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PhD Service

## Notice of Open Competition for Admission to PhD Program Related to the 29<sup>th</sup> Cycle Academic Year 2013/2014

D.R. No. 413

Teramo, 5 November 2013

### THE RECTOR

**CONSIDERING** the Italian Law dated 5 February 1992, No. 104 “Framework Law for assistance, social integration, and rights of disabled people”;

**CONSIDERING** the Italian Decree Law dated 30 June 2003, No. 196 “Code concerning the protection of personal data”;

**CONSIDERING** the Italian Ministerial Decree dated 3 November 1999, No. 509, “Regulations on the curricular autonomy of universities”

**CONSIDERING** the Italian Presidential Decree dated 28 December 2000, No. 445 “Consolidated laws and regulations on administrative documentation”;

**CONSIDERING** the Italian D.P.C.M. dated 9 April 2001 “Provisions for equal treatment regarding the right to higher education, in accordance with art. 4 of the Law dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1991, No. 390”;

**CONSIDERING** the Italian Ministerial Decree dated 8 February 2013 “Regulations laying down the procedures for the accreditation of offices and PhD Program and criteria for the establishment of PhD Program by accredited bodies”;

**CONSIDERING** the applicable Regulations of the University;

**CONSIDERING** the Regulation for accreditation for the establishment and operation of PhD Program at the University of Teramo issued with the D.R. No. 315 dated 15 July 2013;

**CONSIDERING** the Memorandum of Understanding P.O. ESF ABRUZZO 2007-2013 - Ob. CRO Operational Plan 2012 - 2013 - SPECIAL PROJECT “Higher Education (Al.Fo)” MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND IMPLEMENTATION REGULATION BETWEEN ABRUZZO REGION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF L'AQUILA, UNIVERSITY OF CHIETI-PESCARA, UNIVERSITY OF TERAMO signed on 12 July 2013;

**CONSIDERING** the resolution of the Academic Senate dated 16 July 2013 concerning the programming of PhD Program of the 29<sup>th</sup> cycle;

**HAVING ACQUIRED** the positive evaluation of the University NuVa, regarding the two PhD Programs in this call for proposals, as shown by the minutes dated 19 July 2013 and 16 September 2013;

**CONSIDERING** the resolution of the Board of Directors dated 23 July 2013 regarding the scheduling of PhD Program of the 29<sup>th</sup> cycle;

**CONSIDERING** the agreement between the University of Teramo and the Istituto Zooprofilattico Abruzzo and Molise "G. Corporale" regarding the PhD program in " Food Science ";

**CONSIDERING** the agreement between the University of Teramo and the Novartis Animal Health Spa regarding the PhD course in "veterinary medical sciences, public health and animal welfare";

**HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED** the start of the procedure of conclusion of the agreement between the University of Teramo and the Regione Abruzzo on the PhD program in "Multi-level governance: critical analysis of public action and its transformations";

## **ESTABLISHES**

### **Article 1**

#### *Activation*

The PhD Programs listed below are activated, for the academic year 2013/2014, in the context of the 29<sup>th</sup> cycle, with administrative offices at the University of Teramo. A public exam on qualifications and tests is called for admission to said PhD Programs.

