



**Call for applications for admission to PhD Programmes and for the awarding of 3 PhD scholarships, XL cycle, academic year 2024/2025.**

**ART. 1 – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

1.1 The University of Verona hereby announces a public selection for admission to its PhD programmes for the XL cycle, academic year 2024/2025, with the awarding of no. 3 scholarships.

PHD PROGRAMMES		Positions funded with scholarship
Ph.D.	Computer Science	2
Ph.D.	Regenerative Medicine, Technological and Translational Surgery	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>3</b>

1.2 The details of each PhD programme, including the number of positions and scholarships available, the criteria for the evaluation of qualifications (if provided), the dates of the admission exam sessions, the language, methods and criteria for selection are detailed on Annex 1 - *PhD programmes information sheets*, which constitutes an integral part of this Call. The Call for Application is published on the Official University Register ([Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo](#)) on each PhD Programme's website and on the following websites: Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), [Euraxess](#) and Official Gazette ([Gazzetta Ufficiale](#)).

1.3 Any amendments or updates will be published exclusively on the PhD Programme's website. The number of positions funded with scholarships may increase after the publication of the Call, in case of additional funding made available by public or private bodies, included PhD scholarships granted within specific international projects or by governments of foreign countries. Nevertheless, the deadline for applications will not be delayed. Scholarships to be funded by external bodies (other than the University and the Ministry of University and Research) will be confirmed once the specific agreement with the funding body will be signed.

1.4 In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021, in order for PhD courses to run, they may be subject to compliance checks on accreditation requirements, carried out by Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). In the event that a course is not accredited, the admission tests will not be held and, only in this case, all interested applicants will be promptly notified. In the event that the outcome of the accreditation is not yet known at the time the competition procedures are carried out, the tests will be regularly held and the winners will be conditionally pre-enrolled, awaiting for the positive outcome of the accreditation procedure for each course. A negative outcome of the accreditation procedure will result in the non-activation of that course for the XL cycle and the conditionally pre-enrolled students will be promptly notified by e-mail. This notice has the value of official notification to all effects. Applicants will not receive any further communication, except as provided for above.

**ART. 2 – IMPLEMENTATION OF PhD PROGRAMMES**

2.1 The XL cycle of PhD programmes will officially begin on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. PhD programmes last three years, with the exception of the 4-year PhD programme in Economics and Finance. The final defence of the doctoral thesis must take place within the month of May of the solar year after the conclusion of the PhD programme. The PhD degree is conferred by the Rector, after the candidate has successfully completed the doctoral programme and passed the final examination.

2.2 The awarding of the degree scroll is subject to the submission, by the PhD candidate, of their final doctoral thesis to the Verona University Open Archive (IRIS), where it shall be kept available for

consultation. The University of Verona shall be responsible for submitting a copy of the doctoral thesis to the National Libraries of Rome and Florence, as specified by law.

### ART. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 In order to apply, it is required that applicants, regardless of their age and nationality:
- Hold an Italian university degree such as Laurea magistrale, Laurea specialistica or Laurea “vecchio ordinamento” (before Reform no. 509/1999); or
  - Hold an academic qualification (i.e. Master of Science/Art) awarded by a Higher Education Institution which allows access to further studies (PhD level) at academic institutions in the issuing Country; Professional degrees (e.g.: Master in Business Administration - MBA, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery - MBBS, etc.) do not grant access to the PhD programmes.
- 3.2 Applicants who have not yet completed their Master’s degree are also entitled to apply, provided that the degree is awarded by the day before the official starting date of the PhD programme. Their application will be considered as “**provisionally admitted**” and they will be required to submit their degree certificate or a self-certification (only for EU citizens, in accordance with Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28/12/00) to the PhD Office (*Area Ricerca – U.O. Dottorati di Ricerca* [dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it)) at the time of pre-enrolment or later on, as long as within the day before the official starting date of the PhD Programme.
- 3.3 Applicants who are already enrolled in a PhD programme at the University of Verona may transfer to a different PhD programme (only if it offers a position without scholarship), provided they have passed the entry exam and been granted admission to the new course. Students who change courses must withdraw from their previous PhD programme and start the new programme in its first year.
- 3.4 Applicants who already hold a PhD degree will not be admitted to any programme with similar research topics. Applicants who have already benefited from a PhD scholarship or part of it, regardless of where and when are not eligible to be granted another scholarship.
- 3.5 All applicants may submit their application for the present Call, **subject to confirmation**. If any of the aforementioned prerequisites are not satisfied, the university reserves the right to exclude applicants from the selection procedure for justified reasons **at any time**, even after the examination sessions have taken place.

