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Annex 1

PUBLIC COMPETITION NOTICE FOR ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAM IN

“DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION – 40th CYCLE”

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ART. 1

Establishment and Announcement of the Competition Notice

1. The 40th cycle of the PhD Programme in “Digital Transformation” is hereby established, with the administrative headquarters at Università Telematica Pegaso, and a duration of three years.
2. The PhD Programme in “*Digital Transformation*” - 40th cycle - will start on **1 December 2024** and will end on **30 November of the third year of the programme**, unless otherwise indicated by the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) and the National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR).
3. As provided by Ministerial Decrees No. 629 and No. 630 of 24/04/2024, the activation of doctoral programmes on defined topics aims to promote interdisciplinarity, participation in international networks, and intersectorality in line with the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).
The doctoral scholarships are awarded within the framework of the mandatory topics indicated in the above decrees and in compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in Article 7 of Ministerial Decrees No. 629 and No. 630 of 24/04/2024. The PhD programme includes the involvement of companies in defining the training pathway, through mandatory study and research periods within a company of **at least 6 months and up to a maximum of 18 months** for scholarships funded under Ministerial Decrees No. 629 and No. 630 of 24/04/2024. The companies involved in designing the training project will co-fund the scholarship amount as established by the ministerial decrees. For each mandatory topic, a study and research period **abroad** of **6 to 18 months** at partner foreign institutions is required.
4. For the PhD Programme referred to in paragraph 1, a specific descriptive sheet (Annex 1.A) is attached to this call for applications and forms an integral part thereof. The sheet specifies:
 - the administrative headquarters of the PhD Programme;
 - the total number and type of positions available;
 - the methods of conducting the admission examinations;
 - the University webpage dedicated to the PhD Programme, as referred to in paragraph 1 above, where all relevant information regarding the training pathway, the competition calendar, and all notices for candidates can be found.
5. The number of positions and scholarships indicated in the descriptive sheet (Annex 1.A) attached to this call may be increased following any additional financial resources from the University, regional, national, European, and/or international sources. Each such source of funding will be duly publicized on the University’s website.
6. The number of scholarships may also be increased through funding from public and/or private entities, provided that the related agreement is signed **no later than the deadline for submitting applications**. In such a case, these additional funds will only increase the number of scholarships and will not affect the total number of positions planned for each PhD Programme under this call.
7. The University reserves the right to revoke this call for applications, to suspend or postpone the admission examinations, to suspend or not proceed with the admission of successful candidates, or to suspend or not award all the scholarships provided for in this call, due to

circumstances currently unforeseeable or beyond its control. In particular, the University reserves the right not to award scholarships or to suspend their payment in the event of unforeseen causes that lead to the loss of external public or private funding.

8. This call, drafted in Italian and translated into English, is published electronically on the official website of Università Telematica Pegaso. This publication serves as the **official notification to all interested parties** for all information contained herein; therefore, **no further personal communications will be sent to candidates**.
9. The call will also be published on the website of the **Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)** and in the **Official Journal of the European Union**.
10. Any amendments or corrections will be announced exclusively through publication on the aforementioned University website.

ART. 2

Admission Requirements

1. Applications for admission to the PhD Programme specified in Art. 1, paragraph 1 of this call are open—with no age or nationality restrictions—to candidates holding one of the following qualifications:
 - Master's degree awarded pursuant to Italian Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 270/2004;
 - Specialist degree awarded pursuant to D.M. 509/1999;
 - Degree awarded under previous academic regulations (prior to D.M. 509/1999) with a legal duration of at least four years;
 - Foreign academic qualification equivalent to an Italian degree of at least four years, obtained from a recognized foreign university.
2. Candidates who will obtain the required qualification **no later than 31 October 2024** may also apply, provided that at the time of application they are missing only the final degree examination and undertake to certify the attainment of the degree at the time of enrolment. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of admission. For these candidates, the weighted average grade of the examinations taken and confirmation that the thesis has been submitted will be used for the selection process.
3. All candidates are admitted conditionally to the selection procedure, subject to verification of the self-certified statements pursuant to Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments. The University may, at any stage of the procedure—including after the start of the PhD Programme—verify the truthfulness of the declarations provided and request the original documents. The Rector may, at any time and with a duly reasoned decision, exclude candidates from the selection process or revoke admission to the PhD Programme if the required qualifications are found to be lacking, without prejudice to any criminal liability arising from false declarations. Such decisions will be communicated to the candidate at the PEC (certified email) address used to submit the application.

