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HAVING REGARD TO   Ministerial Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2004 on amendments to the regulations concerning the academic independence of universities, approved with Ministerial Decree 509/1999;

HAVING REGARD TO   the Charter of the University of Milano-Bicocca, issued by Rector's Decree no. 0010332/15 of 3 March 2015 and published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic – General Series no. 67 of 21 March 2015;

HAVING REGARD TO   Law no. 240 of 30 December 2010, "Regulations on the organization of universities, academic staff and recruitment, and authorization to the government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system";

HAVING REGARD TO   Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021 "Regulation laying down rules for accreditation of doctoral venues and courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral programmes by accredited bodies";

HAVING REGARD TO   the Regulations of PhD Programmes of the University of Milano-Bicocca, issued by Rector's Decree no. 0122742 of 27 February 2025;

HAVING REGARD TO   Ministerial and Directoral Decrees no. 1119 of 30 August 2023, no. 1172 of 30 August 2023, no. 1193 of 09 August 2024, no. 1256 of 09 August 2024 and no. 876 of 28 October 2025 by which the Ministry of University and Research (MUR), upon advice of the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research (ANVUR), granted accreditation of the PhD Programmes held at the University of Milano-Bicocca;

HAVING REGARD TO   Ministerial Decree no. 301 of 22 March 2022 "Guidelines on accreditation for PhD Programmes according to art. 4, paragraph 3 of the rules referred to in Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14 December 2021";

HAVING REGARD TO   the resolutions of the Academic Senate at its meeting on 5 March 2026 and of the Board of Directors at its meeting on 17 March 2026 of the University of Milano-Bicocca, concerning the establishment of PhD Programmes – XLII cycle – with

administrative offices at the University of Milano-Bicocca and the funding of the related scholarships;

CONSIDERED that the call for PhD programmes relating to the XLII cycle of the University of Milano-Bicocca will be organized in two sessions and that the PhD programme in "Resources for the new p.a.: people and data" and the PhD programme in Nursing and Midwifery will be included in the second session of the call, which will be published on 1 July 2026 with deadline on 22 July 2026;

HAVING REGARD TO Resolution no. 314/2025 of the Board of Directors of the University of Milano-Bicocca at its meeting of 27 May 2025, concerning fees and contributions for PhD Programmes for academic year 2025/2026;

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23 February 2022 concerning the increase of PhD scholarships;

HAVING REGARD TO Law no. 33 of 12 April 2022 and Ministerial Decrees no. 930 of 29 July 2022 and no. 933 of 2 August 2022 concerning the possibility of simultaneous enrolment in two higher education programmes;

HAVING REGARD TO Rector's Decree no. 26712/22 of 29 March 2022, providing that all members of the Selection Boards for admission to the PhD Programmes having their administrative offices at the University of Milano-Bicocca are authorized to meet, for all selection sessions, remotely or by videoconference, and that the admission tests may be held remotely;

HAVING ASSESSED the opportunity to start the selection procedures subject to accreditation and verification by the MUR that the accreditation requirements are maintained;

GIVEN THAT the proposing Head certifies the regularity and legality of this act

HEREBY DECREES

Article 1

(Purpose of the call for applications and general rules)

This call for applications governs the procedures for admission to PhD Programmes – XLII cycle – with administrative offices at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

Under Ministerial Decree no. 226/2021, the PhD Programmes may be activated subject to accreditation or verification by the MUR that the accreditation requirements are maintained. Therefore, successful candidates may only enrol following the favourable outcome of the accreditation procedure for each programme.

Any amendments and supplements to this call for applications will be published on the University website https://en.unimib.it/study/doctoral-research-phd-programmes/applying-doctorate.

By submitting the application for admission according to the procedures laid down in Article 4, the candidate accepts the rules contained in this call for applications. Any breach of these rules will result in exclusion from the selection process. In particular, failure to submit the research project will result in non-admission to the examination tests.

All notices to candidates concerning this call for applications will be sent by e-mail. For this purpose, the e-mail address specified by the candidate during registration on the website (Art. 4) shall be used.

For each programme, the description sheets attached to this call for applications – "Description Sheets XLII cycle" – which form an integral part hereof, specify the duration in years, the number of places available, including the number of scholarships, apprenticeship contracts and any other forms of financial support financed through research funds or other University resources, as well as any positions without scholarship, any reserved positions for particular categories, the procedures for the admission tests, the procedures for the submission of the research project, and any possibility for candidates to choose whether to take the examinations in Italian or in another language.

