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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 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**

**XXXIX CYCLE – AA 2023/2024**

**IN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SIENA  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR  
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## **Call for applications 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 – XXXIX cycle – a.y. 2023/2024, with administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Siena – in agreement with the University of Siena.**

A public selection is announced 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 – XXXIX cycle a.y. 2023/2024.

### **ART. 1 - ACTIVATION**

This call regulates the procedures for accessing the PhD course in "Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies. Italian, other Languages and Cultures - XXXIX cycle, with administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Siena.

Pursuant to the D.M. no. 226/2021, the PhD courses can be activated subject to accreditation or verification of maintenance of the accreditation requirements by the MUR.

**The winners/recipients will therefore be able to enroll only following the positive outcome of this verification.**

The duration of the PhD course is three years, starting on 1 November 2023.

The presentation of the application for admission, according to the procedures set out in art. 4 implies acceptance by the candidates of the rules contained in this call.

### **ART. 2 - PLACES AVAILABLE AND DURATION OF THE COURSE**

#### **Curricula related to the PhD course:**

- Curriculum 1 - **Linguistics and teaching 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, M-STO/04, M-STO/08



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### Places available:

<b>Standard Scholarships financed with MUR funds</b> of which: no. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
<b>Standard Scholarships financed with University funds</b> of which: no. 2 places reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 2 places reserved for Curriculum 2	4
<b>Standard Scholarships financed with funds from the University of Siena</b> of which: no. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
<b>Scholarships financed with PNRR funds as per D.M. of 02 March 2023, no. 118*</b> no. 1 place reserved for curriculum 1: project title "TRANSLITTERA - Digitization of Greek-novel texts" no. 1 place reserved for curriculum 2: project title: "VERT-Lexicon and phraseology in literary texts of realism in Tuscany"	2*
<b>Pegasus Scholarships**</b> of which: no. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2**
<b>Restricted Pegasus Scholarships**</b> "VocaBo - Giovanni Boccaccio's lexicon online: the vocabulary of the arts" reserved for Curriculum 2	1**
<b>Places reserved for scholarship holders from Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University – Vietnam reserved for Curriculum 1</b>	2
<b>Places reserved for international students in receipt of foreign scholarships</b>	2
<b>Total places available</b>	17

\*PhD scholarships financed with PNRR funds as per D.M. of 02 March 2023, no. 118 will be conferred only in the event that the Ministry grants the financing and after the completion of the documents necessary for the acquisition of the resources foreseen for the activation of the same and ascertained by the competent offices.

\*\*The Pegasus and restricted Pegasus doctoral scholarships will be awarded only if the Tuscany Region grants funding and after the completion of the documents necessary for the acquisition of the resources required for their activation and ascertained by the competent offices.



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In the event that the number of suitable candidates is not sufficient to cover the number of scholarships assigned to the relevant curriculum, the remaining scholarships will be assigned to the other curriculum, with the exception of the restricted Pegaso Scholarship and the scholarships financed with PNRR funds pursuant to Ministerial Decree of 02 March 2023, no. 118 which, in the above situation, will NOT be assigned.

PLACES RESERVED FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE intended for foreign candidates who have proved suitable in the admission tests to the course and who are in possession of a scholarship issued by the competent foreign Authorities. The candidates who express the preference "foreign scholarship fellows" do not participate in other rankings.

PLACES RESERVED FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS FROM Trường Đại học Hà Nội — HANOI UNIVERSITY – VIETNAM are intended for foreign candidates who have been found suitable in the admission tests to the course and who are in possession of a scholarship issued by the Trường Đại học Hà Nội — HANOI UNIVERSITY.

The number of doctoral scholarships may be increased following funding from public and private entities.

### **ART. 3 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The application to participate in the competition for admission to the PhD course referred to in the previous article can be submitted by those who, on the deadline date of the call, are in possession of one of the qualifications indicated in the profiles of the respective doctoral scholarships made available competition:

- **Scholarships financed with MUR funds, with University funds and with funds from the University of Siena - Attachment n. 1.**
- **Scholarships financed with PNRR funds as per D.M. of 02 March 2023, no. 118 - Attachment n. 2.**
- **Pegasus Scholarships and restricted Pegasus Scholarship financed with funds from the Tuscany Region - Attachment n. 3**



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Even those who are not in possession of the required qualification at the time of the call deadline can apply for participation in the admission competition. Following the evaluation of the selection board, the eventual admission to the PhD course of the above candidates will take place *under condition* and the candidate will be required to promptly submit, and in any case no later than 31 October c.a. by email ([postlaurea@unistrasi.it](mailto:postlaurea@unistrasi.it)), pec/certified email ([unistrasi@pec.it](mailto:unistrasi@pec.it)), or personally to the Postgraduate Courses Office, the self-certification (or certification in the case of non-EU citizens) relating to the achievement of the title, under penalty of loss of the right to admission to the Doctorate.

