

RECTOR'S DECREE no. 466 of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**SUBJECT: Approval and issuance of the Call for public selection for admission to the XL cycle of the doctoral course in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion", with an industrial orientation, within the framework of the European Union funding – NextGenerationEU, CUP F87G24000180005, at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome, for the Academic Year 2024/2025.**

### THE RECTOR

- PURSUANT TO Law No. 168 of May 9, 1989, which establishes the Ministry of University and Scientific and Technological Research, and, in particular, Article 6, which grants regulatory autonomy to Universities;
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 398 of November 30, 1989, "Provisions on university scholarships";
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, and subsequent amendments and integrations, containing provisions on administrative procedures and the right to access administrative documents;
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 125 of April 10, 1991, concerning "Actions for the regularization of gender equality in work";
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 104 of February 5, 1992, "Framework Law for assistance, social integration, and rights of disabled people";
- Pursuant to Decree of the Prime Minister No. 174 of February 7, 1994, "Regulation containing rules on access to jobs in public administrations for citizens of European Union Member States";
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 210 of July 3, 1998, and, in particular, Article 4, as amended by Article 19 of Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010, concerning "Provisions on doctoral research";
- PURSUANT TO Decree of the President of the Republic No. 445 of December 28, 2000, "Consolidated text of legislative and regulatory provisions on administrative documentation";
- PURSUANT TO Legislative Decree No. 196 of June 30, 2003, "Code on the protection of personal data," and Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council, No. 2016/679 of April 27, 2016, relating to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, applicable as of May 25, 2018;
- PURSUANT TO Law No. 240 of December 30, 2010, containing "Provisions on the organization of universities, academic staff, and recruitment, as well as delegation to the Government to promote the quality and efficiency of the university system", and, in particular, Article 19;
- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decree No. 226 of December 14, 2021, concerning "Regulation establishing accreditation procedures for doctoral schools and courses and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited entities";

- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decree No. 247 of February 23, 2022, containing the redetermination of the gross annual amount of the scholarship for attending doctoral research courses;
- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decree No. 301 of March 22, 2022, approving the "Guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral research";
- PURSUANT TO Ministerial Decrees 629 and 630 dated April 24, 2024, regarding the allocation of funds for investments as provided by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP);  
PURSUANT TO in particular to Ministerial Decree No. 630, dated April 24, 2024, on the "Allocation of three-year doctoral scholarships for the attendance of innovative doctoral programs that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the hiring of researchers by companies";  
CONSIDERING THAT the San Raffaele Telematic University of Rome has been among the recipients of the measure, in Ministerial Decree 630/2024, for the allocation, for the academic year 2024/2025, of No. 5 innovative doctoral scholarships under the NRRP, Mission 4, Component 2 – Investment 3.3;
- PURSUANT TO Article 2, paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree No. 630/2024, which states that "Within the framework of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Mission 4 'Education and Research,' Component 2 'From Research to Business,' Investment 3.3 'Introduction of innovative doctoral programs that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the hiring of researchers by companies,' aims to enhance high-profile skills, particularly in the areas of Key Enabling Technologies, through the establishment of dedicated doctoral programs, with the contribution and involvement of companies and incentives for hiring researchers by companies";
- PURSUANT TO Article 4, paragraph 2, of Ministerial Decree 630/2024, which states that "Implementing bodies identify, ensuring consistency with the definition in Article 1, paragraph 19, the partner companies of the innovative doctoral programs, willing to co-finance the doctoral scholarships regulated by the decree for the amount exceeding the value of €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the scholarship, in order to meet their research and innovation needs";
- PURSUANT TO Article 8, paragraph 6, of Ministerial Decree 630/2024, which states that "During the accreditation phase of the doctoral programs, the Implementing bodies, following the identification and consistency check as per Article 4, paragraph 2, communicate the partner companies that intend to participate in the co-financing of each of the scholarships for an amount exceeding the value of €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the scholarship";
- PURSUANT TO Article 8, paragraph 11, which states that the Implementing bodies are required to submit, by the peremptory deadline of September 25, 2024, through the MUR online platform (at <https://dottorati.mur.gov.it>), the commitment letters and/or agreements signed with the companies that participate in the co-financing of each doctoral scholarship for the amount exceeding €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the scholarship. The commitment letters must be finalized through the signing of specific agreements, by the peremptory deadline of November 14, 2024;
- CONSIDERING THAT, pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024, due to the obligation of co-financing by the company, the determination of the co-financed amount is deferred to the agreement signed between the parties, within the framework of university autonomy (MUR FAQ No. 9 of May 14, 2024 – Doctoral Programs XL Cycle);
- PURSUANT TO the MUR directorate note, prot. No. 8614 of May 2, 2024, containing explanatory instructions on the "Computerized procedure for Implementing bodies expressing

interest in participating in the accreditation procedure for doctoral programs, pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree 630/2024, and submission of the accreditation proposal for doctoral programs for the academic year 2024/2025, according to the ordinary methods provided for in implementation of Ministerial Decree 226/2021”;

