSHIPS 2025/2026 (41st CYCLE)

1 Announcement Call

University of Naples "L'Orientale", 2025/2026, public competition for admission to research doctorate courses, as reported respectively in Annexes "A", "B", "C".

- A. Asia Africa and the Mediterranean - 7 places, 6 scholarships**
- B. International Studies - 8 places, 6 scholarships**
- C. Linguistic and Comparative Literary Studies - 8 places, 7 scholarships**

The annual amount of the scholarship is €16 243 gross. 16 scholarships will be funded by the university and 3 scholarships by the Department of Excellence of the Department Asia, Africa and Mediterraneo.

2 Admission requirements

Minimum admission requirements

- A recognised master's degree¹ obtained on or before 31 October 2025.

Please note

- Research grant holders can participate in this call for their grant scientific-disciplinary area.
- Existing PhD students cannot apply.
- Existing PhD scholarship holders can only apply for non-scholarship places.
- PhD degree holders can only apply for non-scholarship places.

Application Deadline: Thirtieth day following the publication of this decree on the Official University Register.

¹ The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Committee referred to in section 5 below, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the title was issued and the international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

3 Online Application

3.1 Application is exclusively by online procedure (below).

Prior to this deadline a non-refundable administrative fee of 30 Euro is required by bank transfer - **IBAN: IT93E0306903496100000046047** University of Naples "L'Orientale" - Centro Tesoriere Enti Pubblici, Via Forno Vecchio, 36, Napoli, ITALY

State payment reason "*Contribution for call for admission to the PhD in Cycle 41.*"

Each candidate must attach to the application form:

- Research project (signed) on a relevant topic to the specific Doctorate.
- Receipt of payment of the contribution for administrative fee € 30.00.
- Detailed academic curriculum (signed).
- Letter of presentation from a professor outside the Doctoral Board (if required, see annexes A, B and C).
- Photocopy of the front and back of a valid identity document (signed) & Tax Code
- Any publications (max 10) or list of the same.
- Self-certification of knowledge of one or more foreign languages to be specified.
- Self-certification of being/not being an employee of the Public Administration.

A separate payment is applicable for each, and every application submitted **Euro 30.00**.

Applicants must consent to the processing of personal data pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Candidates are admitted to the competition subject to verification that all requirements are fulfilled. ²

3.2 Registration Procedure

To proceed with the compilation of the application for admission, it is necessary to register at the following link: <https://iuo.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do>; then proceed to fill in the application by following the procedure described below:

- Log in;
- Select "Admission Competitions" > Registration for the PhD competition (choose the course you are interested in);
- Declare any invalidity; L. 104/92; SLD and make any request for aid;
- View the announcement and attachments;
- Confirm and continue;
- Select the qualification held;
- Insert attachments;
- Confirm;
- View the summary and print the application and payment receipt.

The copy of the application **must not be sent** to the PhD and Research Contracts Office.

² The declarations made pursuant to articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 can be used by Italian and European Union citizens; For non-EU citizens, the provisions of Article 3 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 apply, which allow the use of self-declarations, referred to in Articles. 46 and 47 of the same Presidential Decree 445/2000, in cases where they are citizens legally residing in Italy and, limited to states, personal qualities and facts that can be certified or attested by Italian public bodies, or - provided they are authorised to stay in the territory of the State - they can use the above self-declarations in cases where the production of the same takes place in application of international conventions between Italy and the country of origin of the declarant.

Finally, apart from the cases mentioned above, the states, personal qualities and facts must be documented by means of certificates or attestations issued by the competent authority of the foreign State, accompanied by a translation into Italian authenticated by the Italian Consular Authority certifying their conformity to the original, after having warned the interested party about the criminal consequences of the production of untrue acts or documents.

3.3 Services for People with Disabilities

Persons with a recognized disability or with a certificate of disability, who require special aids, must make a specific request stating the type of support needed. Requests must be received by the deadline of this call for applications and must be accompanied by appropriate government health or social security certification.

