

REGISTRATION OPENING: June 14th 2023 12:00 pm (CET)
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: July 13th 1:00 pm (CET)



Student Services Area
PhD Office

Rector's Decree N. 587/2023
Prot. N. 134907 of 13/06/2023

THE RECTOR

HAVING CONSIDERED

- the Statute of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, enacted by Rector's Decree no. 3 of February 6th, 2012 and subsequent amendments and additions;
- the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of April 9th, 2001 on "*Uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education*", in accordance with art. 4 of Law no. 390 of December 2nd, 1991, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- art. 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3rd, 1998 on "*Guidelines for the recruitment of tenured university researchers and professors*", published in the Official Gazette of July 6th, 1998, General Series no. 155, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, on "*Regulation on the procedures for the accreditation of seats and PhD programmes and criteria for establishment of the PhD programmes by the accredited institutions*", published in the Official Gazette of December 29th, 2021, General Series, no. 308;
- Rector's Decree no. 481 of May 12th, 2022, implementing the provisions contained in Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, to enact the University Regulations governing PhD studies, and subsequent amendments and additions;
- EU Regulation No. 2021/241 of February 12th, 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility;
- the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) approved by the ECOFIN Council Decision of July 13th, 2021 and notified to Italy by the General Secretariat of the Council by note LT161/21, dated July 14th, 2021;
- Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.1 of the NRRP, which provides for the establishment of an integrated research and innovation infrastructure system;
- EU Regulation 2018/1046 of July 18th, 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending EU Regulations No. 1296/2013, No. 1301/2013, No. 1303/2013, No. 1304/2013, No. 1309/2013, No. 1316/2013, No. 223/2014, No. 283/2014 and Decision No. 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 966/2012;
- Article 17 EU Regulation 2020/852 which sets out environmental objectives, including the principle of Do No Significant Harm (DNSH), and EU Commission Communication 2021/C 58/01 on 'Technical guidance on the application of the principle of "Do no significant harm" under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation';
- the cross-cutting principles set out in the NRRP, such as, inter alia, the principle of contributing to the climate and digital objective (so-called tagging), the principle of gender equality and the obligation to protect and empower young people;

- the obligations to ensure the achievement of targets and milestones and the financial objectives set out in the NRRP;
- the MUR Directorial Decree no. 3264 of December 28th, 2021, containing the "Public Notice for the submission of project proposals for the "Strengthening and Creation of Research Infrastructures" to be financed under the NRRP, Mission 4, "Education and Research" - Component 2, "From Research to Enterprise" - Investment Line 3.1, "Fund for the Creation of an Integrated Research and Innovation Infrastructure System", funded by the European Union – NextGenerationEU;
- the MUR Directorate Decree no. 102 of June 17th, 2022, containing the "Final list of admitted and fundable projects - SCI Panel - D.D. 3264/2021";
- the MUR Directorial Decree granting funding no. 111 of June 20th, 2022;
- the deed of obligation related to the acceptance of the financing granted for the project "ITSERR - Italian Strengthening of the ESFRI RI RESILIENCE" - CUP B53C22001770006, signed by the National Research Council, in the person of its Legal Representative, Prof. Maria Chiara Carrozza, as Implementing Party;
- the Collaboration Agreement pursuant to Article 15 of Law no. 241 of August 7th, 1990 for the coordination of project activities and the implementation of the project called "Italian Strengthening of Esfri RI Resilience (ITSERR)" signed by the National Research Council, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, University of Naples L'Orientale, University of Palermo and University of Turin;
- the NRRP Project ITSERR - Italian Strengthening of the ESFRI RI RESILIENCE area "Social and Cultural Innovation"-, Mission 4, "Education and Research" - Component 2, "From research to enterprise" Investment Line 3.1 "Fund for the realisation of an integrated system of research and innovation infrastructures" action 3.1.1 (notice IR, CUP B53C22001770006 - identification code "IR0000014");
- the resolution passed by the Board of Directors on February 18th, 2022 approving the University's participation in the above-mentioned project;
- Ministerial Decree no. 301 of March 22nd, 2022 on "*Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD programmes in accordance with art. 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulation as per Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021*";
- the Note of the Ministry of University and Research of March 2nd, 2023 which informed that the rules of Ministerial Decree no. 301 of 22 March 22nd, 2021 also apply to the accreditation of courses for the XXXIX cycle;
- Ministerial Decree no. 118 of March 2nd, 2023 which set out for the academic year 2023/2024 the attribution on PNRR, Mission 4, Component 1 "*Strengthening the offer of educational services: from Nursery to University*" – Investment 3.4 "*Didactics and advanced university skills*" and Investment 4.1 "*Extension of the number of the PhD programmes and innovative PhD Programmes for the Public Administration and the Cultural Heritage*" of three-years PhD scholarships for the attendance of PhD courses;
- Ministerial Decree no. 117 of March 2nd, 2023 which set out for the academic year 2023/2024 the attribution on PNRR, Mission 4, Component 2 "*From the research to the enterprise*" - Investment 3.3 "*Introduction of innovative PhD Programmes that meet the innovation needs of the enterprises and promote the recruitment of Researchers by the enterprises*" of three-years PhD scholarships for the attendance of PhD courses;
- the resolutions of the Senate of May 9th, 2023 and of the Executive Boards of March 22nd and May 19th, 2023 which approved the planning and the establishment of PhD programmes, with administrative headquarters at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, included the Italian National PhD in Religious Studies;