- CONSIDERING THAT the San Raffaele Telematic University of Rome has expressed its intention to request, for the XL cycle, the accreditation of the course and its related location also in an associated form, pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 2, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, through the stipulation of suitable agreements with Italian universities and companies engaged in research and development activities;
- PURSUANT TO Article 4 of Law 210/1998, which provides that "Universities may activate doctoral courses through agreements with public and private entities possessing high cultural and scientific qualifications and suitable personnel, structures, and equipment";
- PURSUANT TO Article 10, paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, which states that "Universities may [...] request, at the initial accreditation stage or subsequently, the recognition of the qualification of «industrial doctorate» also as part of the denomination";
- PURSUANT TO Article 10, paragraph 2, of the aforementioned Ministerial Decree 226/2021, which states that "The agreements aimed at activating 'industrial doctorate' programs regulate, among other things, a) the coordination methods of research activities between the parties; b) the methods of conducting research activities at the company as well as, regarding positions covered by company employees, the distribution of the employee's overall commitment and the duration of the doctoral program"; c) the incentive mechanisms to promote technology transfer and the development of research activity results by the partnering companies;
- PURSUANT TO Article 10, paragraph 4, letter b), of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, which states that "Universities may [...] activate industrial doctorate programs with the possibility of allocating, based on specific agreements, a portion of the available positions to employees of companies engaged in high qualification activities, who are admitted to the doctorate following the successful completion of the relevant selection";
- ACCORDING TO the Statute of the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome, issued with Regional Decree of March 22, 2023, and published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic, No. 78, of April 1, 2023;
- ACCORDING TO the current University Regulations for the establishment and activation of Doctoral Research programs and Doctoral Research Courses, issued with Rectoral Decree No. 147 of May 3, 2023;
- PURSUANT TO the resolution of the Academic Senate of May 6, 2024, concerning the planning and activation of the XL cycle of the Doctoral Research course entitled "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion" for the Academic Year 2024/2025;
- PURSUANT TO the resolution of the Board of Directors of May 7, 2024;
- PURSUANT TO the Agreement signed on May 31, 2024, with Pegaso Telematic University, for the renewal and operation of the XL cycle of the doctoral program in “Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion,” aimed at funding No. 4 ordinary research scholarships for the curriculum “Health Psychology and Science Communication”;
- PURSUANT TO the further Agreement signed with Pegaso Telematic University, on May 31, 2024, through which No. 3 innovative NRRP doctoral scholarships were awarded to San Raffaele Telematic University of Rome under Investment 3.3, Mission 4, Component 2, ex Ministerial Decree 630/2024;
- PURSUANT TO the Letters of Intent signed by the Director of CNR IRIB, Prof. Andrea De Gaetano, and the legal representatives pro tempore of A. & O. S.r.l., Sensor Medica S.r.l., PosturaLab Research Institute, Olympus S.r.l., for the co-financing of scholarships under the resources allocated by Ministerial Decree 630/2024, through which the companies have

expressed interest in the development of joint training and research projects consistent with the objectives of the NRRP

- PURSUANT TO the Letters of Intent signed by the legal representatives pro tempore of Tao Technologies S.r.l.s., New Penta S.r.l., A. & O. a r.l., and Olympus a r.l.s., through which the companies have expressed their interest in signing a specific agreement for the activation of an "industrial" curriculum within the XL cycle of the Doctoral Program in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion," lasting three years starting from the academic year 2024/2025, and for the participation in the doctoral program reserved for their employees;
- CONSIDERING THAT, in compliance with the provisions of Article 10, paragraph 2, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, with the aforementioned Letters of Intent, the companies have committed to ensuring that their selected Employee-Doctoral Candidates have the necessary working conditions for the successful completion of the study and research activities provided by the annual activity plan, to be carried out under the guidance of an academic supervisor and a company supervisor, appropriately identified;
- PURSUANT TO the proposal of June 7, 2024, submitted to ANVUR, for the renewal, for the XL cycle, of the Doctoral Program in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion," through the computerized procedure made available on the MUR online platform for the accreditation of doctoral programs, for the academic year 2024/2025, pursuant to Ministerial Decrees 629 and 630 of April 24, 2024;
- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the doctoral research course is activated following accreditation granted by MUR following the favorable opinion expressed by ANVUR on the satisfaction of ministerial accreditation requirements;
- PURSUANT TO the favorable outcome of the renewal proposal of the doctoral research, communicated by ANVUR to the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome on August 6, 2024;
- CONSIDERING the obligations of the Implementing bodies of the interventions financed by the NRRP to ensure that doctoral candidates can benefit from qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities, in accordance with the law, for study and research activities, including (if relevant to the type of course) scientific laboratories, libraries, databases, etc.; to provide for the implementation of teaching activities for the improvement of language and computer skills, for research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, for the valorization of research results and intellectual property; to provide suitable procedures to address and bridge gender inequalities and to support the participation of women and young people; to provide, through a letter of commitment and/or agreement, the involvement of companies in defining the training path also within broader collaborations with the University and co-financing by the same companies for the amount exceeding €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the scholarship; to promote, respecting intellectual property, the valorization of research results both within the activities of the co-financing companies, also from the perspective of technology transfer, and in the scientific field, through adequate dissemination of the results achieved, in any case according to the principles of "Open science" and "FAIR Data";
- SUBJECT TO any changes, updates, or additions to this notice that will be made exclusively through publication on the University's official website <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorato-ricerca-xl-ciclo>;

## DECREES

### Art. 1

Approval and issuance of the Call for public selection attached to this Decree, which constitutes an integral and substantial part of it, for admission to the XL cycle of the Ph.D. course in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion", with an industrial orientation, within the framework of the European Union funding – NextGenerationEU, at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic University San Raffaele Rome, for the Academic Year 2024/2025, in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree No. 226 of December 14, 2021.