People diagnosed with a Specific Learning Disorder (SLD) who require special aids in relation to the application procedure and tests, must make a specific request stating the type of support needed. Requests must be received by the deadline of this call for applications and must be accompanied by appropriate government health or social security certification.

Those who reside in foreign countries with a recognized disability or with a diagnosis of SLD and wish to take advantage of the measures referred to in the previous paragraphs, must present the legalized certification – where required by the international regulations in force – attesting to the state of disability, disability or SLD issued in the country of residence, as well as accompanied by a sworn translation carried out by an official translator, or certified by diplomatic representations, in accordance with the original text, in Italian or English.

4 Assessment Procedure

4.1 Evaluation of each candidate application is based on 100 points divided as follows:

- curriculum (max 20 points),
- research project and congruence with chosen Doctorate (max 40 points),
- oral exam interview (max 40 points).

The oral exam interview is aimed at ascertaining the candidate's preparation, aptitude for scientific research and knowledge of one or more foreign languages.

Candidates with a curriculum and project minimum score of 45/60 are admitted to the oral exam interview phase. The oral exam is passed with a minimum score of 25/40.

Committees are composed of three or five members, of which at least two are tenured professors with up to two internal or external experts from research institutions. The committee assesses the curriculums and research projects at the initial stage and at the end of each session, the committee draws up the list of candidate marks.

The Committee must conclude its work **within thirty (30) days** from the date of posting on the Official Notice Board of the Rector's decree of appointment.

4.2 Interviews

We seek to conduct PhD assessment interviews in person. Candidates unable to attend an interview due to distance or other extenuating circumstances must communicate this on their application form to request approval to interview remotely (Teams, Zoom).

The institutional venue in which to carry out the interview (Embassies, Cultural Institutes, Universities, etc.).

1. The address to which to connect.
2. The name of the guarantor belonging to the chosen institution who verifies the candidate's identity.
3. The time of the interview, to be agreed with the commission referred to in section 5.

The interview diary, indicating the place, day and time, will be published on the University website at least 15 days before the date set for the test itself.

This communication has the legal value of notification for all legal purposes. Failure to attend the interview will be considered as withdrawal from the competition, whatever the cause.

At interview, candidates must present valid identification documents, either an Identity Card or Passport.

4.3 Merit ranking

Each committee prepares the merit ranking since the comparative evaluation of the candidates. In the event of a tie, the ranking will take into consideration the economic situation of the candidate from the last tax return that is requested as part of the application.

Successful candidates must express their acceptance **within ten (10) days** of the publication of the merit ranking list in the Official University Register.

5 Admission to courses

Candidates will be admitted to PhD courses based on assessment ranking and on the number of available places. In case of a successful placement in several rankings, the candidate must select a single PhD course. There is a deadline for candidates to give their written acceptance.

6 - Enrolment in courses

Successful candidates must send the following documentation on plain paper to the PhD and Research Contracts Office of the University of Naples L'Orientale, to the following addresses: dottrici@unior.it, ateneo@pec.it, within the **peremptory term of ten (10) days** from the publication of the merit ranking list in the official University Register, the following documentation on plain paper:

- Application for enrolment in the first year of the course.
- Photocopy of the front and back of an identity document.
- Photocopy of the front and back of an official Health Card.
- 2 revenue stamps (marche da bollo) of € 16.

Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.

Candidates admitted to the PhD programme in possession of a foreign qualification must produce the additional documentation.³

³ **Candidates admitted to the PhD programme in possession of a foreign qualification**, for the purposes of enrolment, must produce the following additional documentation:

a. certificate of the qualification authenticated by Apostille, or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country to whose system the qualification refers;

b. certificate of examinations and related marks (transcript) of the qualification, in the original language, authenticated by Apostille, or, if the country is not a member of the Hague Convention, legalized by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country to whose system the qualification refers;

c. official translation into Italian of the above-mentioned certificates referred to in letters a) and b) of this paragraph, if the aforementioned are not already issued in Italian or English. Both documents must be legalized (or with an Apostille).