- the resolutions of the Senate of May 23rd, 2023 and of the Executive Boards of May 26th, 2023 which determined the contribution amounts for access and attendance to PhD courses for the academic year 2023/24;
- the activation and renewal proposals of the PhD programmes submitted by this University to the Ministry of University and Research, included the Italian National PhD in Religious Studies;

DEEMED it necessary to proceed with publication of the call for application for the abovementioned course pending the assessment of the Ministry of University and Research on the activation of this course, in order to respect the timetable envisaged by the Ministry of University and Research for the publication of the rankings;

D E C R E E S

ARTICLE 1 - Institution

Institution

A selection procedure for admission to the Italian National PhD program in Religious Studies, hereinafter DREST, for the XXXIX cycle (Academic Years 2023/2024-2024/2025-2025/2026) is hereby open. With the participation of “Aldo Moro” University of Bari, “G. D’Annunzio” University of Chieti - Pescara, University of Florence, University of Insubria, University of Macerata, Catholic University of Sacred Heart, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, “Federico II” University of Naples, “L’Orientale” University of Naples, Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples, University of Palermo, University of Parma, Pegaso Telematic University, “Sapienza” University of Rome, Tor Vergata University of Rome, University of Salento, University for Foreigners of Perugia, University for Foreigners of Siena, University of Turin, “Carlo Bo” University of Urbino, “Ca’ Foscari” University of Venice, University of Verona, University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, University of Pisa, Facoltà Valdese di Teologia, “G. Alberigo” European School for Advanced Religious Studies - Palermo, it has administrative office in Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia.

Duration

The Italian National PhD program in Religious Studies has a three-year duration (2023/24-2025/2026) starting from November 1st, 2023.

Course description and aims

DREST (Italian Doctoral School of Religious Studies – www.drest.eu) is a research training school dedicated to specialist knowledge concerning the critical knowledge of religious experience and the heritage of sources from which it generates and on which it is founded, of the historical manifestations and cultural, juridical, philosophical and linguistical constructs with whom it expresses itself in time. The aim is to create a scientific community of teachers and students who are able to produce knowledge and tools in order to understand the deep ribs of that past and its persistence in the long term or in the historical present of our society in the European Research Area.

DREST is divided into six subject areas or curricula:

- Christianity
- Islam
- Judaism

- Buddhism and Religions of Asia
- Law and Religions
- Transdisciplinarity and Technological Frontier Research

These areas are all characterised by the integration of theoretical (historiographical, juridical, philological, philosophical, linguistic, technological, theological) reflection and the competent implementation of excavation methods on written, iconographic and oral sources.

