



HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 210 of July 3, 1998;

HAVING REGARD TO art. 19 of Law no. 240 of December 30, 2010;

HAVING REGARD TO the Ministerial Decree n. 226 of December 29, 2021;

HAVING REGARD TO the Ministerial Decree no. 247 of February 23, 2022;

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree No. 301 of 22 March 2022;

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of the University of Tuscia issued by R.D. no. 480 of 8 June 2012, pursuant to Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, and amended by R.D. no. 185 of 11 March 2019;

HAVING REGARD TO the General University Regulations regarding PhDs;

HAVING REGARD TO the resolution of the Administrative Council of June 11, 2026;

HAVING REGARD TO the "Procedures for entry, residency and enrolment of international students and the respective recognition of qualifications for higher education courses in Italy", valid for the academic years 2026/2027 and 2027/28";

PROVIDE THAT all possible modifications, amendments and integrations to this call will be communicated exclusively on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website;

DECREES AS FOLLOWS

Art. 1

Call for Applications

1 The University of Tuscia hereby announces a public selection for admission to the following PhD programs for the 42nd cycle, academic year 2026/2027:

- Ecology and sustainable management of environmental resources
- Economics, management and quantitative methods
- Engineering for energy and environment
- Legal systems, rights protection and European integration
- Plant and animal sciences
- History and cultural heritage
- Science, technology and biotechnology for sustainability
- Society in change: policies, rights and security
- Welfare, diversity and gender studies

2. **Annexes (A)**, which form an integral part of this Call, specify for each course the location, PhD program Coordinator, research topics, names of the affiliated institutions, available positions and scholarships, selection procedure, assessed qualifications and programs offered.

3. The number of positions with scholarships could be increased depending on further funding from external public or private entities, obtained both through competitive calls and agreements. In cases where the grant is funded for a specific topic or project(s), the university reserves the right to use new selection procedures.

4. The activation of the PhD courses is subject to the completion of the accreditation procedure or the verification of the maintenance of requirements by ANVUR. Therefore, selection procedures will be conducted exclusively for those PhD programs that receive ministerial accreditation or its renewal.

5. The PhD Program Information Sheets (**Annex A**) for each PhD Program are published on the **following websites**: the University website (under the “[Dottorati di Ricerca](#)” section), Euraxess (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>), and the Ministry of University and Research.

The PhD Program Information Sheets (Annex A) of each PhD Program are published on the University website, under the “[Dottorati di Ricerca](#)” section, on the Euraxess website (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>) and on the [website](#) of the Ministry of University and Research (<https://bandi.mur.gov.it/doctorate.php/public/cercaFellowship>).

Art. 2

Types of positions available for applicants

1. The following positions are available in this Call for Applications:

- a. Scholarships funded by the University of Tuscia, its Departments and public or private institutions;
- b. Positions reserved for employees of affiliated companies and public institutions;
- c. Positions without scholarships.

2. Winners of set-topic scholarships are required to conduct doctoral research on the specific topic indicated in the programme outline.

3. Positions with scholarships referred to in this Call may be increased and/or financed through further available funds obtained as part of calls funded by National Operational Programmes, Regional Operational Programmes, European Social Fund, or other EU, National, and Regional Programmes and/or International Projects.

Any additional scholarships, granted by public/private national/international institutions as well as through specific programmes or funds of such entities, may require specific entry requirements for candidates to be eligible (including, but not limited to: age, citizenship, residence, etc.). These scholarships may be linked to a specific research topic and learning path. Reference should be made to the conditions set out by the funding institution regarding any additional entry requirements and connected research projects.

Art. 3

Admission requirements

1. The following applicants may apply for these selections, without age and citizenship restrictions:

- a) those who, by the application deadline, have obtained an Italian Specialist Degree (D.M. No. 509/1999), a Master's degree diploma (D.M. No. 270/2004), a Degree Diploma under the old system or an academic degree awarded abroad and recognized by the Selection Board as being eligible for the sole purpose of the selected PhD competition;
- b) those who expect to receive the aforementioned degree no later than October 31, 2026. If the degree is not obtained by the specified date, the candidate will forfeit their assigned scholarship or any other position they were admitted to.

