

RECTOR'S DECREE no. 335 of July 27th, 2023

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SUBJECT: Approval and issuance of the Call for public selection for admission to the XXXIX cycle of the doctoral course in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion" at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome, for the Academic Year 2023/2024.

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- PURSUANT TO Law No. 168 of May 9, 1989, which establishes the Ministry of University and Scientific and Technological Research, and, in particular, Article 6, which grants regulatory autonomy to Universities;
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 398 of November 30, 1989, "Provisions on university scholarships";
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, and subsequent amendments and integrations, containing provisions on administrative procedures and the right to access administrative documents;
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 125 of April 10, 1991, concerning "Actions for the regularization of gender equality in work";
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 104 of February 5, 1992, "Framework Law for assistance, social integration, and rights of disabled people";
- Pursuant to Decree of the Prime Minister No. 174 of February 7, 1994, "Regulation containing rules on access to jobs in public administrations for citizens of European Union Member States";
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 210 of July 3, 1998, and, in particular, Article 4, as amended by Article 19 of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010, concerning "Provisions on doctoral research";
- PURSUANT TO Decree of the President of the Republic No. 445 of December 28, 2000, "Consolidated text of legislative and regulatory provisions on administrative documentation";
- PURSUANT TO Legislative Decree No. 196 of June 30, 2003, "Code on the protection of personal data," and Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council, No. 2016/679 of April 27, 2016, relating to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, applicable as of May 25, 2018;
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010, containing "Provisions on the organization of universities, academic staff, and recruitment, as well as delegation to the Government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system", and, in particular, Article 19;

- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decree No. 226 of December 14, 2021, concerning "Regulation establishing accreditation procedures for doctoral schools and courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited entities";
- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decree No. 247 of February 23, 2022, containing the redetermination of the gross annual amount of the scholarship for attending doctoral research courses;
- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decree No. 118 of March 2, 2023, on the "Allocation of three-year doctoral scholarships for attendance in doctoral programs specifically dedicated";
- PURSUANT TO the note from MIUR prot. No. 33021 of March 3, 2023, "Computerized procedure for the accreditation of doctoral courses - XXXIX cycle";
- SEEN Ministerial Decree No. 301 of March 22, 2022, approving the "Guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral research";
- ACCORDING TO the Statute of the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome, issued with Regional Decree of March 22, 2023, and published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic, No. 78, of April 1, 2023;
- ACCORDING TO the current University Regulations for the establishment and activation of Doctoral Research programs and Doctoral Research Courses, issued with Rectoral Decree No. 147 of May 3, 2023;
- PURSUANT TO the resolution of the Academic Senate of April 20, 2023, concerning the planning and activation of the XXXIX cycle of the Doctoral Research course entitled "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion" for the Academic Year 2023/2024;
- PURSUANT TO the resolution of the Board of Directors of April 28, 2023;
- CONSIDERING the proposal of May 31, 2023, forwarded to ANVUR for the establishment of the Doctoral Research course in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion";
- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the doctoral research course is activated following accreditation granted by MUR following the favorable opinion expressed by ANVUR on the satisfaction of ministerial accreditation requirements;
- RECOGNIZED the favorable outcome of the proposal for the accreditation of the doctoral research, communicated by ANVUR to the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome on July 5, 2023,
- CONSIDERING the obligations of the implementing bodies of the interventions financed by the PNRR to ensure that doctoral students can benefit from qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities for study and research activities; to promote, in compliance with intellectual property rights, the valorization of research results through adequate circulation of the pursued results, however, following the "Open Science" and "FAIR Data" principles; to comply with the principle of "do no significant harm" (DNSH) within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 in accordance with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01); to provide suitable procedures to address and bridge gender inequalities and support the participation of women and young people;
- SUBJECT TO any changes, updates, or additions to this notice that will be made exclusively through publication on the University website <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca>,

DECREES

Art. 1

Approval and issuance of the Call for public selection attached to this Decree, which constitutes an integral and substantial part of it, for admission to the XXXIX cycle of the Ph.D. course in "Innovative

Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion" at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome, for the Academic Year 2023/2024, in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree No. 226 of December 14, 2021.

