



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DEL MOLISE

PUBLIC COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO PHD COURSES
AT UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DEL MOLISE
36TH CYCLE

A.Y. 2020/2021

Public competition approved with D.R. n. 461/2020 of 24/06/2020

Art. 1

Subject of the Call

The call for application for the admission to the following PhD courses a.y. 2020/2021(36th) cycle is hereby announced at the University of Molise:

- Biology and Applied Sciences (DOT197K79Z)
- Ecology and Territory (DOT197W57F)
- Innovation and Management of Public Resources (DOT1339381)
- Agriculture Technology and Biotechnology (DOT1339335)
- Translational and Clinical Medicine (DOT1439800)

The doctoral courses above will be established following the granting of ministerial accreditation.

The research subjects, the Coordinators, the available places, the admission modalities, the selection arrangements and other possible curricula, as well as the academic qualifications required for participation and possible additional requirements are indicated on the specific information sheet for each Course (Annex A).

One additional scholarship for the PhD course in Biology and Applied Sciences is funded by the Istituto Nazionale di Previdenza Sociale (INPS) and reserved to children or orphans of employees or pensioners enrolled into INPS, as further specified into the Art. 2, paragraph 1 of the Notice of Competition announced by INPS, which regulates the grant of the benefit.

This scholarship is linked to a specific topic, as detailed in the Annex A of the PhD course, and provides for activities to be carried out at Italian and foreign organizations.

The application forms for the INPS notice of competition, attached to this call for application, shall be sent along with the application for admission to the PhD course with the modalities referred to in Art. 3.

Courses will begin on 1st November 2020 and will have a duration of 3 years.

Should further sources of financing, both from public and private entities, become available, the number of scholarships can be increased; conversely, should the said entities withdraw from financing, the number of scholarships may be decreased. The deadline for applications referred to in Art. 3 shall remain unchanged nonetheless.

The University reserves the right to cancel the call for applications, to discontinue or postpone the selection procedures, to suspend the candidates' admission or the scholarships' grant due to force majeure. In particular, the University reserves the right to withdraw from the scholarship granting due to the occurrence of unpredictable events that shall cause the interruption of funding by either public or private entities.

Art. 2

Admission requirements

Regardless of age, gender and citizenship, applicants holding at least one of the following academic qualifications can apply for admission:

- laurea specialistica (second cycle master's degree pursuant to D.M. n. 509/1999)
- laurea magistrale (second cycle master's degree pursuant to D.M. n. 270/2004)



- c) laurea vecchio ordinamento (degree obtained under the Italian regulations in force before the reformation introduced by D.M. n. 509/1999)
- d) second cycle degree obtained abroad, recognized as equivalent to those covered by letters a), b) and c) of the present paragraph or considered eligible by the Selection Committee in accordance with art. 8, paragraph 1 of the D.M. n. 45 of 8 February 2013.

Those candidates in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad that has not yet been officially recognised as equivalent to an Italian qualification shall attach to their application all the necessary documents for the Selection Committee to acknowledge the suitability of the qualification, as referred to in Art. 3. The suitability of the qualification shall be verified by the Selection Committee in accordance with the Regulation in force in Italy and in the Country where the qualification has been awarded and in compliance with the international agreements regulating the recognition of qualifications towards further education. The Selection Committee shall evaluate the suitability of the qualification according to the documentation presented and may exclude the candidate from the procedure should the said documentation be deemed inadequate.

Undergraduate applicants may apply on condition to obtain the necessary academic qualification by 31/10/2020. All applicants participate in the selection procedure conditionally.

In circumstances where following an assessment of the documents submitted the academic qualification obtained does not meet the requirements set by art. 2 of the present Call or the statements made are untrue, the University is entitled to exclude the applicant at any point from the selection procedure or from the PhD Course even after the enrolment has been completed. In case of untrue statements, the regulation in force shall be applied.

Art. 3

Application procedures

The application form to participate in the selection process may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available on the student's Portal on the following link www.unimol.it ("[Portale dello studente e servizi online](#)").

Application forms can be submitted from 1 July 2020 and no later than 12.00 pm (local time) of 20 August 2020.

To apply, the applicant must:

- 1) Visit [Portale dello studente](#);
- 2) If not previously registered, enter the data required for registration on "[Registrazione](#)". Each applicant will be provided with printable user name and password. A user manual can be downloaded from [manuale contenente le istruzioni per la registrazione al Portale](#) on the website www.unimol.it;
- 3) If already registered, applicants may [login](#) by using their user name and password.

