

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLACES IN PH.D. COURSES
XXXVII CYCLE – UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA
MINISTERIAL DECREE N.1061 OF AUGUST 10 2021

Having regard to:

- Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013 containing the rules on the modalities of accreditation of universities and Ph.D. courses and the principles for the implementation of Ph.D. courses in the accredited universities and particularly art. 8, paragraph 2, concerning the possibility of different selection procedures with references to places reserved to graduates from foreign universities;
- The current Regulation of the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses;
- The Call for applications for places in Ph.D. courses – XXXVII cycle of the University of Catania, issued with Rector's Decree n. 2152 of June 29 2021, and its subsequent modifications and integrations;
- Ministerial Decree n. 1061 "Allocation of financial resources for Ph.D. courses in the fields of Innovation and Green";
- Ministerial Decree n. 40 of 25/01/2018;
- Ministerial Communication prot. n. 7403 of 16/03/2021 "Guidelines for the accreditation of Ph.D. courses";
- The decisions of the Academic Senate of 28/09/2021 and of the Board of Trustees of the University of Catania of 30/09/2021 concerning Ph.D. courses – XXXVII cycle;
- The possibility of modifications and integrations of the call, if appropriate;
- All this considered;

the following Call is issued by the Rector of the University of Catania

Art. 1 – Selection procedures

1. In compliance with the premises, the University of Catania officially announces the selection procedures for places in the following Ph.D. courses of cycle XXXVII:

	PH.D. COURSE	Number of Scholarships Field: Innovation	Number of Scholarships Field: Green
1	Agricultural, food and environmental science	4	4
2	Basic and applied biomedical sciences	4	2
3	Traslational Biomedicine	2	1
4	Biotechnologies	3	2
5	Physics	3	3
6	Law	1	3
7	Computer Science	5	5
8	Systems, energy, computer and telecommunications engineering	5	5
9	Neuroscience	2	0
10	Educational processes, theoretical-transformative models and methods of research applied to the territory	1	1
11	Materials Science and Nanotechnologies	4	4
12	Chemical sciences	3	3
13	Earth and environmental science	1	3
14	Science of interpretation	2	1
15	Science for cultural heritage and production	1	2
16	Political science	1	1
17	Complex systems for physical, socio-economic and life sciences	3	2
18	Evaluation and mitigation of land and territorial risks	3	4
	TOTAL	48	46

2. For all the Ph.D. courses reported in the previous paragraph, places with scholarship are activated correlated to the following research themes:
 - a. Innovation, innovative technology and digital technology as methods to enhance human capital in the field of research and innovation;
 - b. Green themes (themes concerning the preservation of the ecosystem and biodiversity as well as the reduction of impacts of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development).

The places with scholarship advertised in this Call are additional to those already activated for the XXXVII cycle with Rector's Decree n. 2152 of June 29 2021.
3. For all the Ph.D. courses in the list included in paragraph 1, course activities begin on December 1 2021 and terminate on November 30 2024.
4. The effective activation of each of the places with additional scholarship reported in the table included in paragraph 1 of this article is subject to the judgement of admissibility to the funding through the National Operational Program "Research and Innovation" 2014-2020 issued by the Ministry of University and Research, General Secretariat, Research Division – Office III.
5. The effective activation of each of the places with additional scholarship reported in table included in paragraph 1 is also subject to assignation of the places with scholarship financed through University's funds, as in the Call for applications issued with Rector's Decree n. 2152 of June 29 2021.
6. Detailed information on each Ph.D. course, together with the number of scholarships and their sources of funding, is included in the annexed information sheets which constitute integral and substantial part of the Call (annexes 1 to 18).