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

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

The university administration may order at any time, with a justified provision, the exclusion of candidates from the selection due to lack of the requirements set out in this announcement.

#### **ART. 4 - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

To take part in the admission test, candidates must submit an application for participation electronically, **within the peremptory term of 30 (thirty) days starting from the day of publication of this call on the website "[www.unistrasi.it](http://www.unistrasi.it) on the page "Call for applications - PhD admission competition"[https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi\\_di\\_concorso.htm](https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm)”** of the University.

Instructions are available at: [https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi\\_di\\_concorso.htm](https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm) by clicking on "Communications: instructions for the application".

**The candidates who choose as their preference "Standard Scholarship Fellows" participate in the assignment of the following scholarships:**

-Scholarships financed with MUR funds



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- Scholarships financed with University funds
- Scholarships financed with funds from the University of Siena

**The candidates who choose as their preference "Pegaso Scholarships" (not restricted) participate in the assignment of the following scholarships:**

- Scholarships financed with MUR funds
- Scholarships financed with University funds
- Scholarships financed with funds from the University of Siena
- Pegasus Scholarships

**The candidates who choose as their preference "Restricted Pegaso Scholarship" participate in the assignment of the following scholarship only:**

Pegaso Scholarship: "VocaBo - Giovanni Boccaccio's lexicon online: the vocabulary of the arts".

**The candidates who choose as their preference "Scholarships financed with PNRR funds as per D.M. 118/2023" participate only in the assignment of one of the following scholarships:**

- "TRANSLITTERA - Digitization of Greek-novel texts" reserved for curriculum 1
- "VERT-Lexicon and phraseology in literary texts of realism in Tuscany" reserved for curriculum 2

**The candidates who choose as their preference "Places reserved for candidates of Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University - Vietnam" participate in the assignment of the following places:**

- Candidates of Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University – Vietnam

**The candidates who choose as their preference ""foreign state scholarships"" participate in the assignment of the following places:**

- Foreign state scholarships"

**Civil servants who intend to compete for doctoral positions and in case of useful placement in the ranking intend to opt for salary maintenance (pursuant to article 2 of the law of 13 August 1984, n. 476, and subsequent amendments), can apply only for "Preference Standard Scholarship Fellows" places.**





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## APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

**All candidates must attach the following documents duly dated, completed and signed to the electronic application form:**

- Form A** "Eligibility, publications, language skills and further declarations".
- Research project** to be carried out in the PhD cycle (see art. 4 below)
- Curriculum vitae et studiorum** (European format or Europass format).
- Any publications** to be attached in pdf or jpg electronic format with a maximum size of 5 MB each. The name of the file must include the surname of the candidate and the description of the attachment.
- Identity document.**

### **Furthermore:**

Candidates who intend to apply for positions with the "**Pegaso**" scholarship must attach:

- Mod. C Pegaso self-certification.
- English language B2 certification, if held. For candidates who do not have a linguistic certificate, the Commission will verify their knowledge of the English language at level B2.

Candidates who intend to apply for places with the "**Restricted Pegaso**" scholarship must attach:

Mod. C1 Restricted Pegaso Self-Certification.

English language B2 certification, if held. For candidates who do not have a linguistic certificate, the Commission will verify their knowledge of the English language at level B2.

The candidates who intend to compete for the positions with "**Scholarships financed with PNRR funds pursuant to Ministerial Decree 118/2023**" must attach:

- Form D PNRR Scholarships

Candidates who intend to compete for the positions **reserved for candidates of Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University – Vietnam** must attach:

- Form H "Request for video conference interview"
- Italian language C1 certification. In the absence of a C1 certification, candidates can attach a degree or master's degree in Italian language, literature and culture, the equivalence of which the Commission will evaluate.



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Candidates who intend to compete for the positions reserved for **Foreign State Scholarships** must attach:

- Form B "certificate of achievement of the qualification" duly completed and signed
- Form B1 "Request for video conference interview"
- Scholarship entitlement certification (Foreign State Scholarship)
- Italian language C1 certification. In the absence of a C1 certification, candidates can attach a degree or master's degree in Italian language, literature and culture, the equivalence of which the Commission will evaluate.