### Art. 2

This document had been drawn up in both Italian and English versions and is fully reported in **annexes n. 1 and n. 2.**

Rome, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

THE RECTOR  
(Prof. Vilberto Stocchi)



## ANNEX No. 2

### **PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SELECTION FOR ADMISSION TO THE XL CYCLE OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM, WITH AN INDUSTRIAL ORIENTATION, IN "INNOVATIVE LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS FOR HEALTH PROMOTION" – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025**

#### **Art. 1 – Announcement of the selection procedure**

The public selection procedure is announced for admission to the XL cycle of the Doctoral Course for the academic year 2024/2025 at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic San Raffaele University, as follows:

**DOCTORAL RESEARCH COURSE IN: INNOVATIVE LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS FOR HEALTH PROMOTION**

#### **CURRICULA RELATED TO THE DOCTORAL COURSE:**

- 1) HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION
- 2) PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION

**DEPARTMENT/PROPOSING SCIENTIFIC STRUCTURE:** DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SCIENCES AND QUALITY OF LIFE PROMOTION

**COURSE DURATION:** 3 YEARS

**START OF ACTIVITIES:** NOVEMBER 1, 2024

**NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:** 17

**N° 9 POSITIONS WITH RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP:** No. 5 innovative doctoral scholarships co-financed by external entities under the NRRP, M4C2, Inv. 3.3, ex Ministerial Decree 630/2024, for the curriculum "Physical Activity and Nutrition" and No. 4 doctoral scholarships funded by third-party entities for the curriculum "Health Psychology and Science Communication."

**N° 3 POSITIONS WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP**

**N° 5 EXECUTIVE POSITIONS** reserved for employees of companies partnered with the University and engaged in high-level qualification activities, as part of the industrial doctorate.

**COORDINATOR:** PROF. VILBERTO STOCCHI

**ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE:** TELEMATIC SAN RAFFAELE UNIVERSITY

#### **Art. 2 – Positions and Doctoral Scholarships Announced**

A total of 17 positions are announced for the XL cycle of the Doctoral Program in "Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion," with an industrial orientation, for the academic year 2024/2025, within the framework of European Union funding – NextGenerationEU, at the Department of Human Sciences and Promotion of Quality of Life of San Raffaele Telematic University of Rome, divided as follows:

- **No. 5 positions with scholarships co-financed by external entities PNRR 630/2024:** The three-year innovative doctoral scholarships are co-financed by the Ministry of University and Research in collaboration with companies for attending the doctoral courses of the XL cycle, active and accredited pursuant to Ministerial Decree 226/2021, with an industrial orientation. The scholarships are funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Mission 4 “Education and Research,” Component 2 “From Research to Business,” Investment 3.3 “Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the hiring of researchers by companies,” ex Ministerial Decree 630/2024, within the framework of European Union funding – NextGenerationEU, **CUP F87G24000180005**. The collaboration with companies involves the realization of research projects of business interest within the curriculum “Physical Activity and Nutrition” (PAN). The PAN curriculum aims to train professionals with the latest scientific knowledge and technological advances capable of improving the quality of life through a proper lifestyle. The research activity carried out by the doctoral candidate is therefore linked to a specific research topic, as indicated in Annex 3;
- **No. 4 positions with research scholarships funded by third parties:** The three-year doctoral scholarships are funded by Pegaso Telematic University for the realization of research projects within the curriculum “Health Psychology and Science Communication” (HPSC). The HPSC curriculum is aimed at advanced training of PhD researchers capable of promoting the protection of health and well-being - both individual and collective - through the study of interaction models between organizational contexts, users, social actors, and stakeholders involved in promoting well-being. The research activity carried out by the doctoral candidate will concern research areas related to the HPSC curriculum, as indicated in Annex 3;
- **No. 3 positions without research scholarships:** Positions without research scholarships ex Article 9, paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree 226/2021 provide for the realization of research projects within HPSC or PAN curricula. The research activity carried out by the doctoral candidate will concern research areas related to the main topics of the doctoral program and the chosen curriculum, as indicated in Annex 3;
- **No. 5 Executive positions:** Positions reserved for employees of companies or employees of affiliated entities engaged in high-level qualification activities, pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 4, letter b), of Ministerial Decree 226/2021, with retention of salary, for the realization of research projects within the curriculum “Physical Activity and Nutrition” (PAN). The research activity carried out by the doctoral candidate is therefore linked to a specific research topic, as indicated in Annex 3.

**Art. 2 bis – Doctoral scholarships under PNRR D.M. 630/2024 (M4C2-Inv.3.3 – PNRR innovative doctoral programs with an industrial orientation)**

Ministerial Decree No. 630 of April 24, 2024, allocated resources from NRRP funds, Mission 4 “Education and Research,” Component 2 “From Research to Business” - Investment 3.3 “Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of companies and promote the hiring of researchers by companies,” within the framework of the NextGenerationEU initiative, for admission to innovative doctoral programs with an industrial orientation of the XL cycle, active and accredited pursuant to Ministerial Decree 226/2021.

Among the positions announced by the University, 5 refer to positions with innovative doctoral scholarships under Mission 4, Component 2 - Investment 3.3 (**CUP: F87G24000180005**).

The scholarships under this paragraph include:

- a) periods of study and research in companies ranging from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, even if not continuous, over the three-year period;
- b) periods of study and research abroad, even if not continuous, from a minimum of six (6) months up to a maximum of twelve (12) months, extendable to eighteen (18) months in case of thesis co-supervision, over the three-year period;
- c) the preparation, through the specific online platform (<http://dottorati.mur.gov.it>), of a semi-annual report indicating the time commitment (divided into months in the company, at the university, abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the doctoral program coordinator.