#### PhD in "**Multi-level governance: a critical analysis of public action and its changes**"

Topics of the program	<p>The educational purpose of this doctoral programme is to train, from a disciplinary and methodological point of view, both institutional stakeholders (such as senior managers, executives in public and private sectors) able to enforce the actions of Public Administration in view of a reorganization which shall promote it as a driving and strategic resource of our country; as well as researchers, able to analyse institutional and governance processes linked to public action, even in their diachronic multi-dimension.</p> <p>Training public and institutional stakeholders in the specific context of our doctoral programme implies the ability of examining the legal and institutional aspects related to the necessary transformation of Italy – within the process of European integration, as well as in the intertwining between public action and economic activities and paying particular attention to the many (public, private, national, European and international) subjects involved.</p> <p>Therefore, this doctoral programme aims at providing the skills essential for coordinating resources and institutions; controlling the use of such resources; interacting with European and overseas markets; arranging suitable strategies of intervention and fund-raising (both public money</p>
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	and EU funds); supporting the building of an institutional background that fosters the internationalisation of SMEs.
Admission requirement	Laurea magistrale (qualsiasi), laurea V.O. o titolo equipollente.
Number of positions available	13 (di cui 3 riservati ai dipendenti della Regione Abruzzo - subordinati alla stipula della convenzione tra UniTe e Regione Abruzzo)
Number of positions covered by scholarship	5 (finanziati dall'Università degli Studi di Teramo - a valere sul protocollo d'intesa P.O. FSE ABRUZZO 2007-2013)
Program duration	3 anni
Official languages of the program	italiano
Scientific subject areas	L-LIN/12; M-GGR/02; IUS/10; IUS/13; IUS/20; IUS/21; SECS-P/02; SECS-S/03; SPS/01; SPS/02; SPS/03; SPS/05; SPS/06; SPS/07; SPS/09; SPS/11
Reference organisation	Facoltà di Scienze Politiche
Course coordinator	Prof. Paolo Savarese (psavarese@unite.it)
contacts	Prof. Andrea Ciccarelli (aciccarelli@unite.it) Dott.ssa Anna Di Giandomenico ( <a href="mailto:adigiandomenico@unite.it">adigiandomenico@unite.it</a> )

#### PhD in "Harmonization of Law Between History and Legal Systems"

Topics of the program	<p>The Ph.D. program in <i>Harmonization of Law Between History and Legal Systems</i> deals with the ways globalization translates into law. The program aims at addressing both general issues of relations among different legal systems (municipal, supranational, international) and the content of specific legal situations, in a historical and comparative perspective, which may be crucial to identify future trends. As the program subdivides into <b>four curricula</b> (private law, public law, international and comparative law, history and philosophy of law), it provides the larger context for students, who will also be able to carry out their research on specific topics. Within the <b>private law curriculum</b>, harmonization is of special interest in the areas of the law of markets and consumers; admiralty and law of transportation, especially concerning contracts of air and sea shipping; labor law, where new perspectives are reshaping traditional areas of labor market, safety at work and anti-discrimination; the program also addresses, harmonization within the context of corporate law, competition law and intellectual property law, with particular regard to the information society. The <b>public law curriculum</b> addresses how constitutional protections concerning the relationship between citizens and institutions are resolved at a time of alleged diminishing State sovereignty, in a comparative way and taking into consideration the case law of various jurisdictions. This curriculum also examines the relationship between citizens and government agencies, where cooperation is essential in resolving disputes quickly and efficiently. The <b>international and comparative law curriculum</b>, on the one hand deals with the emergence of uniform rules or harmonization of private law on the global and regional level; on the other, analyses the way municipal, supranational and international law systems deal with each other, also through comparison of different municipal experiences, and considers</p>
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	whether globalization has consequences upon the creation or modification of new international law rules. Finally, the <b>history and philosophy of law curriculum</b> focuses on the study of both systems and specific rules from a historical and philosophical perspective, starting from its origins and considering how they have changed through the ages, thus allowing for the best contextualization of today's global/uniform laws and rules and at the same time for their correct theoretical understanding
Admission requirement	Possesso di laurea magistrale o titolo straniero idoneo
Number of positions available	12
Number of positions covered by scholarship	6 (finanziati dall'Università degli Studi di Teramo - a valere sul protocollo d'intesa P.O. FSE ABRUZZO 2007-2013)
Program duration	3 anni
Official languages of the program	italiano e inglese
Scientific subject areas	IUS/01; IUS/02; IUS/04; IUS/06; IUS/07; IUS/08; IUS/09; IUS/10; IUS/11; IUS/12; IUS/13; IUS/14; IUS/16; IUS/17; IUS/18; IUS/19; IUS/20; IUS/21; SECS-P/01
Reference organisation	Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, Università di Teramo; Biblioteca dell'UNIDROIT, via Panisperna 28 - 00184 Roma
Course coordinator	Prof.ssa Alessandra Gianelli ( <a href="mailto:agianelli@unite.it">agianelli@unite.it</a> )
contacts	Prof. Paolo Marchetti ( <a href="mailto:pmarchetti@unite.it">pmarchetti@unite.it</a> - curriculum storico-filosofico) Prof. Romano Orrù ( <a href="mailto:rorru@unite.it">rorru@unite.it</a> - curriculum internazionale-comparatistico) Prof. Salvatore Dettori ( <a href="mailto:sdettori@unite.it">sdettori@unite.it</a> - curriculum pubblicistico) Dott.ssa Roberta Montinaro ( <a href="mailto:rmontinaro@unite.it">rmontinaro@unite.it</a> - curriculum privatistico)