Candidates in possession of 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 also submit the following documents:

- the certificate of graduation with the list of exams taken (**transcript**) in Italian/English; EU candidates must make use of the self-certification, in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and the Law of 12 November 2011, n. 183;
- any other documentation deemed useful for assessing the eligibility of the qualification held (**Diploma Supplement, curriculum vitae in European format, local declaration of value 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 mission abroad must also be presented. In the Declaration of value it must be clearly stated that the title possession allows access to the PhD. In the event of non-possession of the declaration of value, this and any other useful document must be presented 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 submit the documentation on the foreign qualification are admitted "under condition" and will be excluded from the research doctorate. They will also be excluded if, following verification, it turns out that the qualification does not comply with the requirements set out in this call.

As an alternative to the declaration of value and/or the Diploma Supplement, the University for Foreigners of Siena accepts and prefers the statement of comparability and verification of qualifications provided by CIMEA.





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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 a research doctorate, the person concerned is excluded and is required to return any doctoral scholarship received.

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.

**The online admission application once "closed" can no longer be modified, nor can it be integrated with further documentation with the exception of any documentation requested by the Administration.**

**It is the responsibility of the candidate 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 of the call deadline.**

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

Scholarship holders from Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University – Vietnam are exempt from paying the virtual stamp duty referred to above.

Candidates with disabilities or SLD must attach the specialist documentation certifying the disability or SLD to the application form 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 complete the competition. In this regard, sensitive data will be kept and treated with the confidentiality established by Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

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

**ART. 5 - INDICATIONS RELATING TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT**

The research project, written in Italian or English, with a maximum length: 15,000 characters including spaces, abstract, notes, **excluded** bibliography.

The project must necessarily focus on the chosen theme, (see Attachment "Scholarships factsheets") and must include:

- abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, spaces included),



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- state of the art and contextualization of the topic,
- methodologies,
- expected results,
- bibliography.

**The name of the file must include the surname of the candidate.**

**ART. 6 - ADMISSION TESTS**

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

**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 based on qualifications and exams (written test and interview).

The competition takes place face-to-face.

For the STANDARD Scholarships and the NON-RESTRICTED PEGASO Scholarships, the written test consists in responding to an essay topic chosen from two or more proposals for each curriculum.

For the RESTRICTED PEGASO Scholarship and the PNRR Scholarships, the written test consists in responding to an essay topic consistent with the project theme.

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 in which the research project falls will be addressed and discussed.

**The indication of the date, time and methods of the tests will be published on the University website** [https://dottorato.unistrasi.it/200/556/Accesso\\_al\\_dottorato.htm](https://dottorato.unistrasi.it/200/556/Accesso_al_dottorato.htm) at least 20 days before the fixed date.

**This publication constitutes for all legal purposes an official summons; therefore the candidates will not receive any summons or communication relating to the exams.**



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To take the tests, the candidates must show a valid identification document.

If the candidate is in possession of a non-valid identity or identification document, the data, status, personal qualities and facts contained therein can be proven by showing it, provided that the interested party declares, at the bottom of the photocopy of the document, that the data contained in the document have not changed since the date of issue.

**Failure by the candidate to show up on the set day, time and place for the completion of the tests will be equivalent to implicit renunciation of participation in the selection, whatever the cause.**

**ART. 7 –SELECTION – PLACES RESERVED FOR:**

**"FOREIGN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**CANDIDATES OF TRƯỜNG ĐẠI HỌC HÀ NỘI — HANOI UNIVERSITY – VIETNAM**

The selection procedure for the candidates who compete for the places reserved for scholarship holders from Foreign States and for candidates of the TRƯỜNG ĐẠI HỌC HÀ NỘI — HANOI UNIVERSITY – VIETNAM provides for the assessment of qualifications and an interview to be held via videoconference on the Google Meet platform.

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Commission has a max. of 20 points to be awarded according to the criteria set out in this article.

For the interview, the commission has a max. by 50 points. During the interview, the Commission will verify the preparation, ability and aptitude of the candidate for research, as well as the knowledge of the Italian language minimum required level C1 certificate and of a foreign language (choice between English, French, Spanish, German ) different from your mother tongue. The interview is considered passed if the candidate obtains at least 37 points.

Candidates who achieve a total score of 42 points will be considered suitable for admission to the course.

**The examining commission will draw up a separate ranking.**

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

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

- a certificate attesting 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.



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- certification attesting the competence of the Italian language at level C1.

The candidate must be available at this address, 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](https://dottorato.unistrasi.it/200/556/Accesso_al_dottorato.htm) at least 20 days before the date scheduled for the interview.