Article 2
(Admission sessions)

The selection for admission to the PhD Programmes – XLII cycle – shall be organized in two separate sessions, "Session I" and "Session II":

SESSION	PUBLICATION OF THE CALL	APPLICATION DEADLINE	BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAMME
Session I	18 March 2026	17 April 2026 at 12:00 noon (Italian time)	1 November 2026
Session II	1 July 2026	22 July 2026 at 12:00 noon (Italian time)	1 November 2026

Session II will concern exclusively the programmes that may include in the call scholarships funded by companies/external bodies and by department funds made available after publication of Session I; therefore, not all programmes included in Session I will necessarily be included in Session II.

Applications may be submitted for both sessions. However, candidates enrolled in positions of Session I may not participate in the selections for Session II. Such candidates, if registered for Session II, shall be automatically excluded from it upon enrolment. The same shall apply to any additional session of the call: candidates enrolled in previous sessions may not participate in the selections for any additional session.

Positions relating to agreements entered into after publication of the Session I positions shall be offered in Session II, provided that the relevant agreements are signed in due time.

If necessary, the University reserves the right to add an additional session.

Article 3
(Eligibility for admission)

Those who hold one of the following academic qualifications may apply for admission, without citizenship restrictions:

1. second cycle degree (laurea specialistica or laurea magistrale);
2. degree obtained under the laws in force before Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999 (old system degree);
3. second-level academic degree issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM sector;
4. a foreign academic qualification, provided it is comparable in duration, level and disciplinary field to the Italian qualification required for admission to the programme. The

eligibility of the foreign qualification is assessed by the Selection Board. **If the qualification is deemed not eligible, the applicant will be excluded from the examinations.**

Students who have **not yet obtained their degree** may also apply for both sessions, provided they obtain the qualification by **31 October 2026,** under penalty of forfeiture. Candidates who have not yet obtained their degree are required to communicate the date and grade of the degree awarded to the PhD School Sector by e-mail to dottorati@unimib.it, sending by 2 November 2026 a copy of the degree certificate or, if Italian or EU citizens, a statement in lieu of certification.

Students who have not yet obtained their degree are considered those who have never obtained any of the academic qualifications referred to in points 1-4. Those who already hold such qualifications and are enrolled in a second degree programme shall enter the competition as graduates.

For candidates who have obtained more than one academic qualification (always among those referred to in points 1-4), the Selection Board shall consider as the admission qualification the first qualification obtained in chronological order.

Those who are already enrolled in the same PhD Programme activated at this University may not apply.

Article 4
(Submission of applications for admission and qualifications)

To participate in the admission test, all applicants must submit their application online through the Online Registry's Office of the University of Milano-Bicocca: https://s3w.si.unimib.it/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng.
No paper documents must be sent to the offices.

The application must be submitted no later than the following final deadlines:

SESSION	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Session I	17 April 2026 at 12:00 noon (Italian time)
Session II	22 July 2026 at 12:00 noon (Italian time)

The application must be drawn up as a self-certification pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, as subsequently amended and supplemented, and shall be valid for all legal purposes.

The documents attached to the application (assessable qualifications) must be drawn up as self-certifications or statements in lieu of affidavit in the forms provided for by law and as indicated in Tables A and B below.

For this purpose, candidates may use the self-certification templates available on the website at: https://www.unimib.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/dottorato-ricerca/carriera/modulistica-dottorandi

Under Article 40 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, as amended by Article 15 of Law no. 183/2011, qualifications issued by the Public Administration must mandatorily be declared by means of self-certification.

The statement made by the candidate, which substitutes the certification for all legal purposes, must contain all the elements necessary for assessing the qualification submitted and verifying its truthfulness. Omission of even one single element shall result in the non-assessment of the self-certified qualification. **Self-certifications are valid only if signed by hand.**

It is not necessary to submit self-certifications relating to academic qualifications obtained or to be obtained at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Such qualifications will be acquired ex officio.

European candidates may submit self-certification, duly signed, in Italian or English, where provided for in Tables A and B. Non-EU citizens legally residing in Italy may self-certify, in Italian or English, only facts, circumstances and personal details that may be certified or attested by Italian public authorities.

