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**PHD IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
(NATIONAL DOCTORATE)  
HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCE AREA – 40<sup>th</sup> CYCLE A.A. 2024/2025  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**THE RECTOR**

- Considering** the Statute of 'Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma';
- Considering** Italian Law No. 210 of 03/07/1998, published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic No. 155 on 06/07/1998, as amended;
- Considering** Italian Law No. 240 of 30/12/2010, containing regulations regarding the organization of universities, academic staff and recruitment, as well as the mandate to the Government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system;
- Considering** Italian Ministry of Universities and Research No. 226 of 14/12/2021, published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic no. 308 on 29/12/2021, "Regulations laying down the procedures for accreditation of institutions and PhD courses and the criteria for establishment of PhD courses by accredited bodies";
- Considering** Italian Minister of Universities and Research Decree No. 247 of 23/02/2022, published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic No. 80 of 5/04/2022, on "Increasing PhD scholarships";
- Considering** the Rector's Decree No. 537 of 09/08/2023, containing regulations on the subject of the research doctorates of Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, in implementation of the provisions of Italian Law No. 240/2010;
- Considering** the Agreement signed on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 between Università degli Studi di Napoli 'Federico II', Sapienza Università di Roma, Politecnico di Torino, Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma (UCBM), Università di Pisa and Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) for the establishment of the Supervisory Board for the activation of the National PhD Programme in Artificial Intelligence (PhD-AI.IT), and following supplements;
- Considering** the letters of commitment by participating and associated Universities/Entities for the activation at Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma of one of the PhD courses in Artificial Intelligence (PhD-AI.IT), area for Health and Life Sciences;
- Considering** Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 301 of 22/03/2022, concerning "Guidelines for the accreditation of research doctorates as per Article 4, Paragraph 3 of the Regulation referred to in Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021";
- Considering** Italian Law No. 33 of 12/04/2022, as amended, containing provisions regarding simultaneous enrolment in two higher education courses;
- Considering** Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 930 of 28/07/2022, concerning "Provisions to allow simultaneous enrolment in two university courses";
- Considering** Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 933 of 2/08/2022, concerning "Provisions to allow simultaneous enrolment in two Higher Artistic and Musical Education (AFAM) courses or in one AFAM course and one university course";
- Considering** Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 629 of 24/04/2024, which, in the context of the NextGenerationEU initiative, has allocated to universities, for the academic years 2024-2025, under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Mission 4, Component 1, "Strengthening of the offer of education services: from nursery schools through to universities", resources not subject to allocation according



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to the concession provisions referred to in Ministerial Decree No. 118/2023, as well as resources deriving from the redetermination of the unit amount of the grant co-financed by the Ministry for 779 (seven hundred and seventy-nine) three-year doctoral scholarships for the attendance of doctoral courses (hereinafter also “the courses”), accredited as per Ministerial Decree No. 45/2013 re. Cycle XXXVII – Academic Year 2021-2022, and Ministerial Decree 226/2021 re. Cycle XXXVIII and Cycle XXXIX - Academic Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and accredited as per Ministerial Decree 226/2021 and as per Ministerial Decree 470/2024 re. Cycle XL – Academic Year 2024-2025, in dedicated programmes broken down as follows: a) 56 scholarships for doctorates in programmes regarding the digital and environmental transitions; b) 275 scholarships for National Recovery and Resilience Plan research doctorates; c) 400 scholarships for doctorates regarding the Public Administration; d) 48 scholarships for doctorates regarding cultural heritage”;

