

**Call for applications for admission to the National PhD Programme in Kinesiology and Sport Sciences
XL cycle, academic year 2024/2025 and for the awarding of 33 PhD scholarships
(of which 19 scholarships financed by Next Generation EU – PNRR, D.M. 629/2024 and 630/2024 funds)**

ART. 1 – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1.1 The University of Verona hereby announces a public selection for admission to the National PhD programme in Kinesiology and Sport Sciences for the XL cycle, academic year 2024-2025.

NATIONAL PHD PROGRAMME IN Kinesiology and Sport Sciences	<i>Scholarships DM 630</i>	<i>Scholarships DM 629</i>	<i>Scholarships funded by other University funds</i>	<i>Without scholarship</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Università di Verona	2	0	7	1	10
Conservatorio di Musica di Verona	0	1	0	0	1
Libera Università di Bolzano	0	0	1	0	1
Università degli Studi di Foggia	0	0	1	0	1
Università di Torino	1	0	0	0	1
Università degli Studi di Roma "Foro Italico"	1	0	1	0	2
Università degli Studi di Padova	0	1	0	0	1
Università degli Studi del Molise	0	0	1	0	1
Università degli Studi Magna Graecia di Catanzaro	0	0	1	0	1
Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma	1	0	0	0	1
Università Telematica Pegaso Srl	0	4	0	0	4
Università di Pisa	1	0	0	0	1
Università degli Studi dell'Aquila	1	0	0	0	1
Università degli Studi G. D'Annunzio Chieti-Pescara	0	1	0	0	1
Università degli Studi di Trento	1	0	0	0	1
Università degli Studi di Roma 1 "La Sapienza"	1	0	0	0	1
Università degli Studi di Salerno	2	0	0	0	2
Università degli Studi di Brescia	1	0	0	0	1
Università degli Studi di Palermo	0	0	1	0	1
Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro	0	0	1	0	1
Totale	12	7	14	1	34

- 1.2 The number of places and features of the available scholarships, the criteria for the evaluation of qualifications, the dates of the admission exam sessions, the language, methods and criteria for selection are detailed on Annex 1 – *National PhD Programme in Kinesiology and Sport Sciences* which constitutes an integral part of this Call. The Call for Application is published on the Official University Register ([Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo](#)) 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](#).
- 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 case the PhD Programme is not accredited, applicants will be promptly informed and entry examination will not be held.
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 enrolled, awaiting for the positive outcome of the accreditation procedure for the course. A negative outcome of the accreditation procedure will result in the **non-activation** of that course for the XL cycle and the conditionally enrolled students will be promptly notified by e-mail.
- 1.5 Even in the event of a positive outcome of the accreditation, each position will be assigned conditionally (*sub condicione*), as it is subject to a verification of eligibility for support from the PNRR, carried out by the Ministry on the basis of the eligibility requirements identified respectively by Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Ministerial Decree 629 and by art. 7 of the Ministerial Decree 630. In the event that a position does not pass the verification with a positive result, all interested parties will be promptly notified. The results of this evaluation will be made available by the Ministry by 25 November 2024.

For scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630 only (“Dottorati Innovativi in collaborazione con le imprese”), places will be assigned on condition of successful signing of the agreement with the co-financing company.

Unallocated grants might be reassigned by 25 November 2024 subject to ANVUR’s evaluation. In this case, activities must be started by December 13, 2024.

For all intents and purposes, this Call has to be intended as official notification. Applicants will therefore not receive any further notification, unless a PhD Programme is not accredited (see above).

