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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. 2021/2022– 37th cycle**

ART. 1 - POSITIONS AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

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. 2021-2022 (37th cycle).

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

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 2021 - 31 October 2024)

Areas of Specialization:

- Curriculum 1 – **Linguistics and Teaching 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 MUR: one in Curriculum 1 and one in Curriculum 2	2
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<u>Standard scholarships funded by the University:</u> two in Curriculum 1 and two in Curriculum 2	4
<u>Pegaso scholarships funded by the Regione Toscana – ESF (European Social Fund)</u> two in Curriculum 1 and one in Curriculum 2	3
Regione Toscana <u>Scholarships</u> for research on specific topics – ESF (Pegaso Project) “Digital LEI - Recording Italian Etymological Lexicon in Digital Format” is reserved for curriculum 2	1
Places reserved for international students awarded foreign scholarships	2
Places without scholarship	2
Total number of places available	14

In the event that successful applicants do not fill all the places available for one of the two curricula, the number of places available for the other curriculum will increase accordingly.

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

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

The places reserved for international students awarded foreign scholarships are for foreign applicants who pass the admission exam and have been granted 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 MUR note no. 0003315 on 01 February 2019).

According to the agreement between Regione Toscana and Tuscan Universities, it is possible to obtain a Ph.D. 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 for 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 2021**, failing which successful applicants forfeit admission.

These applicants will have to declare their expected graduation date; in all such cases, admission is “conditional” and applicants must send, **by 31 October 2021**, 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.

Besides the aforementioned requirements, beneficiaries of “Pegaso” and “Specific-topic Pegaso” scholarships must also comply with the requirements below:

- their age must not exceed 35 at the moment of application for this public selection;
- their English language competence must be comparable to level B2, at least. If language competence at the B2 level is not certified by acknowledged certification bodies, the committee will verify it;
- they will officially state their availability to participate in study and research projects abroad for at least six months and their awareness that if they do not participate in any study and research project abroad may result in the decision by the executive body to revoke the funding of the entire scholarship from Regione Toscana;
- submit an annual report of the activities conducted during the year;
- submit a final report (at the end of the programme) comprising: coursework including all types of formal learning activities, conducted research activities, main results attained,

publications, report of study and research abroad periods detailing activities and advancements in their qualifications;

- formally declare their availability to attend courses proposed during the programme by the executive body to acquire contents and soft skills about research and other professional settings;

-Only applicable to beneficiaries of scholarships for research on specific topics

A further requirement for beneficiaries of the LEI specific topic scholarship:

- they will officially declare (a) their availability to participate in study and research projects abroad for at least twelve months over the three-year programme and a three-month internship at OVI-CNR in Florence, Italy, (b) their awareness that if they do not participate in the study and research project abroad and the internship may result in the decision by the executive body to revoke the funding of the entire scholarship from Regione Toscana;

Pegaso Scholarships are funded with resources from POR FSE TOSCANA 2014/2020 and are included in Giovanisì (www.giovanisi.it), Tuscany Region's project to foster young citizens' autonomy.

The scholarships reserved for "Pegaso" are funded by Tuscany Region and contribute to enhancing the excellence of the Tuscan university system through collaboration between several universities and research bodies, stimuli to internationalization, and the acquisition of additional transversal skills.

Pegaso scholarship holders will comply with provisions in the Tuscany Region Order under Directorial Decree no. 1408, 28 January 2021.

At any time, all candidates may be requested to provide further documentation to verify eligibility. At any time, with a motivated resolution, the University administration may decide the exclusion of applicants from selection procedures for lack of the requirements set out in this announcement.