- Considering** Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 630 of 24/04/2024, which provides for “The allocation, for the year 2024-2025, under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Mission 4, Component 2, “From Research to Business”, Investment 3.3, “Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by companies”, resources not subject to allocation according the concession provisions referred to in Ministerial Decree No. 117/2023, as well as the resources deriving from the redetermination of the unit amount of the grant co-financed by the Ministry for 2,868 (two thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight) three-year doctoral scholarships for the attendance of innovative doctoral courses (hereinafter also “the courses”), accredited as per Ministerial Decree 45/2013 re. Cycle XXXVII – Academic Year 2021-2022, and Ministerial Decree 226/2021 re. Cycle XXXVIII and Cycle XXXIX - Academic Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, and accredited as per Ministerial Decree 226/2021 and as per Ministerial Decree 470/2024 re. Cycle XL – Academic Year 2024-2025;
- Considering** Project HORIZON HLTH-2023-TOOL-05, Tools and Technologies for a Healthy Society (Single Stage - 2023), Grant Agreement No. 101137154 “Well-being improvement through the Integration of Healthcare and Research Data and models with Out border for chronic immune-mediated diseases”, funded by the University of Eastern Piedmont (Università del Piemonte Orientale);
- Considering** The Expression of Interest of the National Cybersecurity Agency for the signing of collaboration agreements as per Article 15, Law 7 of 08/1990, No. 241, aimed at creating research doctorate programmes for the cybersecurity sector in Doctoral Cycle XL;
- Considering** the Law 07/08/1990 no. 241, and following modifications and supplements, with rules regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents;
- Considering** the Decree of the President of Italian Republic 28/12/2000 no. 445, containing the Consolidated Law of regulations regarding administrative documents, and following modifications;
- Considering** Law Decree No. 196 of 30/06/2003, 196, as amended, containing “Code on the protection of personal data”;
- Considering** the Resolution adopted by the Academic Senate of Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma on 31/05/2024;
- Considering** the Resolution adopted by the Governing Board on 03/06/2024;

**HEREBY DECREES**

**Article 1**  
**(Institution – Call for Applications)**

1. The 40<sup>th</sup> Cycle PhD in Artificial Intelligence (National PhD) Health & Life Science Area course of the Academic Year 2024/2025, is hereby instituted, with registered office at the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, as detailed in Annex A attached hereto, intended as an integrated part hereof.
2. PhD courses are instituted under condition of accreditation as per Italian Ministerial Decree 226/2021. In the event that the PhD course is not accredited, the relevant admission tests will not be carried out, and notification will promptly be given.



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3. The public selection is thus announced, based on qualifications and interview, for admission to the Doctorate in Artificial Intelligence (National Doctorate) Health and Life Sciences Area, for which the curricula, duration, total places and available scholarships are indicated in Annex A, which forms an integral part of this call.
4. The National Doctorate in Artificial Intelligence is implemented through the establishment and activation of five doctoral courses joined together, with the overall coordination of the CNR and of the Università di Pisa. Each of the five doctoral courses includes a leading university and a wide consortium of participating and associated research institutions. The five doctoral courses share a common background and advanced training path focused on the foundational aspects of the Artificial Intelligence. In addition, five areas of vertical expertise have been identified for this National Doctorate in Artificial Intelligence, each of which is associated to each one of the PhD courses led by the following universities:
  - Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, Health and Life Sciences Area;
  - Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Agrifood and Environment Area;
  - Sapienza Università di Roma, Public Administration Area;
  - Politecnico di Torino, Industry Area;
  - Università di Pisa, Society Area.

**Article 2**  
**(Organization of the activities of PhD candidates enrolled in the doctorate)**

1. The PhD candidates, as being involved in a single, joined and shared didactic-scientific project, may conduct their research and training activities in the various headquarters and sites of all the universities and research institutions involved in the National Doctorate. An actual sharing of the structures needed for the development of the teaching and research activities is granted to each of these candidates, aiming at high-quality implementation of the doctoral project.
2. At the end of the doctorate programme, after passing the final examination, each of the administrative centres, i.e. universities, will issue the diploma of Artificial Intelligence (National Doctorate) jointly with the host universities.
3. The PhD candidate's activity starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November of the first year of the doctorate program and ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October of the third year.