Art. 2 Admission requirements

1. Applications are open without regard to nationality or age to candidates who hold either a *Laurea (Vecchio Ordinamento)* or a *Laurea specialistica /magistrale* or any foreign degree suitable for access to Ph.D. courses in the country of origin by the deadline of the present call.
2. The suitability of the foreign degree is assessed by the selection committee with respect to the rules in force in Italy and in the country where the degree was issued and according to international agreements on degrees recognition.
3. Applications are also open to candidates regularly enrolled in their final year of *Laurea Vecchio ordinamento*, *Laurea specialistica/magistrale* or foreign degree course who obtain their final degree by no later than October 31 2021.
 In case these candidates pass the selection procedure, their admission to the Ph.D. course is subject to the submission of a self-certification of degree completion (for holders of *Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento* or *Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale*) or a degree certificate (for holders of a degree issued by a foreign university) by no later than November 5 2021.
 Failure to submit the aforementioned documents within the abovementioned deadline will lead to the exclusion from the doctoral program.
4. Specific entry requirements, additional to those already provided for in the paragraph of this article, are reported in the information sheets (annexes 1-18) which constitute integral and substantial part of the Call.
5. Applications are not open to candidates who previously benefited from a Ph.D. scholarship or a fraction of it (Regulations of the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses issued with Rector's Decree n. 3361 of October 31 2019, art.24, paragraph 8).

Art. 3 – Application form

1. The application form is web based and must be completed electronically through the University of Catania online application system available at <https://www.unict.it>servizi>portale> studenti – **NUOVO** according to

the guidelines in paragraph 10 of the present article from **September 30 2021 to October 15 2021, h. 12,00 (noon, Italian time).**

2. An application fee of € 30,00 as contribution to the costs for the organization of the selection procedure is required. The application fee must be paid according to the procedures described at paragraph. 10, let. i) of the present article by no later than **October 15 2021.**
3. The application form, to be completed either in Italian or in English, must contain the following data:
 - a) candidate's name and surname, fiscal code, date and place of birth, address (including postal code), telephone number and e-mail;
 - b) candidate's nationality;
 - c) name of the Ph.D. course for which the candidate intends to apply;
 - d) name of the candidate's degree;
 - e) disability with relative percentage, if any;
 - f) declaration of commitment to immediately communicate to the e-mail address dottorati@unict.it any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address;
 - g) express indication of candidature for a place reserved to graduates from foreign universities (for Ph.D. programmes including this type of places and for graduates meeting this requirement only);
 - h) candidate's address for videoconference;
 - i) declaration of acknowledgment of the content of the present call.
4. The following annexes must be attached to application form:
 - a) *Curriculum vitae et studiorum /Resume*, duly dated and signed, containing the authorization to the treatment of personal data according to the regulation in force;
 - b) One of the following documents concerning admission requirements:
 - for candidates with *Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento*, *Laurea specialistica* or *Laurea magistrale* issued by an Italian university:
Self-certification of successful completion of the degree course including the study plan, the transcript of records and the final grade;
 - for graduates from foreign universities:
Bachelor and Master degree certificates (including transcript of records, final grade and date of the award of the degree) and request of equivalence (according to the form included in annex n.19, integral to this call);
 - for candidates enrolled in the last year of *Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento*, *Laurea Specialistica* and *Laurea Magistrale* at any Italian Universities, who will complete the course and obtain the degree by no later than October 31 2021;
Self-certification of enrolment in the final year of the degree course, including transcripts of records;
 - for candidates from foreign university who will complete their Master course and obtain the degree by no later than October 31 2021:
Bachelor degree certificate plus a certificate attesting the status of student in the final year, including transcripts of records.
 - c) Research project pertaining one the research topic listed in the information sheet of the Ph.D. course for which the candidate wishes to apply. Candidates are required to report the title of the research project they intend to develop among those listed in the pertinent information sheet. For each Ph.D. course it is possible to submit one project for the research topic pertaining innovation and one research project pertaining *Green* themes;
 - d) List of publications with relative abstracts, if any;
 - e) Documents attesting the knowledge of the foreign language reported in the information sheet of the Ph.D. course chosen by the candidate as well as further linguistic skills or computer skills, if any;
 - f) Documents concerning the completion of further university courses;
 - g) Copy of a valid Identity document;
5. All annexes listed in par. 4 must be uploaded in PDF format onto the online application system one by one. When the size of a document exceeds the maximum size permitted by the online system, the document must be divided into two or more parts to be uploaded separately. No other format than PDF is accepted. All annexes

can be either in English or in Italian. Any annex in a language other than English or Italian must be accompanied by a legal translation in English or in Italian, under penalty of inadmissibility to evaluation.