Art. 2

This document had been drawn up in both Italian and English versions and is fully reported in **annexes n. 1 and n. 2.**

Rome, July 27, 2023

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(Prof. Vilberto Stocchi)



ANNEX No. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SELECTION FOR ADMISSION TO THE XXXIX CYCLE OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN "INNOVATIVE LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS FOR HEALTH PROMOTION" – ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Art. 1 – Announcement of the selection procedure

The public selection procedure is announced for admission to the XXXIX cycle of the Doctoral Course for the academic year 2023/2024, at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic San Raffaele University, as follows:

DOCTORAL RESEARCH COURSE IN: INNOVATIVE LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

CURRICULA RELATED TO THE DOCTORAL COURSE:

- 1) HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION
- 2) PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION

DEPARTMENT/PROPOSING SCIENTIFIC STRUCTURE: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SCIENCES AND QUALITY OF LIFE PROMOTION

COURSE DURATION: 3 YEARS

START OF ACTIVITIES: NOVEMBER 1, 2023

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED: 14

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WITH FUNDING: 11 (including 4 scholarships for the "Health Psychology and Science Communication" curriculum and 7 scholarships for the "Physical Activity and Nutrition" curriculum)

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WITHOUT FUNDING: 3

COORDINATOR: PROF. VILBERTO STOCCHI

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE: TELEMATIC SAN RAFFAELE UNIVERSITY

Art. 2 – Doctoral scholarships offered

There will be a total of 14 Doctoral scholarships, including 4 scholarships funded by Pegaso Telematic University, 7 scholarships funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) under D.M. 118/2023, financed by the European Union – NextGenerationEU, for enrollment in the Doctoral courses of the XXXIX cycle, accredited according to D.M. 226/2021. Additionally, there will be 3 non-funded scholarships.

The types of Doctoral scholarships and their respective positions are as follows:

- **Doctoral scholarships funded by third parties: 4 positions** to carry out research projects within the "Health Psychology and Science Communication" (HPSC) curriculum. The HPSC curriculum aims to provide advanced training to research doctors capable of promoting individual and collective health and well-being by studying interaction models between organizational contexts, users, social actors, and stakeholders involved in wellness promotion. The relevant research topic for drafting the research project is at the candidate's choice, preferably among those suggested in Annex No. 3;
- **Doctoral Scholarships PNRR ex D.M. 118/2023: 7 positions**, for the implementation of research projects in the "Physical Activity and Nutrition" (PAN) curriculum. The PAN curriculum aims to train professionals with the latest scientific knowledge and technological advancements to improve the quality of life through a healthy lifestyle. The relevant research topic for the preparation of the research project is at the candidate's choice, preferably among those suggested in **Annex No. 3**.
- **Unpaid scholarship: 3 positions**, for the implementation of research projects in both the "Health Psychology and Scientific Communication" (HPSC) and "Physical Activity and Nutrition" (PAN) curricula. The relevant research topic for the preparation of the research project is at the candidate's choice, preferably among those suggested in **Annex No. 3**.

Art. 2 bis – Doctoral scholarships under PNRR D.M. 118/2023 (M4C1-Inv.4.1 – PNRR Doctoral programs)

The Ministerial Decree No. 118 of March 2, 2023, has allocated resources from the PNRR funds within the framework of the NextGenerationEU initiative for admission to the Doctoral courses of the XXXIX cycle, active and accredited according to D.M. 226/2021. The scholarships available at the Telematic San Raffaele University refer to Mission 4, Component 1 - Investment 4.1 "Expansion of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for public administration and cultural heritage" (CUP: F87G23000140005).

The scholarships under this paragraph include:

- a) a period of study and research abroad, even non-continuous and at different institutions, ranging from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months within the three-year period, extendable to eighteen (18) months in case of co-supervision of the thesis;
- b) the preparation, through the appropriate online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>), of a semester report indicating the time commitment (allocated in months at the company/institution if applicable, locally or abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the coordinator of the Doctoral course.

Art. 3 - Requirements for Admission to Evaluation

Candidates who possess at least one of the following qualifications can access the Doctoral course without age or citizenship limitations:

- a) degree obtained under the old regulations before D.M. no. 509/1999;
- b) Laurea Specialistica o Magistrale (Master's degree) obtained under the regulations of D.M. no. 509/1999 or D.M. no. 270/2004.

Candidates who are expected to obtain the qualifications mentioned in points a) and b) by the registration deadline for the Doctoral course, **October 31, 2023**, may also participate in the selection.