### ART. 4 – APPLICATION

- 4.1 Applicants can submit their application from **9 July 2024 to 8 August 2024 at 12.00 noon (Italian time, GMT+1)**, exclusively using the online form available at [www.univr.it/applicationphd](http://www.univr.it/applicationphd).

The applicants have to:

- go to [www.univr.it/applicationphd](http://www.univr.it/applicationphd) webpage;
- register to the online system by entering the information required (if not already registered);
- log in using their personal credentials (if current students of the University of Verona or already registered applicants);
- select the chosen PhD programme;
- fill out the online application form.

Specific **guidelines** on how to apply are available at each PhD Programme’s website.

- 4.2 After filling out the online form, applicants should print a hard copy of it, sign it and send a scan of it together with the attachments listed in *Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets* **EXCLUSIVELY** by email to [phd.selection@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:phd.selection@ateneo.univr.it) by **8 August 2024, 1.00 p.m. (Italian time, GMT+1)**. All application documents must be submitted in **pdf format** and sent from the applicant’s personal e-mail address, with the following e-mail subject: “*Application for the PhD programme in ....., Applicant’s name and surname*”. Should the application be submitted in a different way, it will be rejected.

The overall file size of the e-mail should not exceed 20 MB. E-mails exceeding the size limit will not be delivered. The University e-mail system will send an automatic error message, which may be received by the sender up to several days after; it is the applicant’s responsibility to check for this kind of message, which may be identified as spam by the mail provider.

In case of large files to be sent, applicants may split their application documents into more than one e-mail message. In this case, the subject should be the same in each e-mail, i.e:

*Application for the PhD programme in ....., Applicant's name and surname – 1<sup>st</sup> part;*

*Application for the PhD programme in ....., Applicant's name and surname – 2<sup>nd</sup> part; etc.*

For technical issues, please contact: [phd.support@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:phd.support@ateneo.univr.it);

For further information or questions about this Call for Applications, please contact: [dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it).

4.3 In order to avoid a system overload, applicants are highly recommended to fill out the application form well in advance instead of close to the deadline.

It is each applicant's responsibility to check that the procedure has been completed correctly. The university accepts no responsibility for late applications due to technical problems or software failure close to the deadline, overloading of communications and/or applicative systems, nor for any loss of communication due to incorrect or missing addresses or late notification of a change of e-mail contact, nor for any possible misunderstanding or problem caused by third parties, fortuitous case or force majeure.

Incomplete applications, missing any pieces of information and/or compulsory attachments shall not be considered. Additional material submitted after the deadline will not be accepted unless expressly required by the PhD Office.

4.4 Applicants may apply for more than one PhD programme. For this purpose, they must complete a separate online application form for each programme and send it together with the specific documentation listed in *Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets*.

4.5 All documentation must be in Italian or English or translated into one of the aforementioned languages at the applicant's responsibility.

4.6 The list of the applications duly received within the deadline will be published on each PhD Programme's website (see section "enrolment procedures").

Applicants should check the information posted regularly. In case of any mistake, they should contact the PhD Office as soon as possible at [dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it).

## **ART. 5 – APPLICANTS HOLDING FOREIGN DEGREES**

5.1 Applicants holding a foreign degree must send, other than their application and qualifications required to apply for the selected PhD programme, the following documentation (pdf format) to show that their degree grants access to PhD courses:

- Bachelor's degree certificate showing the exact name of the degree and the final score, supported by a certificate with a full list of the exams taken, the grades achieved and the academic grading scale (academic transcript/transcript of records);
- Master's degree certificate showing the exact name of the degree and the final score, supported by a certificate with a full list of the exams taken, the grades achieved and the academic grading scale (academic transcript/transcript of records);
- Declaration of enrolment/award of a master's degree and conversion of grades earned in countries other than Italy, to be completed by using the grade conversion tool provided on each PhD Programme's website;
- Diploma Supplement (if available);
- Any other document considered relevant to evaluate the applicant's academic qualifications (i.e. Declaration of Value, if already available).

