



Annex 1 to DR 359/2025

PUBLIC COMPETITION NOTICE FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN

“DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION - 41th CYCLE”

(Pursuant to Art. 10 of Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021)



ART. 1

Establishment and Announcement of the Competition Notice

1. The 41st cycle of the PhD in “*Digital Transformation*” is established, with administrative headquarters at Pegaso Telematic University, and has a duration of three years.
2. The PhD in “*Digital Transformation*” – 41st cycle – will begin on December 1, 2025, and will end on November 30 of the third academic year, unless otherwise indicated by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) and ANVUR.
3. This announcement is issued while awaiting the Ministerial accreditation decree for the doctoral program. Therefore, the effectiveness of the selections carried out according to this call is conditional upon accreditation by the Ministry of University and Research of the said doctoral program.
4. For the Doctoral Program referred to in paragraph 1, a specific descriptive sheet (Annex 1.A) is attached to this call, which is an integral part, indicating:
 - the administrative headquarters of the Doctoral Program;
 - the total number of positions available in the competition and their types;
 - the methods for carrying out the admission tests;
 - the University web page dedicated to the Doctorate, mentioned in paragraph 1, where all useful information is found regarding the training path, the competition schedule, and all notices relevant to candidates.
5. The number of positions and scholarships specified in the descriptive sheet (Annex 1.A) may be increased in case of additional financial resources from the University, regional/national/European/international sources. Any such funding will be published appropriately on the University's website.
6. The number of doctoral scholarships may also be increased in the case of funding from public or private entities, provided that the relevant agreement is stipulated no later than the deadline for submission of applications for the competition. In such case, such funding shall only increase the number of scholarships and not affect the total number of positions planned under this call for each PhD.
7. The University reserves the right to revoke this call, to suspend or postpone the competition tests, or to suspend or not proceed with the admission of winners, or to suspend or not assign all the scholarships provided by this call, due to currently unpredictable or unforeseeable needs. In particular, the University reserves the right not to grant the scholarships or to suspend their provision if the external funding, whether public or private, ceases.
8. This call, drafted in Italian and translated into English, is published electronically on the official website of Pegaso Telematic University. Such publication constitutes the official notification to interested parties of all the information contained herein; therefore, candidates will not receive further communications.
9. The call will also be published on the website of the Ministry of University and Research and in the European Gazette.
10. Any corrections shall be made known exclusively by publication on the above-mentioned official University website.

ART. 2 Admission Requirements

1. Applications for admission to the PhD program referred to in Article 1, paragraph 1, of this call for applications may be submitted, without any age or citizenship restrictions, by candidates holding one of the following qualifications:
 - Master's degree obtained pursuant to Ministerial Decree 270/2004;
 - Specialist degree obtained pursuant to Ministerial Decree 509/1999;
 - Degree obtained under the curricula preceding Ministerial Decree 509/1999, with a legal duration of at least four years;
 - Academic qualification equivalent to an Italian degree of at least four years' duration obtained at a foreign university.
2. Also eligible are those who will obtain the required degree by **October 31, 2025**, provided that at the time of application only the final degree exam remains outstanding, and that they commit to certify obtaining the degree at the time of enrollment; otherwise their admission will be void. For these candidates, for purposes of participation, the weighted average of grades for exams already passed and the status of thesis under submission will be considered.
3. All candidates are admitted conditionally pending verification of self-certified statements under D.P.R. no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments. The University may at any moment, even after the start of the Doctorate, verify the truthfulness of declarations made, and request original documents. The Rector may, at any time, by motivated order, exclude candidates from the selection or revoke their admission if they lack required requisites, without prejudice to criminal liability for false statements. Such decision will be communicated to the candidate via the certified e-mail (PEC) used to submit the application.

ART. 3 Academic Qualifications Obtained Abroad

1. Candidates with foreign academic qualifications (equivalent to Italian specialist/master/old-regulation degree) may apply by attaching their foreign degree, accompanied by its translation in Italian or English. Such candidates are admitted conditionally and may be excluded if it is found, after verification, that the qualification does not meet the requirements of this call and does not allow enrollment.
2. The foreign degree must be comparable in duration, level, and disciplinary field to an Italian second-level degree. The suitability of the foreign degree is assessed by the admission commission in compliance with applicable norms in Italy and in the country where the degree was issued, and any international treaties or agreements on recognition of academic degrees.