ART. 3 Academic Qualification Obtained Abroad

1. Applicants holding a foreign academic qualification (equivalent to an Italian *laurea specialistica*, *laurea magistrale*, or pre-reform degree) may apply by submitting the relevant academic certificates, accompanied by a translation into Italian or English. Such applicants will be admitted to the selection process with reservation and will be excluded from the competition—or, if successful, from the PhD programme—should it later be verified that the qualification does not meet the requirements set out in this call and therefore does not permit enrolment in the PhD programme.
2. The foreign academic qualification must be comparable in duration, level, and disciplinary field to an Italian second-cycle degree (*laurea magistrale*). The suitability of the foreign qualification will be assessed by the PhD Admission Committee in compliance with applicable Italian and foreign regulations, as well as with any international treaties or agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.
3. Before the start of the PhD courses, applicants must submit to the University's Admissions Office, together with their enrolment application: their academic certificates translated and legalized in Italian, and a “Dichiarazione di valore in loco” (**Declaration of Value**) issued by the competent Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the qualification was obtained, as an alternative, applicants may submit a Statement of Comparability issued by the Italian **ENIC-NARIC** Centre (**CIMEA**), containing all the information necessary to assess the qualification. For degrees awarded in a European Union country, the Diploma Supplement is sufficient.

ART. 4 Application for Admission

1. The application for admission must be submitted exclusively through the online platform available at <https://pica.cineca.it/unipegaso/619-ddt-xl-2024/>, following the instructions provided there.
2. The application and all attached documents are declared by the candidate pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) 28 December 2000, No. 445.
3. The application must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, no later than **11:59 p.m. (Italian time) on 16 August 2024**.
4. The submission date of the online application, which coincides with the date the electronic form is sent, is certified by the system with a receipt automatically sent to the email address indicated. After the deadline, the system will no longer allow access or submission.
5. **Applications submitted by any method other than the online procedure will not be accepted.** The application must be completed in all parts. No additions or changes are allowed after the deadline.

6. Each application is assigned an identification number which, together with the selection code indicated on the platform, must be used for all subsequent communications.
7. Candidates are strongly advised to access the PICA platform well in advance to avoid system overloads that could prevent timely completion. Access to the platform is possible through one of the following:
 - a) credentials issued by the PICA platform (after registration);
 - b) LOGINMIUR account;
 - c) REPRISE or REFEREE account.
8. For all login methods, the application must be finalized with an electronic or handwritten signature. For details on electronic signatures, consult the Italian Digital Agency (AGID) page: <https://www.agid.gov.it/it/piattaforme/firma-elettronica-qualificata>.
9. The online procedure will remain active even during University closure days.
10. All qualifications and publications must be held by the application deadline. No additions will be accepted after the deadline.
11. The application must be completed in all its parts and include full personal data: full name, gender, place and date of birth, citizenship, tax code (not required for foreign applicants), full address of residence and domicile (if different), postal code, telephone number, regular email address, and the certified email (PEC) address chosen for official communications (as digital domicile under Legislative Decree No. 82/2005). Any change of address, telephone number, e-mail, PEC, or withdrawal from the selection must be promptly communicated via PEC to ufficio.concorsi@pec.unipegaso.it, dated and signed, with a copy of a valid ID.
12. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure correct uploading of all required documents. Only properly uploaded files will be considered. The University accepts no responsibility for unreadable or corrupted files.
13. Candidates applying for scholarships must indicate one of the three Pegaso University locations—**Naples, Rome, or Milan**—as their doctoral program site.
14. Candidates are urged to complete the application well before the deadline. It is their responsibility to verify successful submission. No appeals will be accepted for technical issues, connection problems, or system overloads.
15. The application constitutes a self-certification, pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, of the data and attached documents.
16. **Candidates with disabilities and/or specific learning disorders (DSA)** requesting accommodations under current legislation must complete the "Disability and/or DSA Declaration" section within the online pre-enrollment form.
 - Disability certifications must be: be issued by public health service facilities (SSN) or accredited bodies no earlier than three years before the date of the admission interview, except in the case of certifications issued after the individual has reached the age of majority (Art. 3 of Law 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 24 July 2012).