The official documents listed above, if issued in a language other than Italian or English, must be accompanied by a legal translation in either Italian or English, under penalty of exclusion.

5.2 If the applicant's academic qualification has already been officially recognised as equivalent to an Italian degree, the applicant must specify the Italian university that has recognized the degree to be equivalent and the details of the related Rector's decree. Foreign qualifications that have not been officially recognised, will be subject to a standard validation procedure, based on the documentation listed in paragraph 5.1 of this Call and with the sole purpose of fulfilling the application requirements for the PhD programme.

- 5.3 In addition to the above listed documents, applicants may be requested to submit further documentation in order to validate their degrees.
- 5.4 Applicants holding a foreign qualification will be **provisionally admitted** to the selection. The eligibility of their degree (see item 5.1), will be verified at the end of the selection process, only for the applicants listed in the final rankings. In the event that a foreign qualification is not considered as eligible, the applicant will not be entitled to enrol in the PhD programme and their position will be offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.

## **ART. 6 - APPLICANTS WITH INVALIDITY, DISABILITY OR SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS**

- 6.1 The tests are organized taking into account the needs of applicants with invalidity, disabilities pursuant to law n. 104/1992, or with specific learning disorders (SLD) referred to in law no. 170/2010. The applicant with a certificate of invalidity, disability as per law n. 104/1992, or with a diagnosis of SLD, which intends to request the application of specific adaptations, must:
- declare it when applying for the competition, in the text of the e-mail through which the application is sent according to the procedure described in art. 4.2;
  - send a specific request using the appropriate form (Annex 2), together with the necessary certifications and attachments, to be sent by e-mail to [adattamentiprove@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:adattamentiprove@ateneo.univr.it). By completing the form, the applicant also makes the necessary declarations.
- 6.2 Requests for adaptation of the tests must be received within the same deadlines set for the application for the competition as reported in article 4.2.
- 6.3 The applicant with invalidity, disability pursuant to law no. 104/1992, or with SLD:
- in the event of a test with a predetermined maximum time for its performance, he / she may request to use additional time (up to a maximum of 50% in the case of an applicant with disability or disability pursuant to law no.104 / 1992; to the maximum extent 30% in the case of an applicant with SLD);
  - they can also ask for further adjustments necessary due to the specific condition of invalidity, disability or SLD, and in relation to the type of test.
- 6.4 The applicant with SLD must present suitable certification, in original or authenticated copy on plain paper, issued no more than three years ago, or after the eighteenth year of life, by structures of the National Health System (SSN) or by structures and / or specialists accredited by the same. To this end, the applicant can in any case send the certification in copy or scan by e-mail, declaring conformity with the original in the aforementioned adaptation request form.
- 6.5 The applicant with invalidity, or disability pursuant to law n.104 / 1992, must present suitable certification, in original or authenticated copy on plain paper, issued by the competent medical commission for the area, proving the type and degree of disability and / o the degree of recognized handicap. To this end, the applicant may in any case send the certification in copy or scan by e-mail, declaring conformity with the original in the aforementioned application form for the aid.
- 6.6 The applicants referred to in this article may be admitted to take advantage of the measures provided for the test with the medical certification in their possession, even if not updated due to the limitation of the activity of the SSN for Covid19 emergency, subject to, by the University, to subsequently request the integration of the documentation provided therein.
- 6.7 Applicants with invalidity, disability pursuant to law n.104 / 1992, or with SLD, residing in foreign countries, who intend to take advantage of the measures referred to in the preceding paragraphs, must submit the legalized certification, where required by the international standards in force, certifying the state of invalidity, disability or SLD, issued in the country of residence, accompanied by a translation, sworn and by an official translator or certified conforming to the original text by the Italian diplomatic representations, in Italian or in English. The university bodies in charge of examining the certifications referred to in the preceding paragraphs ascertain that the foreign documentation certifies a condition of invalidity, disability or specific learning disability recognized by Italian law. Pending the verification of the authenticity of the aforementioned documentation by the University bodies, the applicant that is a resident in a non-EU country is allowed to take the test with reserve. Any clarifications may be requested by applicants by e-mail by contacting the Inclusion Unit at [adattamentiprove@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:adattamentiprove@ateneo.univr.it).

