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- Having seen the Laws on University Education;
- Having seen Law no. 210 of 3 July 1998 and in particular Article 4;
- Having seen the Ministerial Decree of 22 October 2004, no. 270;
- Having seen Article 19 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, which contains provisions regarding doctoral research and subsequent amendments;
- Having seen the Statute of the University for Foreigners of Siena published in the Official Journal no. 136 of 18 June 2024 and entered into force on 12 July 2024;
- Having seen the General University Regulations issued with Rectoral Decree no. 380/24, prot. no. 20865 of 3 July 2024;
- Having seen the Regulations of the Doctoral Course in Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies issued with Rectoral Decree no.276.26 of 08 May 2026;
- Having seen Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021, "Regulations concerning the accreditation procedures for doctoral institutions and courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited institutions;
- Having seen Article 3, paragraph 2 of Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021, which states: "Universities may request accreditation for courses and their respective locations, including through joint agreements or the establishment of consortia, which may serve as the administrative headquarters for the courses."
- Having seen Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23 February 2022 concerning the "increase in doctoral scholarships", which establishes the amount of the scholarship for attending doctoral research courses at €16,243.28 gross of social security contributions to be paid by the recipient;
- Given the resolution of the Board of Directors dated February 25, 2022, which establishes that starting from the 2022/2023 academic year, doctoral students must pay a single annual fee of €450.00. Doctoral students must also pay the regional tax for the right to study pursuant to Regional Law No. 4 of January 3, 2005, and the virtual stamp duty of €16.00;
- Having seen Ministerial Decree no. 301 of 22 March 2022, "New Guidelines for the Accreditation of Doctoral Courses";
- Taking into account that the masculine gender is used in the text of this decree only for the sake of simplicity and conciseness, it remains implicit that this must always be understood as referring to both sexes with a view to equal opportunities between men and women;
- Having regard to the agreement signed on May 20, 2024, University Rep. No. 243/24 and Prot. 16052, between the University for Foreigners of Siena, and the University of Siena, aimed at activating the Doctoral Course in Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies for the XL, XLI, and XLII cycles,
- Having regard to the Addendum to the aforementioned agreement for the activation and functioning of the Doctoral Course in Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies, XLII cycle, signed by the Rector of the University of Siena on April 27, 2026.
- Having seen the note dated May 13, 2026, with which the Ministry of University and Research communicates, among other things, the opening of the IT platform for the submission of accreditation proposals for doctoral courses for the 2026/2027 academic year by universities, according to the procedures established in implementation of Ministerial Decree 226/2021;
- Having seen the "Regulations on university fees, contributions, reductions and exemptions of the University for Foreigners of Siena" for the 2026/2027 academic year;
- Having seen the resolutions of the Board of Directors and the Academic Senate of 27 May 2026 regarding the establishment and distribution of PhD scholarships for the 42nd cycle of the PhD Course in Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies Studies and the verification of the course's consistency with the training programme, the availability of the human and financial resources necessary for the activation of the aforementioned PhD Course;

- Considering that 10 positions will be advertised as indicated below including 6 positions with doctoral scholarships, 2 positions reserved for scholarship holders from foreign States, and 2 positions without scholarship, as detailed below;
 - n. 2 doctoral scholarships funded by the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)
 - n. 2 doctoral scholarships financed with University funds;
 - n. 2 doctoral scholarship funded by the University of Siena;
 - n. 2 doctoral positions reserved for scholarship holders from foreign States;
 - n. 2 place without scholarship;
- Given the need to issue the public competition announcement for admission to the PhD course in "Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian studies" at the University for Foreigners of Siena for the academic year 2026/2027 - XLII cycle in agreement with the University of Siena with administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Siena;
- Since the call for proposals must also be published in English on the Ministry's website and on the European Euraxess website;
- Pending accreditation by the MUR of the doctoral courses at the University for Foreigners of Siena, subject to a favorable opinion from ANVUR;
- Subject to any changes, updates or additions to this announcement, which will be made known exclusively through publication on the University website [www.unistrasi.it](https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm) on the dedicated page https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm

DECREEES

The issuing of the public competition notice for admission to the PhD course in " in Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies Studies" at the University for Foreigners of Siena – XLII cycle – academic year 2026/2027, in agreement with the University of Siena with administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Siena in Italian and in English, attached to this decree.