3. Before the start of courses, candidates must submit to the University's Competition Office, together with the enrollment application, the translated and legalized academic titles in Italian, or alternatively with an Attestation of Comparability from the **ENIC-NARIC** center in Italy (**CIMEA**) containing all information needed for evaluation. For degrees from European Union countries, the *Diploma Supplement* suffices.

ART. 4

Application for Admission

1. The application for admission to the selection procedure must be submitted through the online platform available at <https://pica.cineca.it/unipegaso/359-ddt-xli-2025/domande>, following the instructions provided therein.
2. The application form and all attachments are declared by the candidate pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. of 28 December 2000, no. 445.
3. The application must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, no later than 23:59 on **1 September 2025**.
4. The date of submission is certified by the system via a receipt automatically sent to the email address provided. After the deadline, the system will no longer accept submissions. The deadline refers to Italian local time.
5. **Other methods of submission are not permitted; failure to submit via the correct procedure leads to exclusion.** The application must be complete; modifications after the deadline are not accepted.
6. Each application is assigned an identification number that, together with the code of the selection in the online application, will be used in subsequent communications.
7. Candidates are also advised to access the PICA platform well in advance to avoid system overloads that could prevent the timely completion of the application process. Candidates may access the PICA platform using one of the following methods:
 - a) Access with credentials issued by the PICA platform, following registration;
 - b) Access with their LOGINMIUR account;
 - c) Access with their REPRISE or REFEREE account.
8. For all login methods, the candidate must finalize the application with an electronic or handwritten signature. For information on electronic signatures see AGID's dedicated page.
9. The online procedure remains active even during University closure days.
10. Only titles and publications held by the application deadline will be evaluated. No additions after deadline.
11. The application form must include full personal data: name, surname, sex, place and date of birth, citizenship, tax code (if applicable), address of residence, domicile if different, postal code, telephone number, ordinary email address, certified email (PEC) address for official communications. Any changes must be promptly communicated.

12. Candidates must verify correct uploading of all required documents. The University is not responsible for documents that cannot be read due to corrupted files.
13. Candidates applying for the scholarship-funded positions must indicate one of the three University Pegaso sites (Naples, Rome, Milan) as their place of affiliation for the doctoral cycle.
14. It is recommended to complete the application well before the deadline; technical problems or system overloads are not acceptable reasons for delay.
15. The application constitutes a legal self-certification under relevant law of all data and documents attached.
16. Candidates with disabilities and/or with a diagnosis of specific learning disorders (SLD) who wish to request the support measures provided by current legislation must complete the "Disability and/or SLD Declaration" section within the online pre-enrollment application. Disability certificates must be issued by INPS, pursuant to Law 118/1971 (civil disability), and/or by the competent public health authority of the territory, pursuant to Law 104/92 and subsequent amendments (handicap certificate).

SLD certificates must:

- Be issued by NHS structures or accredited entities no earlier than three years before the date of the admission interview, except for certificates issued after reaching adulthood (Art. 3, Law 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 24/07/2012);
 - Comply with the criteria of the 2011 Consensus Conference;
 - Include a diagnosis and the relevant nosographic codes, pursuant to Law 170/2010.
17. Candidates with disabilities and/or SLD residing in foreign countries who wish to benefit from the measures referred to above must provide a certificate attesting to their disability or SLD issued in their country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation into Italian or English.
 18. The committees responsible for examining the certificates referred to in the previous paragraphs will verify that the foreign documentation certifies a condition of disability or specific learning disorder recognized under Italian law.