## ART. 7 – ENTRY EXAMINATION, EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

- 7.1 The entry examination consists in a selection procedure intended to ascertain applicants' academic background and aptitude for academic research and to ensure a comparative evaluation.
- 7.2 Details on the selection procedure and the evaluation criteria are provided in *Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets*.
- 7.3 Applicants with disabilities or specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) should note it in the dedicated section of the online application form, in order to request any special assistance and, if necessary, extra time for the examinations, as stated by Italian Law no. 104/1992 and additions.  
"Applicants with disabilities" refers to blind applicants (total blindness or a remaining vision of no more than 1/10 in both eyes); deaf applicants (born with impaired hearing or whose hearing loss occurred before they began to speak); applicants with a legal disability of 66% or higher; and applicants with a certificate of disability issued in accordance with Law no. 104/92. The aforementioned disabilities must be certified by the relevant health authority.  
"Applicants with specific learning difficulties (SpLDs)" refers to applicants with diagnosed dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dysorthographia. These must be supported by a specific clinical statement issued within the last three years by the Italian National Health Services or a registered medical practitioner. Applicants with certified dyslexia will be given 30% extra time for the entrance examination in accordance with Law no. 170/2010.  
All medical certificates must be submitted to the [Inclusion and accessibility Unit \(U.O. Inclusione e Accessibilità\)](#), Via S. Francesco 22, Verona, phone: 0039 045 8028786, office hours: by appointment only, e-mail: [inclusione.accessibilita@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:inclusione.accessibilita@ateneo.univr.it), before the Call for Applications deadline.  
The university cannot guarantee to provide the necessary aid in case the documents are sent after the deadline.
- 7.4 Entry examinations timetables are included in the *Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets*. Any up-to-date notices regarding the selection procedure will be posted on the PhD Programme's website.  
In order to be correctly identified, applicants will have to show the same ID – identity card, driving licence, passport – they used to register their online application. Should the exam be conducted online via live streaming on Zoom, applicants will be asked to keep their camera on to allow the Examination Board to identify and see them during the interview.
- 7.5 A score of at least 40/60 is required to pass the entry examination, unless differently specified. The evaluation of qualifications will be added to the oral exam score.  
The evaluation of qualifications will be based on the documents submitted by the applicants. If the qualifications score has not already been specified in *Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets*, the Examination Board will decide the score for each qualification required.
- 7.6 For all types of positions announced, the Examination Board may reserve the possibility of drawing up separate ranking lists, taking into account the preferences expressed and the applications received. In the event that no suitable applicants are available on a ranking lists (no applications, withdrawals, etc.), the Examination Board may reserve the possibility of assigning the position, with or without scholarship, to suitable applicants ranked in a different list of that same course, subject to verification of the requirements needed.
- 7.7 **Applicants will not be notified about the examination results.** The official final rankings, approved by Rector's Decree, will be published and displayed on the Official University Register (*Albo Ufficiale dell'Ateneo*) and on each PhD Programme's website.  
Applicants may contest the final ranking after the publication of the selection results. In accordance with Law no. 241/1990 and subsequent additions and modifications, applicants have the right to access the selection records.

## ART. 8 – EXAMINATION BOARDS

- 8.1 The Examination Boards shall consist of three members of the Teaching Committee of the PhD Programme.

The Examination Board may – at no additional cost to the University – include up to two Italian or international experts selected from companies or public or private research entities. The inclusion and nomination of such experts is compulsory if provided by a specific agreement.

The Examination Board shall elect its own Chair and Secretary. The Rector's Decrees stating the members of the Examination Boards will be published on each PhD Programme's website after the deadline of the present notice.