All PhD students in Religious Studies are supposed to spend during the three years not less than 6 months abroad: regardless of the chosen research area, they will have to demonstrate that they master classical and/or modern languages, necessary to the study of the sources and the scientific literature. PhD Students will be asked to commit increasing their knowledge in each field with an innovative contribution, recognizable at international level too, thanks to its originality.

The distribution of 41 places with scholarship and venues of activities related to the various curricula is as follows:

	Buddhism and Religions of Asia	Judaism	Cristianity	Islam	Law and Religions	Transdisciplinarity and Technological Frontier Research	which M.D. 118	which M.D. 117	which ITSERR
"Aldo Moro" University of Bari			1						
"G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara			1				1		
University of Florence			1				1		
University of Insubria					1		1		
University of Macerata			1				1		
Catholiic University of Sacred Heart			1				1		
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia		2	3		1	2	1	3	2
"Federico II" University of Naples					1		1		
"L'Orientale" University of Naples		1		1		1			1
Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples						1			
University of Palermo		1	2	1				1	2
University of Parma				1			1		
Pegaso Telematic University						1	1		
"Sapienza" University of Rome			1					1	
Tor Vergata University of Rome			1				1		

University of Salento			1				1		
University for Foreigners of Perugia			1				1		
University for Foreigners of Siena			1				1		
University of Turin						3	2		
"Carlo Bo" University of Urbino			1						
"Ca' Foscari" University of Venice	2							2	
University of Verona			1				1		
University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli"					1		1		
University of Pisa					1		1		
Facoltà Valdese di Teologia			1						
"G. Alberigo" European School for Advanced Religious Studies - Palermo				1					

Thematic scholarship

Some PhD scholarships have a specific theme. They bind the assignees to the performance of the research activities established in the description of each scholarship at the University or at the partner research institution to which the scholarship (assigned on the basis of the selection procedure results) belongs. The list of thematic scholarships is as follows:

- Buddhism and Religions of Asia Curriculum – 2 scholarships with specific topic
 - *Buddhist and modern world: Engagements with analytic philosophy, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, epistemology, phenomenology, contemplative studies.* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice), with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at UBI-Ubiliber – 6 months.
 - *Buddhist and technological innovation: historical and modern case studies* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice), with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at UBI-Ubiliber – 6 months.
- Judaism Curriculum – 2 scholarships with specific topic
 - *Elia Benamozegh* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at FSCIRE, National research infrastructure (Bologna) – 18 months.
 - *Architecture of religious normative texts*, (University of Palermo) with PNRR ITSERR Project - Italian Strengthening of the Esfri RI Resilience (ITSERR) funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.1. CUP B53C22001770006
- Christianity Curriculum – 13 scholarships with specific topic
 - *"Lex Ecclesiae fundamentalis" History* ("G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti - Pescara), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1,

- “Public Administration” for research activities at FSCIRE, National research infrastructure (Bologna) – 18 months.
- *Cultural heritage and the narration of faiths* (University of Florence), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “PNRR”.
 - *Innovation, inclusion and exclusion in the social and cultural presence of the Mendicant Orders in 13th -15th century Europe* (University of Macerata), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “PNRR”.
 - *The Church, the war and the cities in the 'industrial triangle' (Milan, Genoa, Turin). Enhancing archive sources for the history of episcopates during the Second World War* (Catholic University of Sacred Heart of Milan), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at City of Milan Archive / City of Genoa Archive / City of Turin Archive – 6 months.
 - *The Significance of Calvin’s Strasbourg Correspondence (1538-1541) for the Understanding of His Theological and Pastoral Education and Development.* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, with direct admission to the European School for Religious Sciences Giuseppe Alberigo (located in Bologna)), with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at FSCIRE, National research infrastructure (Bologna) – 18 months.
 - *The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed and its translations* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR ITSERR Project - Italian Strengthening of the Esfri RI Resilience (ITSERR) funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.1. CUP B53C22001770006.
 - *Letter and/or allegory. Patristic Hermeneutics* (“La Sapienza” University of Rome), with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at the Augustinianum Patristic Institute – 6 months.
 - *Positions and language produced in the Catholic context with regard to the issues of war and peace* (Tor Vergata University of Rome), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “PNRR”.
 - *Apollinarian controversy between the 4th and 6th centuries* (University of Salento), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 “PNRR”.
 - *Catholicism and Italian identity. The case of Umbria in the 20th century* (University for Foreigners of Perugia), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “PNRR”.
 - *Rites and perception of death in a medieval city* (University of Verona), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “PNRR”.
 - *Corpus construction for the Regesta test case* (University of Palermo), with PNRR ITSERR Project - Italian Strengthening of the Esfri RI Resilience (ITSERR) funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.1. CUP B53C22001770006.
 - *Christianity and Society in the Modern Age (15th - 19th centuries)* (University for Foreigners of Siena), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “PNRR”.
- Islam Curriculum – 2 scholarships with specific topic
- *The state in Islam* (University of Parma) with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – 6 months.
 - *The status of the other after the conquest (the fall of Constantinople, 1453)* (University of Palermo) with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at FSCIRE, National research infrastructure (Palermo) – 18 months.