6. Candidates who intend to apply for two or more different Ph.D. courses must complete two or more application forms separately and pay the application fee of **€ 30,00** for each application, without prejudice to the exemption from the payment of the application fee for candidates living in extra-EU countries.
7. Application forms will not be considered if either incomplete or submitted with different modalities or after the deadline indicated in this article. Furthermore, application forms will not be considered if the application fee is paid after the deadline indicated in par. 2 of this article.
8. Candidates are strongly advised to complete the application procedure well in advance of the expiration date of this call in order to avoid the clogging of the online system due to the volume of applications. The University is not responsible whereas the candidate cannot complete the application procedure because of unforeseeable circumstances, force majeure or any event not imputable to the university's administration.
9. Candidates are the sole responsible for the authenticity of the information included both in the application form and in the annexes. The university's administration is entitled to scrutinize the application forms and related annexes according to the legislation in force and exclude, in any moment and provided a proper motivation, those candidates whose applications do not comply with the requirements of this call.
10. In order to complete the application procedure, each candidate must:
 - a) Go to <https://www.unict.it>servizi>portale> studenti - **NUOVO** ;
 - b) Complete the registration entering his/her personal data in order to receive personal access credentials
(candidates already registered with the University's online system proceed from c);
 - c) Enter his/her personal credentials in the login box in order to access to his/her personal account;
 - d) Once in his/her personal account, in the box "**Enrolment**" click in order "**Doctorate**" and "**Admittance test**";
 - e) Choose the Ph.D. course for which they intend to apply;
 - f) Enter the data required by the online system and check their correctness;
 - g) Upload all the documents required in par. 4 of this article in PDF format onto the online application system;
 - h) Confirm the data clicking the apposite confirmation command;
 - i) Pay the application fee according to the procedure provided for in the online system;
 - j) Print and save a copy of the confirmation of the completion of the application procedure.
11. Candidates with disability higher than 66% who need assistance during the examination must submit formal request to the University's Centre for the Integration and Assistance to people with disability and DSA, Via A. di Sangiuliano 259, 95131 Catania, tel. 095/7307182-189-188, e-mail: cs.cinap@unict.it, website <http://www.cinap.unict.it/>, reporting the name of the Ph.D. course for which they have applied. This request must be submitted by no later than **July 29 2021, h. 16,00 (4,00 pm, Italian time)**.

Art. 4 – Type of places

1. The places with scholarship advertised in this call are with additional scholarships financed by the National Operational Program "Research and Innovation" 2014-2020, Axis IV "Education and research for the recovery ... – Action IV.4 – "Ph.D. course on themes pertaining Innovation" and Action IV.5 "Ph.D. courses on Green research themes of the National Operational Program 2020" until December 31 2023. After December 31 2023 the financial resources for the abovementioned scholarships will be the responsibility of the University of Catania. Financial resources can come from either the University budget or from agreements with public/private, national/foreign institutions with highly qualified facilities.
2. The Ph.D. Academic boards of the Ph.D. Courses listed in the article 1, paragraph 1, assign a research project to the selected candidates enrolled in the concerned Ph.D. course. This research project must be coherent with innovation themes (innovation, enabling technologies, digital) and green (preservation of the ecosystem, biodiversity, reduction of climate change impact and promotion of sustainable development).

3. The learning processes related to the abovementioned scholarships include:
 - a. a mandatory period of research and study at a private enterprise/company of minimum six (6) months and maximum (12) months;
 - b. a mandatory period of study and research at a foreign institution of six (6) months to be carried out by no later than December 31 2023.
4. The payment of the scholarship to the selected candidates will be done when the pertinent ministerial office in charge of the management of these scholarships confirms the funding of the related learning process. to the funding institutions as in paragraph 3, letters b and e.

Art. 5 – Selection procedures

1. According to each Ph.D. information sheet (see art. 1), candidates' selection can be based on the evaluation of qualifications and oral examination.
2. As for the evaluation of qualifications, the following documents will be assessed:
 - *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*;
 - Certificates attesting the knowledge of the foreign language reported in the information sheet of the Ph.D. course chosen by the candidate, if any;
 - Publications, if any;
 - Research project focused on either a research topic related to innovation or to a topic related to *green* themes as reported in pertinent informative sheet.
3. The maximum aggregate score is 120 points
 The pass mark is an aggregate 80 points out of 120 with minimum 40 out of 60 points in the evaluation of qualifications and 40 out of 60 points in the oral examination. Only candidates who receive 40 out of 60 points in the evaluation of qualifications can be admitted to the oral examination.
 The evaluation of qualifications is based on the following criteria:

- <i>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</i>	max 30 points;
- Certificates attesting the knowledge of the foreign language reported in the information sheet of the Ph.D. course chosen by the candidate, if any	max 5 points;
- Publications, if any	max 5 points;
- Research project	max 20 points.

 Regarding the *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*, the selection committee will evaluate the completion of the degree course in due time, the final grade and/or the grade average point as well as all professional and/or educational experiences deemed worthy of evaluation.
 The oral examination is based on:

- Dissertation on the research project	max 10 points
- General knowledge of the themes of Innovation field or the themes related to the <i>Green</i> field	max 20 points
4. The research project assessed by the selection committee in the phase of the evaluation of qualifications and provisionally discussed in the oral examination is not binding to the research subject effectively assigned to candidates admitted to any doctoral program, provided it is focused on a topic related to innovation or *green* themes.
5. The selection committee shall post the detailed criteria upon which the evaluation of qualifications and the oral examination will be based on the website of the Department offering the related Ph.D. course well ahead of the selection procedure.
 Each Ph.D. selection committee is the sole responsible for the prompt publication of the results of the selection procedure.
6. The oral examination will be held in the dates, hours and places indicated each Ph.D. course information sheets annexed to this call. No written notice will be sent to candidates.

Any variation of the date, hour or place will be notified well in advance on www.unict.it (section “*Bandi, gare e concorsi*”>”*Studenti e post laurea*”>”*Dottorati di ricerca*”). The aforementioned publication on the website, where appropriate, represents effective notification to candidates. No written notice will be sent to candidates.

Candidates admitted to written and oral examinations must bring with them an identity document.

7. Candidates admitted to the oral examination must bring with them an identity document. Considering the epidemiologic emergency, the oral examination will be held in the form of videoconference, without prejudice to the possibility to hold this examination in presence in accordance to the rules aimed at the containment of the epidemiologic emergency.
8. The candidate is full and sole responsible for the correct indication of the video conference address to be used by the selection committee for the oral interview. The candidate must be available in the date of the oral interview indicated in the related Ph.D. information sheet. The selection committee is entitled to arrange the time of the oral interview with the candidate. Before the oral examination, the candidate is required to exhibit his/her identity document.
Failure to indicate the video conference address or the incorrect indication of the video conference address, the unavailability of the candidate on the day and hour established by the selection committee and the failure to exhibit the identity document represent causes of exclusion from the selection procedure.
The University of Catania declines all responsibility for any unpredicted technical problem impeding the oral exam in the form of video conference interview.
9. The selection procedure must be completed by no later than **November 12 2021**.

Art. 6 – Designation and tasks of the Selection Committee

1. Each Selection Committee is composed according to art. 13 of the current Regulation of the University of Catania concerning Ph.D. courses.
2. Prior to the evaluation of qualifications, selection committees must establish the criteria of evaluation and assignation of points to each document to be assessed (*curriculum vitae et studiorum*, certificates attesting the knowledge of the foreign language reported in the information sheet of the Ph.D. course chosen by the candidate, publications and research project).
In case of candidates who do not already hold the degree required to access a Ph.D. course, the selection committee must take into account the average grade related to exams passed by the candidate at the moment of the application in order to assess his/her academic career properly.
3. Prior to the oral examination, the selection committees must establish the criteria of arrangement and evaluation of these examinations.
4. Upon completion of the selection procedure, each selection committee draws up the list of successful candidates, ranked in descending order of score. Scores being equal, the younger candidate prevails (law 16.6.1998, n. 191). The list is signed by both the President and the Secretary of the Selection committee and is affixed to the Notice board of the University’s Department where the selection takes place and posted on the same Department’s website.

Art. 7 – Lists of successful candidates

1. The list of successful candidates eligible for Ph.D. places are issued through decree of the Rector of the University of Catania. The Rector’s Decrees will be posted on www.unict.it (section “*Bandi, gare e concorsi*”>”*Studenti e post laurea*”>”*Formazione post laurea*”>”*Dottorati di ricerca*”).

Art. 8 – Admission to Ph.D. courses

1. Candidates are admitted to Ph.D. programs according to the descending order on the list of selected candidates until all the places available within each course are allocated. Successful candidates eligible for a place in two or more Ph.D. course are requested to choose the Ph.D. course in which they intend to enroll.
2. Candidates are excluded if they do not comply with enrolment procedures (see art. 9) within the deadline indicated in a further notice. In this case the next candidate in the list in descending order of score becomes eligible to fill the vacant place.
3. Any places remained vacant due to renunciation of candidates preceding on the list can be allocated within November 30 2021.
4. Candidates admitted to Ph.D. courses are required to pay enrolment fees as stated in the following article 9.

Art. 9 – Enrolment procedures

1. Candidates admitted to Ph.D. courses are officially appointed in a Rector's decree posted on the university's website www.unict.it (section "Bandi, gare e concorsi">"Studenti e post laurea">"Dottorati di ricerca") by no later than November 17 2021.
2. Candidates in the ranking list must submit the enrolment form and pay the enrolment fee (as in paragraph 4, letter e)) according to the procedure indicated in paragraphs 3) and 4), **from November 17 2021 and by no later than November 22 2021, h. 12,00 (noon, Italian time)**. No personal notice will be sent to selected candidates.
3. In the enrolment form the candidate shall enter:
 - a) name and surname, fiscal code, date and place of birth (including post code), telephone number and e-mail address;
 - b) disability with indication of its percentage, where appropriate;
 - c) declaration to commit himself/herself to attend the Ph.D. course full time according to the provisions of the Academic board.
4. To complete the enrolment procedure candidates must:
 - a) go to <https://www.unict.it>>servizi>portale studenti-NUOVO;
 - b) log in to their account with the same credentials as those used during the application procedure;
 - c) once in their account in the box **Iscrizione** click the heading "**Dottorati**" and subsequently "**Domanda di immatricolazione**";
 - d) enter all the required details in the specific spaces and confirm them;
 - e) proceed with the payment of the enrolment fee according to the directory in the online system for an amount of:
 - € 356,00 in case of enrolment in a place with scholarship;
 - € 156,00 in case of enrolment in a place without scholarship;
 - € 16,00 for candidates with disabilities corresponding to 66% or more, whatever the type of place.
5. Following the ministerial admission of the scholarship to the funding and by no later than the closing date posted on www.unict.it (Bandi, gare e concorsi> Studenti e Post laurea>Formazione Post laurea >Dottorati di ricerca), selected candidates will have to send to dottorati@unict.it the following documents in PDF format:
 - a) Document from the Italian National Institute for Social Security attesting the candidate's contributory role;
 - b) Declaration concerning the candidate's registration or non-registration with other forms of social security;
 - c) Copy of the fiscal code or health insurance card;

- d) Copy of a valid identity document;
 - e) Form including bank details necessary for the payment of the scholarship;
 - f) Declaration of acknowledgement that scholarships are exempted from income tax imposed on physical persons and that under no circumstances can they give assessments for the purpose of the career;
 - g) Declaration of acknowledgment that their right to be enrolled in a place in the chosen Ph.D. course will be lost in case the scholarship is not declared eligible to the funding by the Ministry of University and Research – General Secretariat – Research Division- Office III;
 - h) Declaration to commit themselves to carry out the assigned research project, the carry out the mandatory research period at the private enterprise/company (from minimum six(6) to maximum twelve (12) months) and the mandatory research period at the foreign institution (six (6) months) and to return the gross amount of the scholarship for the reference year in case of:
 - the mandatory internship at the private enterprise/company is not carried out;
 - the mandatory six-month internship at the foreign institution is not carried out by no later than December 31 2023;
 - the plan and the learning outcome of the project are modified without prior ministerial authorization;
 - negative assessment by the Ph.D. Academic board and subsequent non-admission to the following year of the doctoral program;
 - renunciation to the Ph.D. course;
 - failure to complete the course and receive the relative degree.
6. Enrolment forms submitted with modalities other than those indicated in this article or submitted after the deadline reported in the Rector's Decree mentioned in the previous paragraph 2 will not be considered. Enrolment forms without the payment of the due enrolment fee will not be considered either. The University of Catania declines all responsibility for failure to complete the enrolment procedure due to either facts not imputable to its administration or fortuitous event or force majeure.
 7. Candidates' failure to comply with the aforementioned provisions is considered equivalent to formal renunciation to the place in the Ph.D. course. Vacant places can be made available for other candidates on the ranking according to the descending order and until all vacant places are allocated. These candidates will be informed on enrolment procedures and deadline by means of an email sent to the email address indicated in the application form.
 8. The renunciation to a place in a Ph.D. program does not give the right to a refund of the enrolment fee even when the candidate has not attended any course activities.
 9. In case a scholarship is declared ineligible to the funding by the competent ministerial office in charge of the evaluation of the scholarship eligibility to funding, the candidate enrolled in the related place will lose the right to be enrolled in the Ph.D. program. The candidate will have the right to be refunded of the following:
 - € 200,00, enrolment fee
 - € 140,00, fee related to
 10. The mode of refund of the amounts listed in the previous article 9 will be properly indicated in a notice posted on www.unict.it (section Bandi, gare e concorsi > Studenti e Post laurea > Formazione post laurea > Dottorati di ricerca).
 11. In order to allow a rapid allocation of the places to the candidates in the ranking list, selected candidates who intend to renounce to a Ph.D. place must send immediate written notice to dottorati@unict.it. A copy of the identity card in PDF format must be attached to the notice of renunciation.
 12. Any variation of the enrolment procedure shall be duly communicated to the selected candidates in the same Rector's Decree reported in paragraph 2 of this article.
 13. By no later than November 15 of each year Ph.D. students must enroll in the following year. The enrolment is subject to the decision of the academic board according to art. 15, par. 4 of the Regulation of the University of Catania governing Ph.D. courses. Failure to renew the enrolment leads to the exclusion from the Ph.D. course.

Art. 10 - Scholarship

1. Entitled candidates are granted a scholarship according to the law in force.
2. The scholarships, whose maximum duration corresponds to the duration of the Ph.D. course, are assigned to candidates in the ranking list, provided a comparative evaluation in terms of merit and according to the order of the list, and are confirmed with the candidate's admission the following year of the Ph.D. course.
3. Each scholarship amounts to € 15.343,28 per year, before taxes charged on the scholarship holder. This amount is adjusted according to increases established by the law. Unless there is an increase in the scholarship amount, which is not available at the moment, the net amount of each monthly salary of the scholarship (after tax deductions charged to the doctoral student) is **€ 1.132,57**.
4. The amount of the scholarship is increased up to 50% in correspondence and proportionally to study periods at foreign universities or research centres for no more than 18 months. Unless there is an increase in the scholarship amount, which is not available at the moment, the net amount of the 50% monthly increase (after tax deductions charged to the doctoral student) is **€ 566,29**.
5. Each doctoral student, either in a place with or without scholarship, is granted a research budget from the second year of Ph.D. course. Within the financial resources of the funding institution as in article 4, paragraph 3. Unless there is an increase provided by the pertinent legislation, this research budget amounts to **€ 1.884,57**. This budget can be used by the doctoral student to cover any costs concerning his/her research in Italy and abroad.
The budget is transferred every year to the Department offering the Ph.D. course indicated in the information sheet. To access and use this budget, each doctoral student will need to refer to the financial division of the Department offering the Ph.D. course.
6. The payment of the scholarship is conditioned to the effective attendance to course activities and to the effective development of the research project assigned by the Academic Board and approved by the funding institution where appropriate. Any remains of the scholarship or fraction of it will be deposited in the administration coffers to be used in subsequent cycles of Ph.D. course.
7. The payment of the scholarship consists in a two-month salary for November and December for the first year and in monthly salaries for the remaining months.
In case of doctoral students whose research activity begins after October 31 2021, the payment of the scholarship may consist in monthly salary from the beginning.
Either way, payments are deferred to the month following the month of reference.
8. The provisions concerning tax benefit included in art. 4, Law 476/1984 apply to doctoral scholarships.
9. Scholarships cannot be cumulated with other financial contributions unless these latter are granted by national or international institutions and destined to research work abroad.
To benefit from the contributions in the above paragraph additional conditions might be required which are expressly indicated in the program financing the contributions.
10. Candidates who have already benefited from a doctoral scholarship or even portion of it cannot be granted a scholarship for a second time.

Art. 11 – Rights and duties of Ph.D. Students

1. With reference to further rights and duties of Ph.D. students, candidates are required to refer to articles 15, 16, 16-bis, 17 and 18 of the Regulation of the University of Catania for Ph.D. courses.

Art. 12 –Treatment of personal data

1. With regard to the information about the treatment of the candidates' personal data, according to articles 12, 13 and 14 of the EU regulations on the treatment of personal data 2016/679 (GDPR) and article 13 of the legislative decree n. 196/2003 – candidates shall refer to annex 22 which constitutes integral part of the Call and to the informative webpage on the treatment of students personal data available at [https://www.unict.it/sites/default/files/files/Informativa%20studenti aprile%202021-DEF.pdf](https://www.unict.it/sites/default/files/files/Informativa%20studenti%20aprile%202021-DEF.pdf).

Art. 13 – Officials in charge of procedure

1. According to art.5, subparagraph 1, of Law 241/90, the official in charge of the procedure is:
 - the chairperson of the selection committee with reference to the selection procedure, from the appointment of the committee members to the publication of the selection results;
 - Ms Antonella Taibi, with reference to the procedures connected to the present call;
 - Mr Salvatore Libertini, with reference to the procedures connected to foreign candidates.

Art. 14 – Final measures

1. Any aspect related to Ph.D. course and not expressly covered in the present call is governed by Ministerial Decree 45/2013, the Ph.D. regulations in force at the University of Catania, International cooperation agreements, other legislation in force governing Ph.D. courses and the legislation in force.
2. For any information and/or explanations it is possible to contact the Ph.D. Students Office at the following contact details: dottorati@unict.it; +39 095/73007212-257-260-261-263-952.

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