The Rector
(signed by Prof. Tomaso Montanari)*

The compiler: Dr. Stefania Eutropi

This document, signed on June 16, 2026, complies with the original document and is produced for publication on the institutional portal in the manner required to make it accessible to assistive software, in line with the provisions of accessibility regulations. The original document is available at the offices of the competent structure.

PUBLIC COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION TO THE
DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS,
EDUCATIONAL LINGUISTICS AND ITALIAN STUDIES STUDIES
OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR FOREIGNERS OF SIENA

XLII CYCLE – A.Y 2026/2027

IN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR FOREIGNERS OF SIENA

Public competition for admission to the PhD program in " Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies" at the University for Foreigners of Siena – XLII cycle – academic year 2026/2027 – in agreement with the University of Siena with administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Siena.

A public selection process is announced for admission to the PhD program in “Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies” at the University for Foreigners of Siena – XLII cycle 2026/2027 academic year.

PREMISE

In the text of this announcement, the masculine gender is used only for the sake of simplicity and conciseness, but it is implicit that this must always be understood as referring to both sexes with a view to equal opportunities between men and women.

ART. 1 - ACTIVATION

This announcement regulates the access procedures to the PhD course in “Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies” – XLII cycle, having its administrative headquarters at the University for Foreigners of Siena.

Pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021, PhD courses may be activated subject to accreditation or verification of the maintenance of accreditation requirements by the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MUR).

The activation of the Doctoral Course is therefore conditional on the granting of accreditation and confirmation of accreditation by the MUR, with the compliant opinion of the ANVUR.

WINNERS WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE TO ENROLL ONLY FOLLOWING A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THIS VERIFICATION..

The PhD course lasts three years and is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2026.

Submission of the application for admission, according to the procedures set out in Article 4, implies acceptance by candidates of the rules contained in this announcement.

ART. 2 - PLACES AVAILABLE AND COURSE DURATION

Curricula related to the Doctoral course:

- Curriculum 1 - Linguistics and teaching of the Italian language to foreigners
- Curriculum 2 - Historical-linguistic, philological and literary studies of Italian

Restricted positions:

Standard scholarships financed with MUR funds of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
Standard scholarships financed by University funds of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
Standard scholarships funded by the University of Siena of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
Places reserved for scholarship holders from foreign countries of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2
Places without a scholarship** Places without a scholarship of which: n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 1 and n. 1 place reserved for Curriculum 2	2*
Total places available for competition	10

*** Pursuant to art. 11 paragraph 3) letter d) of the Regulations of the Doctoral Research Courses of the University for Foreigners of Siena, "Only candidates who can be placed on paid leave may benefit from the places without a scholarship."**

In the event that the number of eligible 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.

THE PLACES RESERVED FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS FROM FOREIGN STATES are intended for foreign candidates who have passed the admission exams for the course and who already hold a scholarship awarded by the competent foreign authorities. Candidates who select the 'foreign state scholarship holders' option will not be included in other rankings."

ART. 3 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The application for participation in the competition for admission to the PhD course referred to in the previous article 1 may be submitted by those who, on the deadline date of the call for applications, 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;
- degree obtained in accordance with the previous educational regulations, the legal duration of which is at least four years;
- similar academic qualification obtained abroad.

Those who do not possess the required qualification by the deadline for applications may also apply for the admissions competition. Following the evaluation of the Admissions Committee, the admission to the Doctoral Program of the above-mentioned candidates will be made *under condition* and the candidate will be required to submit promptly, and in any case no later than October 31st of this year, by email (postlaurea@unistrasi.it), pec (unistrasi@pec.it), or in person to the Didactic Management and Urp Area (Postgraduate Courses), the self-certification (or certification in the case of non-EU citizens) relating to the achievement of the qualification, under penalty of losing the right to admission to the Doctorate.

