

REGISTRATION OPENING: July 15th 2022 12:00 pm (Italian time)
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: August 25th 1:00 pm (Italian time)



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Rector's Decree N. 762/2022
Prot. N. 179590 of 15/07/2022

THE RECTOR

- GIVEN the Statute of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, enacted by Rector's Decree no. 3 of February 6th, 2012 and subsequent amendments and additions;
- GIVEN the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of April 9th, 2001 on "*Uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education*", in accordance with art. 4 of Law no. 390 of December 2nd, 1991, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- GIVEN art. 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3rd, 1998 on "*Guidelines for the recruitment of tenured university researchers and professors*", published in the Official Gazette of July 6th, 1998, General Series no. 155, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- GIVEN Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, on "*Regulation on the procedures for the accreditation of seats and PhD programmes and criteria for establishment of the PhD programmes by the accredited institutions*", published in the Official Gazette of December 29th, 2021, General Series, no. 308;
- GIVEN Rector's Decree no. 481 of May 12th, 2022, implementing the provisions contained in Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, to enact the University Regulations governing PhD studies, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- GIVEN Ministerial Decree no. 301 of March 22nd, 2022 on "*Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD programmes in accordance with art. 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulation as per Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021*";
- GIVEN Ministerial Decree no. 351 of April 9th, 2022 which set out for the academic year 2022/2023 the attribution on PNRR, Mission 4, Component 1 "*Strengthening the offer of educational services: from Nursery to University*" – Investment 3.4 "*Didactics and advanced university skills*" and Investment 4.1 "*Extension of the number of the PhD programmes and innovative PhD Programmes for the Public Administration and the Cultural Heritage*" of three-years PhD scholarships for the attendance of PhD courses;
- GIVEN Ministerial Decree no. 352 of April 9th, 2022 which set out for the academic year 2022/2023 the attribution on PNRR, Mission 4, Component 2 "*From the research to the enterprise*" - Investment 3.3 "*Introduction of innovative PhD Programmes that meet the innovation needs of the enterprises and promote the recruitment of Researchers by the enterprises*" of three-years PhD scholarships for the attendance of PhD courses;
- GIVEN the resolutions of the Senate of May 10th, 2022 and of the Executive Boards of May 13th and 20th, 2022 which approved the planning and the establishment of PhD programmes, with administrative headquarters at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, included the Italian National PhD in Religious Studies;
- GIVEN the rectoral decree of June 10th, 2022, no. 613, which determined the amount of tuition and fee charges for enrolment and attendance in PhD programmes for the academic year 2022/23;

GIVEN the activation and renewal proposals of the PhD programmes submitted by this University to the Ministry of University and Research, included the Italian National PhD in Religious Studies;

DEEMED it necessary to proceed with publication of the call for application for the abovementioned course pending the assessment of the Ministry of University and Research on the activation of this course, in order to respect the timetable envisaged by the Ministry of University and Research for the publication of the rankings;

D E C R E E S

ARTICLE 1 – Institution

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia hereby announces a selection procedure for admission to the Italian National PhD program in Religious Studies with a three-year duration starting from November 1st, 2022, for the XXXVIII cycle, Academic Year 2022/2023.

The Italian National PhD program in Religious Studies is divided into six curricula: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Religions of Asia, Law and Religions, Transdisciplinarity and Technological Frontier Research.

The distribution of places with scholarship and venues of activities related to the various curricula is as follows:

| | Cristianity | Islam | Judaism | Buddhism and Religions of Asia | Law and Religions | Transdisciplinarity and Technological Frontier Research | which M.D. 351 | which M.D. 352 |
|--|-------------|-------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| University of Cagliari | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| University of Calabria | | 1 | | | | | | |
| “G. D’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| University of Florence | 1 | | | | | | | |
| University of Foggia | | | | | | 2 | | |
| University of Genoa | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| University of Insubria | | | | | 1 | | | |
| University of Macerata | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Catholic University of Sacred Heart | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| University of Modena and Reggio Emilia | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 | |
| University of Naples “L’Orientale” | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples | | | | | | 1 | | |
| University of Palermo | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 1 | | |

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| University of Perugia | | | | | 1 | | | |
| "Sapienza" University of Rome | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Link Campus University | | | | | | 1 | | |
| University of Salento | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| University for Foreigners of Siena | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| University of Turin | 1 | | | | | 2 | | |
| "Carlo Bo" University of Urbino | 1 | | | | | | | |
| "Ca' Foscari" University of Venice | | | | 4 | | | | 4 |
| University of Verona | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli" | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| University of Pisa | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Facoltà Valdese di Teologia | 1 | | | | | | | |
| FSCIRE – "G. Alberigo" European School for Advanced Religious Studies | 1 | 2 | | | | | | |

Some PhD scholarships have a specific theme. Each candidate may request priority participation in these scholarships in the choice of curriculum (by filling in Annex A1). The list of thematic scholarships is as follows:

- Christianity Curriculum:
 - *The Apollinarian Controversy between 4th and 6th Centuries*, (University of Salento), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "PNRR" for research activities at FSCIRE (Bologna and Palermo) and Istituto Patristico Augustinianum (Roma). CUP E83C22004040006;
 - *Investigation and Enhancement of Archival Sources for the Study of the Religious Life of a City in the Late Middle Ages* (University of Verona), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "Public Administration" for research activities at State Archives of Verona, where is located a digitalisation laboratory coordinated by LaMeDan ("Laboratorio di studi medievali e danteschi"). CUP E83C22004040006
 - *Christianity and Society in Early Modern and Modern Era (15th-19th Centuries)* (University for Foreigners of Siena), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "PNRR" for research activities at Archiepiscopal Historical Archive of Siena. CUP E83C22004040006.
 - *Milan Memory: Analyzing and Enhancing the Presence of the Expressive Elements of the Religious Life of Milan in the Construction of a Shared Public Memory.* (Catholic University of Sacred Heart of Milan), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds,

- Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "Public Administration" for research activities at City of Milan Archive. CUP E83C22004040006
- *The Aftermath of Vatican II in the European Journals* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "PNRR" for research activities at FSCIRE (Bologna and Palermo). CUP E83C22004040006
 - *The Aftermath of Vatican II in the Diplomatic Archives* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "PNRR" for research activities at FSCIRE (Bologna and Palermo). CUP E83C22004040006.
 - *The Life and Legacy of don Franzoni in the Aftermath of Vatican II* ("G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "Cultural Heritage", for research activities at FSCIRE (Bologna and Palermo). CUP E83C22004040006.
- Islam Curriculum:
There aren't scholarships with specific topic
- Judaism Curriculum:
- *Circulation of Hebrew Mystical and Philosophical Materials in the Scholarly Circles of Late Medieval and Early Modern Italy*, ("Sapienza" University of Rome) with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "PNRR" for research activities at Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana. CUP E83C22004040006.
 - *The Relation between Israel, Zionism and the Holy See in the Vatican Archives, 1945-1958*, (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "PNRR" for research activities at FSCIRE (Bologna and Palermo). CUP E83C22004040006
- Buddhism and Religions of Asia Curriculum:
- *Theravāda, Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna: Texts, Rituals and Practitioners* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice), with PNRR DM352/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at Italian Buddhist Union. CUP E83C22003770004.
 - *Buddhism and the Environment: Historical and Modern Case Studies* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice), with PNRR DM352/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at Italian Buddhist Union. CUP E83C22003770004.
 - *Buddhist Contemplative Practices* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice), with PNRR DM352/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at Italian Buddhist Union. CUP E83C22003770004.
 - *Buddhism and Technological Innovation: Historical and Modern Case Studies* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice), with PNRR DM352/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at Italian Buddhist Union. CUP E83C22003770004.
- Law and Religions Curriculum:
- *State and Religions in Italy during the Modern and Contemporary Age. History, Historiography and Awareness of the Rights* ("Luigi Vanvitelli" University of Campania) with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, "Public Administration" for research activities at Legal Sciences Department of University of Florence. CUP E83C22004040006