The application procedure consists of two phases:

1. **Registration on the University website**
   (https://s3w.si.unimib.it/Home.do?cod_lingua=eng): at the end of this phase, applicants will be assigned a username and password; if they already have them (for example, as current or former students of the University of Milano-Bicocca), they need not register again. These login credentials will be required later for enrolment, should the candidate be admitted to a PhD Programme.

2. **Completion of the application form**: using their personal credentials, applicants must log in and select "Segreteria / Ammissioni".

During the application procedure, candidates are required to enter the details of an identity document and to upload the document itself and a passport-size photograph in digital format (bitmap or jpeg) with a **resolution of at least 300x400 pixels**. The following documents must also be uploaded in PDF format, **each file not exceeding 25 MB**:

Table A

1. **Signed curriculum vitae et studiorum, preferably in Europass format.** https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/it/documents/curriculum-vitae The information contained in the curriculum vitae is not assessed by the Selection Boards.
2. **Any full publications and/or conference papers. (No self-certification)** Only publications submitted in full-text version shall be assessed. Texts or articles accepted for publication by the deadline of the call must be submitted together with the publisher's acceptance letter. As regards the need to provide a signed statement in lieu of affidavit declaring conformity with the original, please note that this requirement will be fulfilled automatically through the application procedure.
3. **Any self-certifications relating to post-degree master's programmes, training or advanced courses, specialization schools, second degrees.** https://www.unimib.it/sites/default/files/Dottori_di_ricerca/Autocertificazione_generica.pdf
4. **Any documentation attesting research and study collaborations. (No self-certification)**
5. **Any documentation relating to periods of study and/or research abroad. (No self-certification)**
6. **Self-certification of examinations taken and corresponding marks (only for students who have not yet obtained their degree and who are not students of Milano-Bicocca)** https://www.unimib.it/sites/default/files/Allegati/Dichiarazione%20sostitutiva%20di%20certificazione_conseg.titolo%20ed%20esami.pdf
7. **A research project**, also relating to the type of position/scholarship selected (for details on submission, see "Description Sheets XLII cycle").

> The research project discussed during the interview is not binding for the purpose of assignment of the actual thesis topic in the event of admission to the programmes.

Candidates are advised to name files consistently with their contents (e.g. "CV", "master", "research period", "publication 1", etc.).

A candidate holding a Decree of Equivalence/Recognition of Qualification (not mandatory) issued by an Italian higher education institution may upload it without adding the documentation indicated in Table B below. In this case, the qualification shall be considered, for all intents and purposes, an Italian qualification.

Candidates holding a foreign qualification must also upload:

Table B

EU citizens with a foreign qualification	Non-EU citizens with a foreign qualification
(in addition to the documentation listed in Table A)	(in addition to the documentation listed in Table A)
1. Self-certification, pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, of the foreign academic qualification obtained and comparable in duration, level and disciplinary field to the Italian qualification required for admission to the programme (mandatory) https://www.unimib.it/sites/default/files/ Dottori_di_ricerca/Autocertificazione_g enerica.pdf 2. Self-certification of examinations taken and marks obtained (transcript of records), stating the grading scale used (mandatory) https://www.unimib.it/sites/default/files/	1. Copy of the foreign academic qualification obtained and comparable in duration, level and disciplinary field to the Italian qualification required for admission to the programme (mandatory). 2. Certificate listing examinations taken and marks obtained (transcript of records), stating the grading scale used (mandatory); 3. Diploma Supplement or certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA(*) or by other ENIC-NARIC centres, and any other documentation useful for assessing the eligibility of the qualification for the selected programme; alternatively, the

Dottori_di_ricerca/Autocertificazione_generica.pdf 3. Diploma Supplement or certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA(*) or by other ENIC-NARIC centres, and any other documentation useful for assessing the eligibility of the qualification for the selected programme; alternatively, the Statement of Local Validity is accepted (not mandatory at the application stage); 4. Translation of the documents referred to in points 1 and 2 into Italian or English, if issued in another language (mandatory).	Statement of Local Validity is accepted (not mandatory at the application stage); 4. Translation of the documents referred to in points 1 and 2 into Italian or English, if issued in another language (mandatory).

