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Competition Announcement for Admission to the Doctoral Research Programme in "Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies. The Italian Language, Other Languages and Cultures"
A.Y. 2019/2020 – 35th cycle

Art. 1
Subject

The University for Foreigners in Siena announces a selection procedure for admission to the Doctoral Research Programme in **"Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies. The Italian Language, Other Languages and Cultures"** for A.Y. 2019-20120 (35th cycle).

Pursuant to Ministerial Decree 45/2013, the doctoral research programme can be activated once it is accredited by the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR).

Scientific areas covered by the programme (SSD):
L-LIN/01, L-LIN /02, L-FIL-LET/10, L-FIL-LET/11, L-FIL-LET/12, L-FIL-LET/13, M-STO/02

Duration: 3 years (1 November 2019 - 31 October 2022)

Areas of Specialization:
- Curriculum 1 – **Linguistics and Didactics of Italian as a Foreign Language**
  Research areas covered by the curriculum (SSD): L-LIN/01, L-LIN/02

- Curriculum 2 – **Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature**
  Research areas covered by the curriculum (SSD): L-FIL-LET/10, L-FIL-LET/11, L-FIL-LET/12, L-FIL-LET/13, M-STO/02

Number of places available:

Standard scholarships funded by MIUR: one in Curriculum 1 and one in Curriculum 2	**2**

Standard scholarships funded by the University: of which two places in Curriculum 1 and one place in Curriculum 2	**3**
Standard scholarships funded through the "Dipartimento di Eccellenza" (Department of Excellence) project Curriculum 2	**1**
Pegaso scholarships funded by the Regione Toscana – ESF (European Social Fund): two places in Curriculum 1 and one place in Curriculum 2	**3***
Regione Toscana Scholarships for research on specific topics – ESF (Pegaso Project), divided as follows: - **Pegaso Scholarship for research on** "TuSCAN – Tuscan Seventeenth Century Network. Multimedia Archive" is **reserved for curriculum 2** - **Pegaso Scholarship for research on** "Digital LEI - Recording Italian Etymological Lexicon in Digital Format" is **reserved for curriculum 2** - **Pegaso Scholarship for research on** "Public Administration Linguistic Models: Language Models and Technologies for Intelligent Systems Providing Access to Public Administrations" is **reserved for curriculum 1**	**3***
Places reserved for international students in receipt of foreign scholarships	**2**
Places without scholarship	**2***
Total number of places available	**16**

*The number of places with scholarships funded by the Regione Toscana and the number of places without scholarship may vary in accordance with funds granted by the Region.

In the event that there are not enough successful applicants to fill all the places available for one of the two curriculums, the number of places available for the other curriculum will increase accordingly.

In the event that, for one of the two curriculums, there are fewer successful applicants than scholarships funded by the University, the scholarships will NOT be assigned.

The places reserved for recipients of Pegaso scholarships funded by the Regione Toscana are assigned within the framework of a programme for promoting excellence in the Tuscan university system through cooperation among Universities and Research Institutes, incentives for internationalization, and the acquisition of additional transversal competencies.

Pegaso scholarships will be assigned to those high enough in the ranking who, having submitted an application using forms D and/or D/1 attached hereto, meet the requirements.

In the event that there are fewer successful applicants than Pegaso scholarships for one of the two curriculums, the scholarships will be assigned to the other curriculum.

The places reserved for international students in receipt of foreign scholarships are for foreign applicants who pass the admission exam and have been awarded a scholarship by an appropriate foreign authority.

The number of scholarships may be increased should further funding from public or private subjects become available. An increase in the number of scholarships may determine a corresponding increase in the number of places available with or without scholarships.

Should the number of scholarships increase, the number of places without scholarships may increase as long as there is financial coverage for at least 75% of the total available places (guidelines for accreditation of doctoral programmes and their locations, issued with MIUR note no. 0003315 on 01 February 2019).
According to the agreement between the Regione Toscana and Tuscan Universities, it is possible to obtain a PhD in the context of Advanced Training and Research Apprenticeship Contracts (art. 5 of Legislative Decree 167/11). **Number of places available: 2** .

Art. 2
Admission requirements

Application to take part in the selection procedure for admission to the aforementioned doctoral research programme (see article 1) is open to all who, by the date this call expires, hold one of the qualifications listed hereunder:

- an Italian "laurea specialistica", in accordance with Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999;
- an Italian "laurea magistrale", in accordance with Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004;
- an equivalent Italian university degree obtained under Italian regulations previously in force, after completing a programme of at least 4-year duration;
- a foreign degree equivalent to those mentioned above.