2. Students currently enrolled in a PhD program without a scholarship may participate in the selection procedures for the same PhD program they are already attending; however, if admitted, they cannot enrol unless they formally resign from their current doctoral position

3. Applicants who have already held a PhD scholarship, in Italy or abroad (even if partial), are not eligible for a new scholarship.

4. Those who already hold a PhD are allowed to enrol, upon successfully passing the admission exams, in another PhD program without a scholarship (if they were already granted one during their previous PhD), provided that the topics and main scientific sectors are different from those related to the PhD already obtained.

5. Applicants will be excluded or their applications will be rejected if:

- the requested documents and information are not provided within the deadline and according to the rules laid down in the Call;
- the academic qualification awarded abroad is not recognized as equivalent to an Italian qualification.
- the "Diploma Supplement" or the "Dichiarazione di valore" issued by the University or the Italian embassy/consulate in the country where the degree was awarded, respectively, or a certification of eligibility issued by CIMEA, is not provided to the PhD Office within the prescribed term;
- the application fee is not paid by the established deadline;

Art. 4

International qualifications

1. Applicants holding an academic qualification awarded abroad can be admitted to a PhD program only if their qualification is recognized as equivalent to an Italian second-cycle degree (such as a *Laurea magistrale a ciclo unico*, *Laurea specialistica*, or *Laurea magistrale*). This foreign qualification must have been awarded by an officially recognized academic institution and must grant admission to a PhD program in its country of origin, provided there are no significant discrepancies. As such the qualification must be comparable to an Italian master's degree or another equivalent second-cycle degree required for PhD admission.

2. The suitability of foreign qualifications is ascertained by the Selection Board responsible for PhD admissions (Art. 9). This assessment adheres to relevant legislation in force both in Italy and the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for further studies.

3. Applicants who hold international qualifications must therefore upload the following documents during this online application procedure:

- a) a second-cycle degree diploma (Master's Degree level) that allows admission to PhD/third-cycle studies in the home country, awarded by a recognized academic institution, showing the final mark.
- b) an academic qualification obtained abroad, of at least four years' duration, equivalent in level of study (Master's Degree) to the Italian qualifications specified above.
- c) a transcript of records for exams passed during the second-cycle university program, including final marks, enclosing by the grading scheme for both the course grades and the final degree;
- d) any other document useful for the recognition of eligibility, such as the Diploma Supplement or the 'Dichiarazione di valore' issued by the University or the Italian embassy/consulate in the country where the degree was issued, respectively; or a certification of eligibility issued by [CIMEA](#).

Failure to provide the documents listed in points a), b), and c) will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

Candidates who apply for the selection on condition that they obtain their foreign qualification by October 31, 2026, must attach the documentation referred to in point c) of this article.

If the aforementioned documents are written in a language other than Italian, English, or French, they must be accompanied by an official translation into one of these languages. This translation must be certified as conforming to the original by the issuing university or by the competent Italian diplomatic and consular authorities, in accordance with current regulations.

The candidate may be required at any time to submit further documents to verify the eligibility of their degree.

4. The results of the Selection Board's recognition of the qualification's suitability will be published on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website.

5. This publication constitutes official notification for all legal purposes; therefore, candidates will not receive any personal communication regarding the recognition of their qualification.

Art. 5

Additional positions reserved for employees of companies, institutions, and public research centers

1. Employees of companies, institutes, or public research centers in highly qualified positions may be assigned specific roles within an accredited "industrial PhD" program while keeping their job and stipend. For these roles, the training objectives and research activities are arranged between the University and the company, institute, or public research center through a specific agreement.

Candidate interviews will include a discussion of the research topics proposed by the company.

A separate ranking list is drawn up for these candidates.

2. Candidates interested in these positions must select the appropriate administrative category during the application procedure, if available for their chosen PhD program.

Art. 6

Application and deadline

1. The deadline for applications is **August 18, 2026, at 2 p.m. (CEST)**.

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the online [Student Portal](#).

2. Applicants must first register on the Student Portal (Portale dello Studente) platform to obtain the credentials (username and password) needed to access the sign-up process. Detailed instructions are available on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website.

Qualifications and documents required by the chosen PhD program and indicated in the Program Information Sheet (**Annex A**) must be uploaded to the application.