- Law and Religions Curriculum – 5 scholarships with specific topic
- *FEC and the new dynamics of religious freedom in a multicultural society* (University of Insubria) with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at the Office for Religious Policies and External Relations of the Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration of the Ministry of the Interior – 6 months.
- *Religious illiteracy in the European context and its history* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia), with direct admission to the European School for Religious Sciences Giuseppe Alberigo (located in Bologna), with PNRR DM117/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3, for research activities at FSCIRE, National research infrastructure (Bologna) – 18 months.
- *The protection of religious data in the Public Administration.* (“Federico II” University of Naples), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at Municipality of Sorrento – 6 months.
- *State and religious confessions in Italy in the modern and contemporary age: historical, historiographical paths and awareness of rights* (University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at State Archives of Caserta – 6 months.
- *Freedom of conscience and religion, big data and digitalization processes in public administration* (University of Pisa), with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Cultural Heritage” for research activities at the Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems, CNR, Florence office – 6 months.

- Transdisciplinarity and technological frontier research Curriculum – 6 scholarships with specific topic
- *History of FSCIRE Archive* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Cultural heritage” for research activities at FSCIRE, National research infrastructure (Bologna) – 18 months.
- *IT preparation of the corpus for an instrument dedicated to the study of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) with PNRR ITSERR Project - Italian Strengthening of the Esfri RI Resilience (ITSERR) funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.1. CUP B53C22001770006.
- *Religious texts in different languages and cultures, from the Nile Valley and the surrounding area, with reference to the literary traditions of the Ethiopian-Eritrean area* (“L’Orientale” University of Naples) with PNRR ITSERR Project - Italian Strengthening of the Esfri RI Resilience (ITSERR) funds, Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.1. CUP B53C22001770006.
- *Interculture* (Pegaso, Telematic University) with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at Université de Neuchâtel – 6 months,
- *Religion and Artificial Intelligence* (University of Turin) with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at Bruno Kessler Foundation – 6 months.
- *Religion and Digital Technologies* (University of Turin) with PNRR DM118/2023 funds, Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1, “Public Administration” for research activities at Bruno Kessler Foundation – 6 months.

Conditions

The activation of the course and the enrolments are subject to the approval by the Ministry of University and Research upon positive opinion expressed by the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research (ANVUR), as indicated in the Ministerial Decree no. 301 of March 22nd, 2022, “*Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD programmes*” in accordance with art. 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulation as per Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021”.

PhD scholarships awarded by the funds of M.D. no. 117/2023 and M.D. no. 118/2023 are subject to the verification of eligibility and evaluation of the Ministry of University and Research.

Additional scholarships and positions may become available, even in the event that funding is provided by public or private bodies subsequent to the publication of this call for applications, but not after the publication date of the final rankings.

Those candidates who are awarded scholarships will be required to carry out the research projects assigned to them by the Teachers’ Board, with the exception of any changes as set by the same Board.

The PhD candidate will carry out his or her research activities at the affiliated institution to which the scholarship awarded on the basis of the competition results relates.