ART. 5

Documents to be Attached to the Application for Admission

1. In the application form for the selection process, for the purpose of assessing qualifications, the candidate must attach to the application, submitted according to the deadlines and procedures outlined in the previous Article 4, the following documents:
 - Application for participation in the selection, in which the candidate must provide:
 - a) name, surname, tax code, date and place of birth, address, telephone, email, citizenship;
 - b) the PhD program for which the candidate intends to apply;
 - c) qualification held;

- d) any disability status, accompanied by the relevant documentation specifying the corresponding percentage;
- e) a declaration to undertake to promptly notify any changes in address, telephone number, or e-mail address to the certified e-mail (PEC) address ufficio.concorsi@pec.unipegaso.it;
- f) a declaration undertaking to attend the PhD program regularly, in accordance with the modalities established by the Academic Board;
- g) a declaration acknowledging that the candidate has read and understood the contents of this call for applications.

- Copy of a valid ID document;
- *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*, dated and signed, with consent to personal data processing;
- One of the following relating to the qualification:

- a. **for those who have obtained a degree under the former system, a Specialist, or a Master's degree from an Italian university:** a degree certificate or a self-certification substitute (indicating the study plan, the exams taken with their respective grades, and the successful completion of the final exam with the corresponding grade);
- b. **for those who have obtained their degree from a foreign university:** a degree certificate (indicating the study plan, the exams taken with their respective grades, and the successful completion of the final exam with the corresponding grade), accompanied by a comparability certificate issued by CIMEA or a Declaration of Value issued by the Italian Embassy or Consular Representation;
- c. **for those enrolled in an Italian university under the former degree system, or in a Specialist/Master's program, who have not yet obtained their degree at the time of application:** a certificate of enrollment in the final year of the program, indicating the exams passed and their respective grades;
- d. **for those enrolled at a foreign university who have not yet obtained their degree at the time of application:** a certificate of enrollment in the final year of the program, indicating the exams passed and their respective grades;
- e. Research project relevant to the doctoral theme, using the standard model attached (Annex 1.B);
- f. List of any publications with abstracts;
- g. Documents showing knowledge of the foreign language indicated in the doctoral program sheet, plus any other language or IT skills;
- h. Other educational/training documents;
- i. Letter(s) of reference from university professor(s) or international qualified researcher(s);
- j. A free-form list of all titles submitted with the application;

2. Documents must be submitted in Italian or English. Any document in a language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by a legalized translation into Italian or English; otherwise, it will not be considered for evaluation.
3. Candidates assume full and exclusive responsibility for the truthfulness of the information provided in the application for the selection process and for the content of the attachments. The Administration reserves the right to carry out the checks and verifications required by the current regulations and may, with appropriate justification, at any time, take measures to exclude candidates who have not complied with the provisions of the call or who do not meet the established requirements.

ART. 6

Admission Tests and Evaluated Qualifications

1. The admission process is intended to assess the candidate's aptitude for scientific research. The candidate must also demonstrate a good knowledge of the foreign language stated in the Doctoral Program sheet (Annex 1.A).
2. The selection procedure includes **evaluation of academic qualifications** (titles), mandatory presentation of a research project, and an **oral exam**.
3. The **research project** must include:
 - Project title;
 - Objectives and relation to the doctoral program;
 - Methodology and expected results;
 - Feasibility;
 - Essential bibliography (max 12 works).
4. The submitted research project is not binding upon admission with respect to the actual work program.
5. **The competition schedule will be published on the University web site** as per the Doctoral Program sheet (Annex 1.A), by the President of the Examining Committee.
6. Publication of this call, of the Doctoral Program information sheet, and of the schedule has the effect of official notification to all concerned. Candidates not explicitly excluded must attend tests per calendar.
7. Any changes in date/time of the selection tests will be published on the same University website.
8. The Examining Committee has a maximum of **120 points** to assign, allocated as follows:

TITLES

Max Points 40

RESEARCH PROJECT

Max Points 20

ORAL EXAMINATION

Max Points 60

Minimum score to access the oral exam: **30 points**.