Qualifications and documents must be attached as .pdf files and must not exceed 10MB each. Each file's name must include the candidate's surname and the type of qualification (e.g., **surname_curriculumvitae**).

At the end of the online application procedure, candidates must pay a €25.00 application fee. This can be done either directly by credit card (the preferred option for applicants residing abroad) or by printing the PagoPA payment notice and paying at banks, post offices, and authorized stores. This payment is compulsory for each application submitted. Applications received by email or any method other than the online platform will not be considered.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered, and applicants will be excluded from the selection procedure.

If applying to more than one PhD Program, each application must be accompanied by the relevant qualifications and required documents.

3. Applicants with disabilities can benefit from 50% additional time. Upon request, applicants with a specific learning disorder can benefit from 30% additional time.

These requests must be submitted following the information available in the online application procedure.

4. Applicants are strongly advised to submit their application well in advance of the deadline.

Applicants are responsible for verifying the correct completion of the online procedure. After the submission is completed through the online procedure, it is not possible to make changes or add documentation.

Complaints pertaining to any system malfunctioning due to website traffic overload close to the deadline will not be accepted.

Art. 7

Disco Lazio benefits

1. PhD students, pursuant to D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001, are entitled to receive, under the same conditions as other students, the benefits offered by the Institution for the Right to Study (Lazio Disco).

2. Applicants who wish to apply for these benefits (scholarships, accommodation, etc.) must consult the [DiSCo Lazio website](#) where the call for applications for the above-mentioned benefits is published.

Applicants can apply before the PhD selection procedure and before their potential enrollment in the PhD program.

Art. 8

Entrance examinations

1. The entrance examination, aimed at assessing applicants' aptitude for scientific research, will be carried out according to the criteria outlined in the PhD Program Information Sheet (**Annex A**).

Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of a foreign language.

The evaluation of candidates will be based on:

- an assessment of academic qualifications;
- a written examination (where applicable);
- an oral examination.

2. The schedule for the admission exams for each PhD program of the XLII cycle will be published on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website, detailing the method, date, and time of the exams. This publication will serve as the official convocation of candidates.

Candidates admitted to the written and oral examinations must bring a valid identity document as per current legislation.

3. Written and oral examinations will take place in person, at the venue specified on the University's doctoral programs webpage.

Applicants residing abroad have the option to take the oral examination via videoconference.

To choose this option, applicants must download the relevant form from the doctoral programs webpage and upload it, duly completed, as an attachment to their online application. The connection address provided in the form will be used by the Selection Board for the video call.

At the interview, candidates must present the ID they attached to their application form for identification purposes.

Failure to provide or an incorrect indication of the videoconference address, unavailability of the candidate on the day and time established by the Selection Board, and failure to present the identity document will constitute grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure. The University of Tuscia declines all responsibility for any unforeseen technical problems impeding the oral examination conducted via videoconference.

4. If the number of candidates does not allow for a single-day exam session, it will be extended to the following days; the schedule will be published on the University website.

5. Any change in the date, timetable or location of the exams will be published on the University website mentioned above; applicants will not receive any convocation notice from the University.

Art. 9

Selection Boards

1. The Selection Boards will be appointed in compliance with current regulations.

Selection Boards, one for each PhD program, are responsible for the entire selection and evaluation procedure, from the eligibility assessment to the interview and the drafting of the ranking list.

The composition of the Boards will be published on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website, after the deadline of the Call for Applications.

2. The Selection Boards' first action is to decide, if not already specified, the criteria and procedures for evaluating applications.

Art. 10

Selection and ranking

1. The Selection Boards will formulate a ranking list for each type of available position (Article 2, paragraph 1, letters a) - c).

The rankings will report the sum of the scores obtained in the admission exams and the evaluation of qualifications. Candidates will be admitted to PhD programs according to the ranking order until the number of positions available is filled. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the younger candidate will have priority in the ranking. The rankings will be approved by a Rector's Decree. In the case of PhD programs structured into different curricula, the Rector approves a final merit-based ranking list for each curriculum.

2. Positions reserved for employees of companies, public bodies, or research centres, as well as those without a scholarship, will be assigned according to the order of the specific rankings drawn up for each PhD program, where applicable.