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 XXXVII ciclo a.a. 2021/2022” (37th cycle Doctoral Research Programme, A.Y. 2021/2022) 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 Teaching of Italian as a Foreign Language – with a Pegaso* scholarship**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and Teaching of Italian as a Foreign Language – with a standard scholarship**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and Teaching of Italian as a Foreign Language – international students awarded a foreign scholarship (only scholarships granted by an appropriate foreign authority)**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature - with a Pegaso scholarship***
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature international students with 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**
- DR_LISLEI - Curriculum 2 - **Historical Linguistics, Philology and Italian Literature with a Pegaso on specific topic* scholarship.**

Applicants who select “Borsisti Standard” (standard scholarship) compete for the following scholarships:

- **Standard scholarships funded by the University**
- **Standard scholarships funded by the MUR**

Applicants who select "borsa Pegaso" (Pegaso scholarship) (excluding Pegaso scholarships on specific topic) compete for the following scholarships:

- Pegaso scholarships
- Standard scholarships funded by the University
- Standard scholarships funded by the MUR

Applicants who select "borsa Pegaso Vincolata" (Pegaso scholarship on specific topic) only compete for the scholarship for which they applied.

Applicants who select "borsisti stati esteri" (international students with a foreign scholarship) must already have a scholarship issued by competent foreign authorities and do not participate in other selections.

The following must be attached to the online application :

- **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).

- **CV** (standard European or Europass formats), **dated and signed**.

Italian and foreign citizens who hold an academic qualification earned abroad after completing a programme lasting at least four years that has not already been declared equivalent to one of the qualifications required for admission, must submit the following documentation using Form B attached to this announcement:

- graduation certificate with examination transcripts in Italian / English, edited under the responsibility of the applicant; EU citizens must use self-certification, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and law no. 183 of 12 November 2011;
- any other documentation deemed useful for assessing the admissibility of the qualification held (Diploma Supplement, curriculum vitae in European format, "dichiarazione di valore in loco" i.e. a declaration of the value of the qualification issued by Italian diplomatic offices in the applicant's country, etc.)
- In case of qualification obtained outside the European Union, a copy of the Dichiarazione di Valore (Declaration of Value) issued by the competent Italian Diplomatic Office abroad must also be submitted. In the Declaration of Value, it must be stated that the academic title held allows access to a Ph.D. programme. If the Declaration of Value is not available at the moment of the application, it and any other useful document must be submitted in original or certified copy to the graduate office (Ufficio post-lauream) of the University for Foreigners of Siena within six months of the official start of the courses.

Applicants who do not submit the documentation on the foreign qualification are admitted "on condition" and will be excluded from the PhD programme if they do not submit such documentation within six months of the official start of the courses. They will also be excluded if, after verification, the qualification does not comply with the requirements set out in this announcement. If the aforementioned documentation is not submitted or certifies the invalidity of the qualification in the country of achievement for an academic course comparable to the PhD, the interested party will be dismissed and required to return any doctoral scholarship received.

Applicants who compete for the places reserved for holders of scholarships from foreign countries must attach a statement attesting to their being awarded the scholarship.

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://online.unistrasi.it/bandi/ListaBandi.asp?tipo=13>

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.

Once "closed", the online application for admission cannot be modified, nor can it be supplemented with further documentation except for any documentation requested by the Administration.

The applicant is responsible for verifying the correct and complete compilation of the application and that the procedure has been correctly completed, including the payment of the 16.00 Euro virtual stamp duty to be paid by 11.59 pm on the expiry date of the announcement. The University is not responsible for any online application not correctly closed by applicants.

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

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

Applications submitted through different procedures will not be accepted.

Applicants with disabilities or SLDs must attach to the application form the specialist documentation certifying the disability or SLD. In the application for admission to the competition, they must explicitly request the aid and additional time necessary to take the test.

Personal data will be stored and processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679.

ART. 4 - PLACES RESERVED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AWARDED FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS

The selection procedure for applicants competing for places reserved for international students awarded foreign scholarships comprises the evaluation of qualifications and an interview in remote modality on the Google Meet platform.

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Committee can award a maximum of 20 points according to the criteria set out in art. 6.

For the interview, the Committee can award a maximum of 50 points. During the interview, the Committee will examine applicants' preparation, ability and aptitude for research, and competence in Italian and a foreign language (chosen from English, French, Spanish, German) other than their mother tongue. The passing grade of the interview is 37 points.

Applicants who achieve an overall score of at least 42 points will be considered eligible for admission to the course.