- meet the criteria of the 2011 Consensus Conference
- be complete with a diagnosis and the relevant nosographic codes, in accordance with Law 170/2010.

17. Foreign candidates with disabilities and/or DSA must present certification from their country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation in Italian or English. The appointed Commissions will verify that foreign documentation **confirms a disability or learning disorder recognized under Italian law.**

ART. 5

Documents to be Attached to the Application

1. In the application for participation in the selection process, for the purpose of evaluating 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 process, in which the candidate must include:
 - a) Full name, tax code, date and place of birth, residence or domicile, phone number, e-mail, and citizenship.
 - b) The PhD course to which they are applying.
 - c) Academic degree held.
 - d) Any disability, accompanied by appropriate documentation indicating the relevant percentage.
 - e) Declaration to promptly inform the PEC address ufficio.concorsi@pec.unipegaso.pec.it of any changes in address, phone number, or e-mail.
 - f) Declaration of commitment to regularly attend the PhD course according to the rules set by the Board of Professors.
 - g) Declaration of having read and understood the contents of this call.
- Copy of a valid identity document.
- *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*, dated and signed, including consent for personal data processing according to current legislation.
- Degree-related documents (one of the following, depending on the candidate's situation:
 - a) **For those who have obtained an Italian old-system, specialist, or master's degree:** a degree certificate or an official substitute declaration showing the study plan, the exams taken with their respective grades, and the completion of the final degree examination with the final mark.

- b) **For those who have obtained their degree from a foreign university:** a degree certificate (showing the study plan, exams taken with their respective grades, and the completion of the final examination with the final grade) accompanied by a comparability certificate issued by CIMEA or a “Declaration of Value” issued by the Italian Embassy or consulate.
 - c) **For those enrolled in an Italian old-system, specialist, or master’s degree program who have not yet obtained their degree at the time of application:** a certificate of enrollment in the final year of the program, showing exams passed and the corresponding grades.
 - d) **For those enrolled in 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 taken and the corresponding grades;
 - e) Research project related to the PhD topic, prepared according to the standard template attached to this announcement (Annex 1.B);
 - f) List of any publications, accompanied by their abstracts;
 - g) Any documents certifying knowledge of the foreign language indicated in the PhD information sheet selected by the candidate, as well as any additional language or computer skills;
 - h) Any documents related to additional educational or training activities;
 - i) Optional reference letter from a university professor following ASN commission criteria or from a qualified international researcher;
 - l) A list, on plain paper, of the qualifications submitted as attachments to 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 and the content of the attachments. The Administration reserves the right to carry out checks and verifications as required by current regulations and may, at any time and with appropriate justification, take measures to exclude candidates who have not complied with the provisions of the announcement or who do not meet the required eligibility criteria.