3. Should a scholarship winner withdraw or fail to enrol, the scholarship will be reassigned, based on the score, to the next eligible candidate on the list.

4. A candidate admitted simultaneously to two or more PhD programs must choose only one to attend.

5. The merit rankings will be published on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website. This publication is the sole official communication.

Art. 11

Enrollment Procedure

1. Once admission procedures have ended and the results have been approved, the ranking lists will be published on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website.

Following the publication of the ranking lists, a notice will be sent to the interested parties at the e-mail address indicated during the application process. The notice will include the enrollment schedule and procedures. Successful candidates who do not comply with these procedures will forfeit the right to their place, which will be offered to the next-ranked candidate. To complete the enrollment, it is necessary to follow the instructions published on the [PhD Programs page](#) of the University website.

If candidates withdraw from the program within one month from its beginning, the vacant places will be reassigned to the next candidates in the merit ranking list. These candidates will be duly informed by e-mail and, if interested, must enroll and pay the enrollment fee within the mandatory deadline of 3 days from the receipt of the e-mail. After that time, the candidate will be considered as having forfeited the position.

If a candidate withdraws after benefiting from a scholarship, they will be required to pay back any installments already received. The remaining part of the fellowship will be reassigned by the University to another PhD candidate without a scholarship, already enrolled in the program, according to the ranking list.

2. Those awaiting graduation by October 31, 2026, and therefore temporarily unable to enroll, must notify dottorati@unitus.it of their intention to enroll in the PhD program as soon as the required qualification is obtained. This communication must be sent no later than the deadline published with the ranking list. A scanned copy of a valid identity document must be attached to the email, failing which the application will be rejected. Failure to submit the aforementioned communication will be considered a waiver of the position.

3. The enrollment procedure will be accessible through the [Student Portal](#).

4. Successful non-EU applicants residing abroad must apply for a student visa at the competent Italian diplomatic-consular representations in their country of residence, following registration on the University portal. Subsequent to their entry into Italy, they will be required to submit to the Offerta Formativa Office a copy of their residence permit or the receipt certifying that the application has been submitted to the competent authorities.

Art. 12

PhD Scholarships

1. The scholarship, pursuant to Ministerial Decree 247/2022, amounts to €16,243.00 gross per year, paid on a monthly basis. This amount includes the social security contributions to the INPS Gestione Separata (INPS), which scholarship recipients are required to pay.

The gross annual taxable income limit for PhD scholarship eligibility is set at €14,000.00, excluding the scholarship itself.

2. Scholarship payments cover the entire duration of the PhD program. Scholarships financed by external bodies are disbursed only once the respective institutions have transferred the owed funds to the University of Tuscia.

3. Scholarship payments are made on a monthly basis.

The scholarship amount can be increased by up to 50% for authorized research periods spent abroad, for a maximum of 12 months. This increase can extend to a maximum of 18 months for doctoral students pursuing a joint thesis supervision agreement (scotutelle) with the University of Tuscia and a foreign institution.

4. Each PhD student, whether or not they receive a scholarship, is allocated a research budget for activities in Italy and abroad. This budget amounts to 10% of the scholarship value, in accordance with Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021, Art. 9.

5. The cases of total or partial incompatibility for the receiving the scholarship are established by current legislation. In particular, a scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except for those granted by national or foreign institutions intended to supplement the training or research activities of the recipients, and with funding from the MUR Youth Fund.

6. In case of incompatibility, students must reimburse any amounts unduly received. Reimbursements refer to an academic year or fraction thereof. Students cannot be awarded the doctoral scholarship twice.

Art. 13

Incompatibility

1. Regarding any incompatibilities, the legislation and regulations in force shall apply.

Art. 14

Ethical Code

1. PhD students must abide by the provisions of the University of Tuscia Code of Ethics, available at the following link [Code of Ethical Conduct](#).

Art. 15

Tuition fees

1. PhD students who hold a scholarship or other equivalent forms of support as per Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 226/2021 are fully exempt from paying university fees and contributions.