Admission is also open to those who will obtain their degree **by 31 October 2019**, failing which successful candidates forfeit admission.
These candidates will have to declare their expected graduation date; in all such cases, admission is "conditional" and applicants must send, **by 31 October 2019,** an e-mail to postlaurea@unistrasi.it, pec (unistrasi@pec.it) or personally hand in a self-declaration (certification in the case of non-EU students) to the "Ufficio Post Lauream" stating that the qualification has been awarded.
Self-declarations should state the name of the awarding University, award date, final mark and type of qualification ("Laurea vecchio ordinamento", "Laurea Specialistica"/"Laurea magistrale") and must include a copy of a valid identity document.
The equivalence of a foreign degree is ascertained by the doctoral programme's selection committee in accordance with the laws in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, and with international treaties or agreements regarding international recognition of academic qualifications.

Applicants who hold a foreign degree which has not yet been officially recognised as being equivalent to the aforementioned Italian qualifications required for admission must send, in accordance with procedures detailed in art. 3, the attached "Form B" and the documents listed hereunder:

- the degree certificate inclusive of examinations passed and grades obtained (transcript), complete with an Italian/English translation under the applicant's own responsibility. EU citizens may send a self-declaration in accordance with Presidential Decree 445/2000 and Law no. 183 of 12 November 2011;

- any other documentation that may help evaluate the qualification (Diploma Supplement, European-format CV, any available equivalence certification, etc.)

Applicants may at any time be asked to provide additional documentation in order to ascertain their right to admission.

Applicants with a foreign qualification will be excluded from the doctoral programme should it be found that the qualification does not comply with the requirements detailed in this call, thus precluding their enrolment in the doctoral programme.

The CV in standard European format and self-certifications must be signed and dated.

Art. 3
Applying for admission

Those who wish to take part in the selection procedure must submit the application online no later than **30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice in the University's official register (https://online.unistrasi.it/albo/albo.html).** Applicants must adhere to the following procedure:

1) Connect to the education portal https://didattica.unistrasi.it

2) Register by entering the requested data and log in.

Those who have registered but do not remember their access codes can retrieve them by selecting "password dimenticata" (retrieve forgotten password) or by emailing postlaurea@unistrasi.it;

3) Follow the menu and click "Segreteria" (Administration Office) > "Test di Ammissione" (Admissions exams) > "Iscrizione concorsi" (Register for selection procedures);

4) Select: "Dottorato di Ricerca" (Doctoral Research Programme) > "Dottorato di Ricerca XXXV ciclo a.a. 2019/2020" (35th cycle Doctoral Research Programme, A.Y. 2019/2020) and enter the requested data;

5) Enter the qualifications and documents for assessment (upload)

6) Select "concorso" (selection procedure) - indicate preference and select just one of the following options:

- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 **- Linguistics and Didactics of Italian as a Foreign Language – with a Pegaso* scholarship**

- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 **- Linguistics and Didactics of Italian as a Foreign Language – with a Pegaso scholarship for research on a specific topic (*vincolata*)***

- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 **- Linguistics and Didactics of Italian as a Foreign Language – international students with a foreign scholarship**

- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 **- Linguistics and Didactics of Italian as a Foreign Language – with a standard scholarship**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 **- Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature - with a Pegaso scholarship***
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 **- Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature for those in receipt of a foreign scholarship (only scholarships granted by an appropriate foreign authority)**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 **- Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature with a standard scholarship**

Applicants who select "with a standard scholarship" compete for the following scholarships:
- **Standard scholarships funded by the University**
- **Standard scholarships funded through the "Dipartimento di Eccellenza" project**

Applicants who select "Pegaso scholarships" (excluding Pegaso scholarships for research on specific topics) also compete for the following scholarships:
- **Standard scholarships funded by the University**
- **Standard scholarships funded through the "Dipartimento di Eccellenza" project**

Applicants who select "Pegaso scholarships for research on specific topics" take part only in the scholarship selection procedure for the selected research topic.

A standard MIUR scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the highest ranking in curriculum 1 list and to that with the highest ranking in curriculum 2.

Applicants who select the option "international students with foreign scholarships" should already hold a scholarship issued by the appropriate foreign authorities and cannot compete for other scholarships.