The duly signed self-certification must indicate the name of the university that awarded the qualification, the date of graduation, the type of diploma (old system, specialist/master's degree), and the relevant grade. It must also be accompanied by a photocopy of a valid identity document.

The suitability of qualifications obtained abroad for the sole purpose of admission to the Doctoral Program is verified by the examining commission in compliance with the applicable legislation in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as with international treaties or agreements regarding the recognition of qualifications for further studies.

The University Administration may, at any time, with a reasoned provision, exclude candidates from the selection process due to a lack of the requirements set out in this announcement.

ART. 4 - ADMISSION APPLICATION

To participate in the admission test, candidates must submit their application electronically, **by the peremptory deadline of 11.59 pm on the thirtieth day (thirty) starting from the day of publication of this notice on the website "www.unistrasi.it to the page https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm "Competition notices - PhD admissions competition" of the University.**

Instructions are available on the page: https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm "Calls for applications - PhD admissions" at the University by clicking on "Communications: application instructions".

Candidates who register for the selection of **Standard scholarships** participate in the assignment of the following scholarships:

- Scholarships funded by the MUR;
- Scholarships funded by the University of Siena;
- Scholarships financed by University funds;

Candidates who register for the selection of **holders from foreign countries scholarship** participate in the assignment of the following scholarships:

- Scholarships for Candidates from Foreign States

Public employees who intend to apply for the doctoral positions and, if ranked in an eligible position, intend to opt for the retention of their salary (pursuant to Article 2 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984, as subsequently amended), may submit an application only for the **Standard Scholarships** selection.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE APPLICATION

Candidates who intend to compete for the “Standard Scholarships” positions must attach to the online application the following documents appropriately dated, completed and signed:

- **Mod. A** “Titles, publications and further declarations”, duly completed and signed, under penalty of exclusion.
- **Research project** to be carried out in the Doctoral cycle (see following art. 5)
- **Curriculum vitae and studies**
- **Any publications** to be attached in electronic pdf or jpg format with a maximum size of 5 MB each. The file name must include the candidate's surname and name and the description of the attachment.
- **Identity document.**

Candidates who intend to compete for the positions with Scholarships for Candidates from Foreign States must attached:

- **TS Form** – Application for recognition of foreign qualification, duly completed and signed, under penalty of exclusion.
- **V Form** – “Request for videoconference interview”.
- Certification of scholarship entitlement (scholarship holders from foreign States).
- C1 Italian language certification. In the absence of a C1 certificate, candidates may attach a degree or master’s qualification in Italian language, literature or culture, whose equivalence will be assessed by the Committee.

CANDIDATES IN POSSESSION OF AN ACADEMIC DEGREE OBTAINED ABROAD, lasting at least

Four-year, **that has not already been declared equivalent** to one of the qualifications required for admission, **must also submit the following documents:**

- Form TS “application for suitability” completed and signed.
- the certificate of achievement of the qualification with the list of exams taken (**transcript**) in Italian/English; for EU citizens, the certificate is replaced by the self-certification pursuant to the Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent additions (L. 183/2011 and L. 120/2020);
- any other documentation deemed useful for the evaluation of the admissibility of the qualification held (**Diploma Supplement, CV in European format, declaration of value on site if already acquired** or the certificate of comparability and the verification of qualifications provided by CIMEA).

Once all the steps required by the online procedure have been completed, you will be able to view your application for admission to the competition.

Once the online application is "closed", it 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 candidate's responsibility to ensure that the application has been completed correctly and in full and that the procedure has been completed correctly, including payment of the virtual stamp duty of €16.00, which must be paid by 11:59 PM on the deadline for applications.

The University is not responsible for any online questions not correctly completed by candidates.

Candidates with disabilities certified pursuant to Law 104/1992, amended by Law 17/1999, or with specific learning disabilities (DSA) pursuant to Law 170/2010 may attach to their application form a request for compensatory, dispensatory or aid measures intended for students with special educational needs, and may indicate this in the online selection registration procedure by sending an email, as appropriate, to the address disabilita@unistrasi.it or dsa@unistrasi.it.