The recipients of PhD scholarships awarded by the founding of M.D. no. 117/2023 and M.D. no. 118/2023, which provide the development of a specific research theme, are bound to conduct this activity.

The research activities financed by MD 117/2023 provide for study and research periods abroad of a minimum of six to a maximum of twelve, or eighteen months in the case of joint PhD, and a period in enterprises of a minimum of six to a maximum of eighteen months.

The research activities financed by MD 118/2023 “PNRR” provide for study and research periods abroad of a minimum of six to a maximum of twelve, or eighteen months in the case of joint PhD.

The research activities financed by MD 118/2023 “Public Administration” provide for study and research periods abroad of a minimum of six to a maximum of twelve, or eighteen months in the case of joint PhD, and a period in Public Administrations, enterprises or research centres of a minimum of six to a maximum of eighteen months.

The research activities financed by MD 118/2023 “Cultural Heritage” provide for study and research periods abroad of a minimum of six to a maximum of twelve, or eighteen months in the case of joint PhD, and a period in enterprises of a minimum of six to a maximum of eighteen months.

Notifications

This call is equivalent to notification to all intents and purposes. Any changes, updates or additions to the content of this call will be announced, exclusively, on the following website: <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-Sdott.html> and on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>). Other information published on www.dottoratinazionali.it or www.drest.eu are for general information only and do not constitute notice for any legal purposes, whether or not they refer to this website of the administrative office.

ARTICLE 2 - Admission requirements

Age, citizenship and titles

The competition is open to any candidate, regardless of age or nationality, who as of October 31st, 2023, holds an Italian degree obtained prior to M.D. 509/99 or an Italian second level degree (laurea specialistica, under D.M. 509/99 or laurea magistrale, under M.D. 270/04), or an equivalent academic qualification from a foreign Universities (provided it is comparable in duration and level to the abovementioned Italian titles), that has to be validated by the Selection Committee, following the legislation in force both in Italy and in the Country where the qualification was issued and within the international treaties or agreements on the recognition of international qualifications.

Foreign titles

Candidates who have a foreign academic qualification must submit any relevant documents useful for verifying equivalency: their degree certificate with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication, and:

- for degrees obtained in European Union countries: Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as a ENIC_NARIC center
- for degrees obtained in countries outside the European Union: "declaration of validity" (dichiarazione di valore in loco") issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as an ENIC_NARIC center.

If not yet available, candidates must fill in the description of the degree with a list of exams passed, by using Annex D2, attaching the documents to the application for admission using the online procedure described in Art. 3.

Titles in the process of achievement

Candidates who complete their degree after the deadline for this call must submit a Degree certificate or the form in Annex D2 (in case of degree awarded by a foreign institution) or a self-certification to prove that the degree has been conferred (using the form in Annex D1, in case of degree awarded by an Italian University):

- in case of degree obtained before enrolment: by enclosing the form with the enrolment application form,
- in case of degree not yet obtained when enrolling in the PhD Program: by submitting the form to the PhD Office, by and no later than, October 31st, 2023, via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it .

For the purposes of admission to the PhD course, in any case, Italian and foreigners citizens holding a foreign academic qualification must submit to the PhD Office, by and no later than, December 31st, 2023, via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it, their degree certificate with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication, and

- for degrees obtained in European Union countries: Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as an ENIC_NARIC center;
- for degrees obtained in countries outside the European Union: "declaration of validity" (dichiarazione di valore in loco") issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the CINEA, as an ENIC_NARIC center.

The administrative office shall provide for the exclusion of any candidate who has not submitted the required documents by the deadline cited above without a justified reason.

Verification

The competent offices will be checked the information sent by candidates in order to verify correctness.

All candidates are admitted to the selection conditional upon verification of the aforementioned requirements.

The University Administration reserves the right to exclude, at any time, candidates who have not the requirements for admission.

ARTICLE 3 – Admission application

Application deadline

The application for admission to the selection procedure and any required attachments must be submitted following the online procedure by the final deadline of July 13th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. (local time), when the competition closes. Candidates failing to comply will not be considered.