ART.6

Admission Tests and Evaluated Qualifications

1. The admission test for the PhD program is intended to assess the candidate's aptitude for scientific research.
The candidate must also demonstrate a good knowledge of the foreign language specified in the PhD program information sheet attached to this announcement (Annex 1.A).
2. The competitive selection procedure provides for **the evaluation of qualifications**, including the mandatory submission of a research project and an **oral examination**.
3. The aforementioned **research project** must include:
 - Project title;
 - Project objectives and their connection to the specific focus of the PhD program;
 - Methodology and expected results;
 - Degree of feasibility;
 - Essential bibliography, up to a maximum of 12 references.
4. The submitted research project will not constitute a binding work program in the event of admission to the PhD program.
5. **The competition schedule will be announced through publication on the University website** indicated in the PhD Program Information Sheet (Annex 1.A), by the Chair of the Examination Committee.
6. The publication of this announcement, the data contained in the Program Information Sheet (Annex 1.A), and the competition schedule shall be considered as official notification for all purposes. Therefore, candidates who have not been notified of their exclusion from the competition must sit the examination according to the published schedule, without any further notice.
7. Any changes to the date and time of the selection tests will be published on the same University website indicated in the PhD Program Information Sheet (Annex 1.A).
8. The Examination Committee, referred to in the following Article 7, has a total of **120 points** to evaluate candidates, distributed as follows:

TITLES	Max 40 pts
RESEARCH PROJECT	Max 20 pts
ORAL ESAMINATION	Max 60 pts

The minimum score required to access the oral examination is **30 points**

9. For the **evaluation of qualifications**, without prejudice to the autonomy of the Examination Committee, the following documentation may be considered: Per la **valutazione dei titoli**, ferma l'autonomia della Commissione Esaminatrice, è valutabile la seguente documentazione:

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| a) | Degree title consistent with the topics covered in the PhD program (or, for candidates who are still completing their degree, a valid enrollment certificate) | Max 10 punti |
| b) | Degree grade (or, if unavailable, for candidates still completing their degree, the weighted average grade of the exams taken) | Max 10 punti |
| c) | Monographs and publications in peer-reviewed journals or series (already published or with a publisher's certificate of acceptance and forthcoming publication) | Max 10 punti |
| d) | Post-graduate qualifications (specialization diplomas, advanced training courses, or master's programs of at least one year, issued by universities or qualified research institutions) | Max 4 punti |
| e) | Any professional and research experience (research collaboration grants, periods of study and research abroad—including Erasmus—, awards received from National and International Scientific Societies) | Max 4 punti |
| f) | Other documents deemed useful (participation in research activities, reference letter from a university professor according to ASN committee criteria or from a qualified international researcher, appointment as subject expert, language certificate) | Max 2 punti |
| g) | Research project (prepared according to the guidelines specified in the previous paragraph 3) | Max 20 punti |

10. For those who complete their degree by October 31, 2024, the weighted average grade of the exams taken, which replaces the degree grade referred to in point b), must be calculated as follows:

- Multiply the grade of each exam by its respective number of credits (a grade of 30 cum laude should be considered as 30);
- Sum all the products obtained;
- Divide the result by the total number of applicable credits (i.e., the credits of exams with a grade);

- d) Multiply the resulting average by 110 and divide the result by 30 (thus obtaining the grade on a 110-point scale).
11. The weighted average is not required for candidates still completing their degree or for graduates from foreign universities.
12. For the evaluation of the oral examination (interview), without prejudice to the autonomy of the Admission Committee, the assessment criteria are:
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| a) <i>Clarity of presentation</i> | Max 10 pts |
| b) <i>Ability to summarize</i> | Max 10 pts |
| c) <i>Critical thinking and adequate knowledge of the topics related to the submitted qualifications</i> | Max 15 pts |
| d) <i>Ability to conduct part of the oral examination in the foreign language specified in the PhD Program Information Sheet (Annex 1.A)</i> | Max 5 pts |
| e) <i>Ability to answer in-depth questions on the submitted research project</i> | Max 20 pts |
13. The oral examination is considered passed if the candidate obtains a minimum overall score of **40 out of 60 points**.

ART. 7

Examination Committee and Related Tasks

1. For admission to the PhD program covered by this announcement, the Examination Committee will be appointed by Rectoral Decree, composed in accordance with Article 14 of the Regulations on PhD programs cited in the Rectoral Decree establishing the PhD program in question.
2. The aforementioned Rectoral Decree appointing the Committee will be published on the University website in the dedicated section.
3. Among other duties, the Examination Committee will define:
 - the competition schedule, to be published on the University website;
 - the procedures for conducting the examination (via videoconference or in person);
 - the results of the evaluation of qualifications and the research project, which must be completed at least 5 working days before the interview.