**Article 3**  
**(Admission Requirements)**

1. Applications to participate in the selection procedure for admission to the PhD courses as per Article 1 above, regardless of age and citizenship, may be submitted by candidates who:
  - are in possession of a 5-year Italian university degree, as per the old university system (Vecchio Ordinamento), or a Specialist Degree, as per Ministerial Decree No. 509 of 3/11/1999, or a Master's Degree as per Ministerial Decree No. 270 of 22/11/2004;
  - are in possession of an equivalent foreign degree in terms of duration and contents, and formally recognized as adequate. Candidates having a suitable academic certificate which has not yet been recognized as equivalent, must state their application for the validation of such certificate to the Selection Board of the PhD when submitting their application, as per the rules specified in the following Article 4 of this call for applications;
  - will attain a Master's Degree or equivalent foreign academic title by and no later than **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**. Should the applicant be successful, a "Conditional Offer" will be made. In the case of a degree attained in Italy, self-certification of the academic title must be submitted (as per Rectoral Decree No. 445 of 28/12/2000) to the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma Selection Board



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by **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**, or otherwise forfeit the relevant place. In the case of an academic title attained abroad, Italian or European nationals may submit self-certification, whereas non-European citizens should follow the procedures provided for by the following Article 4; are enrolled in a medical or non-medical specialization school.

2. The university's administration reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of submitted declarations and request original documents, and may decide to exclude from the selection applicants who fail to meet the requirements set out by this call for applications, at any moment, giving the reasons for such action.

**Article 4**  
**(Admission Application)**

1. The application form, together with any qualifications, documents and any scientific publications, should be submitted, **under penalty of exclusion, exclusively by electronic means**, using the specific online application to be found on the "Selection Procedures" page of the university's website: <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>.

In order to register for the online application, candidates must provide a valid email address. The candidate should enter all the data required to file the submission, and attach the documents described in the following paragraphs of the present Article, exclusively in electronic form. **Applications and all related documentation may not be submitted in any other form.**

2. Within the deadline for the submission of the application, the online system allows the applicant to save data and upload documents in draft mode. The date of the online submission of the application for selection is certified by the computer system by means of a receipt automatically sent to the email address provided by the candidate.

After the deadline for application, the system will no longer allow access to or submission of the electronic form.

3. An identification number will be assigned to each submission that, together with the selection code indicated in the electronic application, shall be specified in all future communications.
4. **The preparation and data submission procedure of the application** must be completed by and no later than 12:00 pm on **July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
5. The application form must be completed in full, as per the online application procedure, and must indicate, in particular:
  - a) the applicant's preferences in terms of venues and research themes, among those indicated in Annex A of this call.
  - b) **complete personal data of the applicant**, including name, surname, place and date of birth, personal identification number (Italian citizens only), place of residence and contact details used for the application (including zip/post code), a contact number, and an email address to which formal communications can be sent.
  - c) the **nationality** of the applicant;
  - d) self-certification of possession of a 5-year university degree (as per the old university system, or "Vecchio Ordinamento") or Master's Degree, as per Article 3 of this call, specifying the graduation date, the name of the university from which the title was obtained, the official duration of the course expressed in the required number of academic years, and the final score obtained;
  - e) self-certification of the equivalence of titles attained abroad, as per Article 3 of this call. Applicants in possession of a qualification title attained abroad and not yet recognized may apply to the PhD Selection Board for its formal recognition, which will be documented by the issuing of a declaration of equivalence for the sole purpose of the selection procedure. The following documents must furthermore be attached to the submission, either in the Italian or English language:
    - copy of the certificate attained abroad;



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- certificate or self-certification of the applicant indicating the exams taken and the relevant marks awarded;

- f) **self-certification** of the veracity of the statements made, the personal data provided and the truthfulness of the qualifications claimed, as per Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28/12/2000.

**Candidates with any disabilities as per Italian Law No. 104 of 5/02/1992** must make a formal request in order to be granted the relevant aid as per Article 20 of the aforementioned law.

Candidates applying for admission to the PhD should also include a declaration stating:

- a) to not have been convicted or found guilty of any criminal offence;
- b) to be a citizen with full rights;
- c) to have an adequate knowledge of the English language;
- d) any enrolment in a medical or non medical healthcare specialization area school, specifying the academic year of enrolment, the academic year in which the applicant is currently enrolled, the complete duration of the course, and the name of the university administering the course;

6. The following documents must furthermore be attached to the application form, in PDF format:

- a curriculum vitae;
- a brief description of a research project related to the general topic of the call and to any specific topics of the scholarships chosen by the candidate (maximum 3 pages A4 format, minimum font 12). This plan may not necessarily be the focus of the PhD course, but must clearly evidence research skills and a basic knowledge of research methods;
- any publications, other degrees or certifications;

7. Successful applicants who are employees of companies institutes or public research centres engaged in higher-qualification industrial doctorate activities and who have signed a specific agreement with Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, must attach a employment certificate or self-certification (as per Rectoral Decree No. 445 of 28/12/2000) to their application as evidence of the employment relationship.

