



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TO NATIONAL PhD
PROGRAMME IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – AREA INDUSTRY 4.0
WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SEAT AT POLITECNICO DI TORINO
(XXXVIII CYCLE) – 01.11.2022 / 31.10.2025**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
(not legally binding)

Article 1
PhD programme in Artificial Intelligence

1. The PhD programme in Artificial Intelligence is implemented through the establishment of **five doctorates joined together**, with the coordination of the CNR and Università di Pisa. Each of the five doctorates includes a leading university and a wide consortium of participating research institutions. **The five doctorates have a common ground focused on the foundational aspects of the Artificial Intelligence.** In particular, five areas of vertical expertise have been selected for the national PhD programme in Artificial Intelligence, each of which is referred to equal PhD programmes with administrative seats in the following universities:
 - Health and life sciences, *Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma*
 - *Agricoltura (agrifood) and environment, Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II*
 - Security and cybersecurity, *Sapienza Università di Roma*
 - *Industry 4.0, Politecnico di Torino*
 - *Society, Università di Pisa.*
2. For the 38th cycle, a public competition for the admission to the national PhD programme in Artificial Intelligence area - industry 4.0 with administrative seat in Politecnico di Torino is announced.
3. With reference to the area industry 4.0, the following institutions/universities participate in the PhD programme:
 - Politecnico di Torino (administrative seat)
 - CNR
 - Università di Bologna
 - Politecnico di Milano
 - Università di Milano
 - Università di Padova
 - Università Milano Bicocca
 - Università Ca' Foscari
 - Università di Verona

Article 2

Organization of the Activities of Phd Candidates Enrolled in the Programme

1. The PhD candidates, as involved in a single, joined and shared didactic-scientific project, may conduct their researches and training activities in the various seats of the universities/institutions involved in the national PhD programme. A real sharing of the structures necessary for the development of the teaching and research activities is granted to these candidates, aimed at the realization of the doctoral project.



2. At the end of the programme, after passing the final exam, each of the administrative seat universities releases the diploma of “National PhD programme in Artificial Intelligence” jointly with the other four administrative seat universities, with their respective logotypes and the National Research Council’s logotype (CNR).
3. The PhD candidate’s activity starts on 1st November of the first year of the programme and ends on the 31st October of the third year.

Article 3

Scholarships

1. The gross annual amount of a PhD scholarship for the academic year 2022/2023 is € 16.243,00. The awarding of the scholarship is restricted to the lack of incompatibilities laid down in the current regulations. The scholarship will be awarded from 1st November 2022, therefore the absence of incompatibilities must remain from this date (1st November 2022). Each University, within the scope of its own financial autonomy, may eventually contribute to the integration of the financed ministerial scholarship.
2. Each scholarship is theme-bound, that is, there is a requirement for the recipients to focus their doctoral research on a specific topic and conduct their research activity at the host university offering the scholarship, as stated in the table published at http://dottorato.polito.it/en/scholarships_ai. The scholarships will be assigned only to applicants evaluated by the board as eligible to be awarded a scholarship for that specific topic.
3. Applicants admitted to the oral examination must **express their choice for at least 3 up to a maximum of 5 scholarships starting from 5 days before the beginning of the interviews of the relevant PhD programme and up to 12.00 pm (noon, CET) of the day before that the interviews begin through the on-line procedure available on the Apply@polito.it platform**, (see article 4).
4. With regards to scholarships financed by an external institution, the enrolment is subject to the subscription of the related convention between Politecnico di Torino and the financing institution.



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5. The Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), in the frame of Mission 4 Component 1 and 2, has allocated resources for doctoral scholarships for researches dedicated to:
 - digital and environmental transition;
 - topics connected to the RRP;
 - public administration;
 - cultural heritage;
 - innovative doctorates with the contribution and involvement of enterprises.The Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR) has implemented these measures in support of the PhD programmes under Ministerial Decrees No. 351 of 9 April 2022 and assigned the resources of the RRP to Universities for the XXXVIII cycle.
6. Scholarships financed under the Ministerial Decree 351 of 9 April 2022 referred to in paragraph 5 above, please read carefully the conditions and obligations set forth as detailed in Annex no. 1 (DM 351).
7. The following categories of applicants cannot receive any PhD scholarship:
 - a) individuals who have already received a scholarship for a PhD programme in Italy;
 - b) civil servants who are on special leave but still receive their salary and social security contributions.
 - c) research fellows /assegnisti di ricerca (see art.10, paragraph 6).
 - d) individuals who have a contract of "Alta Formazione e Ricerca" (art. 45 of Legislative Decree no. 81/2015).