Failure to obtain the degree by this date will result in disqualification. In this case, admission to the Doctoral courses is conditional upon the actual achievement of the degree.

All candidates are admitted to the selection process, subject to verification of the self-certified declarations, in accordance with D.P.R. no. 445/2000.

The mandatory documentation concerning the academic degree to be attached to the admission application is as follows:

a) Candidates with an Italian degree: The degree obtained can be self-certified under Article 46 of D.P.R. no. 445 of December 28, 2000, and subsequent amendments and integrations, including the exams taken with their credits and grades, the date, and the grade obtained.

The degree that is yet to be obtained can be self-certified under Article 46 of D.P.R. no. 445 of December 28, 2000, and subsequent amendments and integrations, including the exams taken with their credits and grades, and the expected date of obtaining the degree.

For university courses divided into first and second levels, the documentation related to the first level (bachelor's degree), including the list of exams taken, must also be attached.

The self-certification form can be downloaded from the reserved area of the online secretariat of the University where the degree has been or will be obtained. Graduates or graduating students of the Telematic San Raffaele University can find this self-certification on the Esse3 Online Student Secretariat.

b) Candidates with a degree obtained abroad: Candidates with foreign degrees must attach a copy of the academic diploma required for admission to the Doctoral course, along with the list of exams taken with their credits and grades, and if available, the Diploma Supplement, a declaration of value, or the Rector's Decree of equivalence. The declaration of value can be replaced by certificates of comparability and verification of qualifications issued by ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA centers for Italy - containing all the necessary information for the evaluation of the academic degree.

Candidates with a foreign degree that is yet to be obtained must attach the certificate of enrollment with the list of exams taken, their credits, and grades.

For university courses divided into first and second levels, the diploma of the first level and the list of exams taken to obtain the corresponding degree must also be attached.

The eligibility of the foreign degree will be determined by the Doctoral commission in compliance with the current regulations in Italy and the country where the degree was issued, and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for further studies.

Art. 4 - Simultaneous Enrollment

Attendance at the Doctoral Research Courses and the use of the scholarship are compatible with simultaneous enrollment in degree courses of any level, including courses offered by Higher Institutes of Musical and Choreutic Studies, as well as with first and second-level Master's courses.

However, attending another Doctoral Research Course or an equivalent course is not compatible.

The joint attendance of Doctoral Research Course and Health Area Specialization School with reserved access for both medical and non-medical professionals is compatible, provided that the benefits are not cumulated, and the use of the Doctoral scholarship is waived (art. 7 co. 1 lett. b of D.M. 226/21), except as provided in the subsequent paragraph of this article.

However, the joint attendance of Doctoral Research Course and Health Area Specialization School with reserved access for medical professionals is incompatible in case of assignment of PNRR Doctoral scholarships pursuant to D.M. n. 118/2023, as per art.2 of this announcement, given their qualification as non-waivable scholarships (see DM 301/2022 par. 3.3 lett. e); Faq MUR n. 10 - Doctoral Research XXXIX cycle) and the consequent prohibition of cumulating the relative benefits with those, also non-waivable, received as a result of the signing of the contract for medical-specialization training.

Art. 5 – Application Procedure

During the application phase, the candidates must indicate for which Doctoral scholarships and specific research topics they intend to compete. However, the choice of the research topic will not be binding on the Commission as per Article 8 for the assignment of the aforementioned scholarships. The application for admission to the selection, drafted on plain paper according to the unified model (Attachment A), must be submitted to the Rector of the Telematic San Raffaele University of Rome by the deadline of **September 9, 2023**.

The application, duly signed (failure to sign will lead to exclusion), must be delivered **by 12:00 a.m. (Italian time) on the deadline day:**

- by registered mail (raccomandata) with acknowledgment of receipt. The application can be sent by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt to the Rector of the Telematic San Raffaele University, via di Val Cannuta 247, 00166 Rome, indicating on the envelope the Name, Surname, and title of the Doctoral course; or
- by Certified Email (PEC) in pdf format, to the certified email address rettorato@pec.uniroma5.it, indicating in the subject line: *"Application for admission to the XXXIX cycle of the Doctoral course entitled 'Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion,' at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic San Raffaele University, Academic Year 2023/2024."*

The transmission of PEC email message can be done in one of the two following ways:

- by sending a PEC message accompanied by a digital signature placed on it and on all the documents that require a handwritten signature. Documents without a digital signature will be considered as not signed in accordance with the current regulations.
- by sending a PEC message, by attaching a signed copy of the application and a copy of the identity document of the applicant. All documents requiring a handwritten signature must also be sent in a signed copy. Scanned copies of these documents must be submitted.