9. For qualification evaluation, at the discretion of the Committee, the following may be considered:

- a) **Degree** relevant to the doctoral topics (or certificate of enrollment for final year candidates)
MAX 10 pts
- b) **Degree grade** (or for graduating students, weighted average of exams)
MAX 10 pts
- c) **Monographs/publications in peer-reviewed journals or series** (published or accepted)
MAX 10 pts
- d) **Post-degree qualifications** (specialization, advanced courses, masters at least one year, etc.)
MAX 4 pts
- e) **Professional or research experiences** (research collaborations, study/research periods abroad, Erasmus, awards)
MAX 4 pts
- f) **Other useful documents** (participation in research activities, reference letter from a university professor according to ASN commission criteria or from a qualified international researcher, appointment as subject-matter expert, language certificate)
MAX 2 pts
- g) **Research project**
MAX 20 pts

For those who will obtain their degree by **31/10/2025**, the weighted average grade of the exams taken, which replaces the final degree grade referred to in letter b), must be calculated as follows:

1. Multiply the grade of each exam taken by the respective number of credits (30 with honors should be considered as 30);
2. Sum all the resulting products;
3. Divide the result by the total number of applicable credits (i.e., the credits of exams with a grade);
4. Multiply the obtained average by 110 and divide the result by 30 (thus obtaining the grade on a scale of 110).

The weighted average is not required for students graduating from, or graduates of, foreign Universities.

10. For the evaluation of the oral exam (interview), without prejudice to the autonomy of the Admission Committee, the assessment criteria are as follows:

- a) *Clarity of presentation* - **Max 10 points**
- b) *Ability to summarize* - **Max 10 points**
- c) *Critical thinking and adequate knowledge of topics related to the submitted qualifications* - **Max 15 points**
- d) *Ability to conduct part of the interview in the foreign language indicated in the PhD Application Form (Annex 1.A)* - **Max 5 points**
- e) *Ability to answer in-depth questions on the submitted Research Project* - **Max 20 points**

11. The oral exam is considered passed if the candidate obtains a minimum overall score of 40 out of 60 points.

ART. 7

Examining Committee and Related Tasks

1. A Examining Committee shall be appointed by Rectoral Decree, composed as per Article 14 of the Regulation on doctoral research, cited in the Rectoral Decree establishing the doctoral program.
2. The Decree appointing the Committee shall be published on the University website in the appropriate section.
3. The Committee shall define, among other things:
 - the competition calendar, published on the University site;
 - whether the exam will be held via videoconference or in person;
 - results of the evaluation of titles and research projects, to be available at least 5 working days before the oral exam.

The minutes of evaluation will be published on the University website as referenced in the Doctoral Program sheet (Annex 1.A). **Candidates will not be individually notified for the examination sessions.**

4. After the examination, the Committee draws up a merit ranking list. Candidates are admitted to the Doctoral Program in order of ranking until available positions are filled.

ART. 8

Approval of the General Merit Ranking

1. The Rector shall issue a decree approving the general merit ranking, ordering candidates by descending total score. In case of tie, younger candidate prevails.
2. The above-mentioned ranking list for admission to the PhD Program in *'Digital Transformation'* 41st cycle, will be approved by Rectoral Decree and published on the University website by the same deadline.
3. The publication constitutes official notification; **no individual communications will be sent.**
4. Winners will choose among the two types of positions available, based on highest overall score; winners better placed in the rankings have preference in choosing among the positions.

ART. 9

Enrollment in the PhD Program

1. Admitted candidates will not receive written notification.
2. Winners, whether with or without scholarship, must submit the enrollment application and required statements by the strict deadline indicated at publication of ranking, and exclusively according to University operational modalities published online.
3. Those who do not fulfill within the deadline will lose their place and any vacant spots will go to next candidates in merit ranking.
4. Winners who graduate by 31/10/2025 must self-certify the attainment of the degree by the enrollment date, or else lose eligibility.
5. Candidates who are qualified but not winners are advised to check the University web page of the PhD program to get information about possible ranking shifts.