## **ART. 9 – ADMISSION TO THE PhD PROGRAMMES**

- 9.1 Successful applicants are admitted to the PhD programmes in merit-based ranking order until all the available positions on the programme have been granted. If the same marks have been scored by two or more applicants, the youngest one will get preference in ranking in accordance with Art. 3.7, Law no. 127/97 as modified by art. 2, Law 191/98. Should an applicant be successful in more than one ranking, they must choose only one PhD programme to enrol in.
- 9.2 Successful applicants who are admitted to a PhD programme must submit a pre-enrolment form online following the procedure available at [www.univr.it/enrolmentphd](http://www.univr.it/enrolmentphd) within 15 days after the publication of the final rankings in order to register for their PhD programme, under penalty of exclusion.
- 9.3 Should an applicant fail to complete the online pre-enrolment procedure within the period stated for their relevant PhD programme, the University will consider they as having given up their position (with or without scholarship) in the programme, and this position will be reassigned to the next applicant on the merit ranking. The latter will be informed only by email and must enrol by following the procedure described in paragraph 8.2 within five days of the notification.
- 9.4 Applicants are advised that the University is required to check the truthfulness of any information or statement received. Should a declaration be found false or misleading, in addition to the loss of any benefits gained by the applicant on the basis of **a false declaration**, criminal sanctions for false statements and the forgery of documents shall apply (see Art.s 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000). The University Administration will withdraw any benefits awarded to the applicant (such as a scholarship and fee concessions) and will not reimburse any of the fees paid. False declarations may also lead to possible legal action by the interested parties

## **ART. 10 – PhD PROGRAMMES AND MEDICAL POSTGRADUATE SPECIALISATIONS**

- 10.1 Students enrolled at a Medical School of Specialist Studies run by the University of Verona or by other Italian Universities are entitled to apply to this Call. Any provisions that differ from the above are specified in the section "Positions available" in Annex 1.
- 10.2 Upon pre-enrollment, the aforementioned students must provide a clearance ("*Nulla Osta*") certifying that the joint attendance between the Doctoral Program and the School of Specialisation is sustainable, even taking into account the distance between the seats of delivery of both courses. The clearance must be jointly signed by the Director of the School of Specialist Studies and the Coordinator of the PhD Programme and forwarded to the respective Boards.
- 10.3 During the period of joint attendance, due to incompatibility between the remuneration for the Postgraduate Specialisation and the PhD scholarship, the student will not receive the latter. Those scholarship instalments will be made available to the University central administration.

## **ART. 11 – RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND INCOMPATIBILITIES FOR PhD STUDENTS**

- 11.1 Attendance to the PhD course involves **an exclusive and full-time commitment**; any activities other than training and research must be authorized by the Teaching Committee after obtaining the favorable opinion of the supervisor and the co-supervisor. PhD students holding a scholarship can undertake paid assignments limited to activities leading to acquiring new skills within the research path of the PhD Programme, provided that the PhD Teaching Committee has confirmed that the successful fulfilment of training, teaching and research activities of the Course is preserved. The remuneration of those authorized activities shall not exceed the value of the annual amount of the PhD scholarship as detailed in the following art. 11.1.

Subordinate employment contracts with public or private entities involving a continuous commitment for a fixed or indefinite duration are considered in determining the above remuneration. For PhD students who do not hold a scholarship, any real incompatibility between doctoral and work activities must be evaluated by the PhD Teaching Committee.

- 11.2 Public employees admitted to a PhD course, for the normal duration of the course can benefit from a leave from work as provided for in their employment contract or, if employed under public law, from study leave, if compatible with the needs of the administration, pursuant to art. 2, Law no. 476/1984, with or without salary and only if enrolled for the first time in a doctoral course, regardless of the subject field.
- 11.3 In accordance with the provisions of Law 33/2022, simultaneous enrolment in a PhD course and a **non-compulsory attendance** bachelor's/master's degree course, a non-medical specialisation course and a Level I or II master's course is permitted. Enrolment is subject to the approval of the respective Bodies, which must verify the sustainability of dual attendance for the achievement of the knowledge and skills required by each course. Simultaneous enrolment in a PhD course and a medical specialisation course is also permitted, pursuant to Article 7 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021 and regulated by Article 10 above. Simultaneous enrolment and, consequently, joint attendance of two PhD courses (except in the case of co-doctoral agreements or enrolment in international doctoral programmes aimed at awarding double or joint degrees) and of a PhD course and a degree/master's degree course involving compulsory attendance is not allowed: at the time of enrolment, the PhD Candidate must opt for one of the two courses. In the event of a false declaration and where a dual enrolment persists, the University shall issue a formal provision signed by the Rector annulling the enrolment on the course and proceed to recover any sums paid by way of a grant in accordance with the procedures laid down by law. The ban on double enrolment continues until the end of the last year of the Course (third/fourth year).
- 11.4 PhD students can spend up to a maximum of 12 months abroad for study purposes and/or internship activities at private or public foreign entities unless further directions are specified in *Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets*.
- 11.5 For regulations concerning PhD students' rights, obligations, incompatibilities and for what is not regulated by this Call please refer to [Regulations for PhD Studies](#), available at the webpage PhDs > Find out more > PhD Regulations.