(*) Candidates may benefit from the agreement entered into between the University of Milano-Bicocca and CIMEA (ENIC/NARIC network)

https://www.unimib.it/internazionalizzazione/informazioni-studenti-stranieri/attestato-comparabilita-cimea-italian-enic-naric

If the documentation provided does not clearly indicate the duration of the academic studies and/or the eligibility of the foreign qualification for access to the PhD programme in the country concerned, or the grading scale to which the degree and examination marks refer, the Selection Board may deny admission to the tests or may refrain from assessing the degree mark or examination marks.

Candidates holding a foreign qualification are admitted to the competition conditionally. This condition may be lifted only if, in the event of success, they mandatorily submit the Diploma Supplement or the certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA or other ENIC-NARIC centres, as provided for in Article 12. Alternatively, the Statement of Local Validity is accepted.

Up to the deadline of the relevant Session, candidates may modify, add or remove the uploaded documents, provided that this is done <u>before final completion of the application</u>; after that, it will be impossible to modify, resubmit or cancel the application.

<u>**Note:**</u> *In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the English and Italian versions of this Call, the Italian version shall prevail.*

For programmes requiring reference letters (see attached "Description Sheets XLII cycle"), candidates must enter in the application the e-mail address and telephone number of the relevant professor/expert, who will receive an e-mail notification with instructions for uploading the letter. The upload must mandatorily be completed by **20 April 2026** for **Session I** and by **23 July 2026** for **Session II.** Candidates will in turn receive notification that the letter has been uploaded; however, it shall be visible only to the Selection Board.

The qualifications submitted must be held by the deadline of the relevant Session. Declarations, qualifications and publications, or requests to amend qualifications already submitted, received after the Session has closed will not be considered.

At the end of the procedure, by clicking on the button PAGAMENTI, candidates will be able to pay the application fee of € 10.00 through the PagoPA payment system. The € 10.00 application fee is mandatory for all candidates. No exemptions are provided for non-EU candidates.

The payment must be made by the dates indicated below, under penalty of exclusion from the tests:

SESSION	PAYMENT DEADLINE
Session I	20 April 2026
Session II	23 July 2026

Only payments made within the above final deadline shall be considered valid and, therefore, any claim for non-payment or late payment, even if not attributable to the candidate, shall be deemed inadmissible.

At the application stage, candidates may apply for more than one programme, but not for more than one curriculum of the same programme.

If candidates apply for more than one programme, payment must be made for each application submitted.

The payment receipt must be kept carefully by the interested party. The University Administration reserves the right to request its production as proof of payment.

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Under no circumstances shall the above fee be refunded.

Once payment has been received by the University of Milano-Bicocca, candidates will be able to view and print, through the Online Registry's Office service, the "application for admission", which must be kept by the candidate as a receipt and which shows, at the bottom of the application, the application progressive number that will be used by the Selection Board as the candidate's identification code for all stages of the competition.

Pursuant to Article 75 of Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, if, on the basis of appropriate checks, the Administration finds that the content of declarations made by the candidate is untrue, the declarant shall forfeit any benefits obtained by virtue of a measure issued on the basis of such untrue declaration.

The University Administration shall bear no responsibility for the loss of communications due to inaccurate indication by the applicant of residence, address or e-mail, or to failure or delay in communicating any change thereof, nor for any telematic inconvenience not attributable to the Administration itself.

Article 5
(Candidates with disabilities – DIS – or with Specific Learning Disorders – DSA)

Candidates with disabilities or with specific learning disorders may request additional support by submitting the relevant certification at the time of application.

Disability certification must:
-   be issued by INPS, pursuant to Law no. 118 of 30 March 1971 (civil disability), or;
-   be issued by the competent public health authority for the relevant area, pursuant to Law no. 104/92 and subsequent amendments (disability certificate).

DSA diagnosis must:
-   comply with the criteria of the Consensus Conference (2011);
-   indicate the diagnostic codes, the explicit wording of the specific learning disorder concerned, and contain the information necessary to understand the individual characteristics, with indications of strengths and weaknesses;
-   also have been issued by facilities of the National Health Service or by bodies or professionals accredited by the Regions, and no more than 3 years earlier if issued before

the candidate reached the age of majority (Art. 3 of Law no. 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 24/07/2012).

Candidates may be admitted to the examination with the medical certification in their possession, even if not updated due to the limitation of National Health Service activities because of the Covid-19 emergency, without prejudice to the right to request subsequent integration of the required documentation.

For any additional support arranged by the University, candidates will be contacted directly by Spazio B.Inclusion. Failure by the candidate to confirm by e-mail shall be considered as a waiver of the support requested.