ART. 10

Scholarships

1. Candidates are admitted based on merit ranking as per Article 9.
2. Scholarships, possibly funded by multiple funding sources, last for the full three years. They are assigned to those admitted in order of the merit ranking, and renewed annually upon positive verification of the yearly required work. If a scholarship is not renewed or is declined, unused funds are reinvested by the University for funding other doctoral students.
3. The scholarship amount for academic year 2025/2026 is **€16,243.00** gross, including social security charges payable by recipient, and is paid in monthly instalments.
4. **Scholarships financed/co-financed by third parties public or private are paid conditionally upon the University actually receiving the funds.**
5. The increase of the scholarship is set at 50% for a total period of 6 months, for carrying out research activities abroad authorized by the Academic Board. This period may be extended

up to a maximum total of 18 months, pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 3, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021.

6. For the conduct of research activities in Italy and abroad, in addition to the scholarship, a budget equal to 10% of the scholarship amount per year of the program is guaranteed to the PhD student. This budget is also provided for PhD students without a scholarship and will be allocated to support the student's research and training activities at the start of the program.
7. There are **16** funded scholarship positions, allocated as:

- a) 5 scholarships funded by Università Telematica PEGASO from its own funds;
- b) 2 scholarships funded by Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma from its own funds;
- c) 2 scholarships funded by Universitas Mercatorum from its own funds;
- d) 2 scholarships funded by Università Telematica degli Studi IUL from its own funds;
- e) scholarships funded by the Paisiello Conservatory of Music in Taranto;
- f) 1 scholarship funded by the company ACGROUP SRL;
- g) 1 scholarship funded by the company EPM SRL;
- h) 1 scholarship funded by the company Istituto Santa Chiara Srl;
- i) **The number of positions without a scholarship is 5, with no possibility of increasing the number of positions without a scholarship available.**
- l) Doctoral candidate may, with Coordinator's approval, commit funds for:

- travel (missions) in Italy and abroad, conference fees;
- consumables (chemicals, electronic, stationery, etc.);
- equipment (hardware, software, scientific tools) which will be inventoried and, at end of PhD, become University property. Personal use items not allowed;
- publication costs;
- specific research training (language, advanced courses);
- events in which doctoral students are directly involved in organization;
- if unused funds exist, travel for external examiners for thesis discussing (e.g. doctor europaeus);

Also, doctoral students authorized abroad with scholarship increase are entitled to mission reimbursement, to foster international exchange.

8. The PhD scholarship is subject to the payment of INPS social security contributions under the separate management scheme, pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 26, of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, with two-thirds paid by the Administration and one-third by the scholarship holder. PhD students benefit from the associated protections and rights.
9. Those who have already held a doctoral research scholarship cannot request a second one.
10. Scholarship cannot be combined with other scholarships granted for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions that serve to complement research or training activities involving sojourns abroad. Doctoral scholarships are compatible with Erasmus.

ART. 11

Fee for Access and Attendance to the PhD Program

1. **Before or by the enrollment deadline**, winners (Italian and international, with or without scholarship) must pay a service fee of **€50.00**, plus the integrative contribution to tuition fee for A.Y. 2025/2026 and following years of **€282.00**.
2. The annual fee for access and attendance for those without scholarship is **€2,000.00**, plus the service fee and the integrative contribution above. The amount is payable in four instalments:
 - I instalment upon enrollment: €500;
 - II instalment by May 31: €500;
 - III instalment by June 30: €500;
 - IV instalment by July 31: €500.

ART. 12

Rights and Obligations of PhD Candidates

1. The Doctoral Program requires full-time exclusive commitment, subject to the provisions of Art. 12, paragraph 4 and Art. 10, paragraph 2(b) of Ministerial Decree 226/2021.
2. PhD students, with or without scholarship, have the obligation to:
 - diligently follow the training program determined by the Doctoral Board;
 - regularly attend the course activities;
 - participate in the common courses;
 - submit reports (oral or written) on activities and research;
 - keep personal activity logs;
 - comply with what is decided by the Doctoral Board or prescribed by special funding regulations;
 - write, at the end, an original doctoral thesis.
3. PhD students' activities must be recorded in dedicated personal logs and include: course-related activities, research activities, personal study, bibliographic and archival research,

ongoing assessments, participation in seminars, courses, and conferences, activities at external institutions (other universities, research centers, companies) in Italy and abroad, any supplementary teaching activities, tutoring, and any other activities prescribed by the Academic Board that contribute to the completion of the training program. **It is strictly prohibited to conduct research activities related to the PhD at private institutions or organizations without the authorization of the Academic Board. Violation of this rule will result in dismissal from the PhD program.**