## ART. 12 – SCHOLARSHIPS

- 12.1 The annual amount of the PhD scholarship is equal to Euro 16,243.00 gross of INPS social security charges as provided by law to be paid by the recipient. Scholarships are awarded for the entire duration of the PhD programme (3 years/36 months, 4 years/ 48 months) and instalments are paid on a monthly basis. The first instalment of October 2024 will be paid at the end of the same month provided that the student has submitted all the documentation required and is correctly pre-enrolled in their PhD programme **by 24 September 2024**. Otherwise, a two-month instalment will be paid at the end of November.  
For PhD students coming from abroad, the first monthly instalment will be processed once they have notified the PhD office of their arrival in Verona. Payment will be made in the current month if such communication, as well as personal bank details, is sent by the 10th of the month. Otherwise it will be processed the following month.
- 12.2 The scholarship will be increased by 50% during the authorised study periods abroad, even to PhD students who do not hold a scholarship. Should the student be suspended or excluded from the PhD programme, scholarship funds will be awarded only for the period in which they attended it.
- 12.3 The Call can include scholarships of higher amount than the one prescribed by D.M. 247/2022 if they are funded through external funds or in the framework of specific research projects.
- 12.4 Scholarships have an annual duration and are renewed on the condition that the PhD student has completed all the activities intended for that year, as verified by the PhD programme Teaching Committee.
- 12.5 From the first year of the programme, every PhD student (with or without a scholarship) shall be guaranteed a research budget of not less than 10% of the annual scholarship amount in order to

support their research activity in Italy and abroad.

- 12.6 PhD scholarships cannot be accumulated with other scholarships, except those granted by national or foreign institutions that allow the student to conduct PhD research abroad.
- 12.7 PhD students who are not awarded a PhD scholarship but fulfil the income requirements foreseen by law may apply for a scholarship within the *Bando per l'assegnazione delle borse per il diritto allo studio universitario* available at the following webpage [www.univr.it/benefici](http://www.univr.it/benefici)

#### **ART. 13 – STUDY FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE**

13.1 Fees and contributions are the following:

- **Students with a scholarship** must pay **€452.00** (€250.00 for tuition fees, €186.00 for regional study tax contributions, and €16.00 for stamp duty using the virtual stamping system) on a single payment to finalize the pre-enrolment;

Any changes to the aforementioned amounts will be notified to PhD students in due time.

- 13.2 Students who are not awarded a scholarship but meet specific income requirements may request a reduction of the regional study tax contributions and/or student contributions by following the instructions published in the Rector's Decree at <https://www.univr.it/en/job-vacancies/studenti-e-laureati/riduzione-contribuzione-studentesca>

Students meeting the following requisites are exempt from paying tuition fees and regional study tax contributions:

- students with a legal disability of at least 66% certified by the relevant health authority pursuant to Law no. 104/92;
- recipients of a regional scholarship;

Students meeting the following requisites are exempt from paying tuition fees:

- students meeting requisites established by art. 30, Law no. 118/1971;
- students receiving an Italian Government scholarship (for foreign students, the current application process is available on the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](http://www.mfa.it) website);
- students without a scholarship.

PhD students with recognized disability (between 50% and 65%) will pay a reduced amount of € 402.00 (€200.00 for tuition fees, €186.00 for regional study tax contributions, and €16.00 for stamp duty using the virtual stamping system).

PhD students coming from developing countries as annually identified by MUR will be entitled to ask for a reimbursement of €100.00 for tuition fees.