- *The Government of Religious Freedom* (University of Cagliari), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at Office for Religious Policies and External Relations of the Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration of the Ministry of the Interior. CUP E83C22004040006
 - *Public Administration, Dialogue and Relationship with Religious Communities* (University of Pisa), with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at Central Directorate of Religious Affairs and the Administration of the Worship Buildings Fund (Rome). CUP E83C22004040006.
 - *Law, Prevailing Religions and Religious Diversity in the members State of South-East European Cooperation Process* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia), “Giuseppe Dossetti - Luciano Guerzoni” Scholarship granted by Fondazione di Modena.
- Transdisciplinarity and technological frontier research Curriculum:
- *The Tradition of Philosophical-Religious Studies at the University of Genoa Starting from Alberto Caracciolo* (University of Genoa) with PNRR DM351/2022 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Cultural heritage” for research activities at Palazzo Ducale of Genoa, CUP E83C22004040006

The activation of the course and the enrolments are subject to the approval by the Ministry of University and Research upon positive opinion expressed by the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research (ANVUR), as indicated in the Ministerial Decree no. 301 of March 22nd, 2022, “*Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD programmes*” in accordance with art. 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulation as per Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021”.

PhD scholarships awarded by the funds of M.D. no. 351 of April 9th, 2022 and M.D. no. 352 of April 9th, 2022 are subject to the verification of eligibility and evaluation of the Ministry of University and Research.

Additional scholarships and positions may become available, even in the event that funding is provided by public or private bodies subsequent to the publication of this call for applications, but not after the publication date of the final rankings.

Those candidates who are awarded scholarships will be required to carry out the research projects assigned to them by the competent Board of the PhD Program, with the exception of any changes as set by the same Board.

The PhD candidate will mainly carry out his or her research activities at the affiliated institution to which the scholarship awarded on the basis of the competition results relates.

The recipients of PhD scholarships awarded by the founding of MD no. 351 of April 9th, 2022 and MD no. 352 of April 9th, 2022, which provide the development of a specific research theme, are bound to conduct this activity.

The research activities financed by MD no. 351 of April 9th, 2022 provide periods of study and research abroad from a minimum of six months and a maximum of eighteen months and periods of study and research in the enterprise, research institution or public administration from a minimum of six months to a maximum of twelve months.

The research activities financed by MD no. 352 of April 9th, 2022 provide periods of study and research abroad from a minimum of six months and a maximum of eighteen months and periods of study and research in the enterprise, from a minimum of six months to a maximum of eighteen months.

This call is equivalent to notification to all intents and purposes. Any changes, updates or additions to the content of this call will be announced, exclusively, on the following website: <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-Sdott.html> and on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>).

ARTICLE 2 - Admission requirements

The competition is open to any candidate, regardless of age or nationality, who as of October 31st, 2022, holds an Italian degree obtained prior to M.D. 509/99 or an Italian second level degree (laurea specialistica, under D.M. 509/99 or laurea magistrale, under M.D. 270/04), or an equivalent academic qualification from a foreign Universities (provided it is comparable in duration and level to the abovementioned Italian titles), that has to be validated by the Selection Committee, following the legislation in force both in Italy and in the Country where the qualification was issued and within the international treaties or agreements on the recognition of international qualifications.

Candidates who have a foreign academic qualification must submit any relevant documents useful for verifying equivalency: their degree certificate with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication, and:

- for degrees obtained in European Union countries: Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as a ENIC_NARIC center
- for degrees obtained in countries outside the European Union: "declaration of validity" (dichiarazione di valore in loco) issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as an ENIC_NARIC center.

If not yet available, candidates must fill in the description of the degree with a list of exams passed, by using Annex D2, attaching the documents to the application for admission using the online procedure described in Art. 3.

Candidates who complete their degree after the deadline for this call must submit a Degree certificate or the form in Annex D2 (in case of degree awarded by a foreign institution) or a self-certification to prove that the degree has been conferred (using the form in Annex D1, in case of degree awarded by an Italian University):

- in case of degree obtained before enrolment: by enclosing the form with the enrolment application form,
- in case of degree not yet obtained when enrolling in the PhD Program: by submitting the form to the PhD Office, by and no later than, October 31st, 2022, via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it .

For the purposes of admission to the doctorate course, in any case, Italian and foreigners citizens holding a foreign academic qualification must submit to the PhD Office, by and no later than, December 31st, 2022, via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it, their degree certificate with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication, and

- for degrees obtained in European Union countries: Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as an ENIC_NARIC center;
- for degrees obtained in countries outside the European Union: "declaration of validity" (dichiarazione di valore in loco) issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as an ENIC_NARIC center.

The University reserves the right to exclude from the competition any candidate who has not submitted the required documents by the deadline cited above without a justified reason.

The competent offices will be checked the information sent by candidates in order to verify correctness.

All candidates are admitted to the selection conditional upon verification of the aforementioned requirements.

The University Administration reserves the right to exclude, at any time, candidates who have not the requirements for admission.

ARTICLE 3 – Admission application

The application for admission to the selection procedure and any required attachments must be submitted following the online procedure by the final deadline of August 25th, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. (local time), when the competition closes. Candidates failing to comply will not be considered.

In the application for admission, the candidate must compulsorily indicate the curriculum for which he/she intends to compete by completing Annex A.

In this annex, the candidate may indicate that he/she wishes to apply with priority for only one of the reserved places covered by a scholarship financed on M.D. 351 and M.D. 352 funds or by another subject-related scholarship provided for in the selected curriculum.

The admission application and any required attachments (academic qualifications, documents and publications considered useful for competition purposes) must be submitted to this Administration before the final deadline for the competition, using the following method only:

- by Internet, on the University website <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> (new users must register by selecting “Menu”, top right, and then “Registration”; those who have already registered should select “Menu”, and then “Login” with the credentials received following registration or with their SPID (Public Digital Identity System) credentials and proceed with the following steps: insert username and password, and then, select “Menu” – “Student Area/Registered Area” - “Admission” – “Admission Exams” – “Ph. D.”).

All academic qualifications, documents and publications considered useful for the application procedure must be attached in .pdf or .rtf file form with a maximum size of 20 MB. Attachments larger than 20 MB must be divided into smaller files.

The application will require a payment of € 25.00, not refundable, to cover administrative costs. The pay slip will only be available at the end of the procedure with the final data saving.

Payment must be made using the following method:

Access Esse3, by connecting to the University website at <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> with your credentials, and under the menu item "Taxes" proceed with the payment through the PAGO PA circuit that allows to pay online (by choosing your Payment Service Provider – PSP) or alternatively to print the payment notice to be delivered personally to Banks and ATMS, SISAL, Lottomatica and ITB stores. From your personal Esse3 page, under the menu item “Taxes”, you can print the payment receipt. With the PagoPa circuit, the payment acquisition times in Esse3 are normally comparable to those of the credit card.

The payment of € 25.00 must be made before August 25th, 2022.

The receipt for the payment of € 25.00 must be kept by the candidates and inserted as an attachment during the enrolment procedure only and exclusively by those who will be enrolling in the first year of the Doctorate Course (within the deadline and in accordance with the procedures set out in art. 7).

The application for admission will be considered to be correctly filed only by saving the data ("Save the data") after the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application" given by the candidate at the end of the online procedure mentioned above.

Before the data saving ("Save the data") that follows the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application", and prior to the deadline for the competition, candidates may add, change or remove attached academic qualifications, documents and publications using the abovementioned website. The procedure is as follows: select "Menu", "Login", insert username, password, and then, in the Student area, select "Admission".

After the data saving ("Save the data") that follows the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application", in the case of errors or incomplete insertion of attachments using the online procedure, candidates can send an email to the PhD Office (segr.dottorati@unimore.it) within the peremptory deadline of the call deadline (August 25th, 2022, 1.00 pm CET) for requesting the reopening of the online procedure by attaching a scanned copy of an identity document. The candidate must make the corrections / additions he deems appropriate within the same deadline (August 25th, 2022, 1.00 pm CET). In this case, please note that the candidate will have to save the "Save data" data again following the explicit confirmation of the application.