For further information, candidates are invited to contact Spazio B.Inclusion well in advance of the chosen test session by writing to supporti.ammissioni@unimib.it.

Failure to upload the documentation online within the deadlines set out in this call for applications will result in loss of entitlement to the support requested.

Article 6
(Project/topic positions and scholarships, higher education apprenticeship contracts, and reserved positions)

The description sheets for each PhD Programme ("Description Sheets XLII cycle") indicate any project/topic scholarships or positions, tied to the performance of specific research projects. The recipients of such positions are required to carry out the research activity specified. Further details on the research projects are available on the University website:
https://www.unimib.it/studiare/dottorato-ricerca/accedere-al-dottorato

Likewise, the programme description sheets ("Description Sheets XLII cycle") indicate the positions available covered by higher education and research apprenticeship contracts. These positions, also tied to specific research projects, are reserved for successful candidates who are considered eligible for the project and who are not older than 29 years of age on the date of hiring by the company.

Where project/topic scholarships are indicated in the programme description sheet, candidates may express up to a maximum of two preferences by completing the questionnaire. Preferences

for scholarships may be expressed for each programme to which the candidate applies but, in the case of programmes with more than one curriculum, only for one curriculum of that programme. Such preference shall be binding.

If the candidate does not express any preference, he/she will automatically compete for the allocation of University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic.

Executive positions are available within the industrial PhD programme in Strategic Innovation for Sustainable and Smart Ecosystems (SIS2E), as indicated in the attached description sheet, reserved for employees of companies having agreements with the University and engaged in highly qualified activities. Candidates must select the "Executive pathway" when submitting the application and attach a certificate relating to their employment status, issued by the employer. Such reserved positions shall be assigned according to the order of the merit ranking. The agreements entered into between the University and the Company govern the procedures for carrying out research activities and the allocation of the workload of the employee-PhD candidate.

For some PhD programmes, as indicated in the attached description sheets, scholarships are reserved for foreign candidates residing abroad. To compete for such scholarships, candidates must upload with the application, in addition to the identity document, an official document certifying residence abroad.

Article 7
(Admission tests)

Admission tests shall take place according to the procedures and schedule set out in the description sheets attached to this call for applications ("Description Sheets XLII cycle").

The selection procedure, aimed at assessing the candidates' aptitude for scientific research, consists of an assessment of the candidates' qualifications and of the research project, supplemented, in accordance with the provisions laid down by each Academic Board, by an oral examination. The oral examination is public.

The Selection Board has a total of 100 points available.

20 points are reserved for the assessment of qualifications and 10 points for the research project. The assessment of qualifications and the assessment of the research project are carried out by the Selection Board before the oral examination.

For each PhD Programme, minimum score thresholds for admission to the oral examination (qualifications and/or research project) may be provided, if indicated in the relevant description sheet. If the candidate fails to reach the minimum score in the assessment of qualifications and/or the research project, he/she shall not be admitted to the oral examination.

The results of the assessment of qualifications and of the research project shall also indicate the distribution of candidates across the examination days and shall be published on the University website at:
https://www.unimib.it/studiare/dottorato-ricerca/accedere-al-dottorato/informazioni-concorsi
Such publication shall constitute official notification for all legal purposes.

A total of 70 points are reserved for the oral examination. The oral examination is deemed passed if the candidate obtains at least 40 points.

The final score is given by the sum of the scores obtained in the assessment of qualifications, the assessment of the research project and the oral examination. To be declared eligible, candidates must obtain a score of at least 50/100.

The results of all examinations shall indicate only the progressive number of the application for admission (Application ID) of each candidate. This number is indicated at the bottom of the application for admission to the competition. Candidates are advised to keep this code throughout the entire procedure, as it is essential for their identification.

Article 8
(Interview)

The interview shall take place remotely through a platform made available by the University.

Candidates must be available on the day indicated for the oral examination, according to the schedule set out in the description sheet of each programme or in the table of assessment of qualifications and research project, if the examinations are spread over several days. The Selection Board may agree with candidates on a specific time for the start of the interview.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the competition, before the interview begins, candidates must identify themselves by showing an identity document, preferably the same one indicated at the application stage.

Candidates may be excluded from the competition if the connection is unavailable during the interview, if they cannot be reached on the day or at the time established, or if they fail to show a valid identity document. The University of Milano-Bicocca declines any responsibility where technical reasons prevent the proper conduct of the interview.

Article 9
(Grounds for exclusion)

Submission of the application for admission according to the procedures laid down in Article 4 implies acceptance by candidates of the rules contained in this call for applications; failure to comply with these rules shall result in exclusion from the competition.

In particular:
- failure to submit the qualifications required for admission (Article 3);
- failure to submit the research project shall result in non-admission and therefore exclusion from the examination tests;
- a finding by the Selection Board that the academic qualification obtained abroad is not eligible shall result in exclusion from the examinations;
- where the documentation produced does not clearly indicate the duration of the academic studies and/or the eligibility of the foreign qualification for access to the PhD programme in the country concerned, or the grading scale to which the degree and examination marks refer, the Selection Board may deny admission to the tests or may refrain from assessing the degree mark or examination marks;
- for identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the competition, before the interview begins, candidates must show an identity document, preferably the same one indicated at the application stage;
- at the end of the application procedure, candidates must pay the € 10.00 application fee through the PagoPA system within the time limits set out in Article 4, under penalty of exclusion from the tests;
- candidates may be excluded from the competition if the connection is unavailable during the interview, if they cannot be reached on the day or at the time established, or if they fail

to show a valid identity document. The University of Milano-Bicocca declines any responsibility where technical reasons prevent the proper conduct of the interview;

- the successful candidate of a Session I position, once enrolled, may not apply for Session II and shall in any event be automatically excluded from the competition (the same exclusion also applies to any additional session).

Article 10
(Selection Boards)

The Selection Boards for the admission examinations to the PhD Programmes shall be formed and appointed in accordance with the legislation in force.

If necessary, the Selection Board may avail itself of external experts for a specific opinion. The appointment of experts may be arranged, at the request of the Board, by the Sole Procedure Manager.

Article 11
(Merit rankings and enrolment procedures)

The merit rankings of eligible candidates are drawn up in decreasing order of the overall score obtained by each candidate and according to the sub-rankings for project/topic scholarships. Rankings are published in the Official Register of the University and on the website:

https://www.unimib.it/studiare/dottorato-ricerca/accedere-al-dottorato/graduatorie-rankings

Only the rankings published on that webpage shall be valid for admission to each programme. Publication shall constitute official notification for all legal purposes; therefore, no personal communications shall be sent to candidates taking the examinations, except in the event of vacant positions being filled.

The rankings shall also indicate the enrolment procedures for the PhD Programmes.

Without prejudice to the unquestionable judgement of the Selection Board in drawing up the ranking, based on the candidate's overall assessment, positions shall be assigned for each Session according to the following procedures:

1. **Assignment of positions for programmes offering only University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic**

   For programmes offering only University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic, candidates shall be admitted up to the number of positions offered, according to the decreasing order of the overall score obtained by each candidate.

2. **Assignment of positions for programmes offering both University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic and Higher Education Apprenticeship/project/topic scholarship positions**

   For these programmes, the general ranking for admission to the programme shall also indicate whether candidates are included in the sub-rankings for the higher education apprenticeship/project/topic positions for which they have expressed a preference. It should be noted that all candidates compete for positions relating to University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic.

   - Higher education apprenticeship/project/topic positions shall be assigned on the basis of the relevant sub-rankings.
   - If a candidate is in an eligible position both for a University scholarship/scholarship funded by other bodies without topic and for a project/topic scholarship (and is therefore included in the relevant sub-ranking), the latter shall normally be assigned first.
   - If more than one candidate is included in the sub-ranking for the same project/topic scholarship, the Selection Board shall assign the scholarship on the basis of the merit ranking.
   - If a candidate is successful for more than one project/topic scholarship (and is therefore included in more than one sub-ranking in an eligible position), the Selection Board shall decide which scholarship is to be assigned.
   - University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic shall be assigned on the basis of the merit ranking.

3. **Assignment of positions for programmes offering University scholarships with topic and Higher Education Apprenticeship/project/topic positions**

   For these programmes, positions shall in any case be assigned as described in point 2, with reference to Higher Education Apprenticeship/project positions.

4. **Assignment of positions reserved for employees of companies having agreements with the University and scholarships reserved for foreign candidates residing abroad**

   These positions shall be assigned in decreasing order of the overall score obtained by each candidate in the relevant rankings.

Note: *In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the English and Italian versions of this Call, the Italian version shall prevail.*

5. Assignment of positions/scholarships where no candidates are included in the relevant sub-ranking

For the purpose of assigning such scholarships, the Selection Board shall proceed according to the overall score obtained by each candidate in the merit ranking. In order to assign the highest possible number of scholarships, thereby maximising candidates' access to the programmes, the Selection Board reserves the right in this case to modify, where possible, the topic/project of the reassigned position/scholarship.

Any scholarship not chosen shall in any case be assigned within the same programme. In the case of programmes with more than one curriculum, if a curriculum admits a number of candidates lower than the number of funded positions offered, the remaining scholarships shall, where possible, be assigned to candidates competing in other curricula, according to the order of their respective rankings.

Positions without scholarship shall in any case be assigned in the same way as University scholarships/scholarships funded by other bodies without topic.

In the event of equal merit, for both positions with scholarship and positions without scholarship, the younger candidate shall prevail.

Any positions left vacant shall be offered, first of all, to candidates who hold an eligible position in the relevant sub-ranking and then in the merit ranking. Candidates shall be contacted by e-mail by the PhD School Sector.

If a candidate is placed in an eligible position in more than one ranking within the same Session, he/she must choose only one PhD Programme.

- Vacant positions shall also be reassigned where one of the enrolled candidates withdraws or forfeits admission to the programme by 1 December 2026. A PhD candidate who withdraws or forfeits by that deadline shall not be entitled to any scholarship accrual.
- If, following the ranking scroll, a candidate is offered simultaneously one position from Session I and one from Session II, he/she must decide which one to accept.

Enrolment must be completed by following the instructions published on the University website at:
https://www.unimib.it/studiare/dottorato-ricerca/accedere-al-dottorato/informazioni-concorsi

Note: *In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the English and Italian versions of this Call, the Italian version shall prevail.*

Failure to complete enrolment within the deadlines indicated next to the ranking shall result in forfeiture of the right to admission to the programme.

Article 12
(Additional provisions for students holding a foreign qualification)

Candidates holding a foreign qualification who are admitted to the programme, if they have not already submitted it at the application stage, must submit or send to dottorati@unimib.it, within 60 days of enrolment, under penalty of suspension of their academic career and subsequent forfeiture, the Diploma Supplement in English, issued by the same institution that awarded the qualification and drawn up according to the European model, or the certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA https://www.unimib.it/internazionalizzazione/informazioni-studenti-stranieri/attestato-comparabilita-cimea-italian-enic-naric or by ENIC-NARIC centres.

Alternatively, candidates may submit the Statement of Local Validity for the qualification, issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representation in the country to whose educational system the qualification belongs.

Candidates who intend to apply for the benefits and services related to the right to study must submit the documentation required by the specific call.

Candidates are required to submit a copy of the student/university entry visa or a copy of the residence permit.

ATTENTION: Non-EU citizens requiring a visa must mandatorily pre-register on the Universitaly Portal https://www.universitaly.it/ under the menu item "International students" in order to apply for the entry visa.

Enrolment is completed only upon issue of the entry visa for study in Italy, which falls under the exclusive responsibility of the Italian Diplomatic Representations abroad, regardless of eligibility obtained through this call.

For information concerning foreign qualifications and enrolment procedures for non-EU students requiring a visa, please consult: https://en.unimib.it/education/postgraduates/doctoral-research-phd-programmes/applying-doctorate or contact: credential.evaluations@unimib.it.

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Article 13
(Commitment of PhD students)

Enrolment in a PhD Programme entails a full-time commitment. The Academic Board shall assess compatibility with any work activities, provided that they involve a limited number of hours.

The PhD student is required to participate in the activities envisaged for his/her training curriculum, as indicated by the Academic Board, and to carry out the assigned research activities.

Simultaneous enrolment in another university programme is governed by the legislation in force.

Article 14
(Scholarships)

The amount of the PhD scholarship is € 16,243.00 per year gross of the social security charges borne by the fellow. The PhD scholarship is exempt from local income tax and personal income tax (IRPEF).

All PhD students are awarded, from the first year, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources available in the University budget, a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad appropriate to the type of programme and in any case equal to 10% of the amount of the scholarship itself.

Project scholarships may be awarded only to candidates who have opted for them pursuant to Article 6 of this call for applications and have been deemed eligible by the Selection Board.