### PhD in "Food Science"

Topics of the program	<p>The PhD is intended to cover the whole range of different aspects related to research and innovation in the food chain, with a multidisciplinary approach. The research activity is carried out by a highly professional team of researchers with international experience. PhD students will work on projects aimed at the rationalization of the management of production processes with traditional and innovative techniques, at the improvement of all the aspects of the quality of food, at the development innovative approach to control food safety, at the characterization valorization and traceability of traditional foods.</p> <p>The main research lines follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive sustainable improvement of crops for the food chain; managing and evaluation.</li> <li>• Use of agricultural biomasses as alternative source for the production of energy, hydrogen and/or gasses.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability and nutritional quality of aquacultures; management of ichthyofauna (of fish fauna), of zoocultures, of feeding, of genetic improvement, of breeding techniques.</li> <li>• Design and development of food products with high health, nutritional and sensory value.</li> <li>• Effect of processes (conventional and/or innovative) in transformation or stabilization technologies on the quality of both components and food products.</li> <li>• Impact of soil microorganisms on cultivated species. Ecology, genetic, physiology and metabolism of microorganisms involved in food and beverage production.</li> <li>• Development and validation of food biopreservation technologies and strategies for prevention and control of pathogenic microorganisms in food chains.</li> <li>• Optimization of suitable methods for the evaluation of antimicrobial activity and of potential development of microorganisms.</li> <li>• Design and synthesis of sensitive catalytic or affinity materials for analytical protocols aimed to food safety and quality control.</li> <li>• Design of (bio)sensors for Process Analytical Technology (PAT) and in Quality Control (QC).</li> <li>• Development of micro-extraction techniques, coupled with advanced chromatographic- mass spectrometric instrumentation, for innovative analytical protocols in food safety controls.</li> <li>• Evaluation of transfer mechanisms of environmental pollutants in different trophic chains, their toxic pathways and risks for humans and environment.</li> <li>• Determination of biological and chemical hazard related with production, transformation, storage and distribution of food products for accomplishing national and European rules on food safety</li> <li>• Study on food pollutants related to microhabitat. Innovative approaches for the hazard management for occupational safety in agri-food field.</li> <li>• Marketing of agri-food companies, consumer science, vertical and/or horizontal relationships among the entities operating in agri-food chains related to sustainability and rural development.</li> </ul>
Admission requirement	<p>LM-6 Biologia, LM-7 Biotecnologie agrarie, LM-8 Biotecnologie industriali, LM-9 Biotecnologie mediche, veterinarie e farmaceutiche, LM-22 Ingegneria chimica, LM-42 Medicina veterinaria, LM-54 Scienze chimiche, LM-56 Scienze dell'economia, LM-60 Scienze della natura, LM-61 Scienze della nutrizione umana, LM-69 Scienze e tecnologie agrarie, LM-70 Scienze e tecnologie alimentari, LM-71 Scienze e tecnologie della chimica industriale, LM-73 Scienze e tecnologie forestali ed ambientali, LM-75 Scienze e tecnologie per l'ambiente e il territorio, 6/S (specialistiche in biologia), 7/S (specialistiche in biotecnologie agrarie), 8/S (specialistiche in biotecnologie industriali), 9/S (specialistiche in</p>