Field's and thematic' choice

Each candidate may submit up to two applications, one for each curriculum, thus participating in two separate selections.

In addition, for each field, it is possible to indicate in *Annex A* a maximum of 13 thematic scholarships in order of preference and priority. This choice is binding and irrevocable. The Selection Committee will verify the language and basic disciplinary knowledge and competence related to the research topics required by the thematic linked to the scholarships indicated as priority by the candidate.

Admission application

The admission applications and any required attachments (academic qualifications, documents and publications considered useful for competition purposes) must be submitted to this Administration before the final deadline for the competition, using the following method only:

- by Internet, on the University website <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> (new users must register by selecting "Menu", top right, and then "Registration"; those who have already registered should select "Menu", and then "Login" with the credentials received following registration or with their SPID (Public Digital Identity System) credentials and proceed with the following steps: insert username and password, and then, select "Menu" – "Student Area/Registered Area" - "Admission" – "Admission Exams" – "Ph. D.").

All academic qualifications, documents and publications considered useful for the application procedure must be attached in .pdf or .rtf file form with a maximum size of 20 MB. Attachments larger than 20 MB must be divided into smaller files.

Contribution for application

Each application will refer to a single selection procedure and will require the payment of € 25.00, non-refundable under any circumstances, to cover administrative costs. Therefore, if a candidate wishes to take part in two selections, he/she must submit two applications, each accompanied by a different payment.

Payment must be made using the following method:

Access Esse3, by connecting to the University website at <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> with your credentials, and under the menu item "Taxes" proceed with the payment through the PAGO PA circuit that allows to pay online (by choosing your Payment Service Provider – PSP) or alternatively to print the payment

notice to be delivered personally to Banks and ATMS, SISAL, Lottomatica and ITB stores. From your personal Esse3 page, under the menu item "Taxes", you can print the payment receipt. With the PagoPa circuit, the payment acquisition times in Esse3 are normally comparable to those of the credit card.

The payment of € 25.00 must be made before July 13th, 2023.

The receipt for the payment of € 25.00 must be kept by the candidates and inserted as an attachment during the enrolment procedure only and exclusively by those who will be enrolling in the first year of the PhD Course (within the deadline and in accordance with the procedures set out in art. 7).

Formal closure and acceptance of the application

The application for admission will be considered to be correctly filed only by saving the data ("Save the data") after the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application" given by the candidate at the end of the online procedure mentioned above.

Before the data saving ("Save the data") that follows the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application", and prior to the deadline for the competition, candidates may add, change or remove attached academic qualifications, documents and publications using the abovementioned website. The procedure is as follows: select "Menu", "Login", insert username, password, and then, in the Student area, select "Admission").

After the data saving ("Save the data") that follows the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application", in the case of errors or incomplete insertion of attachments using the online procedure, candidates can send an email to the PhD Office (segr.dottorati@unimore.it) within the peremptory deadline of the call deadline (July 13th, 2023, 1.00 pm CET) for requesting the reopening of the online procedure by attaching a scanned copy of an identity document. The candidate must make the corrections / additions he deems appropriate within the same deadline (July 13th, 2023, 1.00 pm CET). In this case, please note that the candidate will have to save the "Save data" data again following the explicit confirmation of the application.

At the end of the admission procedure a reminder summary of the application form is generated for each candidate. This document must be kept by its candidate and should not be transmitted to anyone else.

Submission of the application and its attachments by e-mail or fax is not permitted.

The University Administration reserves the right to exclude, at any time, candidates who have not paid the fee of € 25.00 referred to in this Article.

The administration is not liable in the event that the candidate makes mistakes in the choice of a selection.

Any communications to candidates concerning this call are made by e-mail. For this purpose, it will be used the e-mail address indicated by the candidate during the registration procedure referred in Art. 3. Candidates, whose email addresses are already present in the registry, are asked to update data if necessary.

In the event of any technical and/or operating difficulties, please write to the following e-mail address: webhelp@unimore.it.