4. The accuracy of the various activities carried out by PhD students is certified by the coordinators based on the information provided by the supervisor and co-supervisor(s).
5. At the end of each academic year, based on detailed report of research and training, the Doctoral Board decides on advancement to next year or proposes exclusion to the Rector.
6. The PhD student may request from the Academic Board, for justified reasons, an extension of the deadline for submitting the doctoral thesis, for a maximum period of twelve months, without any additional financial obligations.
7. The Academic Board may decide to extend the duration of the PhD program for a period not exceeding twelve months, for justified scientific reasons, including, among others, requirements related to joint supervision agreements lasting longer than three years or proven needs to increase scientific productivity (for example: submission or outcome of a patent application, or in the case of an extension of a research project of significant national or international interest).
8. In cases of extension, a corresponding extension of the scholarship duration must be ensured, funded by the University budget; therefore, the motivated extension proposal by the Academic Board will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and financial verification. Beneficiary PhD students are required to comply with all provisions decided by the Academic Board regarding the extended training program, including participation in course-related activities.
9. PhD students may request, for justified reasons provided by current regulations, such as maternity, serious illness, or civil service, a suspension of the program for a maximum period of six months. During the suspension period, the scholarship or any equivalent funding will not be paid.
10. The Academic Board, upon notification from the course coordinator, acknowledges the suspensions. A suspension exceeding thirty days for one of the reasons indicated in the previous paragraph 8 of this article entails the obligation to fully make up for the interrupted periods of activity; therefore, in such cases, the duration of the training program will be extended by a period corresponding to that of the interruption.
11. The periods of extension and suspension referred to in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of this article may not, in total, exceed eighteen months, except in specific cases provided by law.
12. The regulations on student rights interventions, pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 68 of 29 March 2012, remain applicable to PhD students.
13. Without prejudice to the application of provisions protecting parenthood, as established by the Ministerial Decree of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of 12 July 2007, published in the Official Gazette No. 247 of 23 October 2007, PhD students on leave retain the right to the scholarship, which will be paid at the end of the suspension period, i.e., upon resumption of attendance, up to the total duration of the scholarship.

14. The PhD course coordinator must promptly inform the competent office of the student's activity suspension for the corresponding administrative measures.
15. The PhD student may be authorized by the Academic Board to engage in paid activities that allow them to acquire skills relevant to the PhD program, subject to an assessment of compatibility with the productive conduct of the program's research, training, and teaching activities. In such cases, the maximum income that the PhD student may earn, compatible with the scholarship, is equal to the amount of the scholarship itself.
16. For each PhD student, the Academic Board ordinarily plans research and training activities, consistent with the doctoral project, at highly qualified institutions abroad, for a total period not exceeding twelve months. This period may be extended up to a maximum total of eighteen months for co-tutored PhDs with foreign institutions or for aggregated programs activated pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021. When planning training activities abroad, the Board may consider the proposal of the student's supervisor and co-supervisor(s), who must submit the program of activities, the project title, and the invitation letter from the foreign supervisor. For periods spent abroad, the scholarship is increased by 50%.
17. PhD students are required to maintain confidentiality regarding research activities in which they participate at external institutions.
18. PhD students without a scholarship may receive a research grant, provided that the subject of the grant is closely related, in the Academic Board's judgment, to the themes of the PhD program.
19. PhD students are also required to register on the Ministry's website at the MIUR Login page, in order to be listed as part of the University's research potential.
20. PhD students may, as an integral part of the training program and with prior authorization from the Academic Board, and without any increase to the scholarship:
 - Tutor students of undergraduate and Master's programs, including paid tutoring;
 - Conduct supplementary teaching activities, up to 40 hours per academic year.
21. For the activities referred to in this paragraph, PhD students shall receive the grants indicated in Article 1, paragraph 1, letter b) of Decree-Law No. 105 of 9 May 2003, converted, with amendments, by Law No. 170 of 11 July 2003.
22. The performance of these activities must be recorded in personal logs; specific teaching collaborations provided for by national regulations remain applicable. All other forms of teaching are strictly prohibited, and it is the coordinator's responsibility to ensure compliance with this provision.
23. All administrative information concerning PhD students, as well as their academic progress, will be published on the University website, in the designated section. This publication replaces any other form of communication; therefore, successful candidates are required to regularly consult the aforementioned website for updates.
24. For valid reasons (maternity, serious illness, civil service), students may request suspension of the course up to 6 months. During suspension, the scholarship is not paid.
25. Suspension over 30 days requires recovery of missed periods; duration of training extended accordingly.

