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**Call for selection for admission to the PhD course in Historical Linguistics, Educational and Italian linguistics. Italian, other languages and cultures
Academic Year 2020/2021 - XXXVI cycle**

ART. 1 - PLACEMENTS IN THE COMPETITION AND DURATION OF THE COURSE

A public selection has been launched for admission to the PhD course in "Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies. Italian, other Languages and Cultures" of the University for Foreigners of Siena for the academic year 2020/2021 –XXXVI cycle.

SSD: L-LIN / 01, L-LIN / 02, L-FIL-LET / 10, L-FIL-LET / 11, L-FIL-LET / 12, L-FIL-LET / 13, M-S TO / 02

Legal duration of the course: 3 years with effect from 1 November 2020 and until 31 October 2023.

Pursuant to Ministerial Decree 45/2013, doctoral courses may be activated after verification of the possession or maintenance of accreditation requirements by the Ministry of Education, University and Research. Therefore, the winners will only be able to register following the positive outcome of this verification.

Curricula related to the PhD course:

- Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and didactics of the Italian language to foreigners**
SSD: L-LIN / 01, L-LIN / 02
- Curriculum 2 - **Historical-linguistic, philological and literary studies of Italian**
SSD: L-FIL -LET / 10, L-FIL-LET / 11, L-FIL-LET / 12, L-FIL-LET / 13, M-STO / 02

Places announced:

Standard grants financed by MIUR funds of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
Standard scholarships funded by University funds of which: n. 2 places reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 2 places reserved for Curriculum 2 The first scholarship of curriculum 2 is named after Sara Panichi, in memoriam	4
Pegàsò scholarships funded on funds financed by the Region of Tuscany - ESF	2

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of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	3
Scholarships linked to the funds financed by the Region of Tuscany - ESF (Pegaso Project) divided as follows:	
The "Pegaso" Scholarship restricted to the theme "Digital LEI. The drafting of the Italian Etymological Lexicon on computer support "reserved for curriculum 2	
The "Pegaso" scholarship restricted to the theme "MOOC, Big data and foreign languages: acquisition implications on teaching methodologies and teaching technologies " reserved for curriculum 1	
The "Pegaso Scholarship" restricted to the theme "TuSCAN- Tuscan Seventeenth Century Academies Network. Multimedia Archive "reserved for curriculum 2	
Places reserved for scholars from foreign countries	2
Places available without scholarship 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2**
Total places put up for competition	15

****If there is not a sufficient number of suitable candidates to fully cover the places reserved for one of the two curricula the number of places relating to the other curriculum will be increased accordingly.**

In the event that there are not enough suitable candidates to fully cover the scholarships relating to one of the two curricula, the number of places relating to the other curriculum will be increased accordingly.

In the event that there are not enough suitable candidates to fully cover the scholarships on university funds relating to one of the two curricula, the scholarships will NOT be awarded.

The places reserved for "Pegaso" fellows, funded by the Tuscany Region, are part of a program to enhance the excellence of the Tuscan university system through cooperation between several universities and research bodies, incentives for internationalization, and the acquisition of additional transversal skills.

If there are not enough suitable candidates to fully cover the "Pegaso" scholarships relating to one of the two curricula, the scholarships will be assigned to the other curriculum.



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THE PLACES RESERVED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES are intended for foreign candidates who have been found suitable for the admission tests to the course and who are in possession of a scholarship issued by the competent foreign authorities.

The number of scholarships may be increased following funding from public and private entities. The increase in the same may determine the increase in the places put up for competition with and without scholarship.

In the event that the number of scholarships increases, the number of places without scholarship may increase as long as the constraint of financial coverage equal to at least 75% of the total available places is respected (Guidelines for the accreditation of the offices and doctoral courses issued with MIUR note prot. 0003315 of 01/02/2019).

With reference to the memorandum of understanding stipulated between the Tuscany Region and the Tuscan University Institutions, an area reserved for the achievement of the title of PhD in the context of the training and research apprenticeship contracts is activated (art. 5 of the D .Lgs. 167/11) - **Places: n. 2.**

ART. 2 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The application for participation in the admission competition to the PhD course referred to in the previous article can be submitted by those who, at the expiry date of the call, are in possession of one of the following qualifications:

- specialist degree obtained pursuant to ministerial decree 509/1999;
- master's degree obtained pursuant to ministerial decree 270/2004;
- university degree obtained in accordance with previous didactic systems, whose legal course lasts at least four years;
- similar academic qualification obtained abroad.