	biotecnologie mediche, veterinarie e farmaceutiche), 27/S (specialistiche in ingegneria chimica), 62/S (specialistiche in scienze chimiche), 77/S (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie agrarie), 78/S (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie agroalimentari), 79/S (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie agrozootecniche), 81/S (specialistiche in scienze e tecnologie della chimica industriale), 92/S (specialistiche in statistica per la ricerca sperimentale) - Nel caso di richieste di laureati con classe di laurea diverse da quelle indicate il Collegio dei docenti valuterà l'eventuale ammissione in funzione di particolari requisiti curriculari che possano rendere il candidato idoneo a svolgere attività nell'ambito delle scienze degli alimenti
Number of positions available	12 (di cui 1 riservato ad un dipendente dell'Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale")
Number of positions covered by scholarship	6 (di cui 4 finanziati dall'Università degli Studi di Teramo - a valere sul protocollo d'intesa P.O. FSE ABRUZZO 2007-2013; 1 finanziato dal Fondo per il Sostegno dei Giovani – MIUR e 1 finanziato dall'Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale")
Program duration	3 anni
Official languages of the program	Italiano e inglese
Scientific subject areas	AGR/01; AGR/02; AGR/15; AGR/16; AGR/19; AGR/20; VET/03; VET/04; VET/07; CHIM/01; CHIM/06; ING-IND/25; SECS-P/13
Reference organisation	Facoltà di Bioscienze e tecnologie agroalimentari e ambientali
Course coordinator	Prof. Dario Compagnone ( <a href="mailto:dcompagnone@unite.it">dcompagnone@unite.it</a> )
Contacts	Prof. Dino Mastrocola ( <a href="mailto:dmastrocola@unite.it">dmastrocola@unite.it</a> ) Prof.ssa Giovanna Suzzi ( <a href="mailto:gsuzzi@unite.it">gsuzzi@unite.it</a> ) Prof. Michele Pisante ( <a href="mailto:mpisante@unite.it">mpisante@unite.it</a> ) Prof. Michele Amorena ( <a href="mailto:mamorena@unite.it">mamorena@unite.it</a> ) Prof. Antonello Paparella ( <a href="mailto:apaparella@unite.it">apaparella@unite.it</a> )

### PhD in "Veterinary sciences, public health, animal welfare"

Topics of the program	The aim of the PhD program in "Veterinary science, public health and animal welfare" is to give to the PhD Students the way to apply the most recent technologies and scientific theories useful for the profession and the research in the veterinary science fields. In accord with the European goals or "Horizon 2020" or "OneHealth – Innovative Medicines Initiative", the PhD Students will get the skills to acquire and to apply knowledge and understanding, to make informed judgements and choices, to communicate knowledge and understanding in the fields of veterinary sciences, animal welfare and public health. Furthermore, in the PhD program are also included education and research projects related to the veterinary clinical sciences such as the human and animal genetic tumor theories, the animal welfare, the ethics of animal breedings, the biodiversity conservation and the upgrade of the european laws.
Admission requirement	Degree in veterinary medicine

Number of positions available	9 (di cui 1 riservato ad un dipendente della Novartis Animal Health S.p.A.)
Number of positions covered by scholarship	4 (finanziati dall'Università degli Studi di Teramo - a valere sul protocollo d'intesa P.O. FSE ABRUZZO 2007-2013)
Program duration	3 anni
Official languages of the program	Italiano e inglese
Scientific subject areas	VET/01; VET/02; VET/03; VET/04; VET/05; VET/06; VET/08; VET/09; VET/10; AGR/18; AGR/19; BIO/10
Reference organisation	Faculty of veterinary medicine
Course coordinator	Prof. Fulvio Marsilio (fmarsilio@unite.it)
Contacts	Prof. Fulvio Marsilio (fmarsilio@unite.it)

The positions with scholarships may be increased as a result of additional funding that may become available after the publication of this call and before the start of the selection.

Any increase in the number of scholarships may determine an increase of the available positions in the competition. Any such increase will be reported exclusively on the university website (<http://www.unite.it>).

## **Art. 2**

### *Admission Requirements*

The application may be submitted, with no limitation of age or nationality, by applicants who, on the date of expiry of the call, have obtained a Second level university degree (Master's degree or equivalent foreign certificate), or applicants who obtain the degree required to be accepted by 20 December 2013, under penalty of forfeiture of admission in case of a positive outcome of the selection.

The equivalence of foreign qualifications will be assessed by the Academic Board of the doctorate, based on the documentation submitted by the applicant with the application for participation in the competition for admission (\*).

In the case of lack of requirements, the exclusion from the procedure can be decided by the Rector at any time; therefore, any admission shall be considered in any case as made with reservation.

## **Art. 3**

### *Admission Tests*

The Admission Test is designed to assess, by appropriate benchmarking, the candidate's basic training acquired and aptitude for scientific research.