In case of loss, the credentials can be required to the Students Registrar Office (offices of Campobasso, Termoli and Pesche) or be retrieved through "[Recupero Password](#)" on the homepage of [Portale dello studente](#): in this case, credentials shall be sent automatically to the candidate's personal email address.

To apply for the selection procedures, candidates must log in into their personal webpage and select "Menù". From "Segreteria" they will click on "Test di ammissione" and select the PhD course.

Candidates shall upload on the Portal:

- 1) Scanned double-sided copy of a valid ID;
- 2) The application form downloadable from the present Notice of Competition (Annex B) referred to the chosen PhD course (the form must be printed, filled in, signed, scanned and uploaded);
- 3) The research proposal (where required) in PDF, duly dated and signed, with a title and the reference to a specific research topic chosen among those listed in the relevant PhD course table;
- 4) Any additional document in PDF, if required in the relevant PhD course table.



Applicants in possession of an academic qualification awarded abroad that is yet to be officially declared as equivalent to an Italian qualification must upload on the portal, as a single attachment in PDF format, the following supporting documents (written either in English or Italian):

- 5) Certificate or self-certification (in accordance with the Italian regulation in force) attesting the completion of their Bachelor's or Master's degree and the degree mark;
- 6) Certificate or self-certification (in accordance with the Italian regulation in force) of the Transcript of Records referred to their Bachelor's or Master's degree course;
- 7) Any other document deemed useful for the recognition purposes (es. Diploma Supplement, declaration of value, comparability statements issued by ENIC_NARIC) issued by the University of origin and the Italian diplomatic authorities.

The size of each document attached cannot exceed 60 MB.

Where the abovementioned documents are in a language other than Italian or English, they must be accompanied by the Italian/English translation, obtained by and under the sole responsibility of the candidate. This does not apply to scientific publications.

Each applicant can apply for more than one PhD course standing the application requirements. Separate applications are required for each PhD course.

Should the course have more than one curriculum, candidates must indicate only one curriculum in Annex B.

With regard to each course, candidates must indicate whether they are exclusively competing for places without scholarship. This choice cannot be changed afterwards.

With regard to each Course, candidates also wishing to compete for places with priority research grants are obliged to indicate this in their application, selecting the relative subjects. This option will be a binding priority choice.

If the information table for the chosen PhD course provides indication of places with grants reserved for candidates with foreign qualification, candidates wishing to compete for these places are obliged to indicate this in Annex B: these places will appear on a dedicated ranking.

To be accepted, applications must be submitted following the indications provided by the present article.

Failure to respect the terms and modalities indicated in the present article could lead to exclusion from the selection process.

Once the application form has been completed and the supporting documents attached, no modifications or integrations shall be allowed.

Pursuant to the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation), applicants must authorize the University to the processing of their personal data.

Art. 4

Candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (DSA)

Pursuant to Law 104/92, as supplemented by Law 17/99, and Law 170/2010, candidates with disabilities or specific learning disabilities (DSA) may request to take the admission test with personalized aids, by sending the form ([modulo](#)) available on the website www.unimol.it. This must be sent by certified email (PEC) to the address amministrazione@cert.unimol.it, before the deadline of 20 August 2020. The form shall be valid if sent from another certified email (PEC) address only.

The form must be supported by the certifications related to disability or DSA - original or authenticated copy - issued by the competent medical authority attesting disability or DSA.

The University body (Centro Servizi studenti disabili e studenti con DSA) in charge of assessing the above documentation will deliberate on the necessity to grant extra time to complete the exam compared to regular examinations (a maximum of 50% extra time) and/or the provision of specific aids.

If it is not possible to guarantee the required adaptations, an alternative measure will be defined.

The Rector's Delegate (Delegato del Rettore alla condizione studentesca e alle disabilità) will notify the Selection Committee or the PhD program Coordinator accordingly, who will decide on the matter.



For further information, applicants can contact [Centro servizi studenti disabili e studenti con DSA](#) by sending an email disabiliabili@unimol.it or look on the website <http://www.unimol.it/futuro-studente/ufficio-disabilita/>.

The data collected will be processed in compliance with the General Regulation on data protection (GDPR, General Data Protection Regulation - Regolamento UE 2016/679).

Art. 5

Selection Committees

The Selection Committees are appointed by the Rector according to the proposal put forward by the PhD Council.

Details concerning the members of the Selection Committee will be made available on the University website at [sezione dedicata ai Corsi di Dottorato](#).