Those who obtain one of the aforementioned qualifications by approx. 31 October can also apply. In this case, admission to the course is *conditional* and the candidate will be required to present promptly, and in any case no later than 31 October by e-mail (postlaurea@unistrasi.it), pec (unistrasi@pec.it) or submit personally at the Post Lauream Courses Office, self-certification (or certification in the case of non-EU citizens) relating to the achievement of the qualification, under penalty of exclusion.

The self-certification must indicate the name of the University that issued the qualification, the date of achievement, the type of diploma (old system, specialist / master's degree) and the relative grade; it must also be accompanied by a photocopy of a valid identity document.



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The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the examining board of the doctorate in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was issued and the international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

Italian and foreign citizens who possess an academic qualification obtained abroad, which has not already been declared equivalent to one of the qualifications required for admission, must send the following documents in accordance with the procedures set out in art. 3 using **Form B** attached to the announcement:

- the certificate of achievement of the qualification with the list of exams taken (transcript) in Italian / English, edited and under the responsibility of the candidate; EU citizens must make use of self-certification, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and law no. 183 of November 12, 2011;
- any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the eligibility of the qualification held (Diploma Supplement, curriculum vitae in European format, value declaration on site if already acquired, etc.).

The beneficiaries of the "Pegaso" and "Pegaso vincolata[themed]" doctoral scholarships, in addition to the requirements indicated in this article, must:

- be at most 35 years of age at the time of applying to participate in the doctoral competition;
- have a knowledge of the English language (at least equivalent to B2 level). Knowledge of the B2 level English language, if not certified, will be assessed by the Commission;
- formally declare their availability to study and research abroad for at least 6 months (4 months abroad in the first two years and 2 months abroad in the third year) and to be aware that failure to carry out the stay abroad may entail for the implementing subject the cancellation of the financing for the entire scholarship by the Region;
- present an annual report on the activities carried out during the year;
- present a final report (at the end of the course) containing: didactic and formal learning activities attended, research activities carried out, main results achieved, publications, the specific report of the periods spent abroad with an indication of the activities carried out and the benefits obtained in qualification terms;
- formally declare their availability to attend courses for the acquisition of soft skills and knowledge on the world of work and research, which will be proposed by the implementing body over the three-year PhD course;

· Limited to beneficiaries of a restricted themed scholarship

for recipients of international MOOC and LEI themed scholarships: to

- formally declare their willingness to carry out study and research stays abroad for at least 12 months in the three-year period (8 months in the first two-year period and 4 months in the



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third year) and to be aware that the failure to carry out the stay abroad may lead to the revocation of the funding for the entire scholarship by the Region.

For recipients of the TUSCAN restricted scholarship,

- formally declare their willingness to carry out an experience of at least 3 months of training / research in an application context, such as a company, a public research body, another body / institution (non-university) and to be aware that failure to carry out this experience may lead to the cancellation of the funding for the entire grant by the Region for the implementing body.

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The recipients of the Pegaso scholarships must also comply with the provisions established by the Notice of the Tuscany Region, issued with Executive Decree no. 1157 of 27 January 2020 and of the Executive Decree n. 2625 of February 19, 2020 (third year).

All candidates may be requested at any time to integrate the submitted documentation, in order to verify their admissibility.

The University Administration can order the exclusion of candidates from the selection at any time, by reasoned provision, due to the lack of the requirements set out in this announcement.

ART. 3 - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

To participate in the admission test, candidates must submit an application electronically, **within the peremptory time limit of 30 (thirty) days from the day of publication of this notice on the site "Announcements and competitions - Admission selections for the Doctoral Course / Specialization School" of the University** (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/89/5327/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm), using only the following procedure:

- 1) Connect to the teaching portal <https://didattica.unistrasi.it>;
- 2) Register by entering the required data and log in.
If the already registered candidate no longer has their own access codes, they can recover them by clicking on "forgotten password" or by sending an email to postlaurea@unistrasi.it;
- 3) Follow the menu and click: "Secretary" - "Admission test" and on "Competition registration";
- 4) Select: "Research Doctorate", - "Research Doctorate XXXVI cycle ay 2020/2021" and continue entering the data that will be requested by the system;
- 5) Insert titles and documents for evaluation;

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6) Select "competition" - "express your preferences in the chosen admission competition" and choose from the following preferences (max 1):

- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and teaching of the Italian language to foreigners - Pegaso scholarship preference ***
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and teaching of the Italian language to foreigners - preference for Standard Scholarship**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and teaching of the Italian language to foreigners - Scholarship holders for foreign countries (only if in possession of a scholarship from the competent foreign Authority)**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and teaching of the Italian language to foreigners - preference for restricted Pegaso scholarship ***
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical-linguistic, philological and literary studies of Italian - Scholarships from foreign countries (only if in possession of a scholarship from the competent foreign Authority)**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical-linguistic, philological and literary studies of Italian - Standard Scholarship holders**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical-linguistic, philological and literary studies of Italian preference Pegaso scholarship ***
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical-linguistic, philological and literary studies of Italian-preference for restricted Pegaso scholarship ***

Candidates who choose as preference "standard scholarship" participate in the assignment of the following scholarships:

- Standard scholarships funded by University funds
- Standard scholarships funded by MIUR

Candidates who choose "" as a preference Pegaso scholarship(excluding tied Pegaso scholarships) participate in the assignment of the following scholarships:

- Pegaso
- Scholarships Standard scholarships funded by University funds
- Standard scholarships funded by MIUR

Candidates who choose as a preference "Pegaso Scholarship" participate only in the assignment of the scholarship for which they have applied.

Candidates expressing the preference "Fellows from foreign countries" must already be in possession of a scholarship issued by the competent foreign authorities and do not participate in other rankings.

Together with the online application, candidates must attach:

- Mod. A "Degrees, publications, language skills and further statements" duly completed and signed;



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- **the publications** to be attached in electronic pdf or jpg format with a maximum size of 5 MB each;
- **research project** to be carried out in the PhD cycle (maximum extension: 10,000 characters, bibliography excluded).
- **digital scanning of valid and current identity document;**
- the **curriculum vitae et studiorum** (European or Europass format) **dated and signed.**

Italian and foreign citizens who have an academic qualification obtained abroad, lasting at least four years, which has not already been declared equivalent to one of the qualifications required for admission, must send the following documents using the Mod. B attached to the announcement:

- the certificate of achievement of the title with the list of exams taken (transcript) in Italian / English, edited and under the responsibility of the candidate; EU citizens must make use of self-certification, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and law no. 183 of November 12, 2011;

- any other documentation deemed useful for the assessment of the eligibility of the qualification held (Diploma Supplement, curriculum in European format, value declaration on site if already acquired, etc.).

- In the case of a qualification obtained outside the European Union, a copy of the Declaration of value issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation abroad must also be presented. In the Declaration of value it must be clear that the academic qualification in possession allows access to the PhD. In the case of non-possession of the declaration of value, this and any other useful document must be submitted in original or certified copy to the postgraduate office of the University for Foreigners of Siena within six months of the official start of the courses.

Candidates who do not present the documentation on the foreign qualification are admitted "under conditions" and will be excluded from the PhD if they do not present such documentation within six months of the official start of the courses. They will also be excluded if, following verification, it appears that the qualification does not comply with the requirements set out in this announcement. If the aforementioned documentation is not presented or certifies the invalidity of the qualification in the country of achievement for an academic course similar to the Research Doctorate, the interested party lapses and is required to return any doctoral scholarship eventually received.

Candidates who intend to compete for places reserved for holders from foreign countries scholarship must attach the certification certifying the ownership of the scholarship.

Applicants who intend to apply for positions with "Pegasus" scholarship must also attach to the online application:

- Mod. C for "Pegàsò" unrestricted scholarships
- Mod C / 1 for the "Pegàsò" restricted scholarships.

The detailed instructions will be posted on the University website (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/89/5327/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).



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At the end of all the steps required by the online procedure, it will be possible to view the application for admission to the competition.

Once the "online" application for admission is "closed" it can no longer be modified, nor can it be supplemented with additional documentation with the exception of any documentation requested by the Administration.

It is the candidate's responsibility to verify the correct and complete compilation of the application and that the procedure has been completed correctly, including the payment of the virtual stamp duty of Euro 16.00 which must be paid by 11.59 pm on the due date of the notice.

The University is not responsible for any online applications not correctly closed by the candidates.

Titles and documents must be attached in electronic pdf or jpg format with a maximum size of 5 MB each.

The name of the file must include the candidate's surname and the description of the attachment.

Any applications presented in different ways will not be taken into consideration.