The minutes relating to the evaluation of qualifications, publications, and the oral examination will be published on the University website as indicated in the PhD Program Information Sheet (Annex 1.A).

Candidates will not receive any individual notification or communication regarding the examinations.

4. At the end of the examination, the Examination Committee will draw up the overall merit ranking for the PhD program based on the scores obtained by the candidates. Candidates will be admitted to the program according to their ranking order, up to the number of available positions.

ART. 8 Approval of the General Merit Ranking

1. The overall merit ranking, compiled in descending order of the total score obtained by each candidate, will be approved by Rectoral Decree. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the younger candidate will prevail.
2. The aforementioned ranking, for admission to the PhD program in “Digital Transformation” XL cycle, will be approved by Rectoral Decree and published on the University website by the same deadline.
3. Such publication shall serve as official notification to the candidates; **therefore, no individual communications will be sent.**
4. Successful candidates will choose, among the two types of positions available, based on the highest overall score obtained; in other words, candidates with higher placement in the overall rankings will have priority in selecting the available positions.

ART. 9 Enrollment in the PhD Program

1. Candidates admitted to the PhD program will not receive any written communication.
2. Successful candidates, with or without a scholarship, must submit their enrollment application and make the relevant declarations within the strict deadline indicated at the time of publication of the ranking, and exclusively following the procedures published on the University website.
3. Those who fail to comply within the specified deadline will be considered withdrawn in all respects, and the vacant positions will be assigned to candidates next in line in the merit ranking.
4. Successful candidates who graduate by October 31, 2024, must self-certify the completion of their degree by the enrollment deadline, under penalty of losing their place.
5. Candidates who are eligible but not selected are advised to consult the PhD program webpage indicated in the Program Information Sheet (Annex 1.A) to obtain information regarding possible reallocation of positions from the overall merit ranking.

ART. 10 Scholarships

1. Candidates are admitted to the program according to the ranking order, following the procedures defined in the previous Article 9.
2. Scholarships, which may be funded from multiple sources, have a total duration of at least three years. They are awarded, for the entire duration of the program, to enrolled PhD students according to their position in the overall merit ranking and are renewed annually, subject to positive verification of the completion of the planned activities for each year. Renewal procedures are established by the Faculty Board and codified in the program regulations. If a scholarship is not renewed, or if the PhD student renounces it, the unused funds are reinvested by the University to finance other PhD programs.
3. The scholarship amount for the 2024/2025 academic year is €16,243.00 gross, including social security contributions payable by the recipient, and is disbursed in monthly installments.
4. **Scholarships that are funded or co-funded by external companies or research institutions, public or private, according to an agreement, will be disbursed to recipients subject to the University Telematica Pegaso receiving the corresponding funds.**
5. The scholarship amount is increased by 50% for a total period of 6 months for research activities abroad authorized by the Faculty 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 research activities conducted in Italy or abroad, in addition to the scholarship, the PhD student is provided with a budget equal to 10% of the scholarship amount for each year of the program. This budget is also provided to PhD students without a scholarship and is allocated to support research and training activities at the start of the courses.
7. The total number of scholarships is 53, distributed as follows:
 - a) 1 scholarship funded by Università Telematica PEGASO from its own funds;
 - b) 2 scholarships funded by Università Telematica PEGASO under DM 629 (1 scholarship from Investment 4.1 Public Administration and 1 scholarship from Investment 4.1 Cultural Heritage);
 - c) 27 scholarships funded by Università Telematica PEGASO under DM 630 (Investment 3.3), with identification of the co-financing companies for the 27 DM 630 scholarships;
 - d) 2 scholarships funded by Università Telematica MERCATORUM from its own funds;
 - e) 1 scholarship funded by Università Telematica "GIUSTINO FORTUNATO" under DM 629 (generic Investment 4.1);
 - f) 2 scholarships funded by Università Telematica "GIUSTINO FORTUNATO" under DM 630 (Investment 3.3), with identification of the co-financing companies for the 2 DM 630 scholarships;
 - g) 2 scholarships funded by Università Telematica San Raffaele Roma under DM 630 (Investment 3.3), with identification of the co-financing companies for the 2 DM 630 scholarships;
 - h) 3 scholarships funded by Università Telematica degli Studi IUL under DM 630 (Investment 3.3), with identification of the co-financing companies for the 3 DM 630

scholarships.