#### **ART. 14 – IPR**

- 14.1 The intellectual and industrial property rights of any results achieved by PhD students – including, but not limited to, software, industrial inventions that may or may not be patentable, know-how, models, data and data collections – are governed in accordance with current regulations/statutory laws, the University regulations and, where applicable, in compliance with specific agreements signed with universities, enterprises/businesses or other parties involved.
- 14.2 In all cases, PhD candidates undertake to promptly notify the Coordinator regarding the achievement of any results and must agree not to disclose them or use them without the prior authorisation of the University. If collaborating with research groups, PhD students must sign a specific agreement for the recognition of intellectual property rights, maintaining the utmost confidentiality concerning all reserved information, data, and documents they may come into the possession of while carrying out their activities at or on behalf of the University.
- 14.3 In all cases, PhD students are guaranteed the possibility of undertaking all the normal publication activities provided by the research and study programme, which shall be planned compatibly with the need to protect any possible results.



## ART. 15 – FINAL REGULATIONS

15.1 The University of Verona is the Data Controller of applicants' personal data according to EU Regulation 2016/67; further information about data processing, data recipients, and rights of the data subjects can be found on the University of Verona webpage: <https://www.univr.it/en/privacy>.

15.2 Person responsible for administrative proceedings: dott.ssa Maria Gabaldo, Responsabile Area Ricerca, Via S. Francesco n. 22, Verona, phone. 045 802 8134 / 8078, e-mail: [dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it)

All matters not specified in this Call for Applications shall be governed by the [Regulations for PhD Studies](#) (available at the webpage: Admission to PhD Programmes > PhD Regulations) and relevant national laws and regulations.

15.3 Further information about the administrative procedure are available on the [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) website, on each PhD Programme's website and/or can be requested to the PhD Office: *Area Ricerca – U.O. Dottorati di Ricerca*, Via San Francesco no. 22, phone. 00 39 045 8028134 / 8078, e-mail: [dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it)

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The official text of this Call for Applications is drawn up in Italian language and available on each PhD Programme's website. This translation provides a summary in English for information purposes only. In case of discrepancies, the Italian version will prevail.

## Annex 1 - PhD programmes information sheets

<b>Ph.D. Programme in Computer Science</b> <b>Coordinator: Professor Ferdinando Cicalese</b>			
Programme duration	3 years: 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 – 30 <sup>st</sup> September 2027 Thesis Defence: by May 2028		
Website	<a href="https://www.corsi.univr.it/?ent=cs&amp;id=635&amp;menu=home&amp;lang=en">https://www.corsi.univr.it/?ent=cs&amp;id=635&amp;menu=home&amp;lang=en</a>		
Admission requirements	_ “Laurea specialistica” or “Laurea magistrale” (second cycle university degree, e.g., M.A., M.Sc.); _or a degree taken under the old Italian university system in force prior to the one introduced by the Italian Ministerial Decree No. 599/1999; _or equivalent foreign degree.		
Programme learning objectives and language	Information on the programme learning objectives and research topics are available on the web site of Verona University at the following <a href="#">link</a> The Programme activities will be partially held in English.		
Positions available	Positions with scholarship	n. 2	n. 1 position in agreement with ASI (Italian Space Agency) reserved for the realization of the following research project: <i>An open, efficient, and customizable pipeline for the automated processing of remote sensed data for computational agro-ecology</i> <b>Important:</b> candidates interested in this position must explicitly state it in the Application Form  n. 1 position in agreement with ACN (National Cybersecurity Agency) reserved for the realization of the following research project: <i>Vulcan-A Tool for Vulnerability Analysis in Source Code with Large Language Models</i> <b>Important:</b> candidates interested in this position must explicitly state it in the Application Form
	<b>Total places</b>	<b>n. 2</b>	
Admission procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of qualifications*</li> <li>• Oral examination</li> </ul> Language for the oral examination: English English language skills are required.		
Oral Examination	<b>Place:</b> The oral examination will be held by telematic means, via the Zoom platform. Instructions and link for the connection will be provided after the publication of the list of candidates admitted to the oral examination. <b>Date:</b> to be defined <b>Time:</b> to be defined		
Evaluation criteria	*The evaluation of qualifications is preliminary to the admission examinations. Only candidates who will attain a minimum score of 40/60 will gain access to the oral examination. The results will be published, as soon as available, on the <a href="#">PhD Program web page</a> . A pass in the oral examination will be awarded if the candidate has attained a minimum score of 40/60.		