ANY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED USING ANY OTHER METHOD WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ART. 5 - INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT

The research project, written in Italian or English, must have a maximum length of 15,000 characters, **including** spaces, abstracts and notes, and **excluding** bibliography.

The Project must include:

- abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, including spaces),
- state of the art and contextualization of the topic,
- methodologies,
- expected results,
- bibliography.

The file name must include the candidate's surname and first name.

ART. 6 - ADMISSIONS TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

All candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of self-certified declarations pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions. In the event of false declarations, the University may at any time, with a reasoned decision by the Rector, exclude candidates from the selection process or from the PhD program, provided without prejudice to any criminal liability arising therefrom.

THE EXCLUSION FROM the selection will be communicated to the candidate at the email address entered on the portal of teaching at the time of registration.

The date, time and procedures of the tests will be published on the University website. (https://www.unistrasi.it/1/759/8269/Accesso_al_dottorato.htm) at least 20 days before the scheduled date.

This publication constitutes, for all legal purposes, an official notice; therefore, candidates will not receive any notice or communication regarding the exam tests.

TO TAKE THE TESTS CANDIDATES MUST SHOW A DOCUMENT OF VALID RECOGNITION.

Failure by the candidate to appear on the day, at the time and at the place of completion of the fixed tests will be equivalent to an implicit waiver of participation in the selection, whatever the cause.

ART. 7– ADMISSION TEST BY SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY

STANDARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The selection is based on qualifications and exams (written test and interview).

The competition takes place in person.

The written test consists of a written essay in Italian. In the interview, which will be held in Italian, the candidate will be asked to discuss the doctoral research project, and relevant themes and aspects of the discipline pertaining to the research project will be addressed and discussed. Knowledge of the English language will be assessed through the reading and comprehension of an academic text.

FOREIGN STATE SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

The selection is based on qualifications and interview to be held via video conference on the Google Meet platform.

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

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

The University declines any responsibility for any technical reasons preventing the oral interview from proceeding properly.

ART. 8 - CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

1 STANDARD SCHOLARSHIPS

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

• **TITLES:** maximum 15 points, as detailed in the table below:

Evaluable qualifications:

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

8 points: 110 with honors

6 points: 110

4 points: 109-100

2 points: 99-96

two-year specialization / relevant master's degree max 2

points scientific publications max 3

points

(only studies published or accepted for publication following submission of appropriate documentation will be evaluated)
documented research activity in the sector max 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.

In the interview the Commission will take into account the following criteria: breadth of knowledge in the subject, depth of analysis, originality of proposals, coherence of exposition.

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

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

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

Once the competitive exams 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 exams and in the evaluation of the qualifications.

IN CASE OF EQUAL MERIT:

Priority for the allocation of scholarship-funded positions will be given to applicants with the most disadvantaged economic and family situations, assessed based on the ISEU (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) of 2025.

RESULTS:

The list of candidates admitted to the interview, the final merit rankings and the subsequent approval of the documents will be made public through publication on the website www.unistrasi.it on the "Calls for Applications - PhD Admission Competitions" page <http://online.unistrasi.it/bandi/ListaBandi.asp?tipo=18>.

This publication is considered official notification for all purposes; no personal communications will be sent to candidates.

Candidates will be able to check the details of their qualification assessment and the overall final result via the teaching portal.

2. INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Commission has a maximum of 15 points to be awarded according to the criteria set out in art. 8.1.

For the interview the commission has a maximum of 50 points. During the interview the Commission will verify the candidate's preparation, ability and aptitude for research, as well as knowledge of the Italian language at the minimum required level C1 certified and of a foreign language (chosen between English, French, Spanish, German) other than the candidate's native language. The interview is considered passed if the candidate obtains at least 40 points.

Candidates who achieve an overall score of 44 points will be considered eligible 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..

ART. 9 - ADMISSION TO COURSES

Candidates will be admitted to the PhD program in order of their ranking until all available places are filled.

In the event of withdrawals by successful candidates by 30 November of the current year, an equivalent number of candidates will be admitted according to the order of the ranking list.