8. Submission of the application must be completed as per the following:

- **By means of the applicant's digital signature**, using a smart card, USB drive or remote digital signature entitling the holder to sign generic digital documents using a signature software on a computer or on a remote digital signing web portal as made available by the relevant certification authority. Those who own a smart card or a USB drive with their digital signature may verify compatibility with the digital signature system of the online application server system. In case of compatibility, the holder may sign the application directly via the server;
- **Applicants who do not have a compatible digital signature device and applicants who have a remote digital signature** and access to a portal for the signing of generic documents must save the PDF file of the application generated by the system on their PC, and, **without in any way modifying it**, digitally sign it in CADES format in order to generate a file with the extension .p7m, which must then be uploaded to the system. Any changes made to the file before adding the digital signature will prevent automatic verification of the conformity between the content of this document and the original, and will therefore lead to the exclusion of the submission.
- **In case the use of one of the aforementioned options is not possible**, the applicant must save the PDF file produced by the system on their PC, and, **without in any way modifying it**, print it, sign it with a complete handwritten signature on the last page of the form, and initial every other page. The copy of a valid identity document must also be attached to the signed document. The complete document must then scanned, saved as a PDF and uploaded to the system.
- For any clarifications regarding this procedure, you can write to the following e-mail address: [concorsi@unicampus.it](mailto:concorsi@unicampus.it).



**Article 5**  
**(Selection Board)**

1. The **Selection Board** responsible for assessing applicants to the PhD courses, as per Article 1, will be composed as per the Doctorate Regulation approved by Rectoral Decree No. 537 of 09/08/2023.

**Article 6**  
**(Selection Procedure)**

1. The applicants regularly enrolled in the call are eligible for the PhD in Artificial Intelligence (National PhD) Health & Life Science Area upon agreement of the **Evaluation Committee** and depending on the total number of positions available.

The evaluation will take place via the following selection procedure:

- a) overall evaluation of the candidate, including their aptitude regarding scientific research in relation to the chosen PhD course, as evidenced from the documentation included in their application;
  - b) evaluation of their research plan. For successful candidates, the research project to be completed during the PhD will be defined at a later date by the candidate in conjunction with their PhD supervisor, and will need to be approved by the relevant PhD Selection Board;
  - c) an interview aimed at evaluating the candidate's knowledge and research aptitude in the relevant scientific field.
2. The Evaluation Committee will assign a maximum score of **100** points for each candidate, assigned as follows:

a)	<b>0-25 points</b>	CV
b)	<b>0-25 points</b>	Research plan
c)	<b>0-50 points</b>	Interview

3. Applicants must score at least 30 out of 100 points, summing the scores obtained for the CV evaluation and for the research project, in order to be admitted to the interview.
4. The list of candidates admitted to the interview will be published on the following webpage: <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>.
5. The interview will take place according to the calendar indicated in Annex A of this call, which has the value of notification for all legal purposes without further formalities.  
Candidates will not be directly notified and will not receive any further personal communications.  
Candidates must attend the interview electronically on the **Microsoft Teams** platform. The candidates must be available at the date and time indicated. At the interview, the candidates must show the valid identity document. Failure to connect at the established time or to exhibit valid ID will result in the automatic exclusion of the candidate from the selection procedure.  
Interviews will be held by the Evaluation Committee which will also assess language skills of the languages indicated in the application form.
6. The interview is passed with a minimum score of **30** out of **100** points.
7. Successful candidates must obtain a total score of at least **60/100**, according to the table provided above in Paragraph 2.