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	<p>The score obtained after the evaluation of the qualifications will be added to the score of the oral examination in order to obtain the final ranking.</p> <p>For each position there will be a separate specific ranking.</p>
Qualifications subject to evaluation and respective score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certificate with final graduation mark or certificate with marks of exams obtained during the academic career in case of final graduation after the Call for application deadline: <b>max. points 17</b></li><li>• Graduation Thesis relevant to the research topics of the chosen project: <b>max. points 17</b></li><li>• Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum: <b>max. points 12</b></li><li>• Candidate's letter of motivation: <b>max. points 4</b></li><li>• Scientific publications with a clear contribution of the candidate: <b>max. points 3</b></li><li>• Nr. 2 reference letters released by Professors of the University that conferred the academic title (for both Italian and foreign candidates): <b>max. points 2</b></li><li>• Research experience at Universities or research centres relevant to the research topics of the chosen project: <b>max. points 5</b></li></ul> <p><b>Total qualifications score: 60</b></p>
Examination topics	Computer Science

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Ph.D. programme in Regenerative Medicine, Technological and Translational Surgery			
Coordinator: Professor Simone Giacomuzzi			
Programme duration	3 years: 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 – 30 <sup>st</sup> September 2027; Thesis Defence: by May 2028		
Website	<a href="https://www.corsi.univr.it/?ent=cs&amp;id=1193&amp;menu=home&amp;lang=en">https://www.corsi.univr.it/?ent=cs&amp;id=1193&amp;menu=home&amp;lang=en</a>		
Admission requirements	_“Laurea specialistica” or “Laurea magistrale” (second cycle university degree, e.g., M.A., M.Sc.); _or a degree taken under the old Italian university system (prior to the one introduced by the Italian Ministerial Decree No. 599/99); _or equivalent foreign degree		
Programme objectives	Programme objectives and learning outcomes of the Ph.D. degree programme can be found at the PhD Programme <a href="#">webpage</a>		
Positions available	Scholarships funded within the project “Dipartimento di Eccellenza” <i>Curriculum Robotic Surgery and Artificial Intelligence (CCRIA)</i>	n. 1	Research themes: <i>Experimental robotic surgery</i> <i>Artificial intelligence applied to surgery</i> <i>Deep learning in surgery</i>
	<b>Total places</b>	<b>n. 1</b>	
Admission procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of qualifications*</li> <li>• Oral examination</li> </ul> Language for the oral examination: Italian and/or English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English language skills are required</li> </ul>		
Oral Examination	<b>Place:</b> Ospedale Donna e Bambino, padiglione 30, Aula B, P.le Stefani 1, 37126 Verona <b>Date:</b> to be defined <b>Time:</b> to be defined		
Evaluation criteria	*The evaluation of qualifications is preliminary to the admission examinations. Only candidates who will attain a minimum score of 25/40 will gain access to the oral examination. The results will be published, as soon as available, on the <a href="#">PhD Program web page</a> . A pass in the oral examination will be awarded only if the score is at least 40/60. The score obtained by candidates after the evaluation of their qualifications will be added to the score of the oral examination in order to draw up the final merit ranking.		
Documents to be submitted with the Application Form and relative scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate with final graduation mark or list of marks obtained during the academic career in case of final graduation after the Call deadline (<b>max. score: 5 points</b>)</li> <li>• Graduation thesis (<b>max. score: 5 points</b>)</li> <li>• Curriculum Vitae et studiorum (<b>max. score: 6 points</b>)</li> <li>• Candidate’s motivation letter (<b>max. score: 2 points</b>)</li> <li>• Scientific publications (<b>max. score 6 points</b>)</li> <li>• Other qualifications that could be considered relevant (<b>max. score: 6 points</b>)</li> <li>• Post-graduate program and/or Master (<b>max. score: 5 points</b>)</li> <li>• Research experience at universities or research centres (<b>max. score: 5 points</b>)</li> </ul> <b>Max. total score: 40 points</b>		
Examination topics	Robotic surgery, applied artificial intelligence, deep learning in surgery		

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