ART. 2 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PhD PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The XL cycle of PhD programmes will officially begin on 1st October 2024. The National PhD programme lasts three years. The final defence of the doctoral thesis must take place within the month of April of the calendar year after the conclusion of the PhD programme. Once the candidate has successfully completed the doctoral programme and passed the final examination, the PhD degree is jointly conferred by the Rector of the University of Verona and the Rector of the partner University (if applicable).
- 2.2 The awarding of the degree certificate is subject to the submission, by the PhD candidate, of his/her 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 in the issuing Country to further studies at academic institutions at the PhD level; Professional degrees (e.g.: Master in Business Administration - MBA, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery - MBBS, ecc.) do not grant access to the PhD programmes.
- 3.2 Applicants who will complete their Master’s degree by the deadline for enrolment in the PhD programme 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) together with their pre-enrolment request to the PhD Office (*Area Ricerca – U.O. Dottorati di Ricerca* dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it, otherwise their admission will be rejected.

- 3.3 Applicants who already hold a PhD, will not be admitted to any programmes with similar research topics. Applicants who have already benefited from a PhD scholarship, regardless of where and when, are not eligible to be granted another scholarship. Those who have already benefited, even for one day, from a doctoral fellowship funded from PNRR funds, will not be allowed to participate in the selection.
- 3.4 Those enrolled in Postgraduate medical specialization courses will not be eligible for PhD positions funded from PNRR funds ex DM 629 and 630/2024 (see Article 10.5 below).
- 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 **26 June 2024 to 25 July 2024 at 12.00 noon (Italian time, GMT+1)**, exclusively using the online form available at www.univr.it/applicationphd.

The applicants have to:

- go to 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 National PhD programme
- fill out the online application form.

Specific **guidelines** on how to apply are available at the National PhD programme webpage.

- 4.2 After filling out the online form, applicants should print a hard copy of it, sign it and send it together with the attachments listed in *Annex 1* **EXCLUSIVELY** by email to phd.selection@ateneo.univr.it by **25 July 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 Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, 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 National PhD programme in Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, Applicant’s name and surname – 1st part;

Application for the National PhD programme in Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, Applicant’s name and surname – 2nd part; etc.

For technical issues, please contact: phd.support@ateneo.univr.it;

For further information or questions about this Call for Applications, please contact: 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 of any piece 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 from one to five positions within the National PhD programme.
- 4.5 All documentation must be in Italian or English or translated into one of the aforementioned languages as the applicant's responsibility.
- 4.6 The list of the applications duly received within the deadline will be published on the [National PhD Programme webpage](#) before the selection procedure starts. Applicants should check the information posted regularly. In case of any mistake, they should immediately contact the PhD Office at 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);
- 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 his/her 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. 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, may request to make use of 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 provided 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 who is a resident in a non-EU country is conditionally admitted to take the test.
- 6.8 The facilities referred to in this article are granted by the Selection Committee upon the proposal of the Inclusion Unit.
- 6.9 Any clarifications may be requested by applicants by e-mail by contacting the Inclusion Unit at 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 of applicants.
- 7.2 Details on the selection procedure and the evaluation criteria are provided in *Annex 1*. Ministerial Decrees n. 630 and 629 of 2 March 2024 mentioned above, through the activation of doctoral courses on defined topics, intend to promote interdisciplinarity, participation in international networks and intersectoriality referred to in the PNRR. To this end, all doctoral programmes – with the exclusion of generic PNRR typology - are required to involve companies in the definition of the training course, including study and research periods to be performed by students in those companies, from a minimum of six (6) months up to twelve (12) months for grants under Ministerial Decree 629, from a minimum of six (6) months up to eighteen (18) months for grants under Ministerial Decree 630. Such periods may be **non**-continuous, in agreement with the host company. For each topic associated with a grant, companies involved in the definition of the training project are listed in *Annex 1*. With reference to the scholarships activated pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630, the companies involved in the definition of the training project and listed in *Annex 1*, provide a co-financing of the scholarship's amount as provided by the ministerial decree.
For each topic associated with an additional grant, a compulsory period of study and research abroad of six (6) months is envisaged; the partner foreign institutions are listed in Annex 1. This mobility period is considered as mandatory and to be performed at the host institution indicated in the annex.

For the 14 positions funded by a University, an optional period of study and research abroad, up to six months, may be organized.