Additionally, pursuant to Law of 11 December 2016, no. 232, paragraph 262, a total exemption from university tuition and fees is also provided for PhD students who are not scholarship beneficiaries. Regardless of the above exemptions, all doctoral students enrolled in the programs are required to pay an annual fee of €16.00 for revenue stamp duty and an annual fee of €140.00 for the Regional Tax for the Right to Education.

2. Students with a recognized disability of 66% or greater, as well as students who have been awarded or are eligible for a scholarship from the LazioDisco Regional Agency for the academic year (a.y.) 2026/27, are exempt from paying the regional tax.

3. Withdrawal or exclusion from a PhD program does not entitle students to a refund of fees paid.

Art. 16

Duties of PhD students

1. PhD programs will last no less than 3 years and will begin on November 1, 2026. Admission to the PhD program requires an exclusive full-time commitment, as per the University of Tuscia's PhD Program Regulations. Doctoral students must carry out their curricular activities in accordance with the procedures and timelines established by the Academic Board of the PhD program.
2. For non-EU doctoral students who require a visa to enter Italy, the option to begin research activities remotely is available, subject to the approval of the PhD Program Coordinator. This option is granted upon proof of visa application submission at the relevant Embassy or Consulate, which must be provided as soon as the application procedure is completed. Arrival in Italy must take place by November 30, 2026.
3. Specific regulations may be established for PhD students attending a doctoral program in collaboration with a company, an industrial doctoral program, or as employees of affiliated public bodies.

Art. 17

Final examination

1. At the end of their doctoral training, PhD students will take a final examination. For this, they must submit a written thesis demonstrating scientifically relevant results.
- To be admitted to the final examination, candidates must submit their doctoral thesis by the established deadline. The terms and conditions for both admission to the final examination and thesis submission are announced annually.

Art. 18

Intellectual property rights on research results and publications

1. Intellectual and industrial property rights concerning any findings by PhD students are governed by current legislation (Copyright Law - Law 633/1941 and Industrial Property Code - Legislative Decree 30/2005), by the University's Regulations for the management of industrial and intellectual property rights regarding research activities conducted by university personnel, and, where applicable, as stipulated in individual agreements with participating universities, companies, or other entities.
2. Applicants who are awarded scholarships funded by external entities acknowledge and accept the intellectual and industrial property provisions stipulated in the agreement between the University and the funding body. The doctoral students' inalienable moral right to be recognized as authors or inventors remains intact.
3. PhD students are, in all cases, guaranteed the opportunity to engage in the normal publication activities foreseen by the program. These activities must be scheduled in a manner compatible with the protection of any intellectual property.

Art. 19

Personal Data Processing

1. Pursuant to Art. 13 of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the information supplied by candidates will be gathered by the PhD Office and used solely for the management of the admission selection procedures and the candidates' subsequent academic career. Providing personal data is therefore mandatory, and failure to do so will result in the candidates' exclusion from the selection.

2. The information provided by the candidates will be communicated to the administrative offices of the University of Tuscia and to the departments directly concerned with the legal and financial positions of the successful candidates.
3. Candidates may exercise the rights stated in Articles 15 to 22 of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including access to their personal data, its rectification, updating, integration, and erasure, and likewise reserve the right to oppose any use of the data other than the institutional purposes stated above.
4. Personal information and documents provided by applicants will be treated by the University respecting the discipline described at <https://www.unitus.it/ateneo/privacy/>.

Art. 20

Head of Administrative Procedures

1. The Procedure Manager (RUP), pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 and subsequent amendments and additions, is Mr. Paolo A. Capuani, Head of Academic Programs, via S. Maria in Gradi 4, Viterbo. For further information, please contact dottorati@unitus.it.
2. Candidates are entitled to exercise their right of access to the records of the procedure in accordance with [current regulations](#). The request must be sent to protocollo@pec.unitus.it, using the form published at the following link: <https://www.unitus.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/domanda-diritto-accesso-agli-atti.pdf>.

Art. 21

Final regulations

1. For all matters that are not expressly provided for by this Call, please refer to the specific rules governing this area and to the [University PhD Regulations](#).
2. This is a translation of the Call for Applications for PhD programs. Its purpose is to provide foreign students with the necessary information. Only the Italian version of this Call for Applications will be binding in case of disputes.

On behalf The Rector

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