ART. 10 - ENROLMENT IN COURSES

Admitted candidates must complete their enrolment by the mandatory deadline of 31 October of the current year, at 11:59 p.m. (local time), by following the dedicated online procedure available at: <https://didattica.unistrasi.it> on the University website. After accessing the reserved area using the login credentials obtained during registration, candidates must select, from the menu: 'Segreteria' – 'Immatricolazione', and follow the instructions that will be sent by email.

A certified Italian translation (issued by a consulate/embassy or by a sworn translator before a Court) must be attached to all documents written in a foreign language. A translation is not required if the document is already bilingual or if it is accompanied by the multilingual standard form provided for under EU Regulation 2016/1191.

Candidates holding a foreign qualification must also submit:

- For qualifications obtained abroad, the degree certificate translated and legalised, together with the Dichiarazione di Valore, or alternatively the CIMEA Statement of Comparability, or the Diploma Supplement. These documents must certify that the qualification grants access to third-cycle academic programmes (PhD) in the relevant higher education system.

ART. 11 - REGIONAL TAX AND FEES FOR COURSE ACCESS AND ATTENDANCE

The annual fees and contributions payable by PhD students are as follows:

PhD (MUR) scholarship winners must cover the following expenses:

- a) Regional tax for the right to university education pursuant to Regional Law no. 4 of 3 January 2005 and subsequent amendments and/or additions;
- b) Exemption from the comprehensive fee for attending PhD courses;
- c) Virtual stamp duty €16.00.

PhD (University and Foreign States) scholarship winners must cover the following expenses:

- a) Regional tax for the right to university education pursuant to the regional law of January 3 2005, n. 4 and subsequent changes and/or additions.

- b) All-inclusive fee for attending the Doctoral courses equal to €450.00 payable in a single installment by October 31, 2026.
- c) Virtual stamp duty €16.00.

For those who won a place without a scholarship or who have renounced it:

- d) Regional tax for the right to university education pursuant to Regional Law no. 4 of 3 January 2005 and subsequent amendments and/or additions;
- e) Exemption from the comprehensive fee for attending PhD courses, pursuant to Law 11 December 2016, n. 232;
- f) Virtual stamp duty €16.00.

Exemption for disability and invalidity

Pursuant to Legislative Decree 68/2012, Prime Ministerial Decree 9 April 2011 and Law 104/1992, PhD students are exempt from paying the annual comprehensive fee:

- recognition of disability pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 1 or paragraph 3, of Law 5 February 1992, n. 104;
- disability equal to or greater than 66%.

To benefit from the exemption and support services, interested parties must send the relevant Office (disabilita@unistrasi.it), upon enrollment, an appropriate medical certificate issued by the competent authorities. Sensitive data will be processed in compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) exclusively for the purposes of providing benefits.

ART. 12 - PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded based on a comparative merit assessment, following the evaluation criteria set out in Article 8 of this announcement, and in accordance with the rankings.

The annual scholarship amount is €16,243.28 (redetermined by Ministerial Decree no. 247 of February 23, 2022), paid in monthly installments. This amount is gross of social security contributions to be paid by the recipient.

The doctoral scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under the Separate Management System (pursuant to art. 2, paragraph 26, Law 335/1995). For the year 2026, the contribution rate will be divided into two-thirds paid by the administration and one-third paid by the scholarship holder.

The scholarship amount is increased by 50% for previously authorized periods of stay abroad. The maximum increase is 12 months, extendable up to 18 months for jointly supervised doctoral programs with foreign institutions or for programs offered in an associated capacity.

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

Scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those awarded by national or foreign institutions to supplement the scholarship holders' training or research activities with stays abroad (Law 398/89 art. 6 paragraph 1).

The scholarship is also incompatible with the holding of research grants (Law 240/2010 paragraph 7) and with work activities not previously authorized by the Teaching Staff (Art. 12, paragraph 1 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021).

The doctoral scholarship increase for stays abroad (50%) cannot be combined with international mobility grants awarded from European Union funds, including those from the Erasmus+ program. If awarded concurrently, the doctoral student must choose one of the two benefits for the relevant mobility period (Ministerial Decree 226/2021, Art. 9, paragraph 3, EU Financial Regulation, Euratom 2018/1046, Art. 191 - prohibition on cumulating EU grants).