Art. 6

Selection procedures

Modalities and assessment criteria of the candidates are explicitly indicated in each PhD Course Table, which form an integral part of the present Call for applications.

The examination dates indicated in the Course information sheets represent official notification. Candidates will therefore not receive any further call or notification regarding the entry examinations. Timetable and location are indicated on the course sheets. Should any change occur, this will be notified on the university website at [sezione dedicata ai Corsi di Dottorato](#).

To take the examinations, candidates must arrive at the location on the day and at the time indicated in the aforementioned information sheets, providing a valid identity document.

Candidates do not have to be present when qualifications and research projects are evaluated. The results of this evaluation will be available, before the oral exam, on <https://www.unimol.it/https://www.unimol-it-ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-2/avvisi/>, which will also contain information on the oral exam timetable.

Candidates may request on the application form that the oral examination is taken remotely, using videoconferencing equipment (specifically Google Meet). In this case, interested candidates must make a specific request and provide their contact details on the selection process application form, guaranteeing that they possess the necessary hardware and software equipment and will use a webcam in order for them to be correctly identified by the Selection Committee.

The candidate must be reachable at the contact details given, on the day of the oral examination, according to the modalities indicated. For identification purposes, and under penalty of exclusion from the selection process, candidates are required to identify themselves showing the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application before the start of their oral exam.

Failure to confirm contact details, failure to connect or be reachable on the day and at the time agreed, or failure to show a valid identity document pursuant to the previous paragraph, may result in exclusion from the selection process.

The University of Molise shall accept no responsibility for any technical issues that may prevent the oral examination from being correctly carried out.

Oral examinations, including those conducted remotely, are public and can be conducted either in Italian or in English.

Annex A of the present notice of competition shows the scores given to qualifications, to the evaluation of the research project (where required), the evaluation of the oral exam and the minimum score for being usefully collocated into the ranking.

At the end of the selection process, candidates may view the selection outcome on [sezione dedicata ai Corsi di Dottorato](#).

Art. 7

Rankings and Admission to Courses

The Final ranking list shall be approved by Rectorial Decree and published on the University Official Register [Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo on line](#) and University website [sezione dedicata ai Dottorati di Ricerca](#).



Publication of the final ranking list is to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. No information will be sent to the candidate's home.

The final score is given from the sum of all scores obtained from the assessment of the qualifications, of the research project (where required) and of the oral examination.

In case of places funded with priority research grant, the Committee will also take into account the suitability of the candidate as to the implementation of such research.

The Committee will award the grant based on the merit ranking.

If the successful candidate is eligible for a priority research grant, this grant will be assigned as a priority, as provided for by art. 3.

If several successful candidates are eligible for the same priority research grant, the Committee will award the grant based on the merit ranking.

In case of places/scholarships reserved to candidates with foreign qualification, the Committee will compile specific rankings. These places are reserved only to candidates who specifically applied for them.

Ordinary places will be assigned according to the general ranking for admission to the Course, on the basis of the *curricula* and documents submitted by the candidates, until all available places for each PhD course are filled.

Should applications have equal merit, in case of places with scholarship the assessment of the applicant's economic situation is the deciding factor in awarding a grant, pursuant to the Prime Ministerial Decree of 9 April 2001; unfunded places will be awarded to the younger applicants, in accordance with the Art. 3, paragraph 7 of the Law 127/1997.

Candidates who are ranked in the highest useful position in more than one PhD course will have to decide on only one Course upon enrolment.

The choice of the PhD course upon enrolment is binding and shall not be modified.

Failure to enrol by the deadlines set forth in Art. 8 will be considered as renunciation of the place.

Places which remain vacant for a specific *curriculum* may be assigned to other candidates ranked in useful position in other *curricula*, until all available places are filled.

Following explicit or tacit withdrawal by successful candidates before the start of the course, any vacant places will be assigned to the next candidates in the ranking.

Should any places with scholarship become available following withdrawals, for such vacant places may apply: winners who already enrolled without scholarship, winners of a place without funding who haven't enrolled by the deadline for the enrolment, the other eligible candidates in the ranking. Those candidates who in the application form indicated that they competed exclusively for unfunded places cannot apply for vacant places with funding.

Art. 8

Enrolment to PhD Courses

From the day following the publication of each final ranking list in the University Official Register, successful applicants must complete the enrolment procedure within 15 days' time, subject to revocation.

The enrolment form must be submitted on line by logging in into [Portale dello Studente](#) on the website www.unimol.it.

