



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PhD PROGRAMMES ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SANNIO – XLII CYCLE, Academic Year 2026/2027

Application deadline: 14 September 2026, 2:00 p.m. (Italian time)

Article 1 Activation

In accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 21 and 22 July 2026, the XLII Cycle of the PhD Programmes in "Person, Market, Institutions", "Science and Technology for the Environment and Health", and "Information Technologies for Engineering" is hereby established. These programmes are administratively based at the University of Sannio.

A public selection procedure is also hereby announced for admission to the above-mentioned PhD Programmes and for the allocation of the available positions, as detailed in the annexes forming an integral part of this Call (Annex A).

Please note that the activation of scholarship positions financed, wholly or partially, by external institutions or companies is subject to the actual transfer of the corresponding funds. Therefore, should such funding not be transferred, the related scholarships will not be activated.

The number of positions available for each PhD Programme, as specified in this Call, may be increased should additional positions funded by public or private bodies, institutions, enterprises or other organisations become available before the selection procedures take place.

Article 2 Admission requirements

1. Applications for admission to the PhD Programmes referred to in Article 1 of this Call may be submitted, regardless of nationality, by applicants who, by the application deadline, hold one of the following qualifications:

- a) a Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale or equivalent);
- b) a degree awarded under the university system in force prior to Ministerial Decree No. 509 of 3 November 1999;
- c) an academic qualification obtained abroad, officially recognised as equivalent to one of the qualifications referred to in points (a) and (b), or otherwise considered suitable according to the procedures set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.

The suitability of an academic qualification obtained abroad that has not been officially recognised as equivalent to one of the qualifications referred to in paragraph 1(a) and (b) shall be assessed by the Selection Committee referred to in Article 5 of this Call, in accordance with Article 8(1) of Ministerial Decree No. 45 of 8 February 2013.

Applicants who have not yet completed their degree programme may also apply, provided that they obtain the required degree by 31 October 2026.

In such cases, admission to the selection procedure shall be conditional. Candidates who successfully pass the selection process will be required to submit, by e-mail to the PhD Office



(dottorati@unisannio.it), their degree certificate or a self-declaration of qualification (allowed, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, only for citizens of European Union Member States) within the deadline specified when the final ranking list is published on the University's website.

Article 3

Application Procedure and Required Documents

- 1) Applications and all supporting documentation, in either Italian or English, must be submitted exclusively online no later than 2:00 p.m. (Italian time) on 14 September 2026.**
- 2) The online application procedure will open at 2:00 p.m. (Italian time) on 29 July 2026 and will close definitively at 2:00 p.m. (Italian time) on 14 September 2026. After this deadline, it will no longer be possible to submit an application.**
- 3) Failure to submit the application within the prescribed deadline and according to the specified procedures shall result in exclusion from the selection process.**
- 4) In the application form, candidates must expressly indicate their research interests, with reference to Annex A, as follows:**
 - For the PhD Programme in "Person, Market, Institutions": applicants for positions reserved for holders of foreign scholarships, University-funded scholarships and non-scholarship positions must select Curriculum (a) or (b) and, within the chosen curriculum, the relevant scientific-disciplinary sector listed in Annex A.
 - For the PhD Programme in "Science and Technology for the Environment and Health": applicants may select only one research topic for each category of position from those listed in Annex A.
 - For the PhD Programme in "Information Technologies for Engineering": applicants for non-scholarship positions and positions reserved for holders of foreign scholarships must select at least one curriculum from those listed in Annex A. Applicants for University-funded or externally co-funded scholarships must select the research topic corresponding to the scholarship category indicated in Annex A. Only one type of position may be selected.
- 5) Under penalty of exclusion, candidates must also upload the following documentation exclusively through the online application system.**

FOR THE PHD COURSE IN PERSON, MARKET, INSTITUTIONS:

- a) Application Form (PMI Admission Application);
- b) Curriculum Vitae, including any scientific publications and other qualifications;
- c) Self-declaration certifying the admission qualification referred to in Article 2, including the list of examinations taken and the corresponding grades (this declaration may only be submitted by candidates who obtained their degree from an Italian university);
- d) Master's thesis in PDF format;
- e) A synopsis or abstract of the Master's thesis, not exceeding four pages;
- f) Any scientific publications, each accompanied by its abstract, in PDF format;
- g) A valid identity document, pursuant to Articles 21, 38 and 45 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended;
- h) A description of the research project to be developed during the PhD programme;
- i) An optional letter of recommendation.

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



- b) a) Application Form (STAS Admission Application);
- c) b) Curriculum Vitae, including any scientific publications and other qualifications;
- d) c) Self-declaration certifying the admission qualification referred to in Article 2, including the list of examinations taken and the corresponding grades (this declaration may only be submitted by candidates who obtained their degree from an Italian university);
- e) d) Master's thesis in PDF format only;
- f) e) A research proposal related to the selected research topic, not exceeding 1,000 words, structured as follows:
 - g) Project title;
 - h) State of the art;
 - i) Project objectives and their relevance to the selected research topic;
 - j) Methodology and proposed timeline over the three-year PhD programme;
 - k) Expected results and possible risk management strategies;
 - l) Organisational and financial feasibility;
 - m) Involvement of Italian and/or international research institutions and/or researchers, including the reasons for such involvement;
 - n) Essential bibliography, up to a maximum of 12 references (not included in the 1,000-word limit).
- o) f) A valid identity document, pursuant to Articles 21, 38 and 45 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended.