Admission to the PhD Program is based on qualifications and examination and is divided into two phases. In the first phase, the Academic Board shall make an assessment of the following qualifications, giving each candidate a maximum score of 20 points according to the following breakdown:

1) PhD in **Multi-level governance: a critical analysis of public action and its changes**".

- a) Dissertation with an abstract in English: maximum 4 points;
- b) Research project developed by the candidate, in line with the topics of the PhD Program: maximum 6 points;
- c) Scientific Curriculum Vitae (academic career including the exams and final grade – letter(s) of reference from academics and any professional, training, and/or

research experience, level of knowledge of foreign languages and other qualifications): maximum 4 points;

d) any publications: maximum 6 points - it is specified that will be evaluated only scientific publications with ISBN or ISSN.

2) PhD in **“Harmonization of Law Between History and Legal Systems”**.

a) Dissertation with an abstract in English: maximum 5 points;

b) Research project developed by the candidate, in line with the topics of the PhD Program: maximum 5 points;

c) Scientific Curriculum Vitae (academic career including the exams and final grade – letter(s) of reference from academics and any professional, training, and/or research experience, level of knowledge of foreign languages and other qualifications ): maximum 4 points;

d) Any publications: maximum 6 points.

3) PhD in **“Food science”**.

a) Dissertation with an abstract in English: maximum 4 points;

b) Research project developed by the candidate, in line with the topics of the PhD Program: maximum 6 points;

c) Scientific Curriculum Vitae (academic career including the exams and final grade – letter(s) of reference from academics and any professional, training, and/or research experience, level of knowledge of foreign languages and other qualifications ): maximum 4 points;

d) Any publications: maximum 6 points.

4) PhD in **“Veterinary sciences, public health, animal welfare”**.

a) Scientific Curriculum Vitae and academic career: maximum 8 points;

b) Letter(s) of reference from academics and any professional experience: maximum 1 points;

c) Any publications: maximum 1 points;

d) Research project developed by the candidate, in line with the topics of the PhD Program: maximum 10 points.

Candidates who have achieved a minimum score of 12 points shall be admitted to the second stage (oral examination). Their list will be published, after the assessment of their qualifications, on the website of the university.

The oral examination shall consist of an interview of the applicant before the Academic Board, meeting in plenary or restricted session, with the aim to test the applicant’s knowledge on the topics of the PhD and content of the proposed research project. During the interview, knowledge of the English language shall always be tested. The interview may be conducted entirely in English, if requested by the applicant. The interview may be conducted by electronic means, if requested upon submission of the application by the candidate residing abroad, or by disabled candidates. The maximum score for each candidate for the oral examination is 40 points. At the end of the interview, the Academic Board will identify the suitable candidates to be placed in the general classification, expressed in sixtieths, based on the sum of the scores obtained by the candidates in the assessment of qualifications and in the interview.

The diary of the examinations, indicating the date, time, and place where tests will take place, will be published on the website of the University, at least 20 days before the tests. The candidates must take their valid photo ID to the examinations.



#### Art. 4

##### *Application and Deadline for Submission*

In order to participate as per art. 1 of this call, the candidate must apply and complete the appropriate application - complete with all attachments - using only the on-line procedure on the University website ([www.unite.it](http://www.unite.it)).

The application must be submitted no later than 24:00 pm on **5 December 2013**.

The call will be published in the Official Journal of the Italian Republic (*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica*) and on the website of the university, the website of the Italian Ministry of University, and Euraxess website.

The application may be hand delivered to the Register Office of the University or sent by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt. The envelope containing the application should be marked “concorso pubblico per l’ammissione al corso di dottorato in ..... - XXIX ciclo” (public competition for admission to the PhD Program in..... – 29<sup>th</sup> cycle), as well as the full name and address of the candidate.

The application shall include proof of payment of € 20.00 - not refundable - for expenses related to the admission to the PhD program, to be made by MAV (payment through notice), as specified on the University’s website in the “pagamenti on-line” (on-line payments) section.

In case of shipment by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt, reference shall be made to the date stamped by the post office.

In addition, a computerized on-line submission system of applications for admission to the selection test will be operational on the website of the university in the second half of September.

If the candidate wishes to apply for admission to several PhD Programs, specific individual applications must be submitted for each competition procedure.