The following must be attached to the online application :
- **the application for admission to the doctoral research programme selection procedure;**
- **Form A** "Qualifications, publications, language skills and further declarations", duly completed and signed;
- **publications,** uploaded as PDF o JPG files (max 5 MB each);
- **the research project** to be undertaken during doctoral research (max 6000 characters including references).
- **a scanned copy of a** valid **identity document**;
- **CV** (standard European or Europass formats), **dated and signed.**

Those holding a foreign degree must attach **Form B** "Request for the Recognition of a foreign degree" duly completed and signed, with the attachments requested therein.

Those who wish to apply for places reserved for international students in receipt of a foreign scholarship must also submit certification of scholarship award and **Form C** "Request for video-conference interview (for foreign applicants only)"

Those who wish to apply for places with a Pegaso scholarship must attach:
Form D for standard Pegaso scholarships
Form D/1 for Pegaso scholarships for research on specific topics.

Detailed instructions will be provided on the University website (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/485/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

Once the online procedure has been completed, the system will ask the applicant can view or to print his/her application.

It is the applicant's responsibility to check that the procedure has been completed correctly.

Documents must be attached as PDF or JPEG files (max 5 MB each).

File names must contain the candidate's surname and a description of the attachment.

Applications submitted through different procedures will not be accepted.

In the application form, disabled students may request special equipment and extra time to complete the admission examinations.
Personal data will be stored and processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679.

Art. 4
Admission Exams

All applicants are admitted to the selection procedure conditionally, reserving the right to verify self-certifications in accordance with Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, as amended. In the case of false statements, the University may at any time decide, under the Rector's reasoned order, to exclude the applicant from the selection procedure or from the doctoral research programme, without prejudice to the criminal liability deriving from the same.
Candidates will be notified of their **exclusion** from the selection procedure by email sent to the address entered in the education portal during registration.

The selection procedure is based on qualifications and exams (written and oral).

As for the places reserved for foreign students, admission to the doctoral research programme is after assessment of qualifications and an interview by video conference, as set out in article 7.

Admission exams aim to ascertain both the applicants' aptitude for scientific research and their knowledge in the subject areas of the doctoral research programme in "Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies. The Italian Language, Other Languages and Cultures**".**

Pegaso scholarships for research on specific topics are awarded on the basis of special exams (written and oral) for ascertaining the preparation of applicants, as described hereunder:

- the exams (written and oral) for the "**Pegaso scholarship for research on Digital LEI** " focus on historic grammar, Italian lexicology and lexicography.

  The research project submitted by the applicant must focus on the lexicography of Italian and its dialects, in particular as applied to LEI- Italian Etymological Lexicon (1979, founded by M. Pfister); the research programme comprises a mandatory three-month traineeship at OVI (*Opera del vocabolario italiano*) in Florence and a year-long internship at the digital LEI Laboratory in Mannheim and/or Vienna;

- the exams (written and oral) for the "**Pegaso scholarships for Public Administration-related research**" assess competencies in the field of computational linguistics and sectorial languages.

  The research project submitted by the applicant must focus on language simplification processes in Public Administrations; the research programme comprises a mandatory three-month traineeship in a company in Sansepolcro (AR);

- the exams (written and oral) for the **"Pegaso scholarships for research on TuSCAN"** assess competencies in the field of historical linguistics and 17th century Italian literature.

  The research project submitted by the applicant must focus on the creation of a multimedia archive on Tuscan 17th century Academies; the research programme comprises a mandatory six-month in the Florence National Archives (*Archivio di Stato di Firenze*).

The date, time and venue of the admission exams will be posted on the website http://www.unistrasi.it/1/445/2683/Dottorati.htm at least 20 days before the written examination.

The announcement on the website serves as the official call to attend: applicants will receive no personal communication.

Those who, for whatever reason, fail to present themselves on time at the exam venue on the specified day will be excluded from the selection procedure.

To sit the exam, candidates must show a valid identification document.
Should the candidate hold an expired identification document, it may still be used to be certify the data, conditions, personal characteristics and facts reported therein, as long as the individual in question submits a photocopy of the document, at the bottom of which he declares that the information contained therein has not changed since the document's date of issue.

The Selection Committee is appointed by Rectoral Decree at the suggestion of the relevant authority of the Programme. It comprises three members selected from among the University professors and researchers. Since the doctoral research programme includes two curriculums, the Selection Committee may include another expert for each curriculum.