Article 4

Admission procedure

1. In order to participate in the competition, **the applicants must:**
 - a) **Submit their application form by 1:00 p.m. (CET) of 29th July 2022, only from the Apply@polito platform** which is accessible from the homepage of Politecnico di Torino website <https://www.polito.it/index.php?lang=en>.

Applicants who log into the Apply@polito.it platform for the first time and those students who do not own a student matriculation in Politecnico di Torino are required to register first.

Graduates and graduands from Politecnico di Torino must log into the Apply@polito platform using their credentials (user: S+number – password: date of birth, in the format "ddmmyyyy" or changed password).

- b) **attach the following documents** to their application:



a)	A copy of a valid identification document	Both front and back side with picture and signature.
b)	<p>Certificate or self-declaration (see Annex 3) with the information on their academic background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor's degree (1st level degree), with final grade, date and place of conferral; - Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale – 2nd level degree) or equivalent qualification, as specified in art. 5, paragraph 1), with final grade, date and place of conferral, if already awarded; - List of the exams taken during the whole academic path, with grades, dates and places of the exams. 	<p>These documents must be produced in a language of the candidate's choice among Italian, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish.</p> <p><u>Graduates and graduands from Politecnico di Torino do not need to attach the above-mentioned certificates/self-declarations.</u></p>
c)	Letter of recommendation from a teacher of the reference scientific community in support of the application	In Italian or English
d)	English language certificate or self-declaration to prove their knowledge of the English language (if any)	With score, date and place of examination, if already obtained.
e)	Abstract of Master's thesis	In Italian or English. Max length: 4.000 characters (spaces included).
f)	Short statement of purpose (SOP) on the applicant's research interests and motivations for undertaking the PhD programme, meant to underline their scientific preparation on the research topics carried out by the doctoral programme they are applying at in order to emphasize their ability to engage with one or more topics of research.	In Italian or English. Max length: 4.000 characters (spaces included).
g)	Name and e-mail address of the two referees which can be contacted by the Admissions Committee to get useful information for the evaluation of the application.	
h)	Publications	Fill in the appropriate section with title, place and year of publication



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i)	Any other document which applicants deem useful for the purpose of evaluating their application	For instance: other Bachelor's or Master's degrees, Diploma Supplement, prizes and awards, professional experience, any other document useful for the purpose of declaring applicants suitable for admission to a PhD programme, etc.
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In their application form, applicants must declare under their own responsibility that they are aware that the originality of their publications and papers presented for admission to the programme or produced during the PhD programme at Politecnico di Torino may be checked with an anti-plagiarism software.

In accordance with current legislation you are not allowed to be simultaneously enrolled in in any other university programme. If you are enrolled in another programme, you must ensure to finish your studies or suspend them before enrolling in the PhD except for any subsequent amendments and regulatory additions to the regulations in force.

All the above-mentioned attachments are integral part of the applications for the selection process, which must be written in the form of a lawful self-declaration, in accordance with art. 46 and 46 of DPR no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments. The documents attached to the application for its evaluation must be written in the form of self-certificates or *dichiarazioni sostitutive di atto di notorietà* as provided for by the law. The application made by the candidate must include all the necessary information for the evaluation of the academic qualification and the verification of its truthfulness. Failure to include even a single element entails that the qualification will not be evaluated.

- c) Applicants are required to **pay a non-refundable € 30.00 fee** by the mandatory date of **29th July 2022, 1:00 p.m. (CET)**. This amount must be paid on-line by credit card (VISA, MasterCard) at the end of the on-line application process. Payment can be made in the following ways:

- . credit cards (or other forms of payment provided by the PagoPA platform), which give rise to immediate payment;
- . pre-printed payment notices (MAV on the PagoPA platform), which give rise to a deferred payment

The payment made according to the method referred to in number 2) is valid only on condition that, after making the payment, you re-enter the Apply @ polito portal, self-certifying pursuant to art. 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree n. 445/2000 the date on which the payment was made, by entering the date itself in the appropriate space provided by the portal Apply@polito. Both the payment and the self-certification must be made within the terms set out in the previous art. 4.