In the application form, the applicants shall declare, under their own responsibility:

1. Name and surname;
2. Date and place of birth;
3. Personal taxpayer number;
4. Residence address, with the indication of the street, street number, town, province, and ZIP code;
5. Nationality;
6. University Degree obtained or to be obtained, the university where the Degree was obtained or will be obtained, and the date it was obtained, or the equivalent qualification obtained abroad and recognized as equivalent by the competent authorities in accordance with applicable regulations;
7. Adequate knowledge of the Italian language (such declaration shall be made only by foreign nationals);
8. Commitment to attend full-time the PhD program, in accordance with the regulations established by the Academic Board;
9. English or Italian language for the oral examination;
10. The address where the candidate wishes to receive any notices related to this procedure, as well as the telephone number and email address and a commitment to notify any subsequent changes.

The applicants shall also submit mandatory attachments. The absence of even one of the following attachments causes the exclusion from selection:

- Identification document: a copy of the identity card (for EU citizens) or passport, reproducing the pages with photo, personal data, number, date and place of issue, expiry date, and the stamp of the competent authority. Any other identification will not be taken into account;
- Copy of the card showing the Personal taxpayer number;
- Full copy of the degree dissertation. Students who expect to obtain their degree/equivalent qualification obtained abroad by 20 december 2013 must attach a draft of their dissertation;

- Summary (in English) of the dissertation explaining the reasons of the dissertation, the research methodology and results obtained (maximum 4 pages); - Scientific Curriculum Vitae preferably on a Europass form:  
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europass+Documents/Europass+CV.csp>; - Letter(s) of reference from university teachers;
- Research project drawn up by the candidate, in line with the topics of the PhD Program;
- Self-certification to attest if income is above or below € 10,329.00 per year for any use of the scholarship;
- Proof of payment of € 20.00 - not refundable - for expenses related to the admission to the PhD program, to be made by MAV (payment through notice), as specified on the University's website in the "pagamenti on-line" (on-line payments) section.

Applicants may also submit other attachments (optional attachments):

- Publications;
- Other qualifications considered as useful for the assessment (documentation about prizes, scholarships, training, research experience, etc.).

Candidates who wish to qualify for the scholarship shall submit a self-certification to attest their total annual gross personal income, using Annex B and attaching a photocopy of an identity document to the declaration, in compliance with art. 38 of Italian Presidential Decree dated 28 December 2000, No. 445. To obtain, in accordance with art. 20 of the Law dated 5 February 1992, No. 104, the granting of the necessary supports in relation to their disabilities, as well as any additional time for the conduct of examinations, any candidates with disabilities shall attach the relevant medical certification to their application form.

The candidate must submit, under penalty of exclusion, scanning of the document that will be generated after the completion of the on-line application.

Without prejudice to the cases of exclusion specified in the call, the regularization of any applications signed and mailed in due time, but formally irregular due to remediable defects, incorrect, incomplete, or not in accordance with the application form attached to this decree may be requested at any time.

The Administration is not responsible for any Internet failures referable to third parties, unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure.

## **Art. 5**

### *Admission to the Program*

The official approval of the acts and their rankings will be published on the website of the University. Candidates will be admitted to the Program in the order of the final list until the number of positions available is reached.

The candidates admitted to the Program shall, under penalty of forfeiture, submit their enrolment form to the PhD Service, using the appropriate form also available on the website of the university, duly completed and signed, within the deadline of 10 (ten) days, starting from the day following the publication of the final ranking list. In the case of placement in more than one classification, the candidate will have to opt for only one PhD Program.

Any candidates who do not regularise their registration by the deadline, shall be excluded.

Any candidates who have made false declarations shall be excluded.

In case of waiver or forfeiture, the candidate who occupies the next position to that of the candidate giving waiver or forfeiture in the ranking list will take over.

The takeover will also occur in case any admitted candidates were to give up within three months from the actual beginning of the Program.

## **Art. 6**

### *Admission in Excess Number*

Any successful candidates in the ranking of merit may be admitted to the PhD Program in excess number, provided that they are:

- Holders of research grants, pursuant to art. 22 of the Law dated 30 December 2010 No. 240;
- Employees of businesses, public authorities, or public service entities, in no more than 30%, with rounding up, of the available positions, including those who are found to be suitable as a result of the selection procedures based on specific agreements;

The Academic Board may admit in excess number any non-EU citizens who are holders of a degree suitable for admission and are holders of scholarships awarded by the Italian Government or by national and international institutions, the European Union, or other European or international scientific institution. The Academic Board shall decide on the admission on a case by case basis.

