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NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PHD COURSES WITH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SANNIO, XLI CYCLE.

Deadline for registration in the competition: 15 September 2025

Article 1 Activation

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Rector's Decree dated 30 July 2025, n. 933, the XLI Cycle of PhD Courses in "Person, Market, Institutions", in "Science and Technology for the Environment and Health" and in "Information Technology for Engineering" is activated, which have their administrative headquarters at the University of Sannio.

A public selection is also called for admission to the aforementioned PhD Courses and for the filling of the relative places, as detailed in the forms attached to this announcement to form an integral part thereof (Annex A).

2. The number of places available for each PhD Course, as provided for in this notice, may be increased if, before the selection procedures, new additional places financed by bodies, institutions, companies and other entities, both public and private, are activated.

Article 2 Admission requirements

1. Applications to participate in the call for admission to the PhD courses referred to in article 1 of this call for applications, without citizenship restrictions, are open to those who are in possession of one of the following qualifications on the call deadline:

- a) specialist or master's degree;
- b) degree obtained according to the educational regulations prior to the Ministerial Decree of 3 November 1999, number 509;
- c) academic qualification obtained abroad, declared equivalent to one of the qualifications referred to in letters a) and b) above or in any case deemed suitable according to the methods and procedures defined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article;

2. The suitability of an academic qualification obtained abroad, which has not been declared equivalent to one of the qualifications referred to in paragraph 1, letters a) and b), of this article, must be assessed by the Examining Commission referred to in article 5 of this call for applications, in compliance with the provisions of article 8, paragraph 1, of the Ministerial Decree of 8 February 2013, number 45

3. Graduating students may also apply for admission to the selection procedure, who must in any case obtain their qualification by the deadline of 31 October 2025. In this case, participation in the selections will be arranged "with reserve" and candidates, in the event of a positive outcome of the public selection, will be required to submit the degree certificate or relative self-certification (required, pursuant to Legislative Decree PR number 445 of 28 December 2000, for citizens of the European Union only), within the deadline set upon publication of the final merit ranking on the University website.

Article 3 Presentation of the application for admission and qualifications

1. The documentation for participation in the competition, in Italian or in English, must be submitted exclusively via online procedure, **no later than 2.00 pm, Italian time, on 15 September 2024.**



2. The electronic procedure for submitting applications will be activated from 2.00 pm, Italian time, on 1 August 2025 and will be deactivated, strictly, at 2.00 pm, Italian time, on 15 September 2025, therefore, it will no longer be possible to register for the competition.

3. Failure to submit the application within the terms and in the manner indicated constitutes grounds for exclusion from the competition.

4. In the application to participate in the competition, candidates, under penalty of exclusion and with reference to the forms attached to this announcement (Annex A), must also expressly indicate their research interests, choosing:

- ✓ **for the PhD in "Person, Market, Institutions"**: with reference to all positions, no more than one "curriculum" and, within the chosen curriculum, no more than one topic indicated as the subject of any research project to be proposed, with specification of the area and/or scientific-disciplinary sector of reference, among those listed in attachment A;
- ✓ **for the PhD in "Science and Technology for the Environment and Health"** no more than one topic, for each type of post, among those listed in Annex A;
- ✓ **for the PhD in "Information Technologies for Engineering"**, with reference to positions without a scholarship and positions reserved for scholarship holders from foreign countries, at least one "curriculum" among those listed in Annex A; with reference to positions with scholarship financed by institutions, the topic relating to the type of scholarship indicated in attachment A (it will be possible to indicate a maximum of two topics). It will not be possible to select more than one type of seat.

5. Candidates must also, under penalty of exclusion, submit the following documentation exclusively via online procedure:

FOR THE PHD COURSE IN PERSON, MARKET, INSTITUTIONS:

- a) Application for participation (PMI Admission Application);
- b) "curriculum vitae", with an indication of any scientific publications and other qualifications held;
- c) substitutive declaration of certification of the access qualification referred to in article 2, with the specification of the exams taken and the relative grades (the declaration must be made exclusively by candidates who have graduated from an Italian university institution);
- d) the degree thesis exclusively in PDF electronic format;
- e) the "synopsis" or an "abstract" of the degree thesis, with a number of pages not exceeding four;
- f) any scientific publications, each with its "abstract", in electronic PDF format;
- g) legally valid identification document, pursuant to articles 21, 38 and 45 of the Decree of the President of the Republic of 28 December 2000, number 445, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- h) description of the research project to be developed during the PhD program;
- i) cover letter, if applicable;