The periods of study and research referred to in points a) and b) are distinct and must be carried out at different entities.

### **Art. 3 - Requirements for Admission to Evaluation**

Candidates who possess at least one of the following qualifications can access the Doctoral course without age or citizenship limitations:

- a) degree obtained under the old regulations before D.M. no. 509/1999;
- b) Laurea Specialistica o Magistrale (Master's degree) obtained under the regulations of D.M. no. 509/1999 or D.M. no. 270/2004.

Candidates who are expected to obtain the qualifications mentioned in points a) and b) by the registration deadline for the Doctoral course, **October 31, 2024**, may also participate in the selection.

Failure to obtain the degree by this date will result in disqualification. In this case, admission to the Doctoral courses is conditional upon the actual achievement of the degree.

All candidates are admitted to the selection process, subject to verification of the self-certified declarations, in accordance with D.P.R. no. 445/2000.

The mandatory documentation concerning the academic degree to be attached to the admission application is as follows:

**a) Candidates with an Italian degree:** The degree obtained can be self-certified under Article 46 of D.P.R. no. 445 of December 28, 2000, and subsequent amendments and integrations, including the exams taken with their credits and grades, the date, and the grade obtained.

The degree that is yet to be obtained can be self-certified under Article 46 of D.P.R. no. 445 of December 28, 2000, and subsequent amendments and integrations, including the exams taken with their credits and grades, and the expected date of obtaining the degree.

For university courses divided into first and second levels, the documentation related to the first level (bachelor's degree), including the list of exams taken, must also be attached.

The self-certification form can be downloaded from the reserved area of the online secretariat of the University where the degree has been or will be obtained. Graduates or graduating students of the Telematic San Raffaele University can find this self-certification on the Esse3 Online Student Secretariat.

**b) Candidates with a degree obtained abroad:** Candidates with foreign degrees must attach a copy of the academic diploma required for admission to the Doctoral course, along with the list of exams taken with their credits and grades, and if available, the Diploma Supplement, a declaration of value, or the Rector's Decree of equivalence. The declaration of value can be replaced by certificates of comparability and verification of qualifications issued by ENIC-NARIC - CIMEA centers for Italy - containing all the necessary information for the evaluation of the academic degree.

Candidates with a foreign degree that is yet to be obtained must attach the certificate of enrollment with the list of exams taken, their credits, and grades.



For university courses divided into first and second levels, the diploma of the first level and the list of exams taken to obtain the corresponding degree must also be attached.

The eligibility of the foreign degree will be determined by the Doctoral commission in compliance with the current regulations in Italy and the country where the degree was issued, and with international treaties or agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for further studies.

#### **Art. 4 - Simultaneous Enrollment**

Attendance at the Doctoral Research Courses and the use of the scholarship are compatible with simultaneous enrollment in degree courses of any level, including courses offered by Higher Institutes of Musical and Choreutic Studies, as well as with first and second-level Master's courses.

However, attending another Doctoral Research Course or an equivalent course is not compatible.

The joint attendance of Doctoral Research Course and Health Area Specialization School with reserved access for both medical and non-medical professionals is compatible, provided that the benefits are not cumulated, and the use of the Doctoral scholarship is waived (art. 7 co. 1 lett. b of D.M. 226/21), except as provided in the subsequent paragraph of this article.

However, the joint attendance of Doctoral Research Course and Health Area Specialization School with reserved access for medical professionals is incompatible in case of assignment of PNRR Doctoral scholarships pursuant to D.M. n. 630/2024, as per art.2 of this announcement, given their qualification as non-waivable scholarships (see DM 301/2022 par. 3.3 lett. e); Faq MUR n. 10 - Doctoral Research XXXIX cycle) and the consequent prohibition of cumulating the relative benefits with those, also non-waivable, received as a result of the signing of the contract for medical-specialization training.

#### **Art. 5 – Application Procedure**

During the application phase, the candidates must indicate for which Doctoral scholarship/position and specific curriculum they intend to compete. However, the choice of the research topic/project will not be binding on the Commission as per Article 8 for the assignment of the aforementioned scholarships. The application for admission to the selection, drafted on plain paper according to the unified model (Attachment A), must be submitted to the Rector of the Telematic San Raffaele University of Rome by **the deadline of September 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

The application, duly signed (failure to sign will lead to exclusion), must be delivered **by 12:00 (Italian time) on the deadline day:**

- by registered mail (raccomandata) with acknowledgment of receipt. The application can be sent by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt to the Rector of the Telematic San Raffaele University, via di Val Cannuta 247, 00166 Rome, indicating on the envelope the Name, Surname, and title of the Doctoral course; or
- by Certified Email (PEC) in pdf format, to the certified email address [rettorato@pec.uniroma5.it](mailto:rettorato@pec.uniroma5.it), indicating in the subject line: *"Application for admission to the XXXIX cycle of the Doctoral course entitled 'Innovative Lifestyle Interventions for Health Promotion,' at the Department of Human Sciences and Quality of Life Promotion of the Telematic San Raffaele University, Academic Year 2024/2025."*

The transmission of PEC email message can be done in one of the two following ways:

- by sending a PEC message accompanied by a digital signature placed on it and on all the documents that require a handwritten signature. Documents without a digital signature will be considered as not signed in accordance with the current regulations.
- by sending a PEC message, by attaching a signed copy of the application and a copy of the identity document of the applicant. All documents requiring a handwritten signature must also be sent in a signed copy. Scanned copies of these documents must be submitted.