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

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

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

The University declines all responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the smooth running of the oral interview.

**ART. 8 - EVALUATION CRITERIA**

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

- **QUALIFICATIONS:** maximum 15 points, as detailed in the table below:

Evaluable qualifications:

master's / four-year degree mark: up to 8 points

8 points: 110 with honors

6 points: 110

4 points: 109-100

2 points: 99-96

related two-year specialization / master's degree up to 4 points

scientific publications up to 3 points

(only published studies or studies accepted for publication upon presentation of appropriate documentation will be evaluated)

documented research activity in the sector up to 2 points

**The qualifications will be evaluated only if the candidate passes the written test**

- **WRITTEN TEST:** max 35 points.
- **INTERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROJECT:** max 50 points.



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During the interview, relevant aspects and themes of the discipline chosen for the research project will also be discussed.

Only the qualifications held by the expiry date of the announcement indicated in the appropriate fields of Form A will be evaluated

In the interview, the Commission will take into account the criteria indicated below:

breadth of knowledge in the subject, depth of analysis, propositional originality, expository coherence.

The candidate who has achieved at least 28 points in the written test is admitted to the oral test.

The oral exam is considered passed if the candidate obtains at least 42 points.

The minimum score for eligibility is 70/100 which must in any case be obtained by passing both tests (written and oral).

Once the competition tests have been completed, the commission draws up the general merit ranking, based on the sum of the points obtained by each candidate in the individual tests and in the evaluation of qualifications.

**IN CASE OF EQUAL MERIT:**

for the assignment of places with scholarship, priority will be given to the most difficult economic-family situation assessed on the basis of the ISEU expiring on 31.12.2023.

The candidates will be able to verify the results of the evaluation of qualifications and the overall final evaluation, through the teaching portal.

After the approval of the acts, the rankings will be published divided by curriculum with the list of admitted students. on the website [www.unistrasi.it](http://www.unistrasi.it) on the page "Call for applications - PhD admission competition"<https://online.unistrasi.it/bandi/ListaBandi.asp?tipo=18>

**ART. 9 - ADMISSION TO COURSES**

The candidates will be admitted to the PhD course according to the order of the rankings up to the number of places available for competition. In correspondence with any waiver by the entitled parties by 30 November each year the same number of candidates will take over according to the order of the ranking.





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## **ART. 10 - ENROLLMENT IN COURSES**

The admitted candidates must complete the registration by the peremptory deadline of 11.59 pm (local time) on October 31st each year. following the appropriate IT procedure by connecting to the page: <https://didattica.unistrasi.it> of the University website. After having accessed the reserved area, by entering the login and password obtained during registration, it is necessary to select under the menu on the left: "Segreteria" - "Enrolment".

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

Candidates with a foreign qualification must also submit:

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

## **ART. 11 - REGIONAL TAX AND CONTRIBUTION FOR ACCESS AND ATTENDANCE TO COURSES**

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

- for the winners of doctoral scholarships financed with MUR funds:

- a) Regional tax for the 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 PhD courses.
- c) Virtual stamp duty €16.00.

- for the winners of doctoral scholarships financed with the following funds:

University funds, PNRR scholarships to support "PhD programs in PNRR PhD programmes" pursuant to Ministerial Decree of 02 March 2023, no. 118; Pegasus Scholarships and Pegasus restricted and Foreign States Fellows:

- a) Regional tax for the right to university study pursuant to the regional law of 3 January 2005, n. 4 and subsequent changes and/or additions.
- b) Contribution for access and attendance to PhD courses equal to Euro 450.00 payable in a single installment paid by 31 October 2022.
- c) Virtual stamp duty €16.00





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Fellows of Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University – Vietnam are exempt from paying the above annual fees and contributions.

Doctoral students with disabilities, with recognition of handicap (art. 3, paragraph 1, of Law no. 104 of 5 February 1992) or with a disability equal to or greater than 66% are not required to pay the fees.

## **ART. 12 - PHD SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships will be assigned after a comparative assessment of merit, following the evaluation criteria indicated in article 8 of this call, and according to 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 23 February 2022, n. 247 containing the "increase in doctoral scholarships which establishes the amount of the scholarship for attendance at research doctorate courses at € 16,243.28 gross of social security contributions to be paid by the recipient.

The PhD scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under separate management pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26, of the law of 8 August 1995, n. 335 and subsequent amendments, to the extent of two thirds to be 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 12 months.