Art. 5
Assessment Criteria

The Selection Committee may assign up to a maximum of 100 points distributed as follows:

- qualifications:	up to	10 points
- written examination	up to	45 points
- oral examination	up to	45 points

Qualifications will be assessed only if the applicant passes the written exam

Assessable Qualifications:
• final mark for the "laurea magistrale" or equivalent 4-year programme under the old university regulations: up to 4 points

      4 points: 110 con lode (with honours)

      3 points: 110

      2 points: 109-100

      1 point: 99-96

• Master's degree / other 2-year specialization   up to 2 points

• academic publications   up to 2 points

(the Committee will only assess studies already published or accepted for publication)

• documented research activity in the relevant disciplinary field   up to 2 points

Only qualifications listed in Form A and awarded by the date this call expires will be evaluated.

In assessing the written and oral exams, the Committee will take into consideration the following criteria: breadth of knowledge in the subject, depth of analysis, originality, congruence.

During the oral examination, the Selection Committee may verify the candidate's knowledge of a foreign language chosen by the candidate in the application form among the following: English, French, Spanish, German.

Candidates who have successfully passed the written examination will be admitted to the oral examination. A pass in the written examination will be a mark of no less than 35 points.

A pass in the oral examination will be a mark of no less than 35 points.

Suitable applicants are those that score at least 72/100, obtained by passing both examinations (oral and written).

Having completed the selection procedures, the committee shall draw up the general merit ranking based on the total number of points awarded to each applicant in each examination and in the assessment of qualifications.

The general ranking reports the reference curriculum for each suitable candidate. The committee also draws up a ranking for each curriculum, which is used to assign the standard scholarships.

For the purpose of assigning the Pegaso scholarships, the committee shall draw up a ranking for each curriculum with a standard Pegaso scholarship and a ranking for each of the Pegaso scholarships for research on specific topics.

Scholarships will be awarded in the following order of importance:
- Standard MIUR scholarships (assigned to the curriculum 1 and curriculum 2 applicants with the highest scores.
- Pegaso Scholarships
- Standard University / "Dipartimento di Eccellenza" scholarships

In the case of equal merit:

a. for the allocation of scholarships, students in a more disadvantaged economic situation, assessed on the basis of the ISEE 2018 index, shall have priority;

b. for the allocation of doctoral places without a scholarship, the younger candidate has priority.

In the case of placement in more than one ranking, the applicant must select just one option. The decision must be notified by email to postlaurea@unistrasi.it no later than 7 days from publication of the ranking on the University web pages (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/485/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

Applicants can check the evaluation of their qualifications, written exam results, admission to the oral exam, and final overall evaluation on the portal https://didattica.unistrasi.it by logging in using their credentials and following the links: Segreteria > Test di ammissione > Ammissione>Dottorato XXXV ciclo.

Results will also be published on the website www.unistrasi.it at the page "Bandi e concors i>Selezioni ammissione Corso Dottorato/Scuola Specializzazione" (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/485/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

Art. 6
Admission to the Doctoral Programme

Candidates will be admitted to the doctoral research programme in accordance with their ranking until all available places have been filled. If a successful candidate withdraws by 30 November 30 2019, the next candidate on the ranking list will be offered the position.

In assigning available places on the programme, candidates who turn down the scholarship are considered among those awarded a place without scholarship, as indicated in art. 1.

Art.7
Places reserved for international students in receipt of a scholarship

Those applying for a place as international students in receipt of a foreign scholarship will be assessed on the basis of qualifications and an oral exam held using the Skype video conferencing platform.

The Selection Committee can assign a maximum of 10 points in the evaluation of candidates' qualifications and a maximum of 45 points in the evaluation of the oral exam, awarded in accordance with the criteria in art. 5. During the oral exam, the Selection Committee will verify candidates' preparation, research skills and aptitude for research, as well as their knowledge of Italian and a foreign language (English, French, Spanish or German) other than their mother tongue. A pass in the oral exam will be a mark of no less than 35.

To be eligible for admission to the programme, applicants must obtain an overall mark of 37 out of 55 points.

The Selection Committee will draw up a separate ranking.

In the event that there are no suitable candidates, the vacant positions will not be assigned to other candidates.

Besides the documents indicated in article 3, those applying for places reserved for international applicants in receipt of foreign scholarships must also submit:
- a certificate attesting they are in receipt of a scholarship from the abovementioned foreign country or a copy of the application submitted to the relevant authorities for the awarding of the same;
- Form C ("Request for video-conference interview"), clearly indicating the account which will be used in videoconferencing.