FOR THE PHD COURSE IN SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH:

- a) Application form (Stas application form);
- b) "curriculum vitae", with an indication of any scientific publications and other qualifications held;
- c) substitutive declaration of certification of the access qualification referred to in article 2, with the specification of the exams taken and the relative grades (the declaration must be made exclusively by candidates who have graduated from an Italian university institution);
- d) the degree thesis exclusively in PDF electronic format;
- e) a research project related to the research topic chosen of no more than 1000 words and written as follows:



1. Title of the project;
 2. State of the Art;
 3. Objectives of the project and its connection to the research topic chosen;
 4. Methodology and relative timing over the 3 years of the Doctorate;
 5. Expected results and possible risk strategies;
 6. Degree of organizational and financial feasibility;
 7. Involvement of Italian and/or foreign research structures and/or researchers, with related reasons;
 8. Essential bibliography up to a maximum of 12 titles (outside the 1000 words).
- f) legally valid identification document, pursuant to articles 21, 38 and 45 of the Decree of the President of the Republic of 28 December 2000, number 445, and subsequent amendments and additions;

FOR THE PHD COURSE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR ENGINEERING:

- a) Application form (ING Application Form);
- b) "curriculum vitae", with an indication of any scientific publications and other qualifications held;
- c) substitutive declaration of certification of the access qualification referred to in article 2, with the specification of the exams taken and the relative grades (the declaration must be made exclusively by candidates who have graduated from an Italian university institution);
- d) Brief project proposal (1/2 pages) regarding the selected theme. In the event that the candidate has selected more than one theme, it will be necessary to attach a project proposal for each selected theme. For candidates competing for positions without a scholarship or for scholarship holders from foreign countries, the project proposal may concern a free topic, as long as it pertains to SSDs. contributing to the doctorate;
- e) degree thesis exclusively in PDF electronic format for candidates who have obtained a master's/specialist/single-cycle degree. For candidates who have not yet obtained their master's degree, it will be possible to submit a long abstract in PDF of the thesis work being prepared, also indicating the expected date for obtaining the degree;
- f) legally valid identification document, pursuant to articles 21, 38 and 45 of the Decree of the President of the Republic of 28 December 2000, number 445, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- g) a letter of motivation;

In addition to the documentation indicated up to now, candidates who compete for the places reserved for scholarship holders from foreign countries must submit, under penalty of exclusion, always and only via online procedure, the documentation concerning the scholarship provided by the foreign state they are holders of (scholarship or other form of financial support).

6. Candidates who have obtained their qualification from a foreign university institution must also submit the following documentation exclusively via online procedure, under penalty of exclusion:

- a) the first and second level degree, issued by an officially recognized academic institution, with the related final mark;
- b) certificate of the exams taken during the first and second level university course, with the relative marks or evaluation scale (**Transcript of Records**);
- c) any other document useful for the purpose of declaring the suitability of the degree diplomas (Diploma Supplement, where existing, declaration of local value, etc.) issued respectively by the University of origin or by the Italian consular representations abroad or declaration of equivalence to the Italian Degree, with indication of the Italian University and the details of the Rectoral Decree with which the equivalence was declared);
- d) copy of a legally valid identification document.



7. All documents written in a language other than Italian or English, with the exception of scientific publications, must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, a translation into Italian or English by and under the responsibility of the candidate.

8. In the application to participate in the competition, candidates must also authorize the competent Organizational Units of the Central Administration of the University of Sannio to process their personal data, in compliance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation - EU Regulation 2016/679);

9. Candidates are admitted to the selection with reserve. Without prejudice to the faculty of the Administration to proceed with the verification of the veracity of the substitutive declarations of certifications and/or affidavits made by the candidates, pursuant to current legislation, or to arrange at any time, with a reasoned provision, the exclusion from the selection procedure due to lack of the prescribed requirements.