The application process is finalized and valid only after the payment of the above-mentioned fee; afterwards, applicants will no longer be able to modify their application. Applicants who do not pay the fee, or whose payment does not result performed by the planned mandatory date, will be excluded from the selection process.

2. Politecnico di Torino will not take into consideration any declaration, qualification, publication or request to modify submitted documents after the closing date of this Call. Politecnico di Torino will evaluate exclusively the qualifications already obtained by the applicants by the closing date of the Call and submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in this article. Applications received after the closing date of the Call, or with different modalities from those above-mentioned, will not be valid.



3. Applicants with disabling conditions or with SLD certificate will have to submit an appropriate request within the 22nd July 2022, in order to make use of assistance or additional time during the admission test.

Article 5 Admission Requirements

1. Only applicants who **earned their Master's degree**, or old system or a foreign equivalent qualification, **no later than 31st October 2022** will be admitted to the selection process.
2. The application from applicants with a foreign qualification will be subject to evaluation of its suitability by the Admissions Committee, for the sole purpose of the admission to the competition. The evaluation will be conducted in accordance with the current legislation applicable in Italy and in the country where the qualification was released, as well as with the international agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for the pursuit of the studies. The Committee will have to evaluate its comparability to the Italian qualification required to access the PhD programme in terms of level, nature, content and academic rights (access to further courses). Applicants with foreign qualifications are required to submit the documents useful for the purpose to verify their degree (e.g. translation, legislations, declaration of value, Diploma Supplement, certificate of the exams, certificates such as ERIC-NARIC, etc.). The lack of these documents may affect the evaluation of the foreign degree as admission requirement in the event the Committee will not be able to deliberate the above-mentioned necessary comparability.
3. **The foreign degree and eventual supporting documentation will have to be submitted during the online application (through upload procedure exclusively), by the mandatory deadline of the call (1:00 p.m. of 29th July 2022).**
4. Anytime, the university may exclude applicants without the necessary requirements.

Article 6 Assessment Criteria

1. The competition rehearsals consist of the evaluation of the documents attached to the application form and an interview. The eligibility assessment is carried out by a Committee appointed by Rector's Decree.
2. Applicants will be assessed by a specific Admissions Committee appointed by the Rector and staffed by minimum 3 members chosen from among tenured faculty members and permanent researchers or other professionals with competencies in the specific research field for PhD programmes organized in cooperation with other institutions (see list in art. 1). The Admissions Committee can also be composed of international and/or Italian research experts, chosen among members of public or private academic or research institutions and centres with specific expertise in the field. The composition of the Admissions Committees is published on the Doctoral School webpage at: http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence
3. Admissions Committee can assign a maximum of 100 points to each applicant, divided as follows:
 - attached documents: maximum 60 points
 - interview: maximum 40 points.
4. **Applicants must score at least 40 points** summing the scores obtained for their qualifications and statement of purpose/recommendation letters **in order to be admitted to the interview.**



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The list of admitted applicants will be published on http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence.

5. The interview aims to assess the applicant's professional and academic background, scientific and cultural interests, basic academic competencies required to undertake the PhD programme and carry out the research project related to a PhD scholarship with predefined research topic chosen by the applicant on the Apply@polito.it platform. **The interview is to be considered passed with a minimum score of 28 points.**
6. The date, time and interview modalities for each applicant will be published on the webpage http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence on **29th July 2022**, at least 5 days before. Applicants are required to check the above-mentioned website without receiving any further personal invitation to the interview. Failure to attend the interview entails the exclusion of the applicant from the selection process.
7. The interviews will take place exclusively in videoconference. Applicants must specify their contact details which are going to be used by the Committee for the video call and they must also ensure that they will make use of a webcam to be identified. Applicants must be available on the day of the interview in accordance with the timetable; the Committee and the applicant may arrange a time for the beginning of the interview. Applicants are required to prove their identity before the interview starts by showing the same identification document they attached to their application form. Applicants will be excluded from the selection process if they do not provide their contact details, do not connect to the video call, are unavailable on the date/time of the interview or do not show their identification document. The Athenaeum is not liable for any technical problems which may hinder the remote interview. Oral interviews, including remote interviews, are public.
8. The dates of the selection process and the results will be published on the website at http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence. This publication is considered valid for all legal purposes as an official notification, without receiving any further personal notification. Possible



further updates regarding the selection process will be sent to the applicants exclusively by e-mail using the e-mail address provided in the application form.