The date of sending the PEC will be considered as the date of submission. The validity of the transmission of the certified email message is certified, respectively, by the receipt of acceptance and the receipt of successful delivery provided by the certified email provider, in accordance with Article 6 of D.P.R. 11.2.2005, no. 68, which means that it is not necessary to call the offices or send additional emails.

Candidates must explicitly indicate in the envelope or in the subject line of the PEC email containing the application and related attachments, delivered or sent to this Administration, the following data:

- surname, name, and address;
- name of the Doctoral course and the Doctoral curriculum they intend to participate in;
- the wording "CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION."

In the application, candidates must clearly state their surname and name, date and place of birth, and personal identification code (tax code).

All candidates must also declare, under their full criminal and administrative liability:

- 1) their residence and citizenship;
- 2) the degree obtained;
- 3) if they have been convicted of criminal offenses or if there are pending criminal proceedings against them, indicating the details of the relevant judgments and any pending criminal proceedings;
- 4) whether they enjoy civil and political rights in their country of origin or not, specifying the reason;
- 5) if they are registered in the electoral rolls, indicating the municipality, and potentially the reasons for not being registered or being removed from them;

- 6) whether they have been dismissed from employment in a Public Administration due to persistent poor performance or if they have been declared unfit for a state job, pursuant to Article 127, letter d), of D.P.R. 10/01/1957, no. 3;
- 7) that they meet the admission requirements set out in Article 3 of the admission notice.

In addition, candidates must indicate the address and PEC address they choose for the competition. Any changes to this information must be promptly communicated to the Office to which the participation request was addressed.

Applications not signed, without personal data, sent after the deadline, and those lacking the information required in points 2), 3), 4), 5), 6), and 7) of this article will not be considered.

The University assumes no responsibility for the non-delivery of the application and the loss of communications due to incorrect indication of the address by the candidate or due to late or non-communication of the change of address indicated in the application.

Furthermore, the University assumes no responsibility for any failure or delay in the delivery of communications related to the competition due to reasons beyond its control, such as postal or telegraphic issues, actions by third parties, force majeure, or chance events.

Candidates are also required to pay a **non-refundable competition fee of € 30.00** to participate in the selection process. The fee must be paid using the following bank coordinates in the name of the Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma:

IBAN: IT39 R030 6905 0001 0000 0012 816

BANK: INTESA SANPAOLO - Ag. P.zza Barberini, 21 – RM

REASON: Name and Surname, Competition fee for admission to the Doctoral Course – XXXIX cycle - Academic Year 2023/2024.

The following must be attached to the application:

1. Photocopy of the tax code;
2. Photocopy of a valid identification document;
3. Curriculum vitae, specifying studies and experiences related to the Doctoral course;
4. Qualifications considered relevant for admission;
5. Scientific publications already printed by the deadline of the notice, with a numbered, dated, and signed list, indicating the name of the authors, the title, the publisher, the date and place of publication, or the title, the number of the collection or volume, and the reference year;
6. Research project consistent with the topics of the course, prepared based on the model as in the Attachment "D";
7. Reference letters (max. 2) written by highly qualified individuals for documented activities carried out in the specific area of the proposed research project;
8. A signed list of all documents attached to the application;
9. A copy of the payment of the competition fee.

Candidates may also demonstrate possession of the aforementioned qualifications by means of a declaration substituting certification under Article 46 of D.P.R. 445/2000, according to the formula attached in "Attachment B."

The University reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks on the veracity of the content of the substitute declarations.

Any applications submitted differently from the above-mentioned procedures will not be considered. Any renunciation of participation in the selection process must be signed by the candidate, dated, and accompanied by a copy of a valid identification document, and sent to the Rector of this University by sending a PEC message to the address: rettorato@pec.uniroma5.it .

The renunciation will take effect from the date of receipt.