The candidate must be available at the account indicated, on the day and at the time set by the Selection Committee and posted on the University website at (http://www.unistrasi.it/1/445/2683/Dottorati.htm) at least 20 days before the date of the oral examination. Such notice shall serve for all purposes as an official summons.

For identification purposes, and under penalty of exclusion from the selection process, each candidate is required to provide identification before the interview begins, by showing the same identity document submitted as an attachment to the application. Failure to communicate the personal account, unavailability of the candidate on the day and at the time set by the Selection Committee, and failure to exhibit a valid identity document are grounds for excluding the applicant from the selection process.

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Art.8
Enrolment

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Candidates admitted to the programme must complete enrolment by **11.59 pm (local time) on 31 October 2019,** following the specific procedure on the University website at https://didattica.unistrasi.it. After logging in with the username and password assigned during the registration process, candidates must select the links "Segreteria" > "Immatricolazione" in the left sidebar.
Once the procedure has been completed, candidates will be required to print out the enrolment form, sign it and hand deliver it to: Università per Stranieri di Siena - Area Management Didattico e URP - Piazza Carlo Rosselli, 27/28, 53100 Siena, together with the following documentation:
a) 1 passport-size photograph;
b) receipt of payment of the regional DSU tax, pursuant to Regional Law no. 4 dated 3 January 2005, and a statement for determining financial standing, social security and insurance coverage;
c) payment of 16,00 Euro virtual stamp duty.

Documents and records in a foreign language must be accompanied by an Italian translation certified by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative, or by an official translator.
Candidates holding a foreign degree must also submit:
- their degree certificate accompanied by the following consular documents: translation, authentication and declaration of value ("Dichiarazione di valore in loco") issued by an Italian consulate, embassy or diplomatic representative in the country where the degree was awarded. The

declaration of value enrolment on similar doctoral programmes in the country in which the degree was awarded.

- a valid residence permit (non-EU citizens only).

Art.9
Regional Tax and Programme Fees

Annual taxes and fees to be paid by doctoral students include:

- for those in receipt of scholarships funded by MIUR:
a) Regional DSU (Education Incentive Programme) Tax, pursuant to regional Law no. 4 dated 3 January 2005, as amended;
b) Fee-exemption for accessing and attending doctoral programmes

- **for those in receipt of standard University/"Dipartimento di Eccellenza" scholarships, Pegaso Scholarships or Pegaso scholarships for research on specific topics funded by the Regione Toscana – ESF**
a) Regional DSU (Education Incentive Programme) Tax, pursuant to regional law no. 4 dated 3 January 2005, as amended;
b) Doctoral programme fee amounting to € 1,800.00, payable in two instalments. The first instalment, amounting to € 800.00, must be paid at the time of enrolment. The second instalment, amounting to € 1,000.00, must be paid by April 30th.

Doctoral research students NOT in receipt of a scholarship
must pay the Regional DSU tax pursuant to regional law no. 4 dated 3 January 2005, as amended, but are **exempt** from payment of University fees and dues.

Students with certified disability or invalidity equal to or greater than 66% are exempt from payment of the university fees and the regional tax (art. 3, par. 1 of Law no. 104 of February 5, 1992)

Art. 10
Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of comparative assessment of merit, in accordance with article 5 of this call, and respecting the ranking order.

Should a student withdraw from the doctoral programme during the year, he/she will not be required to reimburse fees for the months in which he/she actually attended the programme and completed activities set out by the Academic Board.

Pursuant to art. 1 of the Ministerial Decree dated 25 January 2018, the scholarship, disbursed in monthly instalments, amounts to 15,343.28 Euro per year, gross of social security contributions borne by the recipient.

The doctoral programme scholarships are subject to payment of INPS separately managed social security contributions, pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26, of law no. 335 dated 8 August 1995, as

amended: two thirds of the cost is borne by the administration, and one third by the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship disbursements increase by 50% during any periods of stay abroad, for a maximum of 18 months.

Besides the scholarship and in keeping with available budgetary resources of accredited bodies pursuant to current legislation, starting from the second year each doctoral student is guaranteed a sum for research activity in Italy and abroad, in accordance with the type of programme and in any case amounting to no less than 10% of the scholarship .