The date of sending the PEC will be considered as the date of submission. The validity of the transmission of the certified email message is certified, respectively, by the receipt of acceptance and the receipt of successful delivery provided by the certified email provider, in accordance with Article 6 of D.P.R. 11.2.2005, no. 68, which means that it is not necessary to call the offices or send additional emails.

Candidates must explicitly indicate in the envelope or in the subject line of the PEC email containing the application and related attachments, delivered or sent to this Administration, the following data:

- surname, name, and address;
- name of the Doctoral course and the Doctoral curriculum they intend to participate in;
- the wording "CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION."

In the application, candidates must clearly state their surname and name, date and place of birth, and personal identification code (tax code).

All candidates must also declare, under their full criminal and administrative liability:

- 1) their residence and citizenship;
- 2) the degree obtained;
- 3) if they have been convicted of criminal offenses or if there are pending criminal proceedings against them, indicating the details of the relevant judgments and any pending criminal proceedings;
- 4) whether they enjoy civil and political rights in their country of origin or not, specifying the reason;
- 5) if they are registered in the electoral rolls, indicating the municipality, and potentially the reasons for not being registered or being removed from them;
- 6) whether they have been dismissed from employment in a Public Administration due to persistent poor performance or if they have been declared unfit for a state job, pursuant to Article 127, letter d), of D.P.R. 10/01/1957, no. 3;
- 7) that they meet the admission requirements set out in Article 3 of the admission notice.

In addition, candidates must indicate the address and PEC address they choose for the competition. Any changes to this information must be promptly communicated to the Office to which the participation request was addressed.

Applications not signed, without personal data, sent after the deadline, and those lacking the information required in points 2), 3), 4), 5), 6), and 7) of this article will not be considered.

The University assumes no responsibility for the non-delivery of the application and the loss of communications due to incorrect indication of the address by the candidate or due to late or non-communication of the change of address indicated in the application.

Furthermore, the University assumes no responsibility for any failure or delay in the delivery of communications related to the competition due to reasons beyond its control, such as postal or telegraphic issues, actions by third parties, force majeure, or chance events.

**The following must be attached to the application:**

1. Photocopy of the tax code;
2. Photocopy of a valid identification document;
3. Curriculum vitae (Europass format), specifying studies and experiences related to the Doctoral course;
4. Qualifications considered relevant for admission;
5. Scientific publications already printed by the deadline of the notice, with a numbered, dated, and signed list, indicating the name of the authors, the title, the publisher, the date and place of publication, or the title, the number of the collection or volume, and the reference year;
6. Research project consistent with the topics of the course, prepared based on the model as in the Attachment "D";

7. possible Reference letters (max. 2) written by highly qualified individuals for documented activities carried out in the specific area of the proposed research project;
8. A signed list of all documents attached to the application;
9. Certification of employment status, issued by the employer, for candidates applying for the Executive Doctorate positions.

Candidates may also demonstrate possession of the aforementioned qualifications by means of a declaration substituting certification under Article 46 of D.P.R. 445/2000, according to the formula attached in "Attachment B."

The University reserves the right to carry out appropriate checks on the veracity of the content of the substitute declarations.

Any applications submitted differently from the above-mentioned procedures will not be considered.

Any renunciation of participation in the selection process must be signed by the candidate, dated, and accompanied by a copy of a valid identification document, and sent to the Rector of this University by sending a PEC message to the address: [rettorato@pec.uniroma5.it](mailto:rettorato@pec.uniroma5.it).

The renunciation will take effect from the date of receipt.

#### **Art. 6 - Candidates with Disabilities, Handicaps, and/or Specific Learning Disabilities**

Candidates with disabilities, handicaps, and/or specific learning disabilities (Disturbo specifico di apprendimento, DSA) who intend to request the support provided by current legislation must specify in their application the necessary aid in relation to their condition, as well as the need for additional time and/or aids for the oral examination, in accordance with Law No. 104 of February 5, 1992.

Requests for individualized treatment must be submitted strictly by the deadline indicated in the call for applications and must be accompanied by a suitable certification issued by National Health Service (SSN) facilities or by specialists and facilities accredited by it. The DSA certification must refer to the nosographic codes and explicitly state the DSA (reading and/or writing and/or arithmetic).

#### **Art. 7 - Selection Procedure**

The admission test consists of the evaluation of academic qualifications, the research project, and an oral examination. A total of **80 points** are assigned to the admission test, respecting the following criteria:

- Evaluation of academic qualifications, up to a maximum of 20 points
- Evaluation of the research project, prepared by the candidate and consistent with the themes of the Doctoral course and the chosen curriculum, up to a maximum of 20 points.
- Evaluation of the oral examination. The evaluation of the oral examination and the assessment of English language proficiency award a maximum score of 40 points.
- For foreign candidates, knowledge of the Italian language will be evaluated.

The selection committee carries out the evaluation of academic qualifications before the oral examination (interview). The results of the evaluation of academic qualifications and the research project will be published on the institutional website of the University at the link <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorato-ricerca-xl-cielo>.

#### **Art. 7 bis - Procedure for the Oral Examination**

The schedule for the oral examination, indicating date, time, and location, or if it will be conducted via video conference, will be published on the University's Official Bulletin Board (Albo Ufficiale di Ateneo) at [www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca](http://www.uniroma5.it/dottorati-di-ricerca) **at least 5 days before** the examination. Candidates must present a valid identification document to take the examination. Absence from the

examination will be considered as a renunciation of admission to the Doctoral course for all purposes.