(Apostille: <https://www.hech.net/en/instruments/conventions/specialised-sections/apostille>;

legalization: [Legalization of documents – Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale](#))

d. certificate of comparability of the qualification, issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC center (CIMEA):

or:

• Declaration of Value on Site issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country to which the qualification refers, or Diploma Supplement issued by the competent institution (if it complies with the European model developed on the initiative of the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO), legalized (or with Apostille).

In addition to the aforementioned documentation, for the purposes of registration, the following must also be produced:

1. passport or, for EU citizens, a valid identity card;
2. visa for "post-graduate study", issued by the Diplomatic Representation – Embassy or Consulate – (only for non-EU citizens who require an entry visa to Italy for long-term stays for the purpose of enrolment in higher education institutions);
3. tax code issued by the Revenue Agency;
4. receipt of the request for the issuance of a residence permit for study purposes (only for citizens of non-EU countries in possession of a visa for "post-graduate study");
5. valid residence permit, if expired also receipt of submission of the renewal request (only for citizens of non-EU countries legally residing in Italy).

7 - Scholarships and research grants

Scholarships are granted **exclusively** to those who do not have a gross annual personal income exceeding **Euro 15 000, plus the amount of the scholarship**. The gross annual amount of the scholarship is €16 243 gross of social security charges payable by the recipient

The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% proportionally in relation to any periods of stay abroad. The duration of any PhD activity at structures that do not coincide with the administrative headquarters or with any affiliated offices must not exceed half of the total duration of the PhD course.

Authorization to go to Italian or foreign facilities not affiliated offices of the PhD for continuous periods of more than six months (or continuous extension of an initially shorter period) must be decided by the Teaching Board. For periods within six months the authorization may be granted directly by the coordinator.

The grant is paid in deferred monthly instalments. Scholarship awardees cannot apply for a second time. In case of suspension from the course lasting more than 30 days or exclusion from the course, the scholarship will not be paid.

The scholarship for the following academic year is confirmed after successful assessment of the research activity by the Teaching Board and in line with the requirements of Section 2 of this Announcement. From the second year, each PhD student is assured within the financial resources existing in the budget, a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad of an amount not less than 10% of the amount of the scholarship.

8 Fee for access and attendance

An annual local income tax may be payable by PhD students via the Online Services Esse3. Payments are non-refundable.

9 Obligations and rights of doctoral students

Admission to the Doctorate requires an exclusive, full-time commitment. All PhD students are obliged to attend the Doctorate for the entire duration of the course and obtain credits (as reported respectively in Annexes A, B and C integral parts of this decree) and fulfil the teaching obligations provided by the Board year by year.

Attendance at the PhD course may be suspended for a maximum period of six months in the following cases, subject to a resolution by the Board of Professors and with consequent interruption of the scholarship:

- maternity.
- military service or civil service.
- serious and documented illness.
- serious and documented personal reasons that, in the opinion of the Board of Professors, are hindering the normal conduct of the training and research activities of the doctoral student.
- attendance of courses provided by the MUR for Training and access to teaching.

N.B. Candidates admitted to the PhD programme who require a visa for "postgraduate study" must access the UNIVERSITALY portal and fill in the "pre-enrolment application". This application, after verification of competence, must be validated by the University and, subsequently, must be submitted by the candidate to the diplomatic-consular representation of the place of residence. The aforementioned validation by the Offices does not in any case confer any right to obtain a Visa or the consequent Residence Permit, as the issuance of such documents is the exclusive responsibility, respectively, of the individual diplomatic-consular Representations and the Ministry of the Interior.

For all those who intend to enrol, a copy of the opening of the separately managed INPS position must be attached to the application, and the bank details must also be indicated for the purposes of crediting the scholarship.

For the purposes of enrolment, all candidates admitted to the PhD programme are required to pay the stamp duty of € 16.00 and the regional tax calculated on the basis of the ISEE ([Regional Tax for the Right to Education | Adisu Rc](#)).