The amount of the scholarship is increased, for periods spent abroad, by 50%, for a maximum period of 12 months, or 18 months in the case of jointly supervised theses or PhD programmes delivered in associated form.

A period abroad is ordinarily envisaged and therefore, where it is not carried out, adequate reasons must be provided by the Academic Board.

The scholarship has annual duration and is renewed for each year of the programme, provided that the PhD student passes the evaluation for admission to the following year. The scholarship is paid in monthly instalments in arrears.

In order to benefit from the scholarship, successful candidates must comply with the following requirements:

1. pursuant to Article 19, paragraph 16, of the Regulations of PhD Programmes, the scholarship is compatible with other income, provided that such income does not exceed the gross annual personal income limit corresponding to the amount of the annual scholarship paid by Unimib;

2. scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason whatsoever, except, where possible based on the type of funding, those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for supplementing, through periods spent abroad, the training or research activity of scholarship holders;

3. candidates must not already have benefited from another PhD scholarship, even partially.

For foreign students, the PhD scholarship may be paid only after proof has been provided of the assignment of an Italian tax code.

Public employees admitted to PhD Programmes shall, for the normal duration of the programme, benefit from the leave provided for by collective bargaining agreements or, for employees governed by public law, special study leave, compatibly with the needs of the administration, pursuant to Article 2 of Law no. 476 of 13 August 1984 and subsequent amendments, with or without salary and unless expressly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a PhD Programme, regardless of the disciplinary field.

Article 15
(Tuition and fees)

The amount of the fees required for access to and attendance at PhD Programmes is approved annually by the Board of Directors.

For academic year 2026/2027, unless otherwise resolved by the Board of Directors, all PhD students are required to pay, at the time of enrolment, the amount of € 156.00, as specified below:

- stamp duty   € 16.00
- regional tax for the right to study   € 140.00

PhD students holding a PhD scholarship are also required to pay, by 14 May 2027, the second instalment, consisting entirely of the all-inclusive contribution, determined on the basis of the ISEE and of the calculation applied to degree programmes belonging to contribution area A – merit students, from a minimum of € 0.00 up to a maximum of € 1,200.00 (see the Regulations on student contributions for academic year 2026/27, currently under approval).

In order to calculate the second instalment correctly, PhD students must obtain the ISEE certification for students enrolled in PhD Programmes by submitting the single substitute declaration to CAAF offices, other authorized bodies or through the INPS website. The University will automatically acquire the relevant data. The deadline for submission of the single substitute declaration will be announced on the webpage: https://www.unimib.it/studiare/servizi-studenti-e-laureati/segreterie/immatricolazione/contribuzione-studentesca

Pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers no. 159 of 5 December 2013, the family unit of applicants for benefits relating to PhD Programmes is composed exclusively of the applicant himself/herself, the spouse, children under 18 years of age, and adult children according to the rules referred to in paragraphs 2 to 5 of Article 3, without prejudice in any case to the possibility for the beneficiary to form the family unit according to the ordinary rules referred to in Article 3.

For more detailed information on ISEE declarations for students enrolled in PhD Programmes, and in particular for foreign students or Italian students residing abroad, please follow the instructions at the following link: https://www.unimib.it/studiare/servizi-studenti-e-laureati/segreterie/immatricolazione/contribuzione-studentesca .

Article 16
(Obtaining the qualification)

The qualification of Doctor of Philosophy is awarded upon completion of the PhD Programme, upon passing the final examination, and is subject to the submission of a written dissertation (PhD Thesis) reporting original research from which significant scientific results emerge.

Article 17
(Applicable law)

For all matters not expressly provided for in this call for applications, the legislative and regulatory provisions governing PhD Programmes shall apply.

Article 18
(Processing of personal data)

The data will be processed pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 196 of 2003 (Personal Data Protection Code), as subsequently amended and supplemented, and pursuant to EU Regulation no. 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR).

The complete information notice on the processing of personal data is available at the following link: https://www.unimib.it/informativa-studenti

Article 19
(Procedure Manager)

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the Procedure Manager for this call for applications is: Dr. Raffaella Citriniti, Research Area and Third Mission, Head of the PhD School Sector (Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1 - 20126 Milan).

Candidates are entitled to exercise the right of access to the records of the procedure in accordance with the legislation in force.

The formal request, addressed to the Procedure Manager, must be sent to the Protocol Office - Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1 - 20126 Milan.

Article 20
(Contacts)

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The Rector
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