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

Doctoral scholarships are awarded annually and are renewed provided that the doctoral student has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year and is admitted to the following year by the Teaching Board, following a positive evaluation of the student's performance.

Pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 2, of Ministerial Decree No. 226 of December 14, 2021, if the doctoral student is not admitted to the following year, or withdraws from the doctoral program, the unused scholarship amount will be reinvested by the University to fund doctoral research scholarships.

If the PhD student waives his or her right to continue his or her PhD during the year, the Administration will not request reimbursement of the fees for the months in which the student actually attended the course and carried out the activities established by the Teaching Committee.

Pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 6, of Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14, 2021, the 50% increase for any periods of stay and the 10% budget for research activities in Italy and abroad do not apply to scholarship holders from foreign countries or beneficiaries of financial support under specific mobility programs.

ART. 13 - ATTENDANCE AND OBLIGATIONS OF PHD STUDENTS

Admission to the Doctorate requires mandatory in-person attendance and a full-time, exclusive commitment, without prejudice to the possibility of taking a specific course in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14, 2021.

In the event of justified impediments that prevent effective attendance (illness, postpartum, or other serious and documented reasons), the doctoral student may request suspension from the course, resulting in the interruption of the scholarship and the extension of the training period. The Teaching Committee will decide on the duration of the suspension and extension of the training period.

The Teaching Board is responsible for authorizing doctoral students to engage in paid work, including research-related activities, after assessing their compatibility with the actual performance of teaching and research activities, pursuant to Article 12 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021.

For PhD students receiving a scholarship, paid activities must be limited to those related to the acquisition of skills related to the doctoral training area, with a gross annual income limit equal to the annual amount of the scholarship.

At the end of each year, students enrolled in the PhD program are required to submit a detailed report on their activities and research to the Teaching Committee, which oversees its preservation and, after evaluating the student's attendance and results, recommends exclusion or continuation of the PhD program.

The measures provided for by Legislative Decree no. 68 of 29 March 2012 are extended to doctoral students, in accordance with the procedures set forth therein.

The provisions protecting parenthood set forth in the Ministerial Decree of July 12, 2007, and Article 12, paragraph 3, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, apply to doctoral students. In the event of maternity leave, the scholarship is suspended and replaced by the allowance paid by INPS. The suspension period results in the final deadline for the program being postponed for an equivalent period, with the suspended scholarship payments being recovered upon the return to normal activity.

ART. 14 - AWARDING OF TITLE OF PHD

The title of doctor of research, abbreviated with the words: "*Dott.Ric.*" that is to say "*Ph.D.*", is awarded 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 set out in art. 8 paragraphs 10), 11) and 12) of the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, no. 226.

ART. 15 - INFORMATION

Requests for information and clarifications on the application submission can be sent to the email address postlaurea@unistrasi.it

ART. 16 - PUBBLICATION

This announcement, accompanied by an English translation, is published on the page www.unistrasi.it "Competition Announcements - PhD Admissions Competition" https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm

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

The rankings will be published on the page www.unistrasi.it "Competition Announcements - PhD Admissions Competition" https://www.unistrasi.it/1/380/Bandi_di_concorso.htm

ART. 17 - TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the University is the data controller and undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the information provided by candidates. All data provided will be processed only for purposes related and instrumental to the competition and to the possible management of the relationship with the University, in compliance with applicable regulations and for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they were collected.

ART. 18 - FINAL DISPOSITIONS

The tender documents are public and may be accessed in accordance with the procedures established by Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990.

For any matters not covered in this announcement, reference is made to the University Teaching Regulations, the Regulations of the Doctoral Program in Historical Linguistics, Educational Linguistics and Italian Studies at the University for Foreigners of Siena, and current legislation. The University reserves the right to exclude at any time candidates participating in the tests announced with this announcement for failure to comply with the provisions set forth therein or the deadlines indicated, or for failure to meet the requirements requested of candidates.

The Rector
(signed by Prof. Tomaso Montanari)*

The compiler: Dr. Stefania Eutropi

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