8. The number of positions without a scholarship is 13, with no possibility of increasing the number of available positions without a scholarship.
9. The doctoral student is authorized by the coordinator, upon approval by the Board of Professors, for the following expenses:
 - a) Doctoral student travel missions in Italy and abroad, registration fees for conferences, seminars, etc.;
 - b) Consumable materials for research involving doctoral students (e.g., chemical reagents, electrical or electronic materials, stationery, etc.);
 - c) Goods/equipment (e.g., hardware, software, scientific instruments). These items must be inventoried and will remain the property of the University at the end of the PhD program. It is not permitted to purchase goods/equipment for personal use (e.g., mobile phones, tablets, etc.);
 - d) Publication expenses;
 - e) Research-specific training (e.g., language courses, advanced training courses, etc.);
 - f) Events in which doctoral students are directly involved in the organization (e.g., PhDay);
 - g) If unused funds are available, the Board of Professors may decide to allocate them to cover travel expenses for foreign committee members for the thesis defense, which confer an additional foreign title to the doctoral student (e.g., Doctor Europaeus).

Doctoral students authorized to conduct research stays abroad, during which they receive the scholarship increase, are also entitled to travel reimbursement in order to promote international exchange.

10. 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 recipient. Doctoral students benefit from the related protections and rights.
11. Anyone who has already received a scholarship for a PhD program cannot request to receive a second one.
12. Scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships of any kind, except for those awarded by national or foreign institutions that support the students' training or research activities through stays abroad. PhD scholarships are compatible with Erasmus scholarships.

ART. 11

Fee for Access and Attendance to the PhD Program

1. **By the enrollment deadline, successful candidates**, both Italian and international, with or without a scholarship, are required to pay a service fee of **€50.00**, in addition to the supplementary tuition fee of **€282.00** for the 2024/2025 academic year and for subsequent academic years.

2. The annual fee for admission and attendance to the PhD program, for those not receiving a scholarship, is **€2,000.00**, plus the service fee and the supplementary tuition fee mentioned above. The total amount due is divided into four installments:

- 1st installment to be paid at the time of enrollment (€500.00);
- 2nd installment to be paid by May 31 (€500.00);
- 3rd installment to be paid by June 30 (€500.00);
- 4th installment to be paid by July 31 (€500.00).

ART. 12

Obligations and Rights of PhD Candidates

1. The PhD program requires an exclusive, full-time commitment, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 4, and Article 10, paragraph 2, letter b) of Ministerial Decree 226/2021.
2. PhD candidates, both with and without a scholarship, are required to:
 - Carry out the training program approved by the Board of Professors on an exclusive basis;
 - Attend regularly the course activities established by the Board of Professors;
 - Participate in the common courses within the PhD program;
 - Submit oral or written reports on the activities and research conducted;
 - Maintain personal activity logs as specified in the following paragraph 4;
 - Comply with any other requirements established by the Board of Professors or specified in the implementation regulations of specific funding covering the PhD scholarship;
 - Prepare, at the end of the program, the doctoral thesis with original contributions.
3. The activities of PhD candidates must be recorded in dedicated personal logs and include: course activities, research activities, independent study, bibliographic and archival research, in-progress assessments, participation in seminars, courses, and conferences, activities at institutions outside the University (other universities, research centers, companies) in Italy and abroad, any supplementary teaching activities, tutoring, and any other activities determined by the Board of Professors that contribute to completing the training path. Conducting research related to the PhD at private entities or institutions is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the Board of Professors. Violation of this rule results in expulsion from the PhD program.
4. The accuracy of the activities carried out by PhD candidates is certified by the coordinators based on information provided by the supervisor and co-supervisors.
5. At the end of each academic year, the Board of Professors, based on a detailed report of the activities and research carried out by each PhD candidate, decides on admission to the following year or proposes exclusion from the program to the Rector.

6. A PhD candidate may request an extension of up to twelve months for submitting the doctoral thesis for justified reasons, without additional financial charges.
7. The Board of Professors may extend the duration of the PhD program for a period not exceeding twelve months for justified scientific reasons, including requirements related to co-tutelle programs exceeding three years or for proven increases in research productivity (e.g., patent submission or outcomes, or extension of a significant national or international research project). In case of extension, the scholarship duration is also extended using University funds; the Board's justified proposal must be approved by the Board of Administration for financial verification. PhD candidates must comply with all activities determined by the Board for the extended program, including course participation.
8. PhD candidates may request suspension of the program for up to six months for valid reasons provided by law, such as maternity, serious illness, or civil service. No scholarship or equivalent funding is provided during the suspension.
9. The Board of Professors acknowledges suspensions communicated by the course coordinator. Suspensions longer than thirty days require the candidate to make up the entire interruption period, extending the training path accordingly.
10. The total duration of extensions and suspensions referred to in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 cannot exceed eighteen months, except for specific cases provided by law.
11. PhD candidates remain subject to the regulations on the right to study established by Legislative Decree No. 68 of 29 March 2012.
12. Subject to parental protection regulations (Ministerial Decree 12 July 2007), PhD candidates on leave retain the right to the scholarship, which will be paid at the end of the suspension period, up to the total duration of the scholarship.
13. The PhD course coordinator must promptly notify the competent office of any interruption of a candidate's activities for administrative purposes.
14. PhD candidates may be authorized by the Board to undertake paid activities that enhance their skills related to the PhD program, subject to compatibility with their training, teaching, and research activities. The maximum income allowed cannot exceed the scholarship amount.
15. The Board ordinarily provides each PhD candidate with research and training activities at high-level foreign institutions for a total period not exceeding twelve months. This period may be extended to a maximum of eighteen months for co-tutelle programs or aggregated programs under Article 3, paragraph 2, of DM 226/2021. The scholarship is increased by 50% during foreign stays.
16. PhD candidates must maintain confidentiality regarding research activities at external institutions.
17. PhD candidates without a scholarship may receive a research grant, provided the research topic is closely related to the PhD program, as determined by the Board.
18. PhD candidates are required to register on the Ministry's MIUR website to be recognized as potential research resources of the University.
19. With prior authorization from the Board and without increasing the scholarship, PhD candidates may perform as part of their training:
 - Tutoring activities, including paid tutoring, for undergraduate and master's students;

- Supplementary teaching, up to 40 hours per academic year. Activities must be recorded in personal logs. All other forms of teaching are strictly prohibited, and the coordinator must ensure compliance.
20. All administrative information regarding PhD candidates and their academic career will be published on the University website in the designated section. This publication substitutes any other communication; therefore, candidates must regularly consult the site for updates.

ART. 13

Final Examination and Degree Conferral

1. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy, abbreviated as “Dott.Ric.” or “Ph.D.,” 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 prior authorization from the Board of Professors.
2. The thesis must be defended at the end 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 substantial revisions or additions to the thesis necessary.
3. PhD candidates must follow the University regulations regarding the procedures and deadlines for thesis submission.
4. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is conferred by the Rector.

ART. 14

Personal Data processing

1. In implementation of European Regulation (EU) No. 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, concerning the protection of natural persons with regard 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 Service 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 evaluation of eligibility requirements; failure to provide them will result in exclusion from the procedure.

ART. 15

Responsible for the Procedure

1. The Data Controller of the procedure is the Director General, Dr. David Vannozzi.
2. The organizational unit responsible for the selection procedure is the Office of 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, reference is made to the University Regulations governing doctoral programs, cited in the preamble, which can be consulted on the University's website.

Il Rettore
F.to Prof. Pierpaolo Limone

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

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