10. Persons with disabilities are required, pursuant to article 20 of the Law of 5 February 1992, number 104, and subsequent amendments and additions, to request the necessary assistance and to indicate any additional times for completing the exams, according to the models prepared for this purpose. By the deadline of this call for applications, candidates with disabilities or with specific learning disabilities (SLD), pursuant to the Law of 5 February 1992 number 104 and subsequent amendments and additions, may make an explicit request, in relation to their deficit, for the necessary aids, as well as any additional time needed to take the admission tests. Requests submitted, exclusively via the telematic procedure, will be evaluated by the examining commissions. Disabilities must result from a specific medical certificate issued by the competent Health Authorities. For candidates with Specific Learning Disabilities, we mean candidates diagnosed with: dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dysorthography. These Specific Learning Disabilities must result from a specific clinical certification, issued by the National Health Service or by freelancers no more than three years before the expiry of this notice. Candidates with specific learning disabilities, certified in accordance with the law of 8 October 2010, number 170, are granted an additional time equal to 30% more than that defined for the admission tests. In the event of failure to submit the documentation, the provision of the necessary aids in good time for carrying out the tests will not be guaranteed.

Article 4

Admission tests

1. The exams will be aimed at ascertaining the candidate's preparation, his aptitude for research and an adequate knowledge of at least one foreign language.

2. The procedures for carrying out the exams are expressly and strictly prescribed and regulated, for each of the PHD Courses, in the forms attached to this notice to form an integral part thereof (Annex A).

3. Dates, times, location and procedures for carrying out the aforementioned exams will be announced with a notice published on the university website, at the address: <https://www.unisannio.it/it/studente/studente-laureato/dottorato-di-ricerca>.

4. To take the exams, candidates must show a valid identification document.

Article 5

Boards of Examiners and evaluation of tests and merit rankings

1. The commission for the admission exam, made up of three members chosen from among university professors and researchers, is appointed by decree of the Rector on the proposal of the teaching staff which identifies the effective members and a ranking of at least three substitute members. The commission appoints its president from among the tenured professors and the secretary. In case of renunciation of a member, the president identifies the replacement, in compliance with the ranking,



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among the alternates. For the specialist subjects covered by the selection procedure, the examining commission may make use of the collaboration of one or more experts, chosen among tenured university professors or researchers in the scientific disciplinary sectors pertaining to the doctoral course and who have specific knowledge and skills in the aforementioned subjects. The experts referred to in the previous paragraph are designated by the PhD coordinator and appointed by decree of the Rector.

2. The aforementioned Commissions will be announced with a notice published on the university website, at the address: <https://www.unisannio.it/it/studente/studente-laureato/dottorato-di-ricerca>.

3. The evaluation of both the qualifications and the exams must be carried out by the Examining Commission in compliance with the criteria and parameters defined in the forms attached to this call for selection to form an integral part of it (Annex A).

4. At the end of the selection procedure, the Examining Commission draws up the final merit rankings.

5. The places that have not been assigned may be assigned to suitable candidates until the ranking is exhausted.

6. Each single ranking is compiled by the Examining Commission on the basis of the sum of the marks obtained by each candidate in the evaluation of qualifications and examination tests.

7. In case of equal votes:

- for the sole purpose of awarding the scholarship, the preference among the candidates is determined with reference to their economic situation, in compliance with the provisions of the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 9 April 2001;
- for the sole purpose of assigning places without a scholarship, the youngest candidate is preferred, in compliance with the provisions of article 3, paragraph 7, of the Law of 15 May 1997, number 127, as amended by article 2 of the Law of 16 June 1998, number 191.

8. Separate merit rankings will be drawn up for PhD courses that provide places with scholarships funded under the PNRR, places with a restricted topic scholarship or reserved and/or additional places. In case of useful placement in several rankings, the candidate will have to exercise the option for only one position.

For the PhD courses in Person, Market and Institutions and in Information Technologies for Engineering, suitable candidates usefully placed in the rankings of places with scholarship will also be able to contribute to forming the ranking of places without scholarship;

9. The merit rankings are approved by Rectoral Decree, published on the University website, at the address <https://www.unisannio.it/it/studente/studente-laureato/dottorato-di-ricerca>.

This publication has the value of official communication. Therefore, no communication will be sent to candidates regarding the publication of the ranking and the enrolment deadline.

Article 6 **Admission to PhD courses**

1. Candidates will be admitted to the PhD courses according to the order established in the respective final merit rankings, up to the number of places available for each individual course.

Article 7 **Enrollment in PhD courses**

1. Candidates usefully placed in the final merit rankings must, under penalty of forfeiture, submit the application for enrollment in the PHD Programme, exclusively via the online procedure which will be opened after the approval of the selection documents, within the deadline established upon publication of the aforementioned ranking on the University website.

2. Successful candidates who do not enroll within the deadlines indicated in the notice will be tacitly considered to have withdrawn. In the event of express or tacit renunciation by the successful candidates,



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the ranking will be scrolled and approved by Rectoral Decree and published on the University website at <https://www.unisannio.it/it/studente/studente-laureato/dottorato-di-ricerca>.