Article 7

Ranking Lists

1. At the end of the selection process, the Admissions Committee will draft the final merit ranking list of the applicants based on their individual scores. Only the applicants who score a minimum of 28/40 points will be considered eligible for admission to a PhD programme. On an equal footing, the younger candidate will prevail.
2. A conditional offer of admission will be made to eligible applicants who have not earned their Master's degree yet (and/or are currently enrolled in an academic programme at another Italian/international university or research center).
3. The Admissions Committee gives the offered PhD scholarships taking into consideration the ranking list, the number of scholarships available, the applicants' cultural-scientific interests and their eligibility to receive a scholarship with predefined research topic. In order to do so, the Committee follows the order in the ranking list and the availability of scholarships, with the exception of the evaluation of eligibility expressed by the Admissions Committee concerning the adequacy of the applicant's educational profile.
4. If the Admissions Committee does not offer any PhD scholarship with predefined research topic to any applicant, the number of PhD positions provided for in this Call will be reduced. The documents of the selection process and the final merit ranking lists for admissions to each PhD programme (which include the final scores, positions on the ranking list, possible scholarship allocation to eligible applicants) must be approved by the Rector
5. The final merit ranking lists with the names of the applicants who have been admitted to the PhD programme will be published at the webpage http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence. No personal messages will be sent to successful applicants. The publication of the ranking lists and their subsequent updates must be considered as the official notification of the results.
6. Applicants who have been admitted to the PhD programme must enrol within the deadlines referred to in Article 8, except for the recipients of a PhD scholarship funded under Ministerial Decrees no. 351 the deadline for enrolment is in September and will be indicated directly on the website, in order to meet the Ministry requirement. The modalities and the list of applicants who are eligible to replace possible applicants who declined their offer of admission or lost their right to enrol will be published at the http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence, following the order in the ranking list. Ranking lists will scroll only in case of available positions resulting from lack of enrolment or waiver. Eligible applicants who are offered a PhD position (replacement) but do not accept the PhD offer within the deadlines will be considered to have implicitly renounced their offer of admission. In case of waiver of the scholarship or lack of enrolment, the scholarship will be assigned following the scrolling of the ranking list and the modalities referred to in article 3.

Article 8

Enrollment

1. Applicants who have been admitted to a PhD programme **must enroll by 15th November 2022, under penalty of exclusion from the programme.** For the recipients of PhD scholarships funded under the Ministerial Decree 351 (see Annex 1) , the deadline for the



second phase of enrollment must take place in September 2022 and will be indicated directly on the page http://dottorato.polito.it/en/enrolling_with_scholarship. Failure to enroll within the times communicated will result in the automatic loss of the benefit. The renunciation, even tacit, entails exclusion from the admission procedure to the doctorate

2. The enrollment to the PhD is only allowed with a scholarship.
3. The enrollment procedure is divided into two phases and is to be considered completed following the completion of both phases.

First phase: online enrollment to be completed strictly by 31st October 2022:

Applicants enroll online through the **Apply@polito** procedure, simultaneously paying the contributions referred to in comma 9.

Applicants admitted "**with condition**" can proceed with their online enrolment within the deadlines set out only after verifying the condition, in particular:

- Applicants who have achieved the II level qualification after the deadlines for submitting the application must enter the data related to this title, clearly indicating the grade, date and place of obtaining.
- Applicants who were enrolled in another PhD course, first or second level degree course, first or second level university masters, specialization school at Italian universities and/or foreign research institutes must declare the termination or suspension of this career.

Second phase: enrollment at the Doctoral School of Politecnico di Torino by 8th November 2022:

At the end of the online enrollment procedure, the date and time at which the applicants must present themselves at the offices of the Doctoral School for the second phase of enrollment, including identification, is indicated by presenting a photocopy of the identity card or passport.

Applicants who have obtained the II level qualification abroad must also submit Master Degree certificate and certificate of related exams in original, written in one of the languages indicated in art. 4.

The enrollment procedure ends with the delivery to the PhD student of the Politecnico di Torino Smart Card.