The PhD student is forbidden to simultaneously enrol in another Doctorate, in Degree and Diploma courses, in Specialization Schools and in I and II level Masters.⁴

At the end of each year, the PhD student is required to submit a detailed report on the training and research activities carried out to the Teaching Board which, in case of positive feedback, authorises the transition to the following year and the simultaneous disbursement of the scholarship, to those entitled. Any negative evaluation by the Board of Professors entails the forfeiture of the Doctorate with loss of the scholarship, where granted. The renunciation of the Doctorate or the forfeiture of it entails the automatic loss of the scholarship and the return of the funds already received, in relation to the current year.

In the third year, the PhD student must submit to the Board of Professors the report on the activity carried out and the doctoral thesis by 31 October. Otherwise, will have to return the scholarship funds of the third year.

In addition, in the case of prolonged and unjustified absences the PhD student may forfeit their place and funds by decision of the Board of Professors.

In the Board of Professors of each Doctoral cycle, the presence of a PhD student elected from among the PhD students enrolled in the Doctorate is ensured for the treatment of didactic and organizational problems.

10 Obtaining the title

By the end of the third year of the course, all PhD students must present the PhD thesis to the Board of Professors, attaching a report on the activities carried out during the Doctorate and on any publications. The PhD thesis, accompanied by a summary, is written in Italian or English or in another language, subject to the authorisation of the Board of Professors.

The Board of Professors, within 30 days from the end of the third year of the course, sends the thesis and reports produced by the doctoral student, and a report by the tutor, to at least two highly qualified professors of foreign institutions, to act as external evaluators on the Doctoral degree. These evaluators provide a written opinion within 60 days of receipt of the thesis. They will propose either admission to public discussion or postponement for a period not exceeding six months if they consider necessary significant additions or corrections.

In the case of postponement, the thesis is admitted to public discussion, accompanied by a new evaluators written opinion delivered within 30 days of receipt the thesis with any corrections or additions made.

The title of Doctor of Research, "Dott.Ric" or "Ph.D." is conferred by the Rector, following the positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the field of investigation. The public discussion takes place before a committee proposed by the Board of.

⁴Simultaneous enrolment in PhD Courses and Specialisation Schools in the health area with access reserved for doctors is allowed, provided that the emoluments are not cumulative. Since the emoluments linked to the specialist training contract are indispensable pursuant to Legislative Decree 368/99, it is possible to renounce only the PhD scholarship.

Simultaneous enrolment in PhD Programmes and Specialisation Schools in the health area with access to non-doctors and other Specialisation Schools in the non-health area is allowed, provided that the fees are not accumulated. In this case, it is at the discretion of the candidate to choose which remuneration he or she waives.

PhDs will take care to publish the research thesis in the University's Open Archive and on the IRIS platform. Within 30 days of the discussion and approval of the thesis, the University deposits a copy of the thesis, in electronic format, in the ministerial database. Subject to the authorization of the Board of Professors, parts of the thesis may be made unavailable in relation to the use of data protected by industrial secrets and reproduction rights, pursuant to current legislation. The obligation to deposit the thesis at the national central libraries of Rome and Florence remains unchanged, subject to certification by the doctoral student of the absolute conformity of the digital copy with the final copy deposited.

11 Processing of Personal Data

The University undertakes to use the personal data provided by the candidate only for institutional purposes and for the completion of competition procedures in accordance with the provisions of the "*General Data Protection Regulation*" (EU Regulation no. 679/2016 of 27.04.2016) concerning the protection of persons and other subjects with regard to the processing of personal data.

12 Advertising

This call, together with the English version, is published on the University website, on the European Euraxess website and on the website of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR).

13 Reference Standards

For anything not covered by this call, please refer to the current legislation on the subject and to the University Regulations on the subject of the Research Doctorate.

14 Person in Charge of The Procedure

Pursuant to art. 5 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the procedure referred to in this announcement, who is not the responsibility of the selection committee, is Dr. Francesca Izzo, head of the PhD and Research Contracts Office, via Nuova Marina, 59 – 80133 Naples.

15 Final Rule

The assignment of the places put up for competition, as well as the awarding of scholarships are subject to accreditation by ANVUR and are subject to ministerial approval.

THE RECTOR
prof. Roberto Tottoli