FOR THE PHD COURSE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR ENGINEERING:

- a) Application Form (ING Admission Application);
- b) Curriculum Vitae, including any scientific publications and other qualifications;
- c) Self-declaration certifying the admission qualification referred to in Article 2, including the list of examinations taken and the corresponding grades (this declaration may only be submitted by candidates who obtained their degree from an Italian university);
- d) A brief research proposal (1–2 pages) concerning the selected research topic. Applicants competing for non-scholarship positions or positions reserved for holders of foreign scholarships may submit a proposal on a freely chosen topic, provided that it is consistent with the selected curriculum and with the Scientific Disciplinary Sectors (SSDs) contributing to the PhD Programme;
- e) Master's thesis in PDF format for applicants who have already obtained a Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale, Specialist Degree or Single-Cycle Master's Degree). Applicants who have not yet obtained the required degree may instead submit a long abstract in PDF format of their thesis currently in progress, indicating the expected graduation date;
- f) A valid identity document, pursuant to Articles 21, 38 and 45 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28 December 2000, as amended;
- g) Optionally, a motivation letter (if submitted, it will be taken into account during the evaluation process).

In addition to the documentation listed above, applicants competing for positions reserved for holders of foreign scholarships must also submit, under penalty of exclusion and exclusively through the online application procedure, documentation certifying the scholarship awarded by the foreign State of which they are beneficiaries (scholarship or other form of financial support).

6). Applicants who obtained their academic qualification from a foreign university must also submit, exclusively through the online application procedure and under penalty of exclusion, the following documents:



- a) First-cycle and second-cycle university degree certificates issued by an officially recognised higher education institution, including the final grade awarded;
- b) Official transcript of records for both first-cycle and second-cycle studies, indicating the examinations taken and the corresponding grades or grading scale (Transcript of Records);
- c) Any additional documentation required to assess the eligibility of the foreign qualification (e.g. Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value, etc.), issued either by the awarding university or by the Italian diplomatic or consular authorities abroad, or a declaration of equivalence to an Italian degree specifying the Italian university that recognised the qualification and the Rector's Decree establishing such equivalence, or a Statement of Comparability issued by CIMEA;
- d) A copy of a valid identity document.

7). All documents drawn up in a language other than Italian or English, with the exception of scientific publications, must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, by a translation into Italian or English, prepared under the responsibility of the applicant.

8). In the application form, applicants must also authorise the competent Administrative Offices of the University of Sannio to process their personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR – Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

9). Applicants shall be admitted to the selection procedure conditionally. The University reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of any self-certifications and statutory declarations submitted by applicants in accordance with the applicable legislation, and may exclude applicants from the selection procedure at any time, by means of a reasoned decision, should they fail to meet the required admission requirements.

10). Applicants with disabilities, pursuant to Article 20 of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended, must request any necessary accommodations and indicate any additional time required to complete the admission examinations using the appropriate forms provided.

By the application deadline, applicants with disabilities or Specific Learning Disorders (SLDs), pursuant to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, as amended, may explicitly request, in relation to their certified condition, the necessary accommodations and any additional time required to complete the admission examinations.

Requests submitted exclusively through the online application procedure shall be assessed by the Selection Committee.

Disabilities must be certified by the competent Health Authorities.

For the purposes of this Call, applicants with Specific Learning Disorders are those diagnosed with dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, or dysorthography. Such diagnoses must be supported by an appropriate clinical certificate issued either by the Italian National Health Service or by qualified private practitioners no more than three years before the application deadline.

Applicants with certified Specific Learning Disorders pursuant to Law No. 170 of 8 October 2010 shall be granted 30% additional time for the admission examinations.

Failure to submit the required documentation may prevent the University from providing the requested accommodations in due time for the examinations.

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, 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. Please note that the activation of scholarship positions financed, wholly or partially, by external institutions or companies is subject to the actual transfer of the corresponding funds. Therefore, should such funding not be transferred, the related scholarships will not be activated.
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 ranking lists shall be established for PhD Programmes offering scholarships linked to specific research topics and/or reserved and/or additional positions. For the PhD Programmes in Person, Market and Institutions and Information Technologies for Engineering, candidates who are deemed eligible and ranked in a position qualifying them in the scholarship ranking lists may also be included in the ranking lists for non-scholarship positions. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reassign eligible candidates to other ranking lists where successful candidate positions remain unfilled;
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, 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. Should a candidate fail to submit the declaration referred to in paragraph 3, or should their income not meet the required eligibility criterion, or if they decline the scholarship, the scholarship shall be awarded to the first eligible candidate in the relevant ranking list. In all cases, scholarship recipients are required to declare annually, under their own responsibility, their total income and to report any income exceeding the threshold established under 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:

<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 Officer Responsible for the Procedure is Dr Iolanda Manicatori, Head of the Student Services Office..

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.

THE RECTOR

Prof.ssa Maria Moreno

Digitally signed pursuant to Legislative Decree 82/2005