At the end of the admission procedure a reminder summary of the application form is generated for each candidate. This document must be kept by its candidate and should not be transmitted to anyone else.

Submission of the application and its attachments by e-mail or fax is not permitted.

The University Administration reserves the right to exclude, at any time, candidates who have not paid the fee of € 25.00 referred to in this Article.

The administration is not liable in the event that the candidate makes mistakes in the choice of a selection.

Any communications to candidates concerning this call are made by e-mail. For this purpose, it will be used the e-mail address indicated by the candidate during the registration procedure referred in Art. 3. Candidates, whose email addresses are already present in the registry, are asked to update data if necessary.

In the event of any technical and/or operating difficulties, please write to the following e-mail address: webhelp@unimore.it.

Admission applications, submitted in accordance with the indications given above, will be considered valid only if they reach this Administration before the final deadline.

Therefore, any applications arriving after the deadline, or not submitted in accordance with above requirements, will not be considered.

As part of the procedural information in making the application, the candidate takes personal responsibility for declarations in relation to:

- a) name and surname;
- b) place and date of birth;
- c) residential address, telephone/cell number, elected domicile for the purposes of this competition, and e-mail address;

- d) tax identification number (“codice fiscale”- if candidates have one. Candidates who do not have a tax identification number need only to confirm the one that will automatically be assigned to them by the system);
- e) citizenship;
- f) possession of a secondary school qualification;
- g) possession of an Italian old ordinance degree or second level degree (laurea specialistica or laurea magistrale), or an equivalent academic qualification issued by a foreign University;
- h) the exact title of the PhD Program chosen by the candidate;
- i) curriculum choice (using *Annex A*)
- j) research project (using *Annex B*)
- k) curriculum vitae (using *Annex C*);
- l) academic qualifications and any other documents;
- m) publications;
- n) in the case of candidates with disabilities, in accordance with Law no. 104 of February 5th, 1992 or with diagnosis of SLD, in accordance with Law no.170 of October 8th, 2010, any accommodations required for taking the examinations. The same request for assistive devices to take the examinations must be sent by mail to: disabilita@unimore.it and segr.dottorati@unimore.it . (subsequently the candidate will be contacted by the *Welcome Office for Students with Disability* to agree on the methods of transmission of the relative medical certification).

By submitting the application, the candidate agrees:

- 1) to attend the PhD program on a full-time basis, in accordance with the conditions established by the Teaching Committee;
- 2) to notify the University immediately of any changes in residence or address;
- 3) in the case of Italian nationals or foreign citizens holding a foreign degree, to send the degree certificate, with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication and “declaration of validity” issued by a competent Italian diplomatic-consular representative for the country, or Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the Cimea as a ENIC_NARIC center, in accordance with the regulations governing the admission of foreign students to Italian university degree courses, by the final deadline of December 31st, 2022;
- 4) in the case of candidates who complete their degree after the deadline for this call, but before October 31st, 2022, to send their degree certificate or facsimile attachment A2 (if awarded by a foreign university) or a self-certification to prove that the degree has been conferred (if awarded by an Italian university, please use form in Annex A1), by the final deadline and in accordance with the conditions indicated in art. 2 of this competition. Candidates failing to comply will not be considered.

The administration may at any time, by its own reasoned decision, order exclusion from the selection.

Admission applications and or related attachments will not be considered for any of the following reasons: submission or receipt of applications after the deadline or non-compliance with the procedural requirements of the competition.

The Administration cannot be held responsible for any loss of correspondence due to the following situations: incorrect contact details, failure or delay in notification of a change in address, technical errors, negligence of third parties, or a *force majeure*. Furthermore, the Administration shall assume no responsibility for attachments not received as a result

of third-party involvement, faulty attachment of documents by the candidate, or any type of network failure.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Candidates with any academic qualification certificates, documents or publications considered useful for the purposes of the competition procedures must attach the following certificates, documents and publications:

1) (for candidates holding an Italian degree) (details in the NOTE) a self-certification to prove to meet the requirements (using the form in Annex D1) in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree 445/2000;

2) (for candidates holding a foreign degree) degree certificate with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian translation, an authentication, and a “declaration of validity” “dichiarazione di valore in loco” issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the Cimea as an ENIC_NARIC center. If not yet available, candidates have to attach the description of the degree with a list of exams taken together with a statement of truth of the certificates attached, by means of a self-certification in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree 445/2000 using Annex D2;

3) scanned copy of a valid identity card or passport;

4) curriculum choice (using Annex A);

5) research project, articulated in concept - state of the art - sources and tools - timetable and milestones articulated by deliverables - research centres outside Italy considered useful for research (using Annex B);

6) curriculum of research and teaching activities (using Annex C);

7) a digital copy of the thesis of Italian second level degree (“Laurea Magistrale”, “Laurea Specialistica” or degree obtained prior to M.D. 509/99), or equivalent in the case of a degree obtained abroad; or an abstract thereof;

8) a motivational letter, of no more than two pages and written in English, illustrating the candidate's motivations for attending the Course and describing his/her specific research interests, and the reasons for choosing the venues in Italy and abroad in which they propose to live (indicative and non-binding preference only);

9) possible certification of knowledge of the English language (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or of other foreign languages (with indication of the level)

10) review of a recent book, a critical note on one or more essays of particular relevance, or a note to a judgment related to the research topic (maximum 8,000 characters);

11) academic qualification certificates and documents considered useful for the purposes of evaluation with corresponding list;

12) scientific publications with list. Publications in languages other than Italian, English, French, German and Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Ivrit, Hindi, Chinese or which do not include a summary in one of the above languages, must be produced in original language and translated into Italian or English, French, German and Spanish.

NOTE: Under article 15 of Law no. 183 of November 12th, 2011, certificates regarding personal qualities, status and facts issued by the public administration can be only used for private purposes. Self-certification, under articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, can replace attested declarations for public administration or public services purposes.

Certificates issued by the competent authorities of the foreign candidate's country of citizenship must comply with the provisions in force in the same country. Certificates in a

language other than Italian, English, French, German or Spanish, must also be translated and authenticated by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular authorities.

An Italian translation must be attached to all documents written in a language other than English, French, German and Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Ivrit, Hindi, Chinese, and must be certified as conforming to the foreign text by a competent Italian diplomatic authority or an official translator.

ARTICLE 4 – Selection Committee

Each committee responsible for the evaluation of candidates will be appointed by a Rector's decree and composed of three permanent members for each curriculum, all of whom are external to the teachers' board, chosen from Italian and foreign public and private research organisations and facilities. For each curriculum, a maximum of two Italian and/or foreign experts may be chosen from public and private research organisations and facilities.

ARTICLE 5 – Admission procedures

The selection, entrusted to an independent commission with an international component, is intended to verify the candidate's preparation and aptitude to carry out research activities related to the framework of the national doctoral program's specifications for the various topics of the fields and in relation to the individual projects.

Selection Procedure: based on academic and research record and interview

Every Selection Sub-committee in each research area or curriculum has the capacity to assign scores up to a total of 60 points in the evaluation of candidate qualifications, as follows:

0 to 30 points about candidate's profile, as follows:

- examinations taken, grade of degree and thesis/abstract: 0 to 7 points;
- curriculum vitae and experience considered relevant: 0 to 4 points,
- other qualifications, e.g. Masters relevant to the PhD topics, specialized courses, relevant degrees: 0 to 5 points,
- Certified knowledge of scientific literature languages and source languages: 0 to 7 points,
- publications: 0 to 4 points,
- Evaluation of the letter on the motivation of the application and the venues: 0 to 3 points.

0 to 30 points about project proposal, as follows:

- relevance of the concept: 0 to 5 points;
- quality of analysis and updating of the state-of-the-art: 0 to 7 points,
- feasibility within the doctoral program: 0 to 5 points
- originality and architecture of the work plan: 0 to 6 points
- rating of the review: 0 to 7 points.

Candidates obtaining a minimum of 40 points will be admitted to interview. The list of candidates admitted to the interview and any variations in the methods and terms of the selection procedure will be announced publicly in a date between September 5th and 6th, 2022 on the University website at <https://www.unimore.it/didattica/doctorates.html> in the section relating to the Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies.

The Selection committee has the capacity to assign scores up to 60 points in the interview. Candidates may opt to have their interview in Italian or English. Candidates will be admitted to the examination upon presentation of a valid identity document or passport.

During the interview will be assessed the knowledge of the English language and other possible languages which candidates declared in the application (specified in Annex B). The committee will also assessed the language knowledge of the sources required for the scientific work, with the discussion of sources relevant to the topics of the project and its critical implications.

During the interview, candidates will discuss the research project and they will be given the opportunity to deepen or further develop it orally (attachments or additional written documentation will not be accepted).

Evaluation criteria:

- basic knowledge of the general references of religious studies in their disciplinary aspects (historical, exegetical, philosophical, legal, technological): 0 to 10 points
- knowledge of the specific disciplinary reference framework of the project: 0 to 20 points
- argumentative skills and knowledge of the languages of literature: 0 to 15 points
- knowledge of source languages and their use: 0 to 15 points

Candidates with a score of at least 40 points will pass the interview.

The Commission will give a judgment of suitability only to those who have expressed their interest in competing for the reserved place, on the basis of the adequacy of the documents submitted. The judgment of suitability for the reserved place does not affect the score assigned to the candidates, but is only useful to assign the reserved place. This place will be assigned, among the candidates who have expressed a priority interest and have been deemed suitable, to the one with the highest marks in the ranking.

Course Description:

The Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies (DREST) aims to be a center for the instruction and enhancement of specialized knowledge concerning religious experience, its normative and theological expressions, its heritage of sources, and their interpretations. The goal is to create a scientific community that is open and appealing to the finest national and international scholars and candidates who, given the current environment of growing religious illiteracy and a “religious climate change”, are able to produce scientific knowledge concerning diverse beliefs and approaches from the past.

The program operates within six curricular areas:

1. Buddhism and Religions of Asia

The Buddhism and Religions of Asia curriculum includes diachronic and synchronic analysis of the spread of Buddhism in Asia, from India, Sri Lanka, Central Asia, Tibet, China, Japan, Southeast Asia, and, more recently, to the West. Concurrently, this curricular path includes study of other Asian religious systems such as Taoism, Shinto, Bon, Hinduism, and Confucianism in different historical and cultural contexts. Various methodological tools will be used, leading to the preparation of specialists with high historical, philosophical, anthropological, and archaeological-artistic skills in the field of scientific studies of Asian religions.

The various lines of research include the study of the transmission of philosophical texts, the formation of religious schools and heterodoxies, the interaction between religion and society, and the analysis of myths, rituals and symbols in artistic expressions and material culture, both in the past and in the contemporary world.

2. Christianity

Doctoral students who follow this curricular path will investigate the historical events of Christian churches and movements from their origins to contemporary times. They will acquire the philological, linguistic, and theoretical knowledge and skills necessary to research theological, normative, and literary textualities relevant to the understanding of Christianity in its doctrinal, canonical, liturgical, and exegetical dimensions along a historical line. They will develop a critical awareness of the historical differentiation of Christian traditions and processes relating to different contexts. This will build on linguistic competences commensurate with the different subjects and develop perceptions of the long-term dimensions operating in the different historical epochs up to the contemporary one, including comparison with philosophical models and scientific cultures of the different historical seasons of its development on a global scale.

3. Islam

Students who follow this curricular course will pursue the study of Islam, analyzed in its theological, historical-religious and philosophical development. It examines the plurality of forms of its ancient and modern manifestations, regarding the geographical dimension, beginning with linguistic skills appropriate to the different traditions. The educational objective is the study of the theological and juridical hermeneutic tradition, the interaction between religion and culture, the doctrinal analysis of systems of faith and religious experience, the relationship between religion and social and political organization, worship and discipline, and political theology to train doctoral students to develop advanced historical, philological and hermeneutical skills in the field of religion. On the methodological level, the field aims at a robust integration of theoretical-historical reflection, empirical work, fieldwork, and to train doctoral student(s) in the analysis of both written and oral sources. Research and research training is grounded in the need to provide doctoral students with a broad historical knowledge of Islam and the ability to highlight the ties that connect its different forms to the elaboration of political theologies, regulations of public life and cultural representations. This includes "gendered" approaches to reading the Quran, the Prophet's hadiths and religious sources, Sunni and non-Sunni Islam, and the relationship between Islam, material culture and consumption.

4. Judaism

The Judaism curriculum is proposed as a privileged space for research on the sources, materials, and manifestations of the religious experience of lived Judaism. It examines these experiences over time and in all areas where Judaism has spread and manifests, in the East as in the West, before and after the diaspora. Research includes exegetical and hermeneutical studies, the study of cults and traditions, archaeological and epigraphic research, source editing and migration studies, lexicography and the tradition of relationships with other majority faith communities, and the study of persecution and literary memory. With the fundamental linguistic skills needed to examine the work first-hand, students will be able to assess figurative culture in the formation of ritual discipline and worship, with the different cultural physiognomies, both Orthodox and Reformed, and conduct research on areas, texts, and environments of the rich world of living Judaism, up to its newfound expression in the land of Israel.

5. Law and Religion

This curriculum promotes specialized research concerning every possible interaction between legal phenomenon and religious phenomenon in the dual perspective of state/supranational/international law and different denominational systems. Thus, the curriculum includes studies in the areas of freedom of religion or belief, non-discrimination, state/church legal relations, the proper law of faith communities with their own jurisdictions, and all topics in the tradition of ecclesiastical law. Among religious orders, emphasis is given to the organization of the Catholic Church (canon law), analyzed in its historical-institutional development and current positive constructions, and the Byzantine and Protestant canonical tradition, as well as legal systems of Judaic and Islamic origin. Methodologically, the research may also be developed from a historical, comparative and interdisciplinary perspective; students will assess normative, jurisprudential, magisterial and doctrinal sources with originality and mastery. In addition, they will analyze comparatively in light of the most influential factors/processes on legal evolutions affecting religious phenomena: multireligiosity and new religions; disciplining, secularization, reconfessionalization and growing religious demands; securitarian, technological, ecological and sustainable development challenges.

6. Transdisciplinarity, Frontier Research and Technology

The course curriculum intends to promote research concerning the application of the study of religious experience based on approaches that are currently not sufficiently populated to justify the creation of specific fields (e.g., sociology of religion, psychology of religion, philosophy of religion, anthropology, semiotics, history of the arts, and theology) or studies that require technological expertise and scientific qualifications related to the area of AI, Big Data and Cultural Heritage formed in *ad hoc* pathways of which candidates should demonstrate competence.

Regardless of the chosen field, doctoral students will be asked and offered to deepen and broaden their understanding of sources in classical and/or modern languages relevant to the topics under consideration, to be familiar with the literature of the chosen field, and to demonstrate that they have acquired discernible competences through their dissertations, in terms of originality and quality, including in the international arena.

The following activities will be provided for all PhD candidates:

- a) a common training organised by the Curriculum Council in the form of a summer/winter school;
- b) curricular training planned by the Curriculum Council in the form of advanced workshops held both by lecturers from the partner universities and by highly qualified international lecturers.

The official language of the PhD program is English. However, every student is encouraged to learn the Italian language skills during their study cycle, considering that some activities will also be carried out in Italian.

Further information is available from PhD Program website at: <https://www.dottoratostudireligiosi.unimore.it/>.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Interview via Microsoft Teams: September 8th, 2022, 09.00 a.m. Interviews could continue on September 9th 2022, 09.00 a.m., should there be a high number of candidates.

The operational indications on how to conduct the interview via Microsoft Teams will be communicated at the time of publication of candidates admitted to the interview. The interview may be held in person or online at the link provided by the committee.

ARTICLE 6 – Rankings

At the end of the selection process, each sub-committee will draw up six final ranking lists (one for each curriculum), approved by the Commission.

The six final ranking lists will be approved by a Rector's Decree, once all documentation has been declared valid.

Candidates will be admitted to the Course according to the order of the final rankings and up to the number of available places for each PhD Curriculum. In case of a tie, preference is given to the younger candidate.

The final rankings of candidates will be announced publicly exclusively by:

- publication on the University website at <https://www.unimore.it>, under: ("Academic programs"/"Doctorate Programs"), within the designated section for each PhD Program;
- publication on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>).

The concurrent enrolment in several study programs is ruled by Law no. 33 of April 12th, 2022.

ARTICLE 7 – Enrolment and Replacements

a) Enrolment to reserved places with specific topics

Within the mandatory four-day time limit, starting from the day after the publication of the final rankings on the online University notice board as mentioned above in Art. 6, those candidates qualifying for places with specific topics must enrol in the first year of the PhD Program, using the method mentioned below

connect to the University website <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> (new users must register by selecting "Menu", top right, and then "Registration"; those who have already registered should select "Menu", and then "Login" with the credentials received following registration or with their SPID (Public Digital Identity System) credentials, follow the instructions: "Student Area" - "Enrolment" – "Enrolment according to ranking"; if an applicant has forgotten his/her username and password, assistance is available via email at webhelp@unimore.it).

b) Replacement of reserved places with specific topics

Once the procedure described in point a) has been completed, should reserved places with specific topics become available, the PhD Office will request by e-mail to PhD candidates eligible for reserved places to enrol within a peremptory deadline of two days, starting from the day following the day on which the e-mail is sent.

c) Enrolment to places without specific topic

Once the procedure described in points a) and b) has been completed, the PhD Office will request, by e-mail, the doctoral candidates for places without specific topic to enrol within a deadline of two days, starting from the day after the day on which the e-mail was sent. In the request the PhD Office will proceed with one candidate at a time and will indicate the venues of the proposed research activities among those listed in the table in article 1. The candidate who decides to enrol have to inform the PhD Office to which venue he/she intends to be assigned.

The six replacement procedures are independent of each other.

The procedure will be concluded within 90 days from the publication on the University website of the list of those admitted to the PhD Courses for the academic year 2022/2023, referred to in Article 6. For PhD scholarships awarded on the funding of D.M. 351/2022 and 352/2022, the procedure will be considered concluded by October 20th, 2022.

During the online procedure, candidates must upload the following documents:

- a) digital passport photo: a colour passport photo, showing a frontal view of your face, with a neutral or uniform background (in JPEG or BITMAP format);
- b) scanned copy an identity document, duly signed;
- c) scanned copy of the tax identification card;
- d) scanned copy of the receipt for the payment of € 25.00 required for participation in the competition, in accordance with art. 3;
- e) self-certification to prove the possession of a university degree (using the form in Annex D1 for Italian degrees or the form in Annex D2 for foreign degrees), in case of degree already awarded;
- f) Annex E "Declaration accompanying application for enrolment on a PhD Program" - part 1 and part 2

The mere completion of the online procedure does not conclude enrolment. The payment of the one-off instalment referred to in Article 9 is required within the same deadline indicated above of four days from the date of publication of the ranking or two days from the request by the PhD Office to replace or to enrol, under penalty of forfeiture. Payment must be made at the end of the enrolment procedure using the following methods:

Access Esse3, by connecting to the University website at <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> with your credentials, and under the menu item "Taxes" proceed with the payment through the PAGO PA circuit that allows to pay online (by choosing your Payment Service Provider – PSP) or alternatively to print the payment notice to be delivered personally to Banks and ATMS, SISAL, Lottomatica and ITB stores. From your personal Esse3 page, under the menu item "Taxes", you can print the payment receipt. With the PagoPa circuit, the payment acquisition times in Esse3 are normally comparable to those of the credit card.

The print copy of the enrolment application and receipt of payment must be kept by the applicant and not submitted to the Office.

Candidates gaining their academic qualification after the date of enrolment must send to the PhD Office (Via Università n.4, 41121-Modena) via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it the Annex D1 (if the qualification is conferred in Italy) or the Annex D2 (if the qualification is conferred abroad) no later than October 31st, 2022.

Italian and foreigners citizens holding a foreign academic qualification must present to the PhD Office (Via Università 4, 41121 Modena), no later than December 31st, 2022, via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it, their degree certificates with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication, and

- for degrees obtained in European Union countries: Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by ENIC_NARIC centers;
- for degrees obtained in non-EU countries: "declaration of validity" (dichiarazione di valore in loco) issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the Cimea as a ENIC_NARIC center.

Failure to submit the above documentation may result, at the sole discretion of this Administration, in the non-payment of the grant until it is submitted. Should the aforementioned documentation, once submitted, show a lack of eligibility requirements, the PhD candidate will be excluded.

As soon as the registration procedure has been completed, all recipients of scholarships must register with the I.N.P.S. Separate Management Fund (“Gestione Separata”) and forward a self-certification to prove registration (using Annex E “Self-certification of subscription to Gestione Separata Inps”) to the Salaries Office (“Ufficio Contabilità”) by October 31st, 2022, by sending a scanned copy via e-mail to ufficiostipendi@unimore.it. If PhD students are already registered with the I.N.P.S (Italian Social Security Institute) Separate Management Fund as a result of previous collaboration with other institutions, they merely need to forward the self-certification confirming the registration with the I.N.P.S (in the same way as indicated above).

Foreign citizens who do not yet have a tax identification number must apply to the “Agenzia delle entrate” (Italian Revenue Agency) after their arrival in Italy, and must forward a copy of the card issued by the Agency before October 31st, 2022, to the PhD Office, by sending a scanned copy via mail to segr.dottorati@unimore.it.

For information and assistance concerning the Tax ID code, housing, residence permit, entry visa, registration with the I.N.P.S. Separate Management Fund (“Gestione Separata”), foreign citizens may submit a request to the International Welcome Desk Office, at: internationalwelcomedesk@unimore.it .

Any candidates who have not completed their enrolment in accordance with the terms and conditions indicated above will be considered as withdrawn.

In the case of, from the documentation presented by the candidate, false or misleading declarations are found, relevant for the purposes of enrolment, without prejudice to the penal sanctions referred to in Article 76 of the D.P.R. n.445 dated 28/12/2000 and subsequent modifications, the candidate automatically expired from any enrollment and the fees paid by the interested party will not be refunded.

The university administration reserves the right to ask enrolled students to complete the enrolment documentation if incomplete and/or to provide payment receipt of the single or first instalment.

ARTICLE 8 - Scholarships

The number of scholarships assigned is indicated in art. 1, divided by curriculum; these scholarships will be awarded according to the positioning of candidates on the final ranking list.

In the event of equal scores, priority will be given to the candidate with the least favourable financial situation, determined in accordance with the Italian Prime Minister’s Decree of April 30th, 1997 and subsequent amendments. Candidates with equal score will be requested by e-mail to submit for the purposes of evaluating their financial situation:

- Receipt of submission of the “Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica” (Single Sworn Declaration) for calculating the ISEE bracket (DSU); this must be forwarded within the final deadline of two days starting from the day after the day on which the e-mail was sent. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.
- The formal I.S.E.E. (Indication of Equivalent Financial Situation) by I.N.P.S.; this must be forwarded within the final deadline of five days from the day after the day the e-mail was sent. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.

In case of further tie, the youngest candidate will be given precedence.

The annual amount of a study scholarship is € 16.243,00 (barring subsequent regulatory amendments) and is subject to the I.N.P.S. social security contribution under the separate management fund.

Study scholarships are automatically renewed when PhD students continue in the following year, unless a motivated ruling to the contrary is made by the Teaching Committee.

Study scholarships will be paid in monthly deferred instalments.

PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships or other forms of financial assistance paid by the University and/or the State, with the exception of those designed to be integrated with PhD student research activities, for periods spent abroad.

Scholarship amounts will be increased by 50% for periods spent abroad of no longer than 12 months. This period may be extended up to a maximum of 18 months for doctoral students under joint guidance or Double Degree program with foreign institutions.

Starting from the first year, to every PhD student is guaranteed a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad amounting to 20% of the annual amount of the scholarship.

ARTICLE 9 - Fees for PhD Programs

Fee for PhD program in “Religious Studies” which must be paid in one instalment to the enrolment by those who enrol is € 159.67 (the amount of the payment slip that can be downloaded online includes the regional tax, the stamp duty and the insurance coverage).

The measures for the right to study also provided for PhD candidates, if they meet requirements, are:

- Scholarship (financial support to the study, with admission by ranking list) incompatible with other types of scholarships awarded for any purpose;
- Accommodation facilities, (with admission by ranking list) for non-resident students “Fuorisede” enrolled to PhD;
- Subsidies for catering service.
- Contributions for international mobility;
- Peer tutoring collaborations in favor of disabled students or students with Specific Learning Disabilities.

Therefore, anyone intending to apply for one of the aforementioned benefits must exclusively refer to the Announcement and to the Application procedure of the Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education – District headquarters of Modena and Reggio Emilia for the 2022/2023 academic year, that will be available at www.er-go.it (selecting “Servizi” – “Diritto allo studio”) starting from the middle of July 2022.

To request interventions for the right to study it is necessary to be in possession of the ISEE Certification 2022 for subsidized services for the right to university study and of the digital identity system SPID.

International students, to request interventions for the right of study, must be in possession of the documentation referred to at the link: <https://www.er-go.it?id=6545>.

Applications can be submitted even if not yet enrolled on a PhD Program. Therefore, applications can be submitted even if the final rankings of candidates for admission to PhD Programs have not yet been announced publicly.

For information and advice exclusively in completing the online application contact:

- “Parla con ER.GO” 051.19907580 or 051.0185268 – available every day from Monday to Friday - from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
- “ER.GO Risponde” – <http://www.er-go.it/fileadmin/include/faq/index.php>

The amounts, and the deadlines for the contribution for the following years will be determined from year to year and will be notified on the web page <http://www.unimore.it/didattica/dottorati.html> (approximately towards the end of July).

ARTICLE 10 - Rights and Responsibilities of PhD Students

PhD Programs require a full-time and exclusive commitment. PhD students may accept forms of employment, pending authorization from the PhD Program Teaching Committee, related to work activities useful for the acquisition of skills pertaining to the PhD research area, after evaluation of compatibility of those activities with the fruitful development of the educational, didactic and research activities of the doctoral course. PhD students are required to perform the research projects assigned to them and to be involved in related study, further research, periods abroad, teaching, as well as any internships affiliated with public or private bodies, in accordance with the requirements set by the competent Teaching Committee. Students who fail to comply may be withdrawn from the program.

The provisions in art.15 regulate the other responsibilities and rights of doctoral students, including incompatibility, exemption from the obligation to attend, and the conditions of exclusion, as well as the procedure for awarding the PhD of this competition. Further specific obligations may be assigned to the recipients of PhD scholarships awarded by the founding of MD no. 351 of April 9th, 2022 and MD no. 352 of April 9th, 2022, that may be notified by the Ministry of University and Research.

ARTICLE 11 – Public employees

In accordance with the law, upon applying, public employees who are admitted to a PhD Program, in keeping with administrative requirements, are granted a leave of absence for study purposes, without remuneration, for the duration of the program, and will receive a research grant, where applicable. In cases where they are admitted to a PhD program without a scholarship, or if they decline a scholarship, they shall be entitled to the remuneration, insurance, and pension contributions pertaining to the public body by which they are employed. In cases where the employment relationship with the public body is terminated by the employee within two years after the awarding of the PhD degree, the employee shall be required to reimburse the amounts of the abovementioned remuneration and contributions.

Public employees who have already earned a PhD or who have been enrolled in a PhD program for at least one year, thereby benefiting from a leave of absence, are not entitled to an additional leave of absence with or without remuneration.

The period of extraordinary leave is useful for the purpose of career progression, retirement and pension benefits.

ARTICLE 12 – Awarding of the PhD

The PhD is awarded upon completion of the PhD Program, when students pass their final examination that consists in the presentation of a PhD Thesis on an original research, carried out meticulously and where results are adequately and scientifically relevant. Should the assessment be negative, the final examination cannot be repeated.

Thesis defence will take place before an Examination Board appointed in compliance with the University PhD Research Program Regulations.

The Rector awards the title of PhD. The issue of the above title is dependent upon the candidate's submission to the competent office of the copy of the final thesis in digital format, which will be guaranteed to be kept and publicly accessible in the special open access archive of the University, as well as to be deposited in the ministerial database, in compliance with the regulations in force concerning thesis embargo and copyright.

Upon completion of the PhD program, graduates will be invited to fill out a “Questionnaire on the opinions of program attendees” for the AlmaLaurea database. This will enable the AlmaLaurea Inter-University Consortium to monitor the training of PhD students.

ARTICLE 13 – Handling of personal data

The University Administration, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and Legislative Decree 196/03, as amended by Legislative Decree 101/2018, will use the applicant’s personal data solely for the fulfilment of the selection procedures and for administrative purposes.

In accordance with the principles to mentioned rules, by participating in the competition, the candidate authorizes the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia to publish his/her personal data as well as information relating to the admissions examinations on the University website.

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia adopts equal opportunity principles in its selection procedures and rejects any type of discrimination based on sex, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, state of health, and any other status or quality that is not strictly relevant to the call outlined in this document.

ARTICLE 14 – Publication

This call is equivalent to notification to all intents and purposes. It will be published on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>), on the website of the University <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-Sdott.html>, and on the Website of the Ministry of University and Research: <http://bandi.miur.it/doctorate.php/public/cercaFellowship>.

Any changes, updates or additions to the content of this call will be announced, exclusively, on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>) and on the following website: <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-Sdott.html>.

ARTICLE 15 – Additional Regulations and Responsible for the present administrative procedure

For matters not explicitly covered in this application procedure, refer to the provisions contained in art. 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3rd, 1998, art. 19 of Law no. 240 of December 30th, 2010, Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, to the University regulations in force governing PhD Programs, to the Teaching Regulations of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, and to the Regulations of the Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies.

The Responsible for the present administrative procedure is the Representative of the PhD Office (Dr. Filippo Cavazzuti - Via Università, 4 – Modena - e-mail: segr.dottorati@unimore.it).

For further information, candidates may contact the PhD Office - Via Università 4, 41121 Modena - phone +39 059/2056423 - e-mail: segr.dottorati@unimore.it.

Modena, 15/07/2022

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Carlo Adolfo Porro)

Annex A

CURRICULUM CHOICE (MANDATORY)

I, the undersigned _____,
born in _____ on _____,
wish to express my interest to compete for the ranking of the following curriculum (please tick one of the following options):

- Christianity Curriculum
- Islam Curriculum
- Judaism Curriculum
- Buddhism and Religions of Asia Curriculum
- Law and Religions Curriculum
- Transdisciplinarity and Technological Frontier Research Curriculum:

Date and place:

Signature

DECLARATION OF PRIORITY INTEREST FOR THE FOLLOWING RESERVED PLACE (OPTIONAL)

I, the undersigned _____,
born in _____ on _____,
wish to express my interest in applying primarily for the following reserved place (please tick one of the following options):

- Christianity Curriculum:

- The Apollinarian Controversy between 4th and 6th Centuries*, (University of Salento)
- Investigation and Enhancement of Archival Sources for the Study of the Religious Life of a City in the Late Middle Ages* (University of Verona)
- Christianity and Society in Early Modern and Modern Era (15th-19th Centuries)* (University for Foreigners of Siena)
- Milan Memory: Analyzing and Enhancing the Presence of the Expressive Elements of the Religious Life of Milan in the Construction of a Shared Public Memory.* (Catholic University of Sacred Heart of Milan)
- The Aftermath of Vatican II in the European Journals* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- The Aftermath of Vatican II in the Diplomatic Archives* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- The Life and Legacy of don Franzoni in the Aftermath of Vatican II* ("G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara)

- Islam Curriculum:

There aren't scholarships with specific topic

- Judaism Curriculum:

- Circulation of Hebrew Mystical and Philosophical Materials in the Scholarly Circles of Late Medieval and Early Modern Italy*, ("Sapienza" University of Rome)
- The Relation between Israel, Sionism and the Holy See in the Vatican Archives, 1945-1958*, (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

- Buddhism and Religions of Asia Curriculum:

- Theravāda, Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna: Texts, Rituals and Practitioners* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice)
- Buddhism and the Environment: Historical and Modern Case Studies* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice)
- Buddhist Contemplative Practices*, ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice)
- Buddhism and Technological Innovation: Historical and Modern Case Studies*, ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice)

- Law and Religions Curriculum:

- State and Religions in Italy during the Modern and Contemporary Age. History, Historiography and Awareness of the Rights* ("Luigi Vanvitelli" University of Campania)
- The Government of Religious Freedom* (University of Cagliari)
- Public Administration, Dialogue and Relationship with Religious Communities* (University of Pisa)
- Law, Prevailing Religions and Religious Diversity in the members State of South-East European Cooperation Process* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

- Transdisciplinarity and Technologica Frontier Research Curriculum:

- The Tradition of Philosophical-Religious Studies at the University of Genoa Starting from Alberto Caracciolo* (University of Genoa)

The option hereby chosen has priority over regular places.

Date and place,

Signature

ANNEX B (Form Research project)

RESEARCH PROJECT

Submitted for the purposes of the application for enrolment on the Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies (XXXVIII cycle) by

Name and surname

Title of the project

Concept (*Maximum 3,000 characters*)

State-of-the-art (*Maximum 10.000 characters*):

Sources and analysis tools (*Maximum 5,000 characters*):

Working plan and Program schedule (*Maximum 5,000 characters*):

Foreign research centers deemed useful for research (*Maximum 2,000 characters*):

Essential bibliography (*Minimum 10 publications*):

Indicate the two main languages of your primary sources in which part of the admission exam will focus (among those indicated in Article 3: Italian, English, French, German, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Ivrit, Hindi, Chinese)

Indicate the two main languages of your bibliography in which part of the admission exam will focus (among those indicated in Article 3: Italian, English, French, German, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Ivrit, Hindi, Chinese):

Date and place

Signature

Annex C

CURRICULUM VITAE

for the purposes of the application for enrolment on the Italian National PhD Program in
Religious Studies (XXXVIII cycle)

PERSONAL DATA

Name and surname

Date of birth

Nationality

Address

Telephone number and e-mail

EDUCATION

Period

Institution

Country where the qualification was awarded

Qualification awarded

Final mark

WORK EXPERIENCE

Period

Type of employment

Sector

Employment grade and duties

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

Period

Title of the project

Disciplinary area

Tasks performed as part of the project

LANGUAGE SKILLS (Specify for each language the level of knowledge on the basis of the following scale, as laid down in the Common European Framework of the Council of Europe. Reference should also be made to any certification awarded to the candidate, such as TOEFL, etc.)

LANGUAGE.....

A1 (BEGINNER)

A2 (ELEMENTARY)

B1 (PRE INTERMEDIATE)

B2 (POST INTERMEDIATE)

C1 (ADVANCED)

C2 (PROFICIENCY)

ANALYTICAL SKILLS (Please specify, where applicable, analytical skills in relation to the research activity: statistical software, informatic instruments or database)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

Date and place

Signature

Annex D1 (for candidates holding degrees awarded in Italy only)

Self-certification as substitute for attested declarations under articles 46 and 47, Presidential decree 445/2000

WARNING

The following self-certification complies with the dispositions of Presidential decree 445 of the 28th December 2000: "LEGISLATIVE DISPOSITIONS AND RULES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS". In particular:

- Details provided by candidates have to be considered as substitute for attested declaration under articles 46-47; following article 76 candidates who provide mendacious information can incur in administrative and criminal penalties.
- Following article 39 the self-certification does not require official stamps.
- Under articles 71 and 72 the relevant University office will verify the information provided.
- The information requested in this self-certification follow article 16 is strictly necessary for the selection procedures and will be kept confidential following the Legislative decree 196 of the 30th June 2003 on personal data protection.

DEGREE DESCRIPTION

**Italian second level degree "laurea magistrale" (under D.M. 270/04)
or Italian second level degree "laurea specialistica" (under D.M. 509/1999)
or Italian degree (prior to D.M. 509/1999)**

Aware of the provisions on criminal consequences for false declarations, under art. 76 of Presidential decree 445/2000 the undersigned

Family name _____

Given name _____

Place of birth _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Citizenship _____

E-mail for correspondence _____

DECLARES TO HOLD THE FOLLOWING DEGREE CERTIFICATE

(Tick only one of the three options)

- Italian second level degree "Laurea magistrale" (under D.M. 270/04) in

Degree class of _____

- Italian second level degree "Laurea specialistica" (under D.M. 509/1999) in

Degree class of _____

- Italian degree (prior to D.M. 509/1999) in

Degree awarded by the University of _____

on the (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Final mark _____

AND DECLARES

that, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Presidential decree 445/2000, the information included in all the copies attached to the admission form is correct.

Date and place

Signature (legible and in full)

Annex D2 (for candidates holding foreign degrees only)

Self-certification as substitute for attested declarations under articles 46 and 47, Presidential decree 445/2000

WARNING

The following self-certification complies with the dispositions of Presidential decree 445 of the 28th December 2000: "LEGISLATIVE DISPOSITIONS AND RULES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS". In particular:

- Details provided by candidates have to be considered as substitute for attested declaration under articles 46-47; following article 76 candidates who provide mendacious information can incur in administrative and criminal penalties.
- Following article 39 the self-certification does not require official stamps.
- Under articles 71 and 72 the relevant University office will verify the information provided.
- The information requested in this self-certification follow article 16 is strictly necessary for the selection procedures and will be kept confidential following the Legislative decree 196 of the 30th June 2003 on personal data protection.

DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFICATION (Degree, Master of Science or equivalent)

INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

Family name _____

Given name _____

Place of birth _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Citizenship _____

E-mail for correspondence _____

INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION

Level of Qualification (Degree, Master of Science or other) _____

Qualification in _____

Qualification awarded at the University of _____

Qualification awarded on (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Final degree mark /grade _____

Main Field(s) of Study for the Qualification _____

Language(s) of Instruction/Examination _____

Official Length of Program (years) _____

Access Requirement(s) to Program _____

**INFORMATION ON THE EXAMINATIONS AND RESULTS GAINED FOR THE QUALIFICATION
(Examination and individual grades/marks/credits obtained)**

| DATE | EXAMINATION | GRADE | MARK | CREDITS OBTAINED |
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Useful additional information about examinations and results _____

**INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE
QUALIFICATION WAS AWARDED**

Does the title described above, in the country where it has been awarded, enable application to University PhD programs? (Tick only one of the two options)

- Yes No

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

In accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Presidential decree 445/2000, the information included in all the copies attached to the admission form is correct.

Date and place

Signature (legible and in full)

ANNEX E

Form “Self-certification of subscription to Gestione Separata Inps”

To
Payroll Office – Finance Directorate
Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia
Via Università, 4 - 41121 Modena
E-mail: ufficiostipendi@unimore.it

**Autocertificazione di iscrizione alla Gestione Separata Inps
di cui all’art. 2, comma 26, L. 335/1995
(resa ai sensi del D.P.R. 28 dicembre 2000, n.445 e s.m.i.)**

Il sottoscritto _____
nato/a _____ il _____
Codice Fiscale _____

Titolare di (barrare la relativa opzione):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assegno di ricerca | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborazione coordinata e continuativa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dottorato di ricerca | <input type="checkbox"/> Docenza a contratto |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Borsa di Specializzazione Medica | <input type="checkbox"/> Prestazione d’opera occasionale (redditi > € 5.000,00) |

DICHIARA:

di essere iscritto alla data odierna ed in seguito a conferma INPS, o che provvederà nei termini all’iscrizione, alla Gestione Separata Inps*:

- “ALTRA CASSA - aliquota MINIMA”¹ in quanto iscritto presso la seguente cassa pensionistica: (*specificare quale*)
- “CASSA UNICA - aliquota MASSIMA”² in quanto non iscritto presso alcuna cassa pensionistica obbligatoria

*L’iscrizione alla Gestione Separata INPS, da effettuarsi in via telematica entro la fine del primo mese di attività, è un adempimento a totale carico del percettore. UniMoRe declina ogni responsabilità connessa alla mancata iscrizione.

FIRMA

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Il sottoscritto dichiara, inoltre, di essere consapevole delle sanzioni penali, nel caso di dichiarazioni mendaci, richiamate dall’art. 76 del D.P.R. 445/2000 e dall’art. 495 del C.P. e **si impegna a comunicare, prima della liquidazione del compenso, qualsiasi modifica di quanto dichiarato.**

Modena,.....

FIRMA

.....

Si allega alla presente fotocopia del documento di identità del sottoscrittore e, possibilmente, tessera sanitaria o tessera codice fiscale

¹ Dall’anno 2016: 24,00%. Iscrizione che presuppone il versamento di contributi previdenziali ad altra cassa pensionistica obbligatoria, quali, ad esempio: Inps gestione dipendenti, artigiani, commercianti, Casse e Ordini professionali.

² Dall’anno 2022: 35,03%.

ANNEX F (Part 1) - Form “Accompanying declaration for scholarship holders”

DECLARATION TO BE ATTACHED FOR PhD STUDENTS HOLDING SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON A PhD PROGRAM

A. Y. 2022/2023, XXXVIII cycle

To be completed only by holders of scholarships

I, the undersigned Surname _____ First name _____

DECLARE TO BE FULLY AWARE THAT:

- a) the grant to which this declaration relates cannot be accumulated with any other study grants, regardless of their title, with the exception of grants awarded by national or foreign institutions which are available to support, with periods of study abroad, the grant holder’s training or research activities (art. 6, para 1, of Law 30.11.1989, n. 398);
- b) students who have previously held a grant cannot hold a second grant with the same title (art. 6, para 2, of Law 30.11.1989, n. 398);
- c) art. 1, sub-para a), of Law 315/98 states that, from the date 01.01.99, the MIUR (Ministry for Education, Further Education and Research) is required to guarantee the application of study grants to pursue research doctorates as per the regulations laid down by art 2, para 26, first part of Law No.335/95, and also art. 59, para 16, of Law No.449/97, as amended (compulsory general insurance with INPS – Italian Social Security Institute);
- d) state employees who hold grants to which this declaration relates may request special leave without pay for study purposes, as provided by art. 2 of Law No.476/1984 (art. 6, para 7, Law 398/89).

I, the undersigned, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. No.445 of 28.12.2000, aware of the liability incurred in the event of a false declaration,

DECLARE

- a) **not to hold**, for the entire duration of the doctorate, other study grants of any title whatsoever, with the exception of grants awarded by national or foreign institutions which are available to support, with periods of study abroad, the grant holder’s training or research activities (art. 6, para 1, of Law No.398 of 30.11.1989);
- b) **not to have held**, even if only for one year, another study grant to pursue postgraduate courses (art. 6, para 2, Law 398/89);
- c) **not to hold** a grant for collaboration in a research activity under art. 51, para 6, Law 449/97 and D.M. II.02.1998
- d) to be aware of the rights and obligations of graduates, as specified in the notices of competitions for admission to PhD Programs, XXXVIII cycle – A.Y. 2022/2023, published on the internet site of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia;
- e) to have read and fully understood the regulatory provisions governing research doctorates, as published on the internet site of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- f) to hereby provide consent to their personal data being held, including sensitive information, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and Legislative Decree No.196/2003, modified by Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, and to be aware that the databank is the property of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Italian and foreign citizens holding an academic degree awarded abroad are reminded they have to submit their academic transcript of records, together with its legalized Italian translation and the “declaration of equal value” issued by the Italian consular office of the country where the degree was awarded, if it is not already enclosed with the online application form, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA as ENIC_NARIC centre, or Diploma supplement for academic degrees awarded in European Union.

Please note that citizens of States which do not belong to the European Union must provide documentation certifying insurance cover for medical treatment and hospitalization, together with a valid residence permit.

Date _____

Signature

ANNEX F (Part 2) - Form “Accompanying declaration for scholarship holders”

DECLARATION ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON A PhD PROGRAM A.Y. 2022/2023, XXXVIII

To be completed only by holders of scholarships

With full knowledge of the liability incurred in the event of a false declaration, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. No. 445 of 28.12.2000, I the undersigned

Surname _____ First name _____

Tax code _____ Acquired surname _____

Born in _____ province of _____ on the _____

Resident at (street) _____ No. _____ Town/city _____

Post code _____ Province/State/County _____ Tel. _____

MOBILE PHONE _____ E-mail _____

Domiciled (if different from above) at _____ No. _____

Town/City _____ Post code _____ Province/State/County _____

REQUEST that the sum relating to the scholarship

is paid into the current account of _____ (payment can only be made to an account in the name of the grant holder; the account may be in the name of more than one person inclusive of the grant holder – in this case specify all co-holders) with IBAN _____ . The International Bank Account Number consists of 27 characters: IT, 2 international code numbers, 1 national code letter (CIN), 5 numbers for the ABI code, 5 numbers for the CAB code, 12 alphanumeric characters for the current account number.

Important note: to avoid errors in the payment of sums due, the above-indicated fields must be completed fully and correctly. If in any doubt, please contact your own bank.

Please note that any bank charges arising from the bank transfer are the responsibility of the recipient of the monies.

I, the undersigned undertake to register promptly with the “INPS gestione separata” (by internet through the website at www.inps.it – section “Iscrizione dei lavoratori parasubordinati alla Gestione Separata” <https://www.inps.it/nuovoportaleinps/default.aspx?itemdir=50175> – select “Accedi al Servizio”, or through the INPS Contact Centre at www.inps.it) and send via e-mail a ufficiostipendi@unimore.it the affidavit to prove the registration (using the form “Autocertificazione di iscrizione alla Gestione Separata Inps”) to the Ufficio Contabilità e Stipendi of the Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Via Università n. 4, Modena, by October 31, 2022 (if the graduate is already subscribed to the “INPS gestione separata” as a result of previous collaborations with other clients, it is only necessary to provide the affidavit confirming the registration with the INPS).

The payment of the grant is made in monthly instalments with fixed currency on 25th of the following month. The related coupons (“cedolini”) will be exclusively available on-line, at the following link: <https://unimore.u-web.cineca.it/>

In the event that facts are ascertained during the course of the year which vary from those declared, the undersigned undertakes to immediately communicate the relevant facts in writing, exonerating the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia from any responsibility whatsoever concerning the same.

Information in accordance with Legislative Decree of 30th June 2003, No.196

The personal data contained on this form is gathered by the University for the sole purpose of fulfilling all of its administrative, accounting, financial and social security obligations under the law. The personal data gathered will, in observance of the aforementioned legislative obligations, be communicated to the Ministero delle Finanze (Ministry of Finance), the INPS office (Italian Social Security Institute), and to any other public bodies, to permit the same to carry out the respective institutional functions, within the boundaries established by the law and regulations.

Date _____ (Signature) _____