## **Art. 7**

### *Contributions for Access and Attendance of Programs*

Students not been awarded a scholarship are required to pay a contribution for enrolment and attendance in the amount of € 1,000.00 yearly, to be divided in two equal instalments: the first instalment is payable upon registration for the Program and for subsequent years by 31<sup>st</sup> December every year. The payment of the second instalment for each year of the Program shall be made by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Any Program participants who are holders of research grants and employees of agencies or businesses enrolled in the industry PhDs are also required to pay the fee.

All Program participants are required to pay € 140.00 per year as regional tax to 'Azienda per il Diritto allo Studio'. All payments shall be made by MAV (payment through notice), as specified on the University's website in the "pagamenti on-line" (on-line payments) section.

## **Art. 8**

### *Scholarships*

The financial support is given to the candidates according to the merit list up to the number of grants provided.

In case of revocation or renunciation of a candidate within three months, the next applicant will take over according to the ranking list. If the renouncing candidate has already received monthly instalments, the relevant amounts must be refunded.

The assignment criteria of the different types of scholarships, even with specific topic and dedicated funding, shall be set forth by the Academic Board, according to the requirements and attitudes of the assignees.

The scholarships are annual and are renewed provided that the candidate has completed the program of activities for the previous year, as verified by the Academic Board.

The amount of the scholarship, to be paid in monthly instalments is set at € 13,638.47 including any charges to the candidate required by the law.

The scholarship of the PhD Program is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions referred to in Article 2, paragraph 26, of the Italian Law dated 8 August 1995, No. 335, as amended, to the extent of two-thirds borne by the administration and one third by the assignee. PhD students enjoy all protections and related rights.

This amount is increased to a maximum of 50 percent for a period of no longer than 18 months, if the student is authorized by the Academic Board to carry out research abroad.

Starting from the second year, each student will receive, in addition to the scholarship and within the existing financial resources, an appropriate budget for the research activities in Italy and abroad in relation

to the type of Program and in any event an amount not less than 10% of the scholarship. The recipient of the scholarship shall have a total annual gross personal income not exceeding € 10,329.14. This income limit must be declared by the beneficiary of a scholarship pursuant to the Italian Presidential Decree dated 28 December 2000, No. 445.

The determination of such income, which is referred to the year of assignment of the scholarship, is also made through calculation of any property income originating from rents and interests, as well as any other regular payments to the applicant, with the exception of any occasional income or payments arising from compulsory military service.

The principles referred to in this Article shall not apply to scholarship assignees from foreign countries or beneficiaries of financial support within specific mobility programs in relation to the provisions of specific regulations and does not apply to employees of institutions or industrial companies enrolled in industrial PhDs.

The scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarships, except those conferred by national or foreign institutions aimed to integrate training or research activities of PhD students with stays abroad; in this case, the right to the expected increase of the scholarship is cancelled.

Anyone who has already obtained a PhD or equivalent title can be allowed to attend a different PhD Program, provided that selection tests are successful, but cannot take advantage of a PhD scholarship. Those who have already received, even partially, a scholarship to attend a PhD Program, cannot receive it a second time.

## **Art. 9**

### *Obligations and Rights of PhD Students*

PhD students have the status of university students for the entire period of the Program.

PhD students are required to carry out study and research activities diligently and consistently in the manner prescribed by the Academic Board.

PhD students, as an integral part of the training project, can carry out, subject to the approval of the Academic Board, without this leading to any increase in scholarship, tutoring activities of students in undergraduate and master's degree, as well as, in any case within the maximum limit of 40 hours in each academic year, supplementary teaching activities.

The existing provisions for the protection of motherhood and fatherhood apply to PhD students. During the legal duration of the PhD Program, it is forbidden to be enrolled in any other PhD Programs, degree Program, school, or master at UniTE or any another University.