In the event that, for proven reasons, the PhD student cannot be in Turin by 8th November to complete the second phase of enrollment in attendance by the deadline indicated above, **the completion of the second phase of enrollment is exceptionally allowed remotely, from 10th to 15th November 2022**, by appointment at the **Virtual Desk** of the offices of the Doctoral School. This procedure does not allow the Smart Card to be released.

4. **Enrollment must be completed no later than 15th November 2022, under penalty of exclusion from the admission procedure to the doctorate.** For the recipients of PhD scholarships funded under the Ministerial Decree 351, the deadline for the second phase of enrolment must take place in September 2022 as detailed in article 8, comma 1.
5. PhD students who have completed the second phase of enrolment through the Virtual Desk, are enrolled **with reserve and must present themselves for the delivery of documents to the Doctoral School by 31st January 2023. Failure of the student to arrive in Turin and failure**



to deliver the documentation by the deadline will be considered as renunciation of the doctorate.

6. The start of the scholarship is subject to the full completion of the enrollment procedure and, as a rule, to the actual presence at the Politecnico di Torino. In any case, payment can only take place after the student has communicated a personal current account or one of which he is a joint holder through the Teaching Portal.

7. Candidates who are currently working must submit to the Doctoral School, by **15th November 2022, the declaration on the work activity** using the form available at the addresses http://dottorato.polito.it/en/scholarships_ai. These candidates are enrolled with reserve.

8. The Administration reserves the right to verify at any time the veracity of the documents and self-certifications submitted and to proceed to take the consequent measures if they are found to be untrue, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability.

9. The PhD candidates are not required to pay the university fee but must pay a fee, which includes the premium for accident insurance, revenue stamp and Regional tax for the Right to University Education – EDISU fee. This fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.

10. As a general rule, the scholarship is paid to the PhD candidate upon full completion of the enrollment process and after arrival at Politecnico di Torino. In consideration of the current health crisis and related travel restrictions, Politecnico can pay the scholarship also to the PhD candidates who attend the programme remotely, provided that they have a written authorization signed by the PhD Supervisor and by the Programme Coordinator. In any case, payment can only take place after the PhD candidate has entered his/her bank details on the Teaching Portal (a personal bank account or an account of which he/she is a joint holder).

Article 9 Rights and Responsibilities of PhD candidates

1. Admission to the PhD programme requires exclusive and full-time commitment. PhD candidates are required to attend classes full-time and conduct their study and research activities in the place of research and in compliance with the Call for application, the Regulations for PhD Programme and the terms established by the Academic Board of the programme.
2. Non-EU citizens are required to comply with the norms on entry visa and residence permit.
3. For the recipients of PhD scholarships funded under the Ministerial Decree 351 I should also comply with the provisions set in Attachment 1.



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Article 10 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCEDURE AND THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

1. The responsible for the administrative procedure is the Responsible of the higher Education Service of Politecnico di Torino.
2. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) n.2016 n.679 and the "Code regarding the protection of personal data" (Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30th June 2003 and further amendments), personal data will be processed by Politecnico di Torino in pursuit of its institutional aims and in accordance with the transparency purposes imposed by the law. The processing of personal data is based on the principles of correctness, lawfulness and relevance of purposes. More information on the processing of personal data is available at: https://didattica.polito.it/privacy/index_en.html.
3. Access to all documents is allowed in the forms provided for by current legislation.
4. Any requests for information may be sent using the Ticketing Support System that is accessible following the procedure illustrated at https://didattica.polito.it/segreteria/contatta/en/phd_scuolespecializzazione.html

Article 11 CALL ADVERTISEMENT

1. The present call will be advertised on the European website Euraxess, on the MIUR and on the Doctoral School website http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence. Any variation will be disclosed on this website.
2. The present call and the ranking lists will be published on the official list of Politecnico di Torino.

**THE CHANCELLOR
f.to Prof. Guido Saracco**

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ANNEX 1

PhD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROGRAMMES DEDICATED TO THE INCREASE OF HUMAN RESOURCES INVOLVED IN RESEARCH-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES, IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND IN CULTURAL HERITAGE- M. D. no. 351/2022 –

The Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), in the frame of Mission 4 Component 1 Investment 3.4 and Mission 4 Component 1 Investment 4.1 allocates resources for dedicated doctoral programmes focused on increasing human resources involved in research-oriented activities, in Public Administration and in cultural heritage.

These projects, pursuant to the aforementioned Ministerial Decree 351/2022, are:

- a. consistent with the goals of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, with the overall strategy and the Detail Sheet of the RRP Component;
- b. oriented to achieve the results measured through milestones and targets that may be assigned to the investment within the terms set in the Plan;
- c. in accordance with the principle “do no significant harm” (DNSH) pursuant to art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 consistent with the technical guidelines provided by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01);
- d. suitable for addressing and overcoming gender inequalities;
- e. in support of the participation of women and young people, also in accordance with the provisions of Decree Law No. 77 of 31 May 2021 (also known as Simplification Decree), as amended by the Conversion Law No. 108 of 29 July 2021, concerning the management of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

The selected projects should also aim at:

- a. focusing on disciplinary and thematic fields consistent with the needs of the country, as well as of the regional territories interested by the programme, in terms of highly qualified human resources oriented to the innovation needs of the companies;
- b. providing for the implementation of the entire PhD Programme, education, research and evaluation, at the administrative and operating headquarters of the university, with the exception of the planned periods of study and research at the company and abroad;
- c. ensuring that the PhD candidate benefits from qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities to perform study and research activities, scientific laboratories, libraries, database, etc.;
- d. providing for the implementation of educational activities for linguistic and IT improvement, for research management and knowledge of the European and international research systems, for the enhancement of research results and intellectual property rights;
- e. promoting the enhancement of research results and the protection of intellectual property rights, ensuring open access to research results and related data to the public within the shortest time and with the least number of possible limitations, in accordance with the “Open Science” and “FAIR Data” principles;
- f. ensuring the respect of the horizontal principles of the RRP (environmental sustainability; sustainable development; equal opportunities and non-discrimination; accessibility for people with disabilities).

The PhD projects include mandatory periods of study and research at the company from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, and mandatory periods of study and research abroad from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months as follows:

Periods abroad	Periods at the Company
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Research on RRP topics	mandatory	elective
Research in the frame of Public Administration	mandatory	mandatory in companies, research centres or Public Administration

PhD Scholarships

Scholarships under this initiative are listed in the table published at http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence and are identified with tehcode DM 351 in the scholarship title. The table is integral part of this Call.

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The table may be updated after the publication of this Call in order to increase the number of scholarships.

Variations will be made public exclusively at the aforementioned website.

Scholarships require to conduct the implementation of a predefined research topic detailed at http://dottorato.polito.it/en/artificial_intelligence. Applicants interested to compete for these scholarships must comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated in the present Call.

Assignment of scholarships

The admission and application requirements, the selection criteria and procedures are detailed in the present call.

At the end of the selection process, applicants who have been offered a scholarship under the present project will be required to enrol in the PhD programme according to the deadlines mentioned in the Call.

Subsequently, the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR) will verify the eligibility of the projects. Whether these checks are positively completed, MUR allocates the funding to the University.

The assignment of scholarships referred to in this project is therefore to be considered "with condition" of the positive evaluation of both consistency and eligibility and the allocation of ministerial funds.

PhD activities funded under Ministerial Decree no. 351/22 will start by 31 December 2022

The **revocation** of the scholarship applies in the following cases:

- a) the PhD programme is realised in a different way from the project admitted to funding, if the necessary authorisation from the MUR has not been requested beforehand and subsequently granted;
- b) failure to complete the PhD course (three-year duration) with reference to the minimum period of study and research at the company or abroad.

Specific obligations of PhD candidates

In addition to the requirements established in the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Politecnico di Torino applicable to all PhD candidates, and in compliance with the rules of Ministerial Decree no. 351/2022, PhD candidates who receive a scholarship in the framework of the present Call must also undertake to:

- submit a report on a six-month basis with the timesheet of their activities (organized by month spent at the university, abroad or at a private company) and a summary of the most important tasks. The reporting will be performed through an online platform using the template provided by MUR;
- complete the required mandatory periods of study and research at the company (minimum 6 months and maximum 12 months) and abroad (minimum 6 and maximum 12 months). Failure to comply with the required period at the company entails the revocation of the scholarship.



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- guarantee the respect of the obligations in terms of communication and information as provided by the art. 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all the documents that the Programme is funded in the frame of the RRP, with explicit reference to the funding by the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, including in the papers the EU logo, and also suitably share and promote the Programme – online and on social media – in line with what provided by the Communication Strategy of the RRP.
- respect the principle of not doing significant harm (DNSH) to environment, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.