Candidates with disabilities or LD must attach to the application for participation the specialist documentation certifying the disability or LD and must make an explicit request, in the application for admission to the competition, regarding the aid and any additional time necessary to be able to take the test. In this regard, sensitive data will be stored and processed with the confidentiality provided for by Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

ART. 4 - PLACES RESERVED FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The selection procedure for candidates who compete for positions reserved for scholarship holders from foreign countries involves the evaluation of qualifications and an interview to be held by videoconference on the Google Meet platform.

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Commission has max. of 20 points to be awarded according to the criteria referred to in art. 6.

For the interview, the commission has a max. of 50 points. During the interview, the Commission will verify the candidate's preparation, ability and aptitude for research, as well as knowledge of Italian and a foreign language (chosen from English, French, Spanish, German) other than their native language. The interview is considered passed if the candidate obtains at least 37 points.

Candidates with an overall score of 42 points will be considered eligible for admission to the course.



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The examining commission will draw up a separate ranking.

If there are no suitable candidates, the vacant positions cannot be assigned to other candidates.

Candidates who intend to compete for places reserved for scholarship holders from foreign countries must attach to the application, in addition to what is indicated in art. 3:

- a certification attesting to the ownership of the scholarship provided by the foreign country or a copy of the application sent to the competent authorities for the assignment of the same.

The candidate must be available at said address, on the day and at the time established by the Commission and published on the University website <http://www.unistrasi.it/1/445/2683/Dottorati.htm> at least 20 days before date set for the interview.

This communication will be authentic to all legal effects as an official call.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, each candidate must identify himself before the interview begins, showing the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application.

The failure to communicate the personal address, the unavailability of the candidate on the day or time established, the failure to show a valid identification document, are grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

ART. 5 - ADMISSION TESTS

All candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of the self certified declarations -pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions. In the event of false declarations, the University may order the exclusion of candidates from the selection procedure or from the PhD course at any time, with a motivated provision by the Rector, without prejudice to the criminal liability deriving from this.

The exclusion from the selection will be communicated to the candidate at the email address entered on the teaching portal at the time of registration.

The selection is by qualifications and interview (**to be carried out online via Google Meet**).

In the interview, which will take place in Italian, the candidate will be asked to discuss the doctoral research project with the commission, and relevant topics and aspects of the discipline will be addressed and discussed.

for the "Pegaso" restricted scholarships Specific discussion topics are provided, for the purpose of verifying skills:

- for the scholarship, **"Pegaso restricted Digital LEI"** discussion topics are envisaged in the context of Italian historical grammar, lexicology and lexicography. The research project presented by the candidate must refer to the lexicography of Italian and its dialects, with

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particular application to the LEI- Italian Etymological Lexicon (1979 - founded by M. Pfister); the research path must include a quarterly internship at the OVI - Work of the Italian vocabulary of Florence and an annual internship abroad at the Digital Lei Laboratory (headquarters of Mannheim and / or Vienna)

- for the scholarship "**Pegaso restricted MOOC**", discussion topics are envisaged for the field of educational linguistics and e-learning language teaching. The candidate's research project must refer to language teaching in the MOOC environment or in online environments that foresee high numbers of students; the research path includes a quarterly internship at the Siena ItalTech_Tecnologie for linguistic development facility and an annual internship abroad at the University of Galway (Ireland).
- for the "**Pegaso restricted TuSCAN**" scholarship , discussion topics are envisaged in the Italian linguistic and literary history of the seventeenth century. The research project presented by the candidate must refer to the preparation of a multimedia archive relating to the 17th-century Tuscan Academies; the research method must include a six-month internship at the State Archive of Florence.

The date, time and manner of the interview will be published on the University website <http://www.unistrasi.it/1/445/2683/Dottorati.htm> at least 20 days before the date set for the interview.

This communication will be authentic to all legal effects as an official call.

The candidate's failure to connect on the day, time and in the manner that will be announced as indicated above will amount to implicit withdrawal from the selection, whatever the cause, and will result in exclusion from the competition.

To participate in the online interview selection, candidates must show a valid identification document.

If the candidate is in possession of an identity or recognition document that is not valid, the data, the states, the personal qualities and the facts contained therein can be proven median presentation of the same, provided that the interested party declares, at the bottom to the photocopy of the document, that the data contained in the document have not changed since the date of issue.

The jury for admission to the Doctoral Course is appointed by the Rector's Decree on the proposal of the School, after consultation with the Academic Board. The members of the commission must be teachers belonging to the college.

ART. 6 - EVALUATION CRITERIA

The jury has a maximum of 100 points for each candidate, divided as follows:

- qualifications: maximum 20 points, as detailed in the table below:



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Evaluable:

Qualifications master's degree / four-year degree mark:	max 8 points
points 8: 110 with honors	
points 6: 110	
points 4: 109-100	
points 2: 99-96	
two-year specialization / relevant master	max 4 points
academic publications	max 4 points
(only studies published or accepted for publication will be evaluated)	
Documented research activity in the field	max 4 points

- Research project: max 30 points

- Interview: max 50 points.

The interview will also discuss relevant aspects and themes of the discipline.

Only the qualifications held at the expiry date of the call indicated in the appropriate fields of Form A will be evaluated.

In the interview, the Commission will take into account the following criteria:

breadth of knowledge in the subject, depth of analysis, purposeful originality, consistency of presentation.

At the same time as the interview, the Commission will be able to verify the knowledge of a foreign language indicated by the candidates in the question chosen from the following: English, French, Spanish, German.

For candidates for the Pegaso and Pegaso restricted scholarships, knowledge of English level B2 will be verified.

The minimum eligibility score is 60 total points.

Once the interview has been completed, the commission compiles the general ranking on the basis of the sum of the points reported by each candidate in the interview and in the evaluation of qualifications and research project; the reference curriculum is indicated in the ranking list for each suitable candidate.

The commission also compiles a ranking for each curriculum, useful for the purpose of awarding standard scholarships.

In addition, the commission draws up a ranking list for each Pegaso restricted scholarship.

Scholarships will be awarded according to the following priorities:



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- MIUR standard scholarships (will be awarded to the candidate who will have the highest scores in curriculum 1 and to the candidate who will have the highest scores in curriculum 2).
- Pegaso
- Standard University Scholarships / Department of Excellence.

IN CASE OF EQUAL MERIT:

- a. for the allocation of places with scholarship, the economic-family situation prevails, assessed on the basis of the ISEU value 2019;
- b. the youngest candidate prevails for the allocation of places without scholarship.

Candidates will be able to check the results of the qualification evaluation and the overall final evaluation, through the dedicated online site: [portale della didattica].

The results will also be published on the website www.unistrasi.it on the page "Announcements and competitions / Admission selections for the PhD Course / Specialization School" (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/89/5327/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

After the approval of the documents, the rankings will be published divided by curriculum with the list of admitted candidates.

ART. 7 - ADMISSION TO THE COURSES

Candidates will be admitted to the Doctoral course according to the ranking order up to the number of places available. In the event of renunciations of those entitled by November 30, these candidates will be substituted in equal number drawing from the ranking, in order of score.

For the purpose of assigning the places offered for the PhD course, the candidate who renounces the scholarship is considered among the places indicated in art. 1 as without scholarship.

ART. 8 - ENROLLMENT IN COURSES

The admitted competitors must complete the enrollment within the **peremptory deadline of 23.59 (local time) on October 31st** following the specific IT procedure by logging on to the page: <https://didattica.unistrasi.it> of the University website. After having accessed the reserved area, inserting the login and password obtained during the registration phase, it is necessary to select under the menu on the left: "Secretariat" - "Enrollment".

A translation into Italian certified in accordance with the foreign text drawn up by the competent diplomatic or consular representation, or by an official translator must be attached to the acts and documents written in a foreign language.

Candidates with a foreign qualification must also present:



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- Degree duly accompanied by the following consular documents: translation, legalization and on-site declaration of value issued by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country in which the qualification was obtained, which must show that the qualification held is valid in the country of achievement for enrollment in an academic course similar to the PhD.

In case of enrollment in a degree course or a graduate school, the admitted candidate must undertake to suspend the enrollment in the degree or specialization course, for the entire legal duration of the doctoral course. Joint attendance of the medical specialization course and the PhD course is allowed, as established by art. 15 of the University Regulations for Doctorates. In this case, enrollment in the specialization course must be declared in the application form.

ART. 9 - REGIONAL TAX AND CONTRIBUTION FOR ACCESS AND ATTENDANCE TO COURSES

The annual fees and contributions to be paid by doctoral students are made up as follows:

- **for the winners of standard scholarships awarded on MIUR funds:**

- a) Regional Tax for right to university study pursuant to the Regional Law of 3 January 2005, n. 4 and subsequent changes and / or additions.
- b) Exemption from the contribution for access and attendance to doctoral courses.
- c) Virtual stamp duty € 16.00.

- **for winners of standard scholarships awarded on University / Department of Excellence funds, Pegaso and Pagaso Scholarships financed by funds of the Region of Tuscany - ESF**

- a) Regional Tax for the right to university study pursuant to regional law of 3 January 2005, n. 4 and subsequent changes and / or additions.
- b) Contribution for access to and attendance of doctoral courses of € 900.00 payable in two installments. The first installment of € 400.00 must be paid upon registration. The second installment, of Euro 500.00, must be paid by April 30th approx.
- C) Virtual stamp duty € 16.00

PhD students NOT receiving scholarships

- a) Regional tax for the right to university study pursuant to the Regional Law of 3 January 2005, no. 4 and subsequent changes and / or additions.
- b) Exemption from the contribution for access and attendance to doctoral courses
- c) virtual stamp duty

Students with disabilities, with recognition of handicaps are not required to pay fees (art.3, paragraph 1, of the Law of 5 February 1992 n. 104) or with a disability equal to or greater than 66%.

ART. 10 - SCHOLARSHIP



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Scholarships will be awarded after comparative evaluation of merit, following the evaluation criteria indicated in art. 6 of this announcement, and in the order of the rankings.

The annual amount of the scholarship, to be paid in monthly installments, is determined pursuant to art. 1 of the Ministerial Decree of 25 January 2018 and is equal to Euro 15,343.28 gross of the social security charges payable by the recipient.

The scholarship of the PhD is subject to the payment of separately managed INPS social security contributions pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent amendments, to the extent of two thirds paid by the administration and one third by the scholarship holder.

The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for any periods of stay abroad up to a maximum of 18 months.

Starting from the second year, each PhD student is assured, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources existing in the financial statements of the subjects accredited by current legislation, a budget for research activity in Italy and abroad adequate for the type of course and in any case for an amount not less than 10% of the amount of the scholarship itself.

Scholarships funded by external Bodies, including scholarships from the Tuscany Region, are awarded to doctoral students without prejudice to the successful completion of the assignment to the University of their financial resources and of the agreements between the University and the funding bodies.

The PhD scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except with those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating, with stays abroad, the scholarship's training or research activity (L. 398/89 art. 6 paragraph 1).

Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a doctoral scholarship, cannot use it a second time (L. 398/89 art. 6 paragraph 2).

The scholarships have an annual duration and are renewed on condition that the PhD student has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year and has passed a specific verification.

In the event that the PhD student is not assessed positively for the purpose of renewing the scholarship, the unused amount remains in the availability of the University, for the same purposes (art. 9 Ministerial Decree 45 of 8 February 2013).

If the PhD student renounces to continue the PhD during the year, the Administration will not ask for the repayment of the installments relating to the months in which the PhD student has actually attended the courses and carried out the activities established by the Academic Board.

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Pursuant to art. 9 of Ministerial Decree 45/2013, the principles referred to in this article do not apply to scholarship holders from foreign countries or beneficiaries of financial support in the context of specific mobility programs in relation to the provisions of the specific regulation.

Scholarship Recipients from Pegaso Scholarship- Tuscany Region Pegaso are required to sign the ESF registration form for the unilateral commitment document which clearly indicates the requirements, conditions, constraints and obligations necessary for the acquisition and maintenance of the regional study scholarship, also with explicit reference to the stay abroad. A copy of the unilateral commitment documents signed by the fellows must be sent to the Region. At the end of the first and second year of the course, as well as at the end of the three-year course, the PhD students assigned the regional scholarships must produce a report on the training activities attended and on the research activities undertaken, on the topic of the doctoral thesis, on the main results on the stay abroad, and on the degree of satisfaction of the course.

The funds paid for regional scholarships for PhD students who renounce and interrupt the course in the first 3 months, or without having achieved any documented results in terms of skills acquired, are not recognized as reimbursement by the Region and in these cases the University for Stranieri di Siena is required to request the repayment of the monthly payments received. In case of renunciation, in any case, the implementing body is required to request the scholarship holder and to send the Region a substitute declaration pursuant to Presidential Decree 445/00 which motivates the renunciation. The cases of suspension due by law, with the relative motivation, must be communicated to the Tuscany Region within 5 days from the request of the interested party (to be sent to the Higher School of Doctoral and Specialization within 10 days prior to the start date of the suspension) for the related suspension authorization of the regional stock exchange. Suspensions not foreseen by the regulations cannot be accepted.