Admission applications, submitted in accordance with the indications given above, will be considered valid only if they reach this Administration before the final deadline.

Therefore, any applications arriving after the deadline, or not submitted in accordance with above requirements, will not be considered.

Required declarations during the application

As part of the procedural information in making the application, the candidate takes personal responsibility for declarations in relation to:

- a) name and surname;
- b) place and date of birth;
- c) residential address, telephone/cell number, elected domicile for the purposes of this competition, and e-mail address;
- d) tax identification number (“codice fiscale”- if candidates have one. Candidates who do not have a tax identification number need only to confirm the one that will automatically be assigned to them by the system);
- e) citizenship;
- f) possession of a secondary school qualification;
- g) possession of an Italian old ordinance degree or second level degree (laurea specialistica or laurea magistrale), or an equivalent academic qualification issued by a foreign University;
- h) the exact title of the Curriculum chosen by the candidate;
- i) any binding preference for a maximum of thirteen thematic scholarships related to the chosen competition (*using Annex A*);
- j) research project (*using Annex B*)
- k) curriculum vitae (*using Annex C*);
- l) academic qualifications and any other documents;
- m) publications;
- n) in the case of candidates with disabilities, in accordance with Law no. 104 of February 5th, 1992 or with diagnosis of SLD, in accordance with Law no.170 of October 8th, 2010, any accommodations required for taking the examinations. The same request for assistive devices to take the examinations must be sent by mail to: disabilita@unimore.it and segr.dottorati@unimore.it. (subsequently the candidate will be contacted by the *Welcome Office for Students with Disability* to agree on the methods of transmission of the relative medical certification).

Undertakings signed with the application

By submitting the application, the candidate agrees:

- 1) to attend the PhD program on a full-time basis, in accordance with the conditions established by the Teaching Committee;
- 2) to reside permanently at the chosen venue for the entire duration of the Course (except for study and research periods previously authorised by the Teachers’ Board);
- 3) to notify the University immediately of any changes in residence or address;
- 4) in the case of Italian nationals or foreign citizens holding a foreign degree, to send the degree certificate, with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication and “declaration of validity” issued by a competent Italian diplomatic-consular representative for the country, or Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the Cimea as a ENIC_NARIC center, in accordance with the regulations governing the admission of foreign students to Italian university degree courses, by the final deadline of December 31st, 2023;
- 5) in the case of candidates who complete their degree after the deadline for this call, but before October 31st, 2023, to send their degree certificate or facsimile attachment D2 (if awarded by a foreign university) or a self-certification to prove that the degree has been conferred (if awarded by an Italian university, please use form in Annex D1), by the final deadline and in accordance with the conditions indicated in art. 2 of this competition. Candidates failing to comply will not be considered.

The administration may at any time, by its own reasoned decision, order exclusion from the selection.

Responsibility

Admission applications and or related attachments will not be considered for any of the following reasons: submission or receipt of applications after the deadline or non-compliance with the procedural requirements of the competition.

The Administration cannot be held responsible for any loss of correspondence due to the following situations: incorrect contact details, failure or delay in notification of a change in address, technical errors, negligence of third parties, or a *force majeure*. Furthermore, the Administration shall assume no responsibility for attachments not received as a result of third-party involvement, faulty attachment of documents by the candidate, or any type of network failure.

Submission of the documentation for the evaluation

Candidates must attach the following certificates, documents and publications:

- I)
 - 1) (for candidates holding an Italian degree) a self-certification to prove to meet the requirements (using the form in Annex D1) in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree 445/2000;
 - 2) (for candidates holding a foreign degree) degree certificate with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian translation, an authentication, and a “declaration of validity” “dichiarazione di valore in loco” issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the Cimea as an ENIC_NARIC center. If not yet available, candidates have to attach the description of the degree with a list of exams taken together with a statement of truth of the certificates attached, by means of a self-certification in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree 445/2000 using Annex D2;
 - 3) scanned copy of a valid identity card or passport;
 - 4) curriculum vitae of their scientific and teaching activities (using Annex C);
 - 5) a digital copy of the thesis of Italian second level degree (“Laurