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A public Call in compliance with the MUR Ministerial Decree n. 1061 of 10th August 2021 for the admission to the

Ph.D. program *Sugli ambiti di interazione e integrazione tra le scienze umane e le tecnologie avanzate. Humanities and Technologies: an integrated research path*

XXXVII Ciclo

Article 1 (Institution)

Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples in compliance with the MUR Ministerial Decree n. 1061 of 10th August 2021, from now on also referred to as M.D. or Decree, which provided the allocation of new REACT-EU ESF funds for active and accredited Phd courses, according to the Ministerial Decree 45/2013 on the XXXVII cycle, announces 4 additional places, supported by scholarship for admission to the XXXVII Cycle of doctorate.

The selection and awarding of additional scholarships, in the total number of 4, could take place exclusively within the context of the subject matter connected to art. 2, paragraph 1 lett. a) of the above mentioned M.D.:

Doctoral Fellowships on Innovation Issues (Action IV.4): The objective of the measure is to fund additional doctoral fellowships on innovation issues, namely doctoral pathways focused on innovation issues, enabling technologies and the broader theme of digital, such as interventions to enhance the human capital of the world of research and innovation.

Article 2 (Requirements for admission)

1. Admission for graduates

The selection is open, regardless of age and nationality, to all candidates who possess one of the following academic titles at the closing date of this call for applications:

- Master's degree or Italian *laurea magistrale* awarded pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999 and subsequent amendments and/or additions or equivalent course;
- Degree (minimum four years) awarded under one of the previous education systems.

2. Admission to the selection for candidates who are about to graduate

Participation in the public selection is also open to those who, on the closing date of this call for applications, are not in possession of the required university degree, but will have graduated no later than October 30th 2021. These candidates will be admitted *conditionally* and must send a declaration attesting graduation to the following e-mail address: area.affarigenerali@unisob.na.it no later than October 31st 2021. In the declaration, the candidate must indicate the name of the University issuing the



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degree, the date of graduation, the type of degree and the mark obtained, together with a copy of a valid identification document.

Candidates who do not possess the minimum qualification for admission when submitting their application for selection must in any case state the presumed graduation date.

3. Admission for selection - candidates holding a foreign degree

The selection is open to all candidates who possess an equivalent academic qualification awarded by a foreign university.

Those who possess a qualification obtained from a foreign university, not officially recognized as equivalent to a qualification released by Italian universities, must request a verification of the suitability of their academic qualification to the Academic Board solely for the purpose of admission to the doctoral program.

Documents written in a foreign language must be translated and legalized by the Italian Embassy in the country of origin in accordance with current legislation on the admission of foreign students to degree courses in Italian universities.

Article 3 (Submission guidelines)

The application must be submitted online, by connecting to the operation area: <https://areaoperativa.unisob.na.it/> and following correctly the instructions, and **must arrive no later than October 29th 2021, 11.45 a.m. under penalty of exclusion**

If the candidate is a former student of the University, he already owns the login credentials to use for the application. In case of loss of the credentials, the candidate will have to follow the recovery procedure in the operation area. If candidate is not already a student of the University, he must register.

In their application - **to be submitted by using the attached [Modulo \(Form\) A](#)** - candidates must state:

- a) name and surname, date and place of birth, social security number, citizenship, residence, address for the purposes of the selection procedure complete with postal code, telephone number and e-mail address;
- b) degree held, with the date and the name of the University from which it was obtained, or the equivalent degree from a foreign university. If a degree from a foreign university has been declared equivalent, the applicant must attached on line the equivalence certification/decre. Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been declared equivalent to a required Italian qualification must expressly request a verification of the suitability of their academic qualification to the Academic Board solely for the purposes of admission to the PhD program. To this end, the application form must be accompanied by the degree certificate, duly translated and authenticated, with a list of the examinations sustained and the study plan. Furthermore, candidates should enclose any other documents, translated and legalized, considered useful for the assessment of the aforementioned evaluation ([Modulo \(Form\) B](#));
- c) that they have adequate knowledge of the Italian language (for foreign nationals);
- d) level of competence in English;



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- e) that they have/have not previously been awarded other scholarships (even for one year) for a doctoral program;
- f) that they hold/do not hold a research grant;
- g) that they are/are not employed by a Public Administration;
- h) that they undertake to attend the PhD program full-time as specified by the Academic Board;
- i) that they are not enrolled, and will not enroll, on any other undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral degree course for the entire legal duration of the doctoral program;
- l) that they undertake to inform the University of any change of residence or address provided for the purposes of the selection procedure;
- m) that they have read this call for applications.

Applicants with disabilities must specify in their application, in accordance with current legislation, any assistance required with regard to their disability, including the possible need of additional time for the completion of the examination.

By the deadline of the present call, candidates have to pay a € 50.00 fee as a contribution for the selection. Payments must be made by bank transfer. The bank details are as follows: IBAN: IT86W030690349610000300057, Codice SWIFT/BIC: BCITITMM - Università degli Studi Suor Orsola Benincasa – Via Suor Orsola, 10 80135 Napoli, reason for payment “Contributo di partecipazione alla selezione Dottorato di Ricerca in Humanities and Technologies: an integrated research path XXXVII Ciclo”. The contribution is not refundable.

Applications for the selection must be accompanied by the following attachments, identified by the word "Allegato" ("annex"):

- Allegato (annex) 1. front-facing copy of a valid identification document (ID card, driving licence, passport, etc.)
- Allegato (annex) 2. Curriculum vitae et studiorum
- Allegato (annex) 3. Degree certificate with a list of the exams sustained
- Allegato (annex) 4. PDF copy of the Degree Thesis
- **Allegato (annex) 5. Research project on the subject connected to art. 2, paragraph 1 lett. a) of the M.D.** (Action IV.4 Doctoral Fellowships on Innovation Issues) from now on also referred to as “Project”, up to 3500 words (5-6 pages; line spacing 1,5; body text 12), which must include, according to art. 1 of this call for application, the following information:
 - 1. research title;
 - 2. scientific basis and related bibliographical data;
 - 3. objectives and expected results of the research;
 - 4. if necessary, experimental and data analysis methodologies. The aim of the research project proposal is to verify the candidate’s attitude towards research and their ability to propose an innovative, coherent and autonomous research project, in line with the required themes; the project may include changes in the definition of the research to be carried out and developed during the doctoral course, which could be redefined, in agreement with the supervisor, at the enrolment into the Doctoral Course.



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- Allegato (annex) 6. Any publications the candidate has produced, together with an attached list, dated and signed
- Allegato (annex) 7. Any certificates of English language proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL, Proficiency or other)
- Allegato (annex) 8. Any other documents or qualifications which illustrate the candidate's aptitude for research
- Allegato (annex) 8. Copy of the receipt attesting the payment of the participation fee

The M.D., through the activation of doctoral courses and research projects on issues related to the development of innovation, aims to promote the wide-spreading of an approach which envisages a stronger exchange between the world of research/Academia and the Enterprises/SMEs. The above mentioned PHD courses foresee the active involvement of enterprises/ companies/SMEs in the definition of the PHDs training, because they envisage the involvement of the Phd student for periods of study and research in the premises of a company/enterprise/SMEs from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months. The company/enterprise/SME will be identified by the Board of Teachers, but the candidate would have the possibility to propose the company/Enterprise/SME where to do the PHD training period.

All candidates are admitted to the competition subject to verification of self-certified declarations in accordance with DPR n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

The University can formally exclude an applicant at any time if he or she is deemed not to have met the stipulated requirements. Any exclusions will be published on the University website. Publication on the University website **constitutes official notification**; candidates, therefore, will not be sent any form of personal communication.

The University administration does not accept any responsibility for the incorrect completion of the application due to error attributable to the candidate.

Article 4 (Incompatibility)

Enrolment on the doctoral course is incompatible with enrolment on any other doctoral program, degree or diploma course, specialization course within the medical (or other) ambits and 1st or 2nd level Master courses.

In accordance with article 12, comma 10 of the *Regolamento in materia di Dottorato di Ricerca* of this University, candidates who have gained eligibility in the selection procedure and who are enrolled on Master Degree courses or Specialization courses may be granted the temporary suspension of their PhD course, should the Academic Board deem such measures applicable, in order to conclude their ongoing study course and, in any case, for no longer than six months.

Candidates cannot accumulate more than one scholarship, with the exception of funds to integrate study and research activities during periods spent abroad.

Any candidate who has already benefited from a scholarship for doctoral studies, even in the case of a one-year period, is not entitled to a second scholarship.



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Article 5 (Examinations)

The entry test for the doctoral program, which aims to test the candidate's preparation and his aptitude for scientific research, will consist in:

- An evaluation of the research project on the subject referred to in Art. 2 paragraph 1 lett.a) of M.D. (Action IV.4 - Doctoral Fellowships on Innovation Issues) and any other academic qualifications, attached to the application, which illustrate the candidate's aptitude for research;
- An oral interview.

During the oral interview, candidates must also demonstrate that they possess a knowledge of the English language.

The timetable for the selection oral tests, indicating the day, month, time and place where they will take place, will be published on the University website at www.unisob.na.it/universita/dopolaurea/dottorati/.

This publication serves as official notification to the candidates; no further communication will be sent personally.

The oral tests will be held on site at the Suor Orsola Benincasa University - Naples. Prior to sitting the examination, candidates must present a valid identity document.

Should a candidate be absent on the day, place and time set for oral test – for whatever reason – s/he will be considered as having withdrawn from that test.

Oral tests are public.

N.B.: All the precautions will be taken and all the rules will be respected in order to carry out the oral tests in the most effective and functional way. If the health situation so requires, the oral tests will carry out on line.

Article 6 (The Examination Committee)

The assessment of applicants to the doctoral program will be carried out by a Selection Committee made up of five members and a secretary, appointed by the Chancellor acting upon proposals advanced by the Academic Board. The members of the Commission will be selected among professors (bands I and II) and university researchers in order to guarantee that all the academic areas that comprise the doctorate are represented.

Article 7 (Assessment)

The identification of the Phd candidates receiving the additional scholarships will be based on the ability of the doctoral path to contribute to the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Reference Action of the PON "Research and Innovation" 2014-2020 ("Action IV.4 - Doctorates on innovation issues"), as follows:



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A) ADDITIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS ON INNOVATION ISSUES (ACTION IV.4)

a.a) Relevance of the doctoral pathway project in its potential to create high added value in terms of scientific, social and economic impacts on the national territory, encouraging appropriate research models and the training of professional profiles in accordance with the innovation and competitiveness needs expressed by the entrepreneurial system, through the promotion of research on innovation, digital and enabling technologies, supporting the enhancement of human capital, as a determining factor for the development of research and innovation in Italy

a.b) Compliance of the doctoral pathway project with the SNSI and the PNR; consistency with the L.240/2010 and the DM 45/2013 on doctorates, with the aim of encouraging innovation and the interchange between the world of research/Academia and the Enterprise, and the effective impact of the contribution of research projects in the fields of innovation (L. 240/2010, art. 24, co. 3 and ss.mm.ii.).

a.c) Measurability of expected results and potential impact of the intervention with reference to the aims of the REACTEU: presence of quantifiable and measurable targets, consistent with the indicators provided by the PON reference action.

The Selection Committee can award up to 80 marks for the evaluation of each candidate. Applicants pass the selection if they score a total of no less than 50/80.

The Project and the oral test are each worth a maximum of 30 marks, with a pass mark of 21. The final mark will be supplemented by the evaluation of academic qualifications worth up to a maximum of 20 points. The academic qualifications will be assessed by the committee immediately after completion of the Project.

Upon completion of the tests, the Committee draw up a general ranking with the candidates listed in decreasing order of merit. The list will present the overall scores obtained by the candidates within each disciplinary ambit.

The ranking, approved by Decree of the Chancellor, will be published on the website at www.unisob.na.it/universita/dopolaurea/dottorati/.

This publication constitutes official communication. Applicants will not receive personal notification of the final ranking.

The statutory deadline for appeal will commence from the date of publication of the final ranking.

Article 8 (Admission)

Candidates are admitted to the doctoral program on the basis of their position within the ranking list until the number of places available for each disciplinary ambit and for each designated topic research grant has been exhausted. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates within the same disciplinary ambit precedence will be given to the younger candidate.



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In the event of withdrawal by successful candidates, the corresponding number of candidates for each disciplinary ambit will be drawn from the list.

Article 9 (Conferral)

The successful candidates must complete their enrolment on the doctoral course, in accordance with the stipulated registration procedure, **by and not beyond November 26th 2021**. The registration procedure, including information concerning the payment of the fee for entitlement to university studies, together with (should it be applicable) the contribution for access and attendance of courses, will be made available subsequent to the publication of the final list of merit.

Civil servants who have been admitted to a doctoral program, may be granted special leave upon request, and “taking into account the needs of the administration”, in accordance with article 19 of Law N°. 240/2010. The period of unpaid leave is granted for study purposes and will last for the entire duration of the doctoral program. Civil servants will benefit from a doctoral grant providing all the necessary conditions have been fulfilled. Should the candidate have been admitted to the doctoral program without a study grant, or should s/he renounce the grant, for the entire duration of the doctoral program all emoluments, social security and retirement benefits will regularly be paid by the public administration for which s/he works.

Those who fail to enroll by the deadlines listed above or who have issued mendacious statements will be deemed ineligible. The remaining places will be allocated to other candidates on the list of merit within the terms established by art. 7 of this call for applications.

Article 10 (Contribution for access to courses and attendance thereof)

Those candidates admitted to the doctoral program, in order of merit, are entitled to a scholarship up to the number of scholarships made available. In accordance with the Local Law N°. 16 of 7th of August 2014, the students enrolled in the Ph.D. programme are obliged to pay a fee of € 160,00 to the ADISURC (Azienda per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario della Regione Campania) for each year of their studies. The students are obliged to pay a tax (imposta di bollo) of € 16,00.

Students without scholarships must also pay a fixed sum of € 2.000,00 for each year of their studies. Information regarding payments will be made available together with the publication of the final list of merit.

Article 11 (Scholarships)

Those admitted to the doctoral program, in order of merit, are entitled to a scholarship up to completion of the number of scholarships made available for each disciplinary area.

The annual amount of the scholarships, excluding the fiscal contributions to be paid by the awardees, is stipulated in article 1 of this call for applications.

Doctoral grants benefit from the tax relief measures stipulated in article 4 of Law N°. 476 of August 13th



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1984. They are also subject to the payment of *INPS* (National Social Insurance Agency) social security contributions under the regime of '*gestione separata*' in accordance with article 2 comma 26 of Law N°. 335, August 8th 1995 and subsequent modifications, with two thirds incumbent upon the administration and one third incumbent upon the awardee.

The scholarship award increases by no less than 50% in the event of periods spent abroad for valid study purposes. Periods of residence abroad may not, in any case, exceed 12 months. As of the second year, each PhD candidate, whether a scholarship holder or not, is granted a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, amounting to 10% of the scholarship. Scholarships are paid in monthly instalments.

Scholarships are confirmed for the subsequent academic year, subject to merit requirements, and upon the proposal of the Academic Board. Scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships awarded for the same purpose, except those awarded by Italian or foreign institutions for research activities abroad for the training and/or research activities of PhD candidates.

Those who have already received a scholarship for doctoral studies, even for only one year, are not eligible for a second one.

In accordance with the M.D. n. 1061 of 10th August 2021, the acceptance of the scholarships implies the carrying out of periods of study and research in the premises of a company/enterprise/ SME from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months.

From the very moment the application is submitted, the applicant must be aware that they have to carry out, in case of successful application, the planned research periods in the premises of a company/enterprise/SME (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months) and that failure to comply with this minimum period will result in the withdrawal of the scholarship.

Article 12 (Obligations for doctoral candidates)

Those enrolled on the PhD program are required to take courses and carry out research activities in the facilities established for this purpose in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Academic Board.

Attendance of the PhD program may be suspended in the following cases, upon approval by the Academic Board:

- childbirth;
- military or civil service;
- serious certified illness.

Expulsion from the PhD may occur, following a grounded decision taken by the Academic Board, in the following cases:

- a negative evaluation by the Academic Board of the results obtained for the year of the course attended;
- employment on the part of doctoral students without prior consent from the Academic Board;
- prolonged and unjustified absences.

In such cases the scholarship is discontinued and the scholarship holder is required to reimburse the amount hitherto received for the year regarding which the measure was taken.



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Article 13 (The PhD qualification)

The title of Doctor of Philosophy, abbreviated (in Italian) with the expression *Dott.Ric.* or *PhD*, is conferred by the Chancellor at the conclusion of the program and upon passing the final examination, subject to the submission of a thesis. The doctoral thesis written in Italian or English or in another language with the prior permission of the faculty must be accompanied by a summary in Italian or English. Together with the thesis, the candidate must present a detailed report on the activities carried out during the PhD and on any publications issuing thereof on the basis of article 14 of the University's PhD Regulations.

The committee for the final examination is appointed by the Chancellor in accordance with the University's PhD Regulations.

The presentation of the thesis will be public.

Article 14 (Return policy)

Any documents or publications which the candidate has presented can be collected 90 days after the list of eligible applicants has been published, and within 2 months of this term, unless litigation is in course. Such documentation can be picked up or sent to the candidate, upon request, and at his/her own expense. Should five months have passed after publication of the list of eligibility, the University is no longer obliged to return such documentation.

Article 15 (Privacy policy)

The university administration, in accordance with Legislative Decree N°. 196 of 30/06/2003 Code regarding the protection of personal data, undertakes to use the personal data provided by the candidates exclusively for the purpose of selection procedures and for institutional reasons.

Article 16 (Official in charge of the Procedure)

The official in charge of the selection procedure referred to in this call for applications is the Chief of PhD Office at the Suor Orsola Benincasa University - Via Suor Orsola, 10 - 80135 - Naples, e-mail ricerca.dottorati@unisob.na.it, telephone number +39 081 2522433

Article 17 (Legal Regulations)

For any issues not covered by this call for applications, please refer to the University Regulations for PhD programs and the legal provisions currently in force.

This Decree will be published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic.



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Naples, 29/09/2021

THE CHANCELLOR
(Prof. Lucio d'Alessandro)

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