Scholarships funded by external Institutions, including those of the Regione Toscana, are awarded to doctoral students, subject to the University receiving the respective financial resources and to agreements between the University and Funding Institutions.

Should there be fewer successful applicants than standard University scholarships for one of the two curriculums, the extra scholarships will NOT be assigned.

The doctoral scholarship is not compatible with other scholarships of any kind, except for those awarded by national or foreign institutions to supplement the scholarship recipient's training or research activity with periods of stay abroad.

Those who have already received a scholarship in the past, cannot receive one again.

Scholarships last one year and are renewed as long as the doctoral student has passed assessment to verify whether he/she has completed the plan of activities for the previous year.
Should the doctoral student not pass assessment for renewal of the scholarship, the unused sums are allocated to the University for the same purposes (art. 9 Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013).

Pursuant to art. 9 of Ministerial Decree 45/2013, the provisions set out in this article do not apply to recipients of foreign scholarships or of financial benefits within the context of specific mobility programmes, in accordance with the provisions of specific regulations.

Art. 11
Attendance and Doctoral Student Obligations

Except for the cases provided for in paragraph 5 of article 8 and in article 11 of Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013, doctoral programmes commence at the start of the academic year. Attendance, exclusive and full-time, is mandatory for doctoral students, except in specific cases pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013.

It is incumbent on the academic board to authorize doctoral students to undertake paid work, after assessing its compatibility with the successful completion of the programme's educational activities (training and research). In particular, for those with scholarships, paid activity must be limited to

that which in any case develops competencies in the student's field of study; for doctor students without a scholarship, the committee must verify that work does not infringe their constitutional rights, such as the right to education for capable and deserving persons, even those without means (point 6 of the guidelines for accreditation of doctoral programmes and their locations issued through MIUR notice protocol no. 0003315 dated 01 February 2019).

At the end of each academic year, those enrolled on the doctoral programme must submit a detailed report of their academic and research activities to the Academic Board, which files the reports. The reports are used to assess the enrolled students' efforts and results, and to determine whether they should be dropped from the programme or may continue their studies.

The Academic Board develops a programme of teaching activities by November 1st, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the "Scuola Superiore di Dottorato e di Specializzazione" (SSDS).

For the normal duration of the programme, enrolled public employees have a right to a leave of absence, pursuant to the collective contract or, for employees subject to public law, to special leave for study purposes, consistent with the needs of the administration, pursuant to art. 2 of law no. 476 dated 13 August 1984, as amended, with or without grants and without an explicit waiver, only when they are enrolled on a doctoral programme for the first time, regardless of the field of study.

The measures set out in legislative decree no. 68 of 29 March 2012 also apply to doctoral students, in accordance with the provisions therein.

Doctoral students also benefit from maternity protection provisions pursuant to the Decree of the Ministry of Labour and Welfare (*Ministro del lavoro e della previdenza sociale*) dated 12 July 2007, published in the *Gazzetta Ufficiale* no. 247 dated 23 October 2007.

Art. 12
Awarding of the Degree

The doctoral degree (abbreviated as "Dott. Ric." or "PhD") will be awarded after positive assessment of the doctoral thesis, which has to contribute to the advancement of knowledge or methods in the selected field of research, respecting the time frame and methods set out in art. 8, paragraph 6 of Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated February 8, 2013.

Art. 13
Information

For further information and clarification on the application procedure, e-mail postlaurea@unistrasi.it or phone 0577240266 – 158 (11.30 - 12.30 from Monday to Friday).

Art. 14
Processing of Personal Data

Pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016, the University is the holder and responsible for the handling and processing of personal data and will respect the confidential nature of the data supplied by the

applicants. All data provided will be used exclusively for institutional purposes in connection with and instrumental to the selection process and for managing the applicant's relationship with the University, in compliance with the laws in force and for no longer than required to fulfil the purpose for which it has been collected.

Art. 15
Final provisions and publication

The laws in force shall apply in matters for which there is no provision in this call for applications.

The call for applications is published on the University Noticeboard at https://online.unistrasi.it/albo/albo.html and at Bandi e concorsi > Selezioni ammissione Corso Dottorato/Scuola Specializzazione (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/485/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm). It is also published on the Ministry webpage and on the EU Euraxess website.

Rankings will be published at Bandi e concorsi > Selezioni ammissione Corso Dottorato/Scuola Specializzazione (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/485/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

Siena, 08/04/2019

The Rector
Prof. Pietro Cataldi
Signed Prof. Pietro Cataldi

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