To pass the oral examination, candidates must obtain at least 40 points.

### **Art. 8 - Selection Committee and Results of the Admission Test**

The Examination Committee is appointed by the Rector's decree, after the deadline of the announcement, based on the proposal of the Board of Professors. The Examination Committee is composed of five professors, including foreign professors, or qualified experts in disciplines related to the curriculum.

The committee may use telematic tools compatible with the tasks to be carried out. The committee will define the application of the evaluation criteria during preliminary meetings, which will be included in the competition reports.

After conducting the oral examination for the admission test, the committee will publish the results on the website <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorato-ricerca-xl-ciclo>, indicating, alongside each candidate, the score obtained and the possible awarded scholarship.

### **Art. 9 - Rankings and Approval of Acts**

The rankings will show the sum of the scores obtained in the admission test. Candidates will be admitted to the Doctoral course according to their ranking until all available positions for each curriculum are filled.

For candidates admitted with a Doctoral scholarship, the rankings will indicate the specific scholarship assigned according to the suitability evaluations expressed by the Commission, possibly taking into account the preferences indicated by the candidates during the application submission phase, although non-binding.

For candidates admitted without a scholarship and for eligible candidates not admitted, the rankings will also indicate the eligibility for specific scholarships based on the evaluations expressed by the Commission.

The positions reserved for the Executive Doctorate will be assigned according to the order of the merit ranking.

In case of resignation or failure to enroll by the scholarship winner of any type, the scholarship will be assigned to the next candidate in the ranking with the highest score, who has been deemed suitable for the specific scholarship by the Commission.

After the verification of the regularity of the competition procedures, the final rankings will be made public exclusively through publication on the website <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorato-ricerca-xl-ciclo>.

In case of a tie in scores, the following criteria will be applied:

- in case of a tie for a scholarship position, preference will be given to candidates with a less favorable economic situation, determined in accordance with D.P.C.M. of December 5, 2013, No. 159, Art. 8, Paragraph 4.
- in case of a tie for a position without a scholarship, preference will be given to candidates who:
  - a) obtained their degree with the highest score;
  - b) at the same degree score, have the highest arithmetic average of exam scores;
  - c) at the same degree score and exam average, completed their degree in the shortest time, taking into account the legal duration of the course;
  - d) if the elements indicated in points a), b), c) are still equal, preference will be given to the youngest candidates.

At the same time as the publication of the rankings on the website <https://www.uniroma5.it/dottorato-ricerca-xl-ciclo>, a communication will be sent to the interested parties at the email address provided during the application submission phase. This communication

will also indicate the procedures and deadlines for completing the enrollment. Candidates who do not comply with the requirements within the specified time will be considered as renouncing the position, and another candidate will be substituted according to the ranking order.

#### **Art. 10 - Enrollment in the Doctoral Course**

The winning candidates are admitted to the Research Doctoral Course in order of ranking and up to the number of positions available. Candidates must submit the enrollment application within the deadline indicated in the Rector's Decree publishing the merit ranking. After this deadline, they will be considered renouncers.

The admitted winning candidates who have not yet obtained the required degree will be enrolled provisionally. To do so, they must communicate, by writing to the person in charge of the selection process as per this call at Art. 19 (email: [daiana.rotondi@uniroma5.it](mailto:daiana.rotondi@uniroma5.it)), their intention to enroll in the Doctoral course as soon as they obtain the required degree, by the deadline published in the ranking. The aforementioned communication must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, by a scanned copy of their identification document. In the absence of such communication, the failure to enroll will be considered as a waiver of the position.

#### **Art. 11 - Contribution for Access and Attendance to Courses**

The Stability Law No. 232/2016 established the exemption from paying university fees for Doctoral students without a scholarship, so they must pay only the regional contribution for the right to study to enroll in the academic year 2023/2024. For enrollment, both scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders are required to pay the regional fee for the Right to University Study, amounting to **€140.00**.

Doctoral students must proceed with the payment of the Regional Tax for the Right to University Education in Lazio by accessing the following link: <http://www.laziodisco.it/pagopa>.

The tax must be paid upon enrollment for the first year and renewed for the subsequent years by November 30th of each year.

Doctoral students with a disability equal to or greater than 66% are exempt from paying the tax.

#### **Article 12 – Commencement and Duration of Doctoral Scholarships**

Doctoral research scholarships start from November 1 and are disbursed in monthly arrears. The Doctoral scholarships have an annual duration and are renewed each year, subject to a favorable opinion expressed by the College of Professors on the admission of the Doctoral candidate to the following year, provided that the Doctoral candidate has completed the study program of the activities envisaged by the Doctoral course.

The duration of the disbursement of the Doctoral scholarship is three years, corresponding to the duration of the Doctoral research course.

#### **Article 12 bis – Maternity Leave and Suspension of Attendance Obligations**

The attendance of the Doctoral course and/or the use of the scholarship can be suspended for a maximum of six (6) months as provided for by the University Regulations on Doctoral courses, following a written request from the Doctoral candidate, in the following cases: a) military or civil service; b) opportunities for temporary study or work that are not incompatible with a subsequent resumption of Doctoral activities; c) severe and documented illness; d) caregivers of beneficiaries under Law no. 104/92.

Doctoral candidates are subject to the provisions for the protection of parenthood as established by the Ministerial Decree of July 12, 2007, published in the Official Gazette no. 247 of October 23, 2007.