### Article 7 (Rankings)

1. The Evaluation Committee responsible for assessing the candidates for this doctoral course, after having evaluated all the applicants and on the basis of the criteria set out in article 6, will draw up the final PhD-AI.It course Ranking List.
2. The ranking will be expressed in decreasing order, as the result of the sum of the aforementioned scores of letters a), b) and c) of Paragraph 2, Article 6.
3. The applicants included in each ranking may be declared successful candidates if they comply with the conditions set out in Article 3.
4. The Rector, by special decree, will assess the correctness of the documentation of the selection procedure and approve the rankings.
5. The candidates who earn a score lower than 60/100 are not considered successful and are excluded from the Ranking List. In case of an even score for two or more applicant positions, priority will be given to those candidates having a weaker economic situation.
6. The final rankings will be published on the University's "Competitions" web page at the address: <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>.
7. **No personal communications related to this selection procedure will be sent. The publication of the ranking and of the approving Rectoral decree on the university's website shall have the effect of an official communication to all the candidates concerned.**
8. Should Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma be awarded any scholarships through the Lazio Region Public Call or any further scholarships, these will be assigned in compliance with the requirements set out in the aforementioned call, according to the ranking and the relevance of the scholarship theme in relation to the candidate's curricular suitability.

### Article 8 (Industrial doctorate)

1. Successful candidates who are employees of companies institutes or public research centres engaged in higher-qualification industrial doctorate activities and who have signed a specific agreement with Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma may be admitted to the doctorate course within the limits of places reserved, preserving jobs and salary.
2. For these places, training objectives and research activities are established by mutual agreement between the company, institute or public research centre and the university. Candidates interested in the aforementioned places must, when completing their application, select the appropriate category.

### Article 9 (Admission to the Doctoral Course and Enrolment)

1. Candidates will be admitted to the course by the order of the ranking and up to the number of places available for this PhD in Artificial Intelligence (National PhD) Health & Life Science Area.
2. Candidates admitted to the course must proceed with enrolment by following the instructions contained in the public notice on the university's website at the address: <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>. The publication of this notice shall have the effect of formal notification to all those interested in this procedure.
3. Successful candidates who need a visa to stay in Italy, after completing the enrolment procedure, must also comply with the provisions published annually by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research on the website <https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/>.



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Upon arrival in Italy, you are also required to promptly send copies of the following documents to [doctoratidiricerca@unicampus.it](mailto:doctoratidiricerca@unicampus.it):

- a. Your valid residence permit. If you do not have it yet, you must request it within 8 days of arriving in Italy by following the procedure indicated on the [State Police portal](#);
- b. Your fiscal/tax code, as issued by the Italian Revenue Agency. If you do not have it yet, you must request it by following the instructions on the [Revenue Agency website](#).
4. Failure to obtain satisfy the entrance qualification within the deadlines established in Article 3, Paragraph 1, shall entail ineligibility for the doctoral course, and therefore the impossibility of proceeding with enrolment.
5. Those who have not completed the enrolment as per Paragraph 1 of this Article will be considered as having renounced their admission. Places renounced by and no later than 60 days from the beginning of the course will be offered to the next candidates in the ranking, as notified by the updated list of candidates eligible for admission published on university's web page: <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>. Such publication is the formal means of notification, and candidates who have been classed as eligible shall not receive any personal communication to the effect. It is hereby specified that candidates will be given a peremptory deadline for carrying out the aforementioned procedures, after which a any lack of response or non-compliance shall be considered as a waiver of the candidate's position in the ranking.
6. Attendance of the PhD courses is compatible with simultaneous enrolment in another university course of any level, including courses provided by Higher Institutes of Music and Dance Studies, provided that full attendance is not mandatory.
7. Admitted applicants who at the time of enrolment are already enrolled in a 1st or 2nd level Master's course must obtain the favourable opinion of the Academic Boards of the two courses, which will verify whether the conditions exist for the adequate acquisition of knowledge and skills to achieve the educational objectives of each of the courses.
8. Admitted specializing postgraduate applicants, on enrolment, must submit their application for the reduction of doctoral activities together with the judgement of compatibility expressed by the Academic Board of the postgraduate school, in relation to the doctoral project, compatible with the teaching aims of the postgraduate school itself, in consideration of the distance between sites, the activities and of the commitment envisaged by the specialization school and by the doctoral course. Due to incompatibility between the remuneration paid to specialization trainees and PhD scholarships, the scholarship will not paid during the period of joint attendance, and monthly payments will only begin to be credited after the end of the specialization. Unpaid monthly payments will remain available in the funds of the Administration. The scholarships financed under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), as per Ministerial Decree 629/2024 and Ministerial Decree 630/2024, in the context of this call may not be assigned to those already enrolled in specialization schools in the medical field, given the prohibition of the cumulation of other emoluments together with the mandatory emoluments received by doctors in specialist training.