The examining committee will generate a separate ranking.

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

In addition to what is indicated in art. 3, applicants who intend to compete for places reserved for international students awarded foreign scholarships must attach to the application:

- a certificate attesting to their being awarded the scholarship or a copy of the application submitted to the competent authorities to be awarded the scholarship.

The applicant must connect to the URL on the day and at the time established by the Commission and published on the University website

https://dottorato.unistrasi.it/200/556/Accesso_al_dottorato.htm at least 20 days before the date set for the interview.

This communication will be valid for all legal purposes as an official convocation.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, applicants will be identified before the interview begins, showing the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application.

Failure to communicate the personal address, the unavailability of the applicant on the day or at the established time, failure to produce a valid identification document are grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure.

ART. 5 - 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.

Applicants 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 is based on the evaluation of qualifications and an interview (**to be carried out in a remote modality**).

The date, time and methods of the interview will be published on the University website https://dottorato.unistrasi.it/200/556/Accesso_al_dottorato.htm at least 20 days before the date set for the interview.

For all legal purposes, this communication must be considered an official convocation.

In the interview, conducted in Italian, the applicant will be asked to discuss the doctoral research project with the Committee, and issues and aspects of the discipline relevant to the research project will be addressed and discussed.

To verify competencies required for the "**Pegaso scholarship for research on Digital LEI**", topics related to historical grammar, lexicology and Italian lexicography connected to the LEI and/or its digitization will be discussed. The research project presented by the applicant must refer to the lexicography of Italian and its dialects, with specific application to the LEI - Italian Etymological Lexicon (1979 - founded by M. Pfister); the research path necessarily includes a three-month internship at the OVI - Opera del Vocabulario Italiano in Florence and a year-long internship abroad at the Digital Lei Laboratory (Mannheim and/or Vienna centres)

Applicants' failure to connect on the day, at the time and in the modality that will be communicated as indicated above will be equivalent to an implicit withdrawal from the selection, whatever the cause and will result in the exclusion from the competition.

To sit the exam, applicants must show a valid identification document.

Should the applicant hold an expired identification document, it may still be used to certify data, status, personal condition and facts reported therein, as long as the applicant submits a photocopy of the document, at the bottom of which s/he declares that the information contained therein has not changed since the document's date of issue.

The Selection Committee for admission to the Doctoral Course is appointed by Rector's Decree on the School's proposal, after consultation with the Faculty Board. The members of the committee must be professors belonging to the Faculty Board.

ART. 6 - ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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

- Qualifications: max 20 points, as detailed in the table below:

Admitted qualifications:

Master's / four-year degree mark: max 8 points

points 8: 110/110 with honours

points 6: 110/110

points 4: 109-100/110

points 2: 99-96/110

two-year specialization / relevant master programme: max 4 points

scientific publications: max 4 points

(only papers already published or accepted for publication will be evaluated)

research activity documented in the sector: max 4 points

- Research project: max 30 points.

- Interview: max 50 points.

The interview will also discuss aspects and issues relevant to the discipline chosen for the research project.

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

In assessing the 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 applicant's knowledge of a foreign language chosen by the applicant in the application form among the following: English, French, Spanish, German.

For applicants for the Pegaso and Pegaso on specific topics (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 table based on the sum of the points earned by each applicant after the interview and after the evaluation of qualifications and research project; the reference curriculum is indicated in the ranking list for each suitable applicant.

The committee also compiles a ranking table for each curriculum.

In addition, the commission draws up a ranking list for each Pegaso scholarship on specific topics (restricted).

Scholarships will be awarded according to the following priorities:

- MIUR standard scholarships (will be awarded to the applicant who will attain the highest scores in curriculum 1 and to the applicant who will attain 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 2020;

b. the youngest applicant prevails for the allocation of places without any scholarship.

Applicants will be able to check the results of the qualification evaluation and the overall final evaluation through the dedicated online website (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://online.unistrasi.it/bandi/ListaBandi.asp?tipo=13>).

After the approval of the documents, the ranking tables will be published divided by curriculum with the list of admitted applicants.

ART. 7 - ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Applicants 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 2021, 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.8 - ENROLMENT

Candidates admitted to the programme must complete enrolment by **11.59 pm (local time) on 31 October 2021**, 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.

Candidates will attach to the acts and documents in a foreign language a certified translation into Italian consistent with the foreign text written by the competent diplomatic or consular representation or by an official translator.

Candidates with a foreign qualification must also submit:

- 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, in the country of achievement, the qualification held is valid for enrollment in an academic course similar to the PhD.

In case of active enrollment in a degree course or a graduate school, the admitted candidate must suspend the enrollment in the degree or specialization course, for the entire legal duration of the doctoral course except for changes in current legislation.

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 MUR:

- 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
- c) €16.00 (euro) Virtual stamp duty

- for those in receipt of standard University, 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 € 400.00, must be paid at the time of enrolment. The second instalment, amounting to € 500.00, must be paid by April 30th.

Doctoral research students NOT in receipt of a scholarship

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 6 of this call, and respecting the ranking order.

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.

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 (L. 398/89 art. 6 paragraph 1)

Those who have already received a scholarship in the past, cannot receive one again. (L. 398/89 art. 6 paragraph 2)

If the PhD student withdraws from the PhD programme during the academic year, the University administration will not ask to return the amount of the scholarship paid for the months in which the student actually attended the courses and carried out the activities set out by the Board of Professors.

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.

Doctoral candidates with Pegaso Scholarship- Tuscany Region. Doctoral candidates with Pegaso regional scholarships must sign the ESF registration form for the unilateral commitment statement,

which clearly indicates the requirements, conditions, constraints, and obligations necessary to acquire and maintain the regional scholarship, including explicit reference to the stay abroad. A copy of the unilateral commitment statements 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 programme, the PhD students assigned the regional scholarships must submit a report on the training activities attended and on the research activities conducted, on the topic of the doctoral dissertation, on the main results they arrived at, on the stay abroad, and on the degree of satisfaction of the programme.

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

ART. 11 - ATTENDANCE AND DOCTORAL STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Attendance, exclusive and full-time, is mandatory for doctoral students, except in specific cases pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 45 dated 8 February 2013.

In case of justified impediments that do not allow adequate attendance (maternity and postnatal leave, or sickness, or other severe and documented reasons), the PhD student may request the suspension of attendance of the course, with consequent interruption of the payment of the scholarship and the extension of the training period. The Board of Professors will decide on the duration of the suspension and extension of the training period.

The Board of Professors can authorize a PhD student to carry out paid activities by checking their compatibility with the successful conduct of the programmed training activities (coursework and research work). In particular, it remains understood that for doctoral candidates with scholarships, paid activities must be limited to those relevant to acquiring 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 behaviour detrimental to rights protected at the constitutional level, such as the right to study for students who are capable and deserving even if without means (point 6 of the Guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral institutions and courses issued with MIUR Note no. 0003315 of 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.

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 - PUBLICITY OF ACTS AND RECORDS

This announcement, accompanied by an English translation, is published on the page “Bandi e concorsi > Selezioni ammissione Corso Dottorato/Scuola Specializzazione” "Announcements and competitions > Admission selections for the PhD Course/Specialization School"

(<https://online.unistrasi.it/bandi/ListaBandi.asp?tipo=13>).

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

The rankings will be published on the page “Bandi e concorsi > Selezioni ammissione Corso Dottorato/Scuola Specializzazione” "Announcements and competitions > Admission selections for the PhD Course/Specialization School" <https://online.unistrasi.it/bandi/ListaBandi.asp?tipo=13>.

ART. 15 - 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. 16- FINAL PROVISIONS

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For matters not covered in this announcement, reference sources are the University Teaching Regulations, the Regulations for PhD Courses of the University for Foreigners of Siena and current legislation.

At any time, the University reserves the right to exclude the candidates who participate in the selection described by this announcement for failure to comply with the instructions or the terms provided here or for lack of the requirements required of the candidates.

Siena, 01.07.2021

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