### **Article 13 – Scholarships and Budget for Research Activities**

The amount of the scholarship, to be disbursed in monthly installments, shall not be less than that established by the Ministry Decree no. 247 of February 23, 2022, that is, an annual amount of € 16,243.00.

The Doctoral Research Scholarship is subject to payment of social security contributions to INPS (National Social Security Institute) under Article 2, paragraph 26, of Law no. 335 of August 8 1995, and subsequent amendments, with two-thirds borne by the administration and one-third borne by the scholarship holder. Doctoral candidates enjoy the related protections and rights.

The increase of the scholarship, as provided by D.M. 226/2021, is set at 50%, for a total period not exceeding twelve months, for carrying out research activities abroad authorized by the College of Professors. This period can be extended up to a maximum total of eighteen months for joint doctorates with foreign subjects or activated under Article 3, paragraph 2, of the University Regulations on Doctoral Research Courses.

For carrying out research activities in Italy and abroad, in addition to the scholarship, the Doctoral candidate is provided with a budget, appropriate to the type of Doctoral Course and in any case not less than 10% of the amount of the scholarship, funded with the resources available in the budget of the accredited entities.

The College of Professors is responsible for authorizing the Doctoral candidate to carry out paid activities that allow the acquisition of skills related to the educational field of the Doctoral program, in accordance with the procedures defined by the University Regulations, subject to evaluation of the compatibility of these activities with the successful completion of the educational, teaching, and research activities of the Doctoral course.

### **Article 13 bis – Incompatibility**

The gross personal annual income limit to be eligible for the Doctoral scholarship is set at € 16,243.00, excluding the scholarship itself.

The cases of total or partial incompatibility for the use of the scholarship are determined by the current regulations. In particular, scholarships cannot be combined with research grants or other scholarships conferred for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions to complement, with stays abroad, the training or research activities of the scholarship holders, and with funding from the Youth Fund (Fondo Giovani MUR). In this case, there is no right to an increase in the scholarship for periods spent abroad.

In the event of subsequent incompatibility, the scholarship payments for the period for which they were unduly received must be refunded. The refund refers to the academic year or its fraction. Those who have already benefited, even partially, from a scholarship for attending another Ph.D. program or an equivalent course, at the Telematic San Raffaele University or elsewhere, cannot receive another Ph.D. scholarship.

### **Article 14 – Rights and Duties of Doctoral Candidates**

Doctoral candidates are required to attend the Doctoral research course for the entire duration with full-time dedication, regularly participating in the educational, teaching, and research activities provided, based on the indications established by the College of Professors.

Each Doctoral candidate is normally required to carry out research and training activities consistent with the Doctoral program, at institutions of high qualification abroad.

Doctoral candidates may carry out, as an integral part of their training program, upon prior approval of the College of Professors and without an increase in the amount of the scholarship, tutoring activities, even if paid, for students of Bachelor's and Master's degree courses, as well as, within the limit of forty hours per academic year, integrative teaching activities.

Public employees admitted to Doctoral Research Courses are entitled, for the normal duration of the Course, to leave provided for by collective agreements or, for employees under public law, extraordinary leave for study purposes, in line with the needs of the administration.

For doctoral candidates belonging to the Executive Doctorate, the agreements signed between the University and the Company regulate the methods of conducting research activities and the distribution of the doctoral worker's commitment.

Enrolled Doctoral candidates, in possession of a position as a researcher or a research grant or scholarship may complete their training by renouncing the Doctoral Scholarship.

Outside the cases mentioned above, in which the Doctoral candidate engages in work activities, the evaluation of compatibility with the fulfillment of the obligations required for the Doctoral training is at the discretion of the College of Professors.

#### **Article 14 bis – Additional Obligations for Doctoral Candidates Beneficiaries of PNRR Scholarships pursuant to D.M. no. 630/2024 (M4C2-Investimento 3.3 – innovative doctoral programs with an industrial orientation)**

In addition to the attendance obligations mentioned in the previous article, Doctoral candidates are required to carry out a period of study and research abroad for a period not less than 6 months.

The Doctoral candidate must strictly adhere to the realization of the project within the thematic area assigned, failing which the scholarship may be revoked. Any deviation from the assigned project must be requested in advance and subsequently authorized by the MUR (Ministry of University and Research).

The Doctoral candidate must report, on a semi-annual basis through the dedicated MUR online platform and using the provided forms, the activities carried out and the related time commitment (months in the company, months on-site, months abroad). The Doctoral candidate must also declare that these activities conform to the principle of "do no significant harm to the environment" under Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The winner of the scholarship pursuant to D.M. 630/2024 must also commit to the following:

- receiving the Doctoral scholarship without causing any incompatibility with the receipt of the scholarship itself (Article 13 bis);
- ensuring compliance with the obligations regarding communication and information provided for by Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all documentation that the Program is financed within the framework of PNRR (National Recovery and Resilience Plan), with explicit reference to funding from the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, and displaying the emblem of the European Union in the documentation.

#### **Art. 15 - Exclusion from the Ph.D. Program and Revocation of PNRR Scholarships D.M. n. 630/2024 - M4C2 - Inv.3.3 - innovative doctoral programs with an industrial orientation**

Exclusion from the Ph.D. Research Program is foreseen, by a Rector's decision based on a motivated decision of the Faculty Board, in case of a negative assessment of the enrolled student's activity during any of the verification procedures established by the organization of the Ph.D. Program.

If excluded from the Program, the scholarship, if any, granted will cease to be disbursed from the date decided by the Faculty Board.