ART. 11 - ATTENDANCE AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS

Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 5 of art. 8 and art. 11 of the Ministerial Decree of 8 February 2013 n. 45, the start of the doctoral courses coincides with that of the beginning of the academic year.

Admission to the doctorate entails the obligation to attend and an exclusive and full-time commitment, without prejudice to the possibility of a specific discipline in relation to the provisions of the Ministerial Decree of 8 February 2013, n. 45.

In the case of justified impediments that do not allow effective attendance (sickness, maternity and postnatal period or other serious and documented reasons), the PhD student may request the suspension of attendance to the course, with consequent interruption of the provision of the



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scholarship and the extension of the training period. The teaching staff will decide on the duration of the suspension and extension of the training period.

It is up to the Board of Professors to authorize the PhD student to carry out paid activities by checking their compatibility with the successful performance of the training (teaching and research) activities related to the course. In particular, it remains understood that for doctoral candidates with scholarships, the paid activities must be limited to those that refer in any case to the acquisition of skills related to the educational field of the doctorate; for doctoral students without a scholarship, any incompatibility deriving from their work activity must be assessed in concrete terms without this leading to a behavior detrimental to rights protected at the constitutional level, such as the right to study for the capable and deserving even if without means (point 6 of the Guidelines for the accreditation of the offices and doctoral courses issued with MIUR prot. Note 0003315 of 01/02/2019).

At the end of each year, students enrolled in the PhD course are required to present a detailed report on the activity and research carried out to the Academic Board, which takes care of its conservation and which, after assessing the diligence and results obtained by the enrolled in the course, said Board proposes the exclusion or the continuation of the PhD course.

The Academic Board elaborates the program of didactic activities by 1st November approx, in accordance with the regulations and regulations of the PhD and Specialization School - SSDS.

Public employees admitted to doctoral courses are due the treatment foreseen by collective bargaining for the normal duration of the course or, for employees governed by public law, extraordinary leave for study reasons, compatibly with the needs of the administration, pursuant to art. 2 of the law of 13 August 1984, n. 476, and subsequent amendments, with or without checks and unless explicitly renounced, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a PhD course, regardless of the disciplinary field.

Doctoral students are due the interventions envisaged by Legislative Decree 29 March 2012, n. 68. Doctoral students are subject to the maternity protection provisions of the Minister of Labor and Social Security decree of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of 23 October 2007.

ART. 12 - AWARD OF THE TITLE OF DOCTOR OF RESEARCH

The title of doctor of research, abbreviated with the words: "*Dott.Ric.*" or "*Ph.D.*", is released following the positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation, in the times and ways provided for by art. 8 paragraph 6 of DM 8 February 2013, n. 45.

ART. 13 - INFORMATION



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Requests for information and clarifications on the submission of the application can be sent to the e-mail postlaurea@unistrasi.it or by telephone to the following numbers 0577240266 - 158 (hours 11.30-12.30 from Monday to Friday).

ART. 14 - ADVERTISING

This announcement, accompanied by an English translation, is published on the page "Announcements and competitions / Admission selections for the PhD Course / Specialization School" (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/89/5327/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

It is also advertised on the Ministry website and on the European Euraxess website.

The rankings will be published on the page "Announcements and competitions / Admissions selections for the PhD Program / Specialization School" (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/89/5327/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

Any changes or additions to the announcement will be disclosed only on the page "Announcements and competitions / Admission selections for the PhD Course / Specialization School" (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/89/5327/Bandi_e_concorsi.htm).

ART. 14 - TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the University is the Data Controller and undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidates. All data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to the competition and to the possible management of the relationship with the University, in compliance with the provisions in force and for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they were collected.

ART. 15 - FINAL PROVISIONS

The competition documents are public; they are allowed access in the ways established by the Law of 7 August 1990, n. 241.

For matters not covered in this announcement, reference is made to the University Didactic Regulations, to the Regulations for Research Doctorate Courses of the University for Foreigners of Siena and to current legislation.



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The University reserves the right to exclude at any time the candidates who participate in the selection announced with this announcement for failure to comply with the instructions given therein or the terms indicated, or for lack of the requirements required of the candidates.

Siena,

The Rector

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