**Article 10**  
**(Scholarships)**

1. Details of the scholarships are indicated in the Annex A of this call. Each scholarship is theme-bound, and the PhD student shall perform the research activities on the specific theme at the site of the related university/institution as indicated in Annex A. However, preferences indicated by the candidate at the time of application will not be binding for the purpose of assigning scholarships.
2. In compliance with the ranking and in consideration of the preferences expressed during the submission of the application, the scholarships will be assigned by the Academic Board no later than





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the start of the doctorate program and in any case no later than November 2024, in the number indicated in Annex A.

3. Scholarships shall be valid for one year and are renewed provided that the PhD student has completed the activity program planned for the previous year, verified according to the procedures established in the subsequent article no. 11, without prejudice to the commitment to grant the scholarship after the positive assessment of the verification, until the actual PhD course expected duration.
4. Should there be additional financial contributions from other universities, private or public institutions, the number of scholarships may increase; such contributions are conditional to **their publication by the 22<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. Notice of any additional places with or without scholarship will be duly given on the university's website.
5. The annual scholarship amounts to Euro 16.243,00 and does not include social security charges to be paid by the PhD student. This amount will be increased by no more than 50 percent (also in favour of non-scholarship students) for a period of no less than 15 days and a total of no more than 18 months, with the PhD Program Regulation of Università in accordance Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, if the PhD student will be authorized by the PhD Academic Board to move abroad to carry out research activities related to her/his PhD project and can produce a relevant certificate issued by the host institution.
6. PhD students who are enrolled, with or without scholarships, in the PhD programs, are assured within the financial resources existing in the budget of Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, an adequate fund for research activities in Italy and abroad equal to 20 per cent of the scholarship amount.
7. PhD students who are awarded a scholarship are not eligible for other scholarships, with the exception of scholarships awarded by Italian and foreign institutions that the Academic Board of the PhD, by express resolution, resolves is useful for supplementing the training of the PhD students and their research activity.
8. As part of their training, subject to approval by Academic Board of the PhD, and without any increase in any assigned scholarship, the PhD students may act as tutors for Bachelor's and Master's Degree courses, as well as participate in supplementary teaching activities for no more than forty hours per academic year. After the third year of the PhD, the limit as described in the previous paragraph is repealed. PhD medical students may participate in clinical and other healthcare-related activities.
9. Scholarships financed by external bodies are awarded to doctoral students subject to the successful completion of the allocation to the university of the respective financial resources and to the agreements between the university and the funding bodies.
10. The maximum income limit of the student compatible with the scholarship may not exceed the maximum amount of the scholarship itself.
11. After the third year of the PhD, the limit referred to in the previous paragraph is repealed. Doctoral students in the medical area may participate in clinical-assistance activities, subject to approval by the Academic Board.
12. The PhD scholarship is subject to payment of I.N.P.S. social security contributions for self-employed workers pursuant to article no. 2, paragraph 26, of Law 08/08/1995 no. 335 and following modifications, two-thirds of which will be paid by the University administration and one third by the scholarship holder. PhD students will benefit from all related protection and rights.
13. In the case of justified impediments that do not allow effective attendance (e.g. illness, maternity, postnatal issues, or other serious and documented reasons), the doctoral student may request a suspension of attendance of the courses, with a consequent interruption of the scholarship, and the extension of the training period. The Academic Board will decide on whether to grant a suspension.
14. Should a PhD student decide to not continue with the doctorate or an order of expulsion is issued by the Rector upon the recommendation of the Academic Board of the PhD due to severe failings in performing the research work or due to false statements made, then any assigned scholarship shall be revoked.