By submitting the application for participation in the competition, the candidate accepts the following conditions in the event of being awarded a scholarship of type PNRR D.M. n. 630/2024 as specified in Article 2 of this announcement:

- a) The enrollment in the Ph.D. program and the concurrent allocation of the Ph.D. scholarship are subject to the outcome of verifications carried out by the MUR (Ministry of University and Research).
  - b) Any modification of the objectives and expected results of the original project (unless previously authorized by the MUR), will result in the revocation of the scholarship, forfeiture of the status of Ph.D. candidate, and the repayment of any amounts already received in the semester in which the revocation occurred, unless otherwise provided by ministerial regulations.
  - c) That a possible negative assessment by the Faculty Board leads to the revocation of the scholarship, forfeiture of the Doctoral student status, and reimbursement of the scholarship amounts already received for the semester in which the revocation occurred, subject to different ministerial provisions;
  - d) That the withdrawal from the Doctoral program leads to the reimbursement of the monthly payments received for the semester in which the withdrawal was submitted, with the exception of any proportional amounts received for semesters of activities already completed or in accordance with different ministerial provisions;
  - e) That the enjoyment of a PNRR Doctoral scholarship according to D.M. 630/2024 is non-renounceable under any circumstances (e.g., exceeding income limits, simultaneous enrollment in a medical specialization school, receiving another scholarship, etc.), and a request for renunciation of only the enjoyment of a PNRR Doctoral scholarship under D.M. 630/2024 leads to forfeiture of the Doctoral student status and the reimbursement of monthly payments received for the semester in which the renunciation was submitted, subject to different ministerial provisions. However, suspension periods according to Art. 12 bis of this announcement are always preserved.
- In the event of renunciation or revocation of the PNRR Doctoral scholarship according to D.M. 630/2024, the remaining amount may be used, allowing the substitution of another candidate, only until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### **Art. 16 - Thesis Defense and Award of the Doctorate Degree**

The title of Doctor of Research, abbreviated as "Dott.Ric." or "Ph.D.," is awarded following a positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation.

The Ph.D. thesis is written in Italian or English or another language, subject to authorization by the Faculty Board, and it is accompanied by a summary written in English.

The thesis, along with the report on the activities carried out during the Ph.D. program and any publications, is examined by at least two evaluators who are not part of the University.

The evaluators, identified by the Faculty Board, must have a highly qualified experience, including individuals from foreign or international institutions, and they should not be involved with the individuals participating in the awarding of the Doctorate degree, with at least one evaluator being a university professor.

Within 30 days of receiving the Ph.D. thesis, the evaluators provide a written analytical judgment, proposing either admission to the public defense or postponement of the thesis defense for a period not exceeding six months if they deem significant integrations or corrections necessary. After this period, the thesis, accompanied by a new written opinion from the evaluators, is in any case admitted to the defense.

The public defense of the Ph.D. thesis takes place before a judging committee appointed by the Rector by Decree upon the proposal of the Faculty Board.

The judging committee is composed of three members, selected from university professors and researchers, Italian or foreign, specifically qualified in the themes addressed in the thesis, with a commitment, whenever possible, to gender balance. The judging committee can be supplemented



by up to two experts from public and private research institutions, including foreign ones, or with particular and documented expertise in the subject matter of the thesis.

The judging committee communicates the date set for the defense to the relevant offices, and it will be made public through a notice on the University's electronic board in the section "Ph.D. Research."

The title of Doctor of Research is conferred by the Rector, who also issues the original diploma.

The additional certification of "Doctor Europaeus" may be issued by the University in agreement with current regulations and the provisions of the University's Regulations on Doctoral programs.

#### **Art. 17 – Causes for Disqualification of Candidates from the Final Examination**

The Doctoral candidate is disqualified, by decision of the competent College of Professors, when, without providing any justification, they fail to submit the thesis within the prescribed timeframes.

They are also disqualified when they do not take, without providing any justification, the final examination on the scheduled date for the thesis defense.

In case of serious and documented reasons, the Doctoral candidate, in the above cases of disqualification, may have their situation evaluated by the College of Professors, possibly deviating from what is provided for.

#### **Art. 18 – Processing of Personal Data**

In accordance with EU Regulation no. 679/2016, personal data and data requiring special processing, which must be provided, will be processed by the University through predominantly computerized procedures solely for the purposes of admission to the selection process. The aforementioned data may also be communicated to third parties for procedural management purposes.

Candidates may exercise the rights provided in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter III of EU Regulation no. 679/2016 (e.g., rights to information and access, rectification and erasure, restriction and objection to processing, portability of personal data).

For the purposes of administrative transparency, the procedural documents are published for a period of 120 days on the University institutional website in the page dedicated to this procedure.

#### **Art. 19 – Procedure Manager**

The procedure manager for the selection referred to in this announcement is Dr. Daiana Rotondi (phone +39 06 25251025; email: [daiana.rotondi@uniroma5.it](mailto:daiana.rotondi@uniroma5.it)).

#### **Art. 20 – Publication Requirements**

This selection announcement is made public on the University's website at the address <https://www.uniroma5.it> and through notice on the MIUR (Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research) website at the address: <http://bandi.miur.it> and on the European Union website.

#### **Art. 21 – Referral Rules**

For everything not provided for in this announcement and in the "Regulations for Doctoral Research Courses" of this University, reference is made to Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14, 2021 and the additional provisions in force on the subject.

Rome, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

THE RECTOR  
(Prof. *Vilberto Stocchi*)