Failure to enrol by the deadlines and modalities set forth in the Decree approving the final ranking list will be considered as renunciation of the place, which will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.

Candidates with a foreign qualification must attach to their application:

- A copy, in Italian or English, of the academic qualification awarded abroad, complete with the declaration of value (only for academic qualifications awarded in non-EU countries), and a copy of the certificate indicating the examinations taken and the relative grades, translated and legalised by Italian diplomatic or consular authorities, or comparability statements issued by ENIC_NARIC;
- Diploma and Diploma Supplement in English for qualifications obtained in EU countries or comparability statements issued by ENIC_NARIC.



Non-EU citizens will have to submit a valid stay permit if already issued, or a copy of the request made to the competent authorities within 8 days of arriving in Italy.

Should there be any doubts regarding the nature or validity of academic qualifications awarded in EU countries, the University reserves the right to request the certificate or a Declaration of Value. Candidates in possession of a foreign academic qualification who have not provided the required documentation requested at the time of enrolment will be enrolled conditionally and will be excluded from the PhD course, with the obligation of refunding grant instalments unduly received, if they do not submit such documentation within 12 months of the start of the course or if following verification, the academic qualification does not meet the requirements of the present competition notice and does not permit enrolment to the PhD course.

Art. 9

Tuition fees

According to the Regulation on tuition fees of a.y. 2020/2021, PhD students who are not covered by scholarship, or with disability according to Art. 3, paragraph 1 of the Law n. 104 of 5.02.1992, or with at least 60% level of inability are exempt from university tuition fees and must only pay an amount corresponding to the regional contribution to the right to education and stamp duty for an amount of € 156 euro.

This shall be paid before the enrolment deadline.

PhD students with scholarship shall pay the first instalment of tuition fees before the enrolment deadline and the annual amount according to the terms set forth in the Regulation on tuition fees of a.y. 2020/2021.

Art. 10

Extra-quota admissions

Pursuant to Art 17, paragraph 1 of the University regulation in force on Research Doctorate, the candidates who hold research grants in international projects can be admitted as extra-quota, following favourable opinion of the PhD council which verifies the compatibility of the research activity with the scope of the PhD course and assess the eligibility of the candidate for admission.

Art. 11

Scholarships

The allocation of the PhD scholarships will be based on the ranking list for each curriculum and up to the fulfilment of all places for each PhD Course.

In case of withdrawal or forfeiture within a month from the courses start, the grant shall not be issued.

Scholarships are granted all throughout the PhD course and are granted for the first year and confirmed following the PhD council favourable opinion as to admission to the next year.

In accordance with Italian Ministerial Decree n. 40 dated 25 January 2018, the annual amount of the grant is 15.343,28 euros, gross, less national insurance, without prejudice to modifications to the Law.

Scholarships are exempt from the payment of the local tax on income and on Personal Income tax (IRPEF) and are subject to the payment of the INPS social security contribution as follow: two-thirds to be paid by the University and one-third to be paid by the scholarship holder. Scholarships are paid to PhD candidates on a monthly basis, in arrears.

Grants are only awarded to those who have a yearly income that is below the equivalent of a year's grant amount for the tax years when the grant will mainly be used. Should the grant holder's income exceed this limit, they will lose their right to the grant for the year in which the limit was exceeded. In this case, the PhD student concerned will be obliged to pay back any monthly grant instalments already received.

The scholarship shall not be accumulated with another grant, awarded for whatever reason, except for those assigned by national or international institutions for the purposes of integrating the research activities of the PhD student with time spent abroad.

PhD students who have already benefited from another PhD Course grant in the past are not entitled to the scholarship grant.



In case of scholarships not awarded to successful candidates, these will be assigned to eligible applicants based on the ranking list.

In accordance with Art.19, paragraph 4 of the University Regulation in force on Research Doctorates, in case of time spent abroad of at least 20 days, the amount of the grant is increased by 50% up to a maximum of 18 months over the three-year Program. Periods abroad exceeding the duration of 6 months shall be authorized by the PhD Coordinator or PhD Council.

In compliance with art. 9 of D.M. 45/2013, starting from the second year of Course every PhD student shall be granted a budget for research activity at home and abroad for no less than 10% of the scholarship amount. This budget is not assigned to foreign scholarship holders or for those who benefit of grants coming from specific mobility programs.

Art. 12

Incompatibility and junction with medical specialization schools

The enrolment in a PhD Course is not compatible with the joint frequency of other Bachelor Degree Courses or Master's degree courses, University Master courses, *Tirocini formativi attivi*, specialization schools (with the exception of Medical Specialization School in accordance with the specific regulation in force) or other PhD courses in Italian or foreign universities.