15. Scholarships not awarded to the selected candidates will be assigned to other eligible candidates according to the ranking.
16. For any further aspect relating to the administration of the doctorate, please refer to the relevant university regulations.

#### **Article 11** **(Contributions and Exemptions)**

1. PhD students assigned a scholarship will be required to pay the relevant enrolment fee of Euro 200.00, to be paid at the time of enrolment or renewal of enrolment according to the instructions published on the university's website <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>.
2. Furthermore, all doctoral students (with and without scholarship) are required to pay the stamp duty of €16.00 upon enrolment, in addition to the regional tax for the right to study of €140.00 (if due), according to the instructions published on the university's website <https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>.  
Doctoral students with an equal to or greater than 66% recognized disability or a recognized disability as per Article 3, Paragraph 3, as well as Paragraph 1, of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, even if they already have an academic qualification, are fully exempt from paying the aforementioned fee.
3. Renunciation after enrolment or withdrawal from the course shall not give the right to a refund of the contributions already paid.

#### **Article 12** **(Obligations of the PhD Students)**

1. Admission to the PhD implies an exclusive full-time commitment, in compliance with the University Code of Ethics, without prejudice to specific provisions under Articles 7 and 11 of the Ministerial Regulation and Article 12, Paragraph 5, of the Ministerial Regulation regarding civil servants admitted to PhD courses.
2. At the end of each year, PhD students have to submit a written report to the PhD Academic Board regarding the training and research activities performed and, if necessary, discuss it as prescribed by the above-mentioned Board. The Board, by motivated and consensus decision and after consultation with the supervisor of the PhD student, proceeds with admission to the following year or to the final exam, or rather, if the activities carried out have been proved not to be sufficient, the Board may suggest to the Rector to issue a measure of exclusion from the continuation of the PhD course.
3. Doctoral students who are awarded scholarships funded by public or private external bodies must comply with any specific provisions set out in the relevant agreements signed between Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma and such bodies.
4. Recipients of scholarships funded under Ministerial Decree No. 629/2024 and Ministerial Decree No. 630/2024 are also required to comply with the following obligations, and any other provision relating to the specific type of funded scholarship:
  - **PNRR PhD scholarships as per Ministerial Decree 629/2024:**
    - a) **PNRR Research:** To research a limited topic consistent with the specific planning of Ministerial Decree 629/2024. Applicants will have to carry out a study and research period abroad for a minimum of six (6) up to the maximum limit established by Article 9, Paragraph 3, of Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021;
    - b) **The Digital and Environmental Transitions:** To carry study and research in companies or research centres, from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, whether continuous or non-continuous, over the three-year period, and include periods of study and



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research abroad, whether continuous or non-continuous, from a minimum of six (6) up to the maximum limit established by Article 9, Paragraph 3, of the Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021. The periods of study and research in companies, public administrations or research centres and abroad are to be separate, and must be carried out concerning different subjects.

- c) **Public Administration:** To carry out study and research periods in companies, public administrations or research centres, from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, whether continuous or non-continuous, over the three-year period, and periods of study and research abroad, whether continuous or non-continuous, from a minimum of six (6) up to the maximum limit established by Article 9, Paragraph 3, of Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021. The periods of study and research in companies, public administrations or research centres and abroad are to be separate, and must be carried out in different organizations.
- **PNRR PhD scholarships as per Ministerial Decree 630/2024:** to carry out periods of study and research in companies, from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, whether continuous or non-continuous or in one or several organizations, over the three-year period, and study and research periods abroad, whether continuous or non-continuous, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit established by Article 9, Paragraph 3, of Ministry of Universities and Research Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021. The periods of study and research in companies and abroad are to be separate, and must be carried out concerning different subjects;
5. PhD students with PNRR scholarships will have to submit a six-monthly report on the online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>) indicating the time commitment (divided into months in the company, office and abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the PhD course coordinator.
6. For provisions on the rights, obligations and incompatibilities of doctoral students regarding anything not regulated by this Notice, please refer to the Research Doctorate Regulations available on the page: Research Doctorate > Research Doctorate Regulations.