Starting from the first year, each doctoral student is guaranteed, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources existing in the balance sheet of accredited entities under current legislation, a budget for research activity in Italy and abroad adequate with respect to the type of course and in any case of an amount not less than 10% of the amount of the scholarship itself.

**The "Pegasus" and "Restricted Pegasus" doctoral scholarships financed by the Tuscany Region, and the PNRR scholarships financed by the MUR with D.M. of 02 March 2023, no. 118, are attributed to doctoral students subject to the successful completion of the assignment to the University of the respective financial resources and the signing of the agreements between the University and the funding bodies.**



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

The 50% increase in the doctoral scholarship cannot be combined with Erasmus scholarships.

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

Doctoral scholarships last for one year and are renewed on condition that the doctoral student has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year and has passed a specific assessment.

In the event that the doctoral student is not positively evaluated for the purposes of the renewal of the scholarship, the unused amount is reinvested by the University, for the financing of research doctorates (art. 9 paragraph 2) Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, n. 226.

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

Pursuant to art. 9 paragraph 6) of the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021 n. 226, the 50% increase for any periods of stay and the 10% budget for research activity in Italy and abroad" do not apply to scholarship holders from foreign countries or beneficiaries of financial support in the context of specific programs of mobility in relation to the provisions of the specific regulation.

The above provision also applies to candidates of Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University – Vietnam

**ART. 13 - ATTENDANCE AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS**

Admission to the Doctorate involves the obligation to attend and an exclusive full-time commitment, without prejudice to the possibility of a specific discipline in relation to the provisions of the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, n. 226.



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In the event of justified impediments that do not allow effective attendance (illness, maternity and puerperium or other serious and documented reasons), the doctoral student may request suspension of attendance to the course, with consequent interruption of the scholarship and the extension of the training period. The Academic Board will decide on the duration of the suspension and extension of the training period.

It is the responsibility of the Academic Board to authorize the doctoral student to carry out paid activities and not verify their compatibility with the successful performance of the training activities (teaching and research) related to the course.

In particular, it remains understood that for PhD students with a scholarship, the paid activities must be limited to those in any case referable to the acquisition of skills related to the educational field of the doctorate.

At the end of each year, those 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 evaluating attendance and results obtained by the student enrolled in the course, proposes the exclusion or the continuation of the PhD course.

**The Recipients of PhD Scholarships funded by PNRR funds to support "PhD programs in PNRR PhD programmes" – Ministerial Decree of 02 March 2023 no. 118 are also required to observe what is indicated in the attachment 2 of the present Call.**

**The Recipients of "Pegasus" and "Restricted Pegasus" PhD scholarships funded by the funds of the Tuscany Region are also required to comply with the provisions of the attachment 3 of the present Call.**

**The PhD students of the Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University must comply with the provisions of the agreement stipulated between the University for Foreigners of Siena and the Trường Đại học Hà Nội — Hanoi University.**

The interventions envisaged by the legislative decree of 29 March 2012, n. 68. are extended to doctoral students, in the manner regulated therein. Without prejudice to the application of the rules for the protection of parenthood pursuant to the decree of the Minister of Labor and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette of 23 October 2007, n. 247, PhD students on leave retain the right to a scholarship.



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## ART. 14 - GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF RESEARCH DOCTOR

The title of research doctor, abbreviated with the words: "*Dott. Ric.*" that is to say "*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, within the times and methods provided for by art. 8 paragraphs 10), 11) and 12) of the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, n. 226.

## ARTICLE 15 - INFORMATION

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

## ART. 16 - PUBLIC NOTICE

This announcement, accompanied by an English translation, is published on the page [www.unistrasi.it](http://www.unistrasi.it) "Calls for applications - PhD admission competition"[https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi\\_di\\_concorso.htm](https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm)

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

The rankings will be published on the page [www.unistrasi.it](http://www.unistrasi.it) "Calls for applications - PhD admission competition"[https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi\\_di\\_concorso.htm](https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm)

## ART. 17 - PROCESSING 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 candidates. All data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to the competition and any management of the relationship with the University, in compliance with current provisions and for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they were collected.



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**ART. 19 - FINAL PROVISIONS**

The selection documents are public, access to them is allowed in the manner established by the Law of 7 August 1990, n. 241.

For anything not provided for in this announcement, reference is made to the University teaching regulations, to the Regulations of the Research Doctorate Courses of the University for Foreigners of Siena and current legislation.

The University reserves the right to exclude at any time the candidates who participate in the tests announced with this call for non-compliance with the instructions given therein or the terms indicated, or for lack of the requisites required of the candidates.

Siena,

The Rector  
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