Art. 6 - Candidates with Disabilities, Handicaps, and/or Specific Learning Disabilities

Candidates with disabilities, handicaps, and/or specific learning disabilities (Disturbo specifico di apprendimento, DSA) who intend to request the support provided by current legislation must specify in their application the necessary aid in relation to their condition, as well as the need for additional time and/or aids for the oral examination, in accordance with Law No. 104 of February 5, 1992.

Requests for individualized treatment must be submitted strictly by the deadline indicated in the call for applications and must be accompanied by a suitable certification issued by National Health Service (SSN) facilities or by specialists and facilities accredited by it. The DSA certification must refer to the nosographic codes and explicitly state the DSA (reading and/or writing and/or arithmetic).

Art. 7 - Selection Procedure

The admission test consists of the evaluation of academic qualifications, the research project, and an oral examination. A total of **80 points** are assigned to the admission test, respecting the following criteria:

- Evaluation of academic qualifications, up to a maximum of 20 points
- Evaluation of the research project, prepared by the candidate and consistent with the themes of the Doctoral course and the chosen curriculum, up to a maximum of 20 points.
- Evaluation of the oral examination. The evaluation of the oral examination and the assessment of language proficiency award a maximum score of 40 points.
- For foreign candidates, knowledge of the Italian language will be evaluated.

The selection committee carries out the evaluation of academic qualifications before the oral examination (interview). The results of the evaluation of academic qualifications and the research project will be published on the institutional website of the University at the link <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca> .

Art. 7 bis - Procedure for the Oral Examination

The schedule for the oral examination, indicating date, time, and location, or if it will be conducted via video conference, will be published on the University's Official Bulletin Board (Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo) at www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca **at least 10 days before** the examination. Candidates must present a valid identification document to take the examination. Absence from the examination will be considered as a renunciation of admission to the Doctoral course for all purposes.

To pass the oral examination, candidates must obtain at least 40 points.

Art. 8 - Selection Committee and Results of the Admission Test

The Examination Committee is appointed by the Rector's decree, after the deadline of the announcement, based on the proposal of the Board of Professors. The Examination Committee is composed of five professors, including foreign professors, or qualified experts in disciplines related to the curriculum.

The committee may use telematic tools compatible with the tasks to be carried out. The committee will define the application of the evaluation criteria during preliminary meetings, which will be included in the competition reports.

After conducting the oral examination for the admission test, the committee will publish the results on the website www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca , indicating, alongside each candidate, the score obtained and the possible awarded scholarship.

Art. 9 - Rankings and Approval of Acts

The rankings will show the sum of the scores obtained in the admission test. Candidates will be admitted to the Doctoral course according to their ranking until all available positions for each curriculum are filled.

For candidates admitted with a Doctoral scholarship, the rankings will indicate the specific scholarship assigned according to the suitability evaluations expressed by the Commission, possibly taking into account the preferences indicated by the candidates during the application submission phase, although non-binding.

For candidates admitted without a scholarship and for eligible candidates not admitted, the rankings will also indicate the eligibility for specific scholarships based on the evaluations expressed by the Commission.

In case of resignation or failure to enroll by the scholarship winner of any type, the scholarship will be assigned to the next candidate in the ranking with the highest score, who has been deemed suitable for the specific scholarship by the Commission.

After the verification of the regularity of the competition procedures, the final rankings will be made public exclusively through publication on the website www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca.

In case of a tie in scores, the following criteria will be applied:

- in case of a tie for a scholarship position, preference will be given to candidates with a less favorable economic situation, determined in accordance with D.P.C.M. of December 5, 2013, No. 159, Art. 8, Paragraph 4.

- in case of a tie for a position without a scholarship, preference will be given to candidates who:

- a) obtained their degree with the highest score;
- b) at the same degree score, have the highest arithmetic average of exam scores;
- c) at the same degree score and exam average, completed their degree in the shortest time, taking into account the legal duration of the course;
- d) if the elements indicated in points a), b), c) are still equal, preference will be given to the youngest candidates.

At the same time as the publication of the rankings on the website www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca, a communication will be sent to the interested parties at the email address provided during the application submission phase. This communication will also indicate the procedures and deadlines for completing the enrollment. Candidates who do not comply with the requirements within the specified time will be considered as renouncing the position, and another candidate will be substituted according to the ranking order.