In the case of justified obstacles, which do not allow a student to actually attend the Program, the student shall not lose the right to the continuation of the PhD Program. Any absences and the reasons that caused them will be assessed for the purposes of suspension, by the Academic Board. In particular, in the case of documented serious illness, attendance of active internship on training of teachers (TFA), or more serious and documented reasons, the suspension by the Academic Board may apply upon request of the PhD student.

Exclusion from the PhD is approved by the Academic Board in the case of non-admission to the next year, which may occur as a result of non-achievement of the learning and research outcomes, or due to incompatibility with the work activities carried out in the absence of authorization or unjustified and prolonged absences.

The PhD title is assigned to students as a result of the positive evaluation of a research dissertation, which contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the selected field of study. Within one month from the end of the last year of the Program, PhD students shall deposit their dissertation, signed by the Program Coordinator and Tutor, to the PhD Service and deliver it to external evaluators through electronic systems.

## **Art. 10**

### *Head of the Procedure*

Pursuant to the Italian Law dated 7 August 1990, No. 241, the head of the procedure referred to in this call is Mrs. Sabrina Saccomandi - Research, Development, Innovation, and Internationalization Department - (phone ++39 0861266334 - ssaccomandi@unite.it) – For information: PhD Service (phone ++39 0861266307 - 0861266335 - dottorati@unite.it).

## **Art. 11**

### *Privacy Policy*

All personal data submitted by candidates through their applications, pursuant to art. 11, paragraph 1, of the Italian Legislative Decree dated 30 June 2003, No. 196, will be used exclusively for the purposes of managing this procedure.

The provision of such data is mandatory. The information thus acquired may be disclosed to other public administrations and regulatory bodies in the monitoring of any affidavits made by candidates. Candidates also enjoy the rights under Art. 7 of said Legislative Decree, including the right of access to data relating to them, the right to correct, update, complete, or delete any incorrect or incomplete data, or any information collected not in compliance with applicable laws, as well as the right to oppose their processing for legitimate reasons.

The data processor, in respect of which the rights mentioned in the preceding paragraph can be asserted, is the Rector of the University of Teramo, in his/her capacity as legal representative of the University.

## **Art. 12**

### *References*

For matters not covered by this call, refer to the regulations currently in force.

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(\* *Academic qualification obtained abroad*: Any university degree obtained abroad must be comparable to an Italian Master Degree as for its duration, level, and subject area. In accordance with this principle, the decision on their eligibility belongs to the Academic Board. Applicants who have a foreign qualification that has not already been declared as equivalent (1) to an Italian degree shall make implicit request for equivalence in their application for admission to the competition and attach the following documents: certificate of the degree with exams and the corresponding final score (EU citizens may submit a self-certification according to the Italian Presidential Decree No. 445 dated 28 December 2000 and subsequent amendments and integrations; translation in English, if the document is not already in that language, of the degree certificate obtained, with the exams and scores obtained, signed under the applicant's responsibility, in order to allow the Academic Board to assess their suitability, exclusively for the purposes of participation in this competition; any other documentation deemed as useful to assess the eligibility of the qualification held for participation in the competition (Diploma Supplement (2), or a local value declaration (3), etc.). Candidates holding an academic degree obtained outside Italy who are winners of the competition must submit the following to the PhD Service by 28 February 2014: Declaration of Value on site, together with the degree certificate with exams and scores, translated and legalized by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the degree was released. The Declaration of Value shall state that the qualification obtained is valid in the country of achievement for enrolment in a Program equivalent to the PhD program; or, if the Value Declaration above is not yet ready for the date specified, a document showing that the release request has been submitted to the relevant diplomatic mission; in this case, the student must then deliver the original Value Declaration as soon as it is available; or, as an alternative to Value Declaration, the Diploma Supplement in English, according to the form developed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe, and UNESCO/CEPES. In the case such documents are not provided, the PhD title will not be achieved.

- (1) For more information, visit the website <http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=113> .
- (2) Diploma Supplement is a document attached to a high education diploma with the aim to improve international “transparency” and facilitate academic and professional recognition of the qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates, etc.) obtained. The Diploma Supplement should be issued by the same institution that issued the certificate. More details on the website: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239_en.htm)
- (3) The Value Declaration is issued by the Italian diplomatic missions abroad (Embassies/Consulates). For more information, go to <http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=118>.