- 7.4 Entry examination's timetable is included in *Annex 1*. Possible up-to-date notices regarding the selection procedure will be posted on the [National PhD Programme webpage](#). 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 examination.
- 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*, the Examination Board will decide the score for each qualification required.
- 7.6 For all types of announced positions, the Examination Board may reserve the possibility of drawing up separate rankings, taking into account the preferences expressed and the applications received. In the event that no applications have been submitted for a specific ranking within a Course, in the event of withdrawals or if no suitable applicants are available in a ranking, and in any cases the Examination Board may reserve the possibility of assigning the position to suitable applicants within another ranking of the Course, subject to verification of the requisites required.
- 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 the [National PhD Programme webpage](#). 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 is composed of a minimum of three full members and three deputy members, chosen from among tenured university lecturers and researchers pertaining to the research topics to which the PhD course refers, who may also be tenured at non-Italian universities. They may be members of the PhD Board. In nominating the Examination Board, the provisions on gender representation set out in the Recommendation of the Commission of the European Communities no. 251 of 11 March 2005 shall be considered. The participation of foreign members or members from outside the contracted subjects must be ensured in compliance with the provisions of Art. 11 paragraph 3 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021. Where the scholarships are tied to a specific research theme, experts with proven expertise in the subject matter, also belonging to the PhD Board, for each of the research themes put out to tender might be embedded in the Examination Board. They will be sitting in the Examination Board as full members.

The Examination Board may – at no additional cost for 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 the [National PhD Programme webpage](#) once the call is expired.

ART. 9 – ADMISSION TO THE PhD PROGRAMME

- 9.1 Successful applicants are admitted to the PhD programme in merit-based ranking order until all the available places on the programme have been granted. If the same marks have been scored by two or more candidates, 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, he/she must choose only one PhD position to enrol in. In all cases and / or in the event that there are no suitable candidates on one or more specific research topics, the Examination Board may evaluate, at its sole discretion, the assignment of the

position(s) to any eligible candidates for similar research topics available within the same Course.

Candidates who will be awarded a position will be admitted to the course conditionally (*sub condicione*). This status will be maintained until the end of the process of verifying eligibility for PNRR support, carried out by the Ministry on the basis of the eligibility requirements identified respectively by Articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Ministerial Decree 629 and by art. 7 of the Ministerial Decree 630. In the event that this validation procedure has a negative outcome, the scholarship will not be funded and the assignee will be promptly notified. The results of the ministerial assessment will be announced by 25 November 2024.

- 9.2 In order to register to the PhD programme, successful applicants must submit an online enrolment form following the procedure available at www.univr.it/enrolmentphd, within 15 days after the publication of the final rankings, under penalty of exclusion.
- 9.3 Should an applicant fail to complete the online enrolment within the deadline, the University will consider him/her as having given up his/her position (with or without scholarship) in the programme, and it 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 9.2, within five days from 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. 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000). The University Administration will withdraw any benefits awarded to the candidate (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 – RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND INCOMPATIBILITIES FOR PhD STUDENTS

- 10.1 Attendance to the PhD course involves **an exclusive and full-time commitment**.
- 10.2 Any activities other than training and research must be authorized by the PhD Programme Teaching Board, subject to the favourable opinion of the Supervisor and co-Supervisor. PhD students may undertake paid assignments limited to activities leading to acquire 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 art. 10, paragraph 1 below.
Subordinate employment contracts with public or private entities involving a continuous commitment for a fixed or indefinite duration are considered in determining of the above remuneration.
- 10.3 Public employees admitted to a PhD Programme, 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, without salary and only if enrolled for the first time in a doctoral course, regardless of the subject field.
- 10.4 The holders of scholarships financed by PNRR funds under the aforementioned decrees DD.MM. 630 and 629/2024 shall also undertake at the time of enrolment to:
 - produce a six-monthly report indicating the time commitment (broken down into months spent at the company, at the University headquarters and abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, also declaring that they comply with the principle of "not causing significant damage to the environment". Reporting will be done through the dedicated online platform (<https://dottorati.mur.gov.it>) and using the forms provided therein;
 - carry out the mandatory study and research periods abroad and in companies as provided for and described in Annex 1. Failure to comply with the minimum period to be spent at the enterprise and/or abroad will result in the revocation of the scholarship by the MUR;
 - ensure their compliance with the communication and information obligations set out in Article 34 of the EU Regulation 2021/241, indicating in all documentation produced that the Programme is funded