Art. 10 - Enrollment in the Doctoral Course

The winning candidates are admitted to the Research Doctoral Course in order of ranking and up to the number of positions available. Candidates must submit the enrollment application within the deadline indicated in the Rector's Decree publishing the merit ranking. After this deadline, they will be considered renouncers.

The admitted winning candidates who have not yet obtained the required degree will be enrolled provisionally. To do so, they must communicate, by writing to the person in charge of the selection process as per this call at Art. 19 (email: daiana.rotondi@uniroma5.it), their intention to enroll in the Doctoral course as soon as they obtain the required degree, by the deadline published in the ranking. The aforementioned communication must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, by a scanned copy of their identification document. In the absence of such communication, the failure to enroll will be considered as a waiver of the position.

Art. 11 - Contribution for Access and Attendance to Courses

The Stability Law No. 232/2016 established the exemption from paying university fees for Doctoral students without a scholarship, so they must pay only the regional contribution for the right to study to enroll in the academic year 2023/2024. For enrollment, both scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders are required to pay the regional fee for the Right to University Study, amounting to **€140.00**.

Doctoral students must proceed with the payment of the Regional Tax for the Right to University Education in Lazio by accessing the following link: <http://www.laziodisco.it/pagopa> .

The tax must be paid upon enrollment for the first year and renewed for the subsequent years by November 30th of each year.

Doctoral students with a disability equal to or greater than 66% are exempt from paying the tax.

Article 12 – Commencement and Duration of Doctoral Scholarships

Doctoral research scholarships start from November 1 and are disbursed in monthly arrears. The Doctoral scholarships have an annual duration and are renewed each year, subject to a favorable opinion expressed by the College of Professors on the admission of the Doctoral candidate to the following year, provided that the Doctoral candidate has completed the study program of the activities envisaged by the Doctoral course.

The duration of the disbursement of the Doctoral scholarship is three years, corresponding to the duration of the Doctoral research course.

Article 12 bis – Maternity Leave and Suspension of Attendance Obligations

The attendance of the Doctoral course and/or the use of the scholarship can be suspended for a maximum of six (6) months as provided for by the University Regulations on Doctoral courses, following a written request from the Doctoral candidate, in the following cases: a) military or civil service; b) opportunities for temporary study or work that are not incompatible with a subsequent resumption of Doctoral activities; c) severe and documented illness; d) caregivers of beneficiaries under Law no. 104/92.

Doctoral candidates are subject to the provisions for the protection of parenthood as established by the Ministerial Decree of July 12, 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of October 23, 2007.

Article 13 – Scholarships and Budget for Research Activities

The amount of the scholarship, to be disbursed in monthly installments, shall not be less than that established by the Ministry Decree no. 247 of February 23, 2022, that is, an annual amount of € 16,243.00.

The Doctoral Research Scholarship is subject to payment of social security contributions to INPS (National Social Security Institute) under Article 2, paragraph 26, of Law no. 335 of August 8 1995, and subsequent amendments, with two-thirds borne by the administration and one-third borne by the scholarship holder. Doctoral candidates enjoy the related protections and rights.

The increase of the scholarship, as provided by D.M. 226/2021, is set at 50%, for a total period not exceeding twelve months, for carrying out research activities abroad authorized by the College of Professors. This period can be extended up to a maximum total of eighteen months for joint doctorates with foreign subjects or activated under Article 3, paragraph 2, of the University Regulations on Doctoral Research Courses.

For carrying out research activities in Italy and abroad, in addition to the scholarship, the Doctoral candidate is provided with a budget, appropriate to the type of Doctoral Course and in any case not

less than 10% of the amount of the scholarship, funded with the resources available in the budget of the accredited entities.

The College of Professors is responsible for authorizing the Doctoral candidate to carry out paid activities that allow the acquisition of skills related to the educational field of the Doctoral program, in accordance with the procedures defined by the University Regulations, subject to evaluation of the compatibility of these activities with the successful completion of the educational, teaching, and research activities of the Doctoral course.

Article 13 bis – Incompatibility

The gross personal annual income limit to be eligible for the Doctoral scholarship is set at € 16,243.00, excluding the scholarship itself.

The cases of total or partial incompatibility for the use of the scholarship are determined by the current regulations. In particular, scholarships cannot be combined with research grants or other scholarships conferred for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions to complement, with stays abroad, the training or research activities of the scholarship holders, and with funding from the Youth Fund (Fondo Giovani MUR). In this case, there is no right to an increase in the scholarship for periods spent abroad.

In the event of subsequent incompatibility, the scholarship payments for the period for which they were unduly received must be refunded. The refund refers to the academic year or its fraction. Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a scholarship for attending another Ph.D. program or an equivalent course, at the Telematic San Raffaele University or elsewhere, cannot receive another Ph.D. scholarship.

Article 14 – Rights and Duties of Doctoral Candidates

Doctoral candidates are required to attend the Doctoral research course for the entire duration with full-time dedication, regularly participating in the educational, teaching, and research activities provided, based on the indications established by the College of Professors.

Each Doctoral candidate is normally required to carry out research and training activities consistent with the Doctoral program, at institutions of high qualification abroad.

Doctoral candidates may carry out, as an integral part of their training program, upon prior approval of the College of Professors and without an increase in the amount of the scholarship, tutoring activities, even if paid, for students of Bachelor's and Master's degree courses, as well as, within the limit of forty hours per academic year, integrative teaching activities.

Public employees admitted to Doctoral Research Courses are entitled, for the normal duration of the Course, to leave provided for by collective agreements or, for employees under public law, extraordinary leave for study purposes, in line with the needs of the administration.

Enrolled Doctoral candidates, in possession of a position as a researcher or a research grant or scholarship may complete their training by renouncing the Doctoral Scholarship.

Outside the cases mentioned above, in which the Doctoral candidate engages in work activities, the evaluation of compatibility with the fulfillment of the obligations required for the Doctoral training is at the discretion of the College of Professors.

Article 14 bis – Additional Obligations for Doctoral Candidates Beneficiaries of PNRR Scholarships pursuant to D.M. no. 118/2023 (M4C1-Investimento 4.1 – dottorati PNRR)

In addition to the attendance obligations mentioned in the previous article, Doctoral candidates are required to carry out a period of study and research abroad for a period not less than 6 months.

The Doctoral candidate must strictly adhere to the realization of the project within the thematic area assigned, failing which the scholarship may be revoked. Any deviation from the assigned project

must be requested in advance and subsequently authorized by the MUR (Ministry of University and Research).

The Doctoral candidate must report, on a semi-annual basis through the dedicated MUR online platform and using the provided forms, the activities carried out and the related time commitment (months in the company, months on-site, months abroad). The Doctoral candidate must also declare that these activities conform to the principle of "do no significant harm to the environment" under Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The winner of the scholarship pursuant to D.M. 118/2023 must also commit to the following:

- receiving the Doctoral scholarship without causing any incompatibility with the receipt of the scholarship itself (Article 13 bis);
- ensuring compliance with the obligations regarding communication and information provided for by Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all documentation that the Program is financed within the framework of PNRR (National Recovery and Resilience Plan), with explicit reference to funding from the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, and displaying the emblem of the European Union in the documentation.

Art. 15 - Exclusion from the Ph.D. Program and Revocation of PNRR Scholarships D.M. n. 118/2023 - M4C1 - Inv.4.1 - PNRR Doctorates

Exclusion from the Ph.D. Research Program is foreseen, by a Rector's decision based on a motivated decision of the Faculty Board, in case of a negative assessment of the enrolled student's activity during any of the verification procedures established by the organization of the Ph.D. Program.

If excluded from the Program, the scholarship, if any, granted will cease to be disbursed from the date decided by the Faculty Board.

By submitting the application for participation in the competition, the candidate accepts the following conditions in the event of being awarded a scholarship of type PNRR D.M. n. 118/2023 as specified in Article 2 of this announcement:

- a) The enrollment in the Ph.D. program and the concurrent allocation of the Ph.D. scholarship are subject to the outcome of verifications carried out by the MUR (Ministry of University and Research).
- b) Any modification of the objectives and expected results of the original project (unless previously authorized by the MUR), will result in the revocation of the scholarship, forfeiture of the status of Ph.D. candidate, and the repayment of any amounts already received in the semester in which the revocation occurred, unless otherwise provided by ministerial regulations.
- c) That a possible negative assessment by the Faculty Board leads to the revocation of the scholarship, forfeiture of the Doctoral student status, and reimbursement of the scholarship amounts already received for the semester in which the revocation occurred, subject to different ministerial provisions;
- d) That the withdrawal from the Doctoral program leads to the reimbursement of the monthly payments received for the semester in which the withdrawal was submitted, with the exception of any proportional amounts received for semesters of activities already completed or in accordance with different ministerial provisions;
- e) That the enjoyment of a PNRR Doctoral scholarship according to D.M. 118/2023 is non-renounceable under any circumstances (e.g., exceeding income limits, simultaneous enrollment in a medical specialization school, receiving another scholarship, etc.), and a request for renunciation of only the enjoyment of a PNRR Doctoral scholarship under D.M. 118/2023 leads to forfeiture of the Doctoral student status and the reimbursement of monthly payments received for the semester in which the renunciation was submitted, subject to different ministerial provisions. However, suspension periods according to Art. 12 bis of this announcement are always preserved.

In the event of renunciation or revocation of the PNRR Doctoral scholarship according to D.M. 118/2023, the remaining amount may be used, allowing the substitution of another candidate, only until April 30, 2024.

Art. 16 - Thesis Defense and Award of the Doctorate Degree

The title of Doctor of Research, abbreviated as "Dott.Ric." or "Ph.D.," is awarded following a positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation.

The Ph.D. thesis is written in Italian or English or another language, subject to authorization by the Faculty Board, and it is accompanied by a summary written in English.

The thesis, along with the report on the activities carried out during the Ph.D. program and any publications, is examined by at least two evaluators who are not part of the University.

The evaluators, identified by the Faculty Board, must have a highly qualified experience, including individuals from foreign or international institutions, and they should not be involved with the individuals participating in the awarding of the Doctorate degree, with at least one evaluator being a university professor.

Within 30 days of receiving the Ph.D. thesis, the evaluators provide a written analytical judgment, proposing either admission to the public defense or postponement of the thesis defense for a period not exceeding six months if they deem significant integrations or corrections necessary. After this period, the thesis, accompanied by a new written opinion from the evaluators, is in any case admitted to the defense.

The public defense of the Ph.D. thesis takes place before a judging committee appointed by the Rector by Decree upon the proposal of the Faculty Board.

The judging committee is composed of three members, selected from university professors and researchers, Italian or foreign, specifically qualified in the themes addressed in the thesis, with a commitment, whenever possible, to gender balance. The judging committee can be supplemented by up to two experts from public and private research institutions, including foreign ones, or with particular and documented expertise in the subject matter of the thesis.

The judging committee communicates the date set for the defense to the relevant offices, and it will be made public through a notice on the University's electronic board in the section "Ph.D. Research." The title of Doctor of Research is conferred by the Rector, who also issues the original diploma.

The additional certification of "Doctor Europaeus" may be issued by the University in agreement with current regulations and the provisions of the University's Regulations on Doctoral programs.

Art. 17 – Causes for Disqualification of Candidates from the Final Examination

The Doctoral candidate is disqualified, by decision of the competent College of Professors, when, without providing any justification, they fail to submit the thesis within the prescribed timeframes.

They are also disqualified when they do not take, without providing any justification, the final examination on the scheduled date for the thesis defense.

In case of serious and documented reasons, the Doctoral candidate, in the above cases of disqualification, may have their situation evaluated by the College of Professors, possibly deviating from what is provided for.

Art. 18 – Processing of Personal Data

In accordance with EU Regulation no. 679/2016, personal data and data requiring special processing, which must be provided, will be processed by the University through predominantly computerized procedures solely for the purposes of admission to the selection process. The aforementioned data may also be communicated to third parties for procedural management purposes.

Candidates may exercise the rights provided in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter III of EU Regulation no. 679/2016 (e.g., rights to information and access, rectification and erasure, restriction and objection to processing, portability of personal data).

Art. 19 – Procedure Manager

The procedure manager for the selection referred to in this announcement is Dr. Daiana Rotondi (phone +39 06 25251 internal 51025; email: daiana.rotondi@uniroma5.it).

Art. 20 – Publication Requirements

This selection announcement is made public on the University's website at the address <https://www.uniroma5.it> and through notice on the MIUR (Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research) website at the address: <http://bandi.miur.it> and on the European Union website.

Art. 21 – Referral Rules

For everything not provided for in this announcement and in the "Regulations for Doctoral Research Courses" of this University, reference is made to Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14, 2021 and the additional provisions in force on the subject.

Rome, July 27, 2023

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Vilberto Stocchi)