**Article 13**  
**(Scholarships PNRR)**

1. Recipients of scholarships funded under Ministerial Decree No. 629/2023 and Ministerial Decree No. 630/2023, accept the following conditions:
- a) that the enrolment and subsequent assignment of the doctoral scholarship is subject to the outcome of Ministry of Universities and Research checks relating to the consistency of the research project with the PNRR thematic areas;
  - b) that withdrawal from the doctoral course entails the return of the monthly amounts received in the semester in which the withdrawal was presented, according to different ministerial provisions;
  - c) if the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) scholarship is renounced or revoked, the remaining amount may be allocated to another candidate by 30/04/2025, unless otherwise provided for by Ministerial Provision.

**Article 14**  
**(Award of the Qualification)**

1. At the end of the PhD course and after the student has passed successfully the final exam by receiving a positive assessment of a dissertation in which the candidate demonstrates to have extensive knowledge in the field of the PhD topic, each of the participating university, jointly with the others, will issue to the student the title of Doctor of Philosophy, abbreviated as "Dott. Ric." or "PhD". The



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PhD thesis, accompanied by a summary in English or Italian, may be written in Italian or English or in another language subject to approval by the Academic Board of the PhD. A report by the PhD student on the activities carried out during the course must be attached to the thesis, including a list of publications. The thesis must be assessed by at least two highly qualified experts on the themes dealt with in the thesis, appointed by the Academic Board, who may also be from foreign institutions, must be unrelated to the parties contributing to the granting of the PhD.

2. The evaluators are appointed by the PhD Academic Board. The evaluators issue a written analytical judgment on the dissertation submitted by the PhD candidate and they can propose either that she/he could be admitted to public discussion or that the discussion must be postponed for a period no longer than six months if in their opinion significant integrations or corrections are considered necessary. After this period, the dissertation is admitted to public discussion in any case, accompanied by a new written opinion by the same assessors, based on corrections or integrations possibly produced.
3. Public discussion of the thesis will take place before a Thesis Evaluation Commission appointed by the Rector on the recommendation of the Academic Board, in compliance, where possible, with gender balance and made up by at least two thirds of parties not belonging to the university and by no more than one third by parties related to the doctorate, as per Article 3, Paragraph 2 of the relevant Ministerial Decree. The Commission must be composed by at least two thirds of parties with an academic background.
4. PhD students admitted to the public discussion should make their dissertations available to the commissioners at least 15 days before the discussion itself. Following the discussion, the thesis will be approved or rejected by a collegial and justified written judgment. The Examining Board, by unanimous vote, may decide to award full marks with honour if results of particular scientific relevance are present. The title of Doctor of Philosophy will then be awarded by the Rector on recommendation of the Academic Board. Should the PhD thesis be published, it must bear the words "Thesis for attainment of the PhD (name of the course) at Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma".

**Article 15**  
**(Personal Data Processing)**

1. All personal data provided by applicants will be used only for purposes strictly connected and functional to the management of the selection procedure, in accordance with regulations in force and the formal consent of the applicants themselves.

**Article 16**  
**(Competent Administration Unit and Person Responsible for the Procedure)**

The person in charge of the administration of this call is Rosa Maria Lauretta, Head of the Call for Applications Service of the Human Resources Department, with email address: [concorsi@unicampus.it](mailto:concorsi@unicampus.it).

**Article 17**  
**(Final Provisions)**

1. For all matters not expressly provided for in this call, the legislative and regulatory provisions mentioned in the introduction and all applicable laws in force shall apply.



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**Article 18**  
**(Dissemination of the Call)**

1. This call is disseminated via the following websites:
  - Official website of the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma:  
<https://www.unicampus.it/en/ricerca-ucbm/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-dottorati-di-ricerca/>;
  - Official website of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research:  
<https://bandi.mur.gov.it/>;
  - Official website of the European Union: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>.

Rome, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Chief Executive Officer and Director General  
signed Dr. Andrea Rossi

The Rector  
signed Prof. Eugenio Guglielmelli

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