Article 8 Scholarships

1. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of the merit rankings of the candidates who took part in the selection procedure for admission to the PHD Course, formulated by the Examination Commission.
2. Scholarships have a three-year duration and are confirmed annually, provided that the doctoral student has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year, verified by the Academic Board, without prejudice to the obligation to disburse the scholarship following passing of the aforementioned verification.
3. It is a condition for the award of scholarships that the candidate's total gross personal income does not exceed, in the reference year, the amount of the scholarship which is equal to € 16,243.00 gross of social security contributions to be paid by the recipient.
4. The amount of the scholarship, disbursed in deferred monthly installments, is determined in an amount not less than that established by the Ministerial Decree of 23 February 2022, n. 247.
5. Candidates usefully placed in the ranking list must declare, at the time of enrolment, that their income situation satisfies the requirement referred to in paragraph 3.
6. In the event that the candidate does not make the declaration referred to in paragraph 3 or his income situation does not meet the required requirement, or renounces the use of the scholarship, the same is assigned to the first candidate who is placed in a useful position in the relative merit ranking. In any case, scholarship holders are required to declare annually, under their own responsibility, the income received and to report any exceeding of the limit established by this article.
7. If the income limit is exceeded, the scholarship is revoked, for the entire year, by the Rector with his own Decree.
8. For ordinary positions, if the PhD student is not entitled to the renewal of the scholarship due to one of the circumstances envisaged in the previous paragraphs, or in the event that he or she renounces it, the unused amount remains in the availability of the PHD Program for the same purposes.
9. Scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships, with the exception of those explicitly granted by national or international institutions to allow training or research activities to be carried out abroad or in any case outside the PhD site.
10. The amount of the scholarship is increased by a maximum of fifty percent for a total period not exceeding twelve months, if the PhD student is authorized by the Academic Board to carry out research abroad.
11. Starting from the first year, all PhD students regularly enrolled in one of the PHD Courses, with the exception of scholarship holders from foreign countries and scholarship holders in specific mobility programs, are guaranteed, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources existing in the budget, a "budget" for research activities in Italy and abroad, adequate with respect to the type of course and in any case for an amount not less than ten percent of the amount of the scholarship itself.
12. All candidates admitted to the PhD course with and without the right to a scholarship are required to pay the regional tax for the right to study, in proportion to the ISEEU and the revenue stamp paid virtually.

Article 9

Rights and duties of doctoral students and achievement of the title

1. For all that concerns the rights and duties of doctoral students and the methods for obtaining the title of research doctorate, express reference is made to the provisions contained in the "University Regulations on research doctorates", issued with Rectoral Decree of 15 March 2022, n. 335, which can be viewed and consulted on the University website, at the address:



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https://www.unisannio.it/sites/default/files/ateneo/documenti/REGOLAZIONE_DI_ATENEO_IN_MATERIA_DI_DOTTORATO_DI_RICERCA_DR%20335_2022.pdf.

Article 10

Responsible for the procedure

1. Pursuant to the provisions of articles 4 and 5 of the Law of 7 August 1990, number 241, and subsequent amendments and additions, the Head of the Procedure is the Director General of the University of Sannio, Dr. Gianluca Basile.

Article 11

Processing of personal data

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation - EU Regulation 2016/679), the Administration undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the personal data provided by the candidates and to use them exclusively for the purposes connected to the selection procedure and career management.
2. The processing of data is, however, mandatory and necessary to allow the correct and regular completion of the selection procedure.
3. In any case, candidates will be able to exercise the rights referred to in articles 11 and 12 of the General Data Protection Regulation, including the right of access to data concerning them, the right to rectify, update, complete or cancel incorrect, incomplete or collected data in a way that does not comply with the law, as well as the right to object, for legitimate reasons, to their treatment.
4. These rights may be enforced against the University of Sannio, the data controller.

Article 12

Final rules

1. This announcement, written in Italian and English, will be published on the University website, on the European website called "Euraxess", and on that of the Ministry of University and Research. In the event of conflicting interpretations, the text of the announcement in Italian will be considered valid.
2. For anything not provided for or governed by this announcement, the provisions contained in the Decree of the President of the Republic of 9 May 1994, number 487, in article 19 of the Law of 30 December 2010, number 240, in the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, n. 226 and in the "University Regulations on research doctorates" and in the University Teaching Regulations, General Part.

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