under the PNRR, with explicit reference to funding by the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, displaying the European Union logo in the documentation and provide adequate dissemination and promotion of the Programme, even online (web and social networks included), in line with the provisions of the PNRR Communication Strategy;

- comply with the principle of not doing significant damage to environmental objectives, pursuant to Article 17 of EU Regulation 2020/852. These fulfilments may be subject to specifications by the MUR.

For the holders of scholarships financed by PNRR funds under the decrees DD.MM. 630 and 629/2024 the scholarship revocation is envisaged in the event that:

- they perform the doctoral programme in a manner that differs from the project accredited for funding, where the necessary authorisation has not been requested in advance and subsequently granted by the MUR;

- the fail to carry out the minimum period of study and research in a company or abroad as provided for in the project.

The University may request the beneficiary to reimburse the amounts received, if MUR revokes the scholarship or in the case of failure to complete the six-month period subject to the obligation of reporting to the MUR.

All positions under this call for applications are to be considered **exclusively for scholarship holders**. Winners may not, therefore, renounce their doctoral scholarship (in whole or in part) by continuing their doctoral studies as non-scholarship holders.

Renouncing the scholarship will in fact entail renouncing the doctoral position itself. Therefore, candidates will not be able to continue their studies if they are willing to renounce, even partially, their doctoral grant (e.g. joint attendance of medical specialisation schools, etc.).

10.5 For regulations concerning PhD students' rights, obligations, incompatibilities and for what not regulated by this Call please refer to [Regulations for PhD Studies](#).

ART. 11 – SCHOLARSHIPS

11.1 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) 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 enrolled in their PhD programme **by 24 September 2024**. Otherwise, a two-month instalment will be paid at the end of November.

11.2 The scholarship will be increased by 50% during the authorised study periods abroad. Should the student be suspended or excluded from the PhD programme, scholarship funds will be awarded only for the period in which he/she attended it.

11.3 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.

11.4 From the first year of the programme, every PhD student (with or without scholarship) shall be guaranteed a research budget of not less than 20% of the annual scholarship amount in order to support his/her research activity in Italy and abroad.

11.5 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. In compliance with the principle of double funding, the scholarship holders may not carry out activities involving funding from European funds (PON, PNRR, Erasmus mobility funding, etc.).

ART. 12 – STUDY FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE

12.1 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;

- **Students without a scholarship** must pay **€202.00** (€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. Law no. 232/2016, art. 1, c. 262, prescribes that PhD students without a scholarship are exempted from the payment of tuition fees.

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

- 12.2 Students who 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/it/concorsi/studenti/riduzione-contribuzione-studentesca>

Students with a legal disability of at least 66% certified by the relevant health authority pursuant to Law no. 104/92 are exempt from paying regional study tax contributions and tuition fees.

Students meeting requisites established by art. 30, Law nr. 118/1971 are exempt from paying tuition fees.

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 as duty stamp)

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. 13 – IPR

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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. 14 – FINAL REGULATIONS

- 14.1 The University of Verona is the Data Controller of candidates' 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>.
- 14.2 Contact person responsible for administrative proceedings: dott.ssa Maria Gabaldo, Responsabile Area Ricerca, Via S. Francesco n. 22, Verona, phone. 045 8028134/8028078, e-mail: dottorati.ricerca@ateneo.univr.it
- All matters not specified in this Call for Applications shall be governed by the Regulations for PhD Studies and relevant national laws and regulations.
- 14.3 Further information about the administrative procedure are available on the website, [Dottorati di Ricerca](#) and PhD Programmes webpages and can be requested to the PhD Office:
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