Successful applicants who are already enrolled in another Course as above must withdraw from the previous program before the enrolment at the PhD Course takes place.

Art. 13

Duties and rights of PhD students

Admission to the PhD program requires an exclusive and full-time commitment, according to the dispositions coming from PhD Council, except for what is specified in art. 7, 11 e 12, paragraph 4 of D.M. 45/2013.

Students are required to diligently carry out the activities related to the approved research project and to submit to the PhD Council, at the end of each year, a report on the research performed and relative outcomes. Following evaluation, the PhD Council will decide on the admission of the doctoral student to the following year.

PhD student may carry out complementary teaching activities prior authorization of the PhD Council within the boundaries established by D.M. 45/2013 and with no additional grant.

In accordance with art. 24, paragraph 10 the University Regulation in force on Research Doctorates, PhD students shall fulfil all the obligations required by the PhD Council as to the research database for obtaining the PhD qualification.

Further duties and rights of PhD students are detailed in Art.12 of D.M. n. 45/2013.

Art. 14

Processing of personal data

In compliance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and D. Lgs. 196/2003, the provision of data by the applicants when participating in the selection procedure is necessary for the purposes of the formulation of the rankings and the management of the selection procedure, for the enrolment of the successful candidates, as well as to manage statistical surveys to support analyses and the improvement of educational and research activities.

Data are processed by Università degli Studi del Molise.

The data will be dealt with in compliance to the principle of the processing necessity and will be stored in accordance with the rules concerning the conservation of administrative documentation.

The same data might be communicated to the public administrations directly interested in the legal-economic situation of the successful candidate and to all public entities where disclosure of data is expressly laid down by law.

The University of Molise is required to put in place suitable technical and organizational measures to ensure that the processing of the data meets the requirements of the said Regulation, thereby checking and updating periodically data protection policies.

Provision and collection of sensitive data is carried out in compliance with the Laws 68/1999 and 104/1992.



The provision of the data indicated in the notice is mandatory and necessary for the purposes of assessing the admission requirements and the possession of qualifications, under penalty of exclusion from the selection.

Pursuant to Art. 11 and 12 of the General Data Protection Regulation applicants have the right to access their personal data, to request amendments, elimination, limitation of treatment, as well as to object to the processing of the above data.

The data collected will be kept for a period of time not exceeding the achievement of the purposes for which they are processed (art.5 of EU Regulation 2016/679).

The data controller is Università degli Studi del Molise in the person of its legal representative pro-tempore domiciled in Campobasso, via F. de Sanctis.

The contact details of the Personal Data Protection Officer are Direttore della Divisione Programmazione e Sviluppo e della Divisione Risorse e Servizi, Dr. Vincenzo Lucchese.

For further information, please consult the information available on the [informativa](#) on the University website.

Art. 15

Responsible for the present administrative procedure

Pursuant to art. 4 and 5 of Italian Law no. 241 and subsequent amendments, the individual responsible for proceedings is the Director of Settore Dottorati di Ricerca of the University of Molise, Dott.ssa Silvia Bartollino.

For further information phd_receipt@unimol.it.

Art. 16

Disclosure

The present notice, written in Italian and English, is published on the [Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo on line](#) and on the University website at [sezione dedicata ai Dottorati di Ricerca](#),

In case of misinterpretation, the Italian version shall be considered valid.

The present notice is to be considered as official notification for all intents and purposes. No notifications will be sent to the candidate's home.

Any amendments or integrations to the present announcement shall be notified through publication on the University's official register ([Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo on line](#)) and on the University website at [sezione dedicata ai Dottorati di Ricerca](#).

The present notice will be published in the Italian Official Gazette, as well as on the University website, "Euraxess", and on the Ministry of University and Research website.

Art. 17

Final dispositions

At any given moment the University may exclude candidates for failing to meet the requirements set out in the announcement.

The University shall assume no responsibility for the loss of any notifications resulting from the candidate providing inaccurate indication of their residence and contact details, or caused by failure or delay to communicate any variations of these details. The University shall not be held responsible for any postal or telecommunications errors which are not the fault of the University itself. Any matters not covered by the present announcement shall be governed by current applicable rules and legislation and any disposition referred to in the premises, as well as by any agreement signed by this University for the establishment of PhD programs or for scholarship funding.

IL RETTORE
Prof. Luca BRUNESE

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