26. Extensions/suspensions under Art. 6-8 in total cannot exceed 18 months, except as allowed by law.
27. Students are subject to Italian legislation on the right to study.
28. Students on leave for family reasons retain scholarship entitlement at end of suspension, up to the total duration of the scholarship.
29. The Coordinator must inform the competent office of any interruption of student activity for administrative purposes.
30. With the Doctoral Board approval, PhD students may carry out remunerated activities relevant to the doctoral training, provided they do not conflict with the training, research, and didactic duties. The maximum allowed income is the amount of the scholarship.
31. Each PhD student is expected to conduct research/training at foreign high-level institutions for up to 12 months; may be extended to max 18 months in co-supervised or aggregated forms. Foreign stays give rise to 50% increase of scholarship.
32. Students must maintain confidentiality regarding research carried out in external institutions.
33. Students without scholarship may benefit from research grants if the topic is closely related, as judged by the Doctoral Board.
34. All doctoral students must register on the Ministry's "Login MIUR" portal to be listed among University's research potential pool.
35. Students may engage, with approval, in tutoring or integrative teaching duties (up to 40 hours/year), remunerated under the legal provisions.
36. All administrative and career-related information about doctoral students will be posted on the University website. Publication on the web section replaces any other personal notification.

ART. 13

Final Examination and the Degree Conferral

1. The title of Doctor of Research, abbreviated as "Dott.Ric." or "PhD.," is awarded following the successful evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of study. The doctoral thesis must be written in Italian or English; it may be written in another foreign language with the prior authorization of the Academic Board.
2. The thesis must be defended at the conclusion of the PhD program, subject to admission to the final examination by the "evaluators." The defense may be postponed for up to six months if requested by the evaluators, in cases where they consider significant additions or corrections to the thesis necessary.
3. PhD students must comply with the procedures and deadlines for thesis submission established in the University Regulations on Doctorates.
4. The title of Doctor of Research is conferred by the Rector.

ART. 14

Personal Data Processing

1. Pursuant to European Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, regarding the protection of natural persons with respect to the processing of personal data, as well as the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC, which came into effect on 25 May 2018, the personal data provided by candidates will be collected by the University's Academic Staff Management Office and processed for the purposes of managing the selection procedure and any subsequent hiring process.
2. The provision of such data is mandatory for the assessment of eligibility requirements; failure to provide them will result in exclusion from the procedure.

ART. 15

Responsible for the Procedure

1. The Officer in charge of the procedure is the Acting Director General, Dr. Andrea Proietti.
2. The organizational unit responsible for the selection procedure is the Office for Calls and Competitions, Centro Direzionale - Isola F/2 - Naples - 80143 - e-mail: ufficio.concorsi@unipegaso.it

ART. 16

Reference

1. For matters not covered by this call for applications, reference is made to the University Regulations on PhD programs mentioned in the preamble, which can be consulted on the University's website. Per quanto non previsto dal presente bando si rinvia al Regolamento di Ateneo recante norme in materia di dottorato di ricerca citato nelle premesse, consultabile sul sito web dell'Ateneo.

Il Rettore
F.to Prof. Pierpaolo Limone



ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

- Annex 1.A – PhD Program Form for “Digital Transformation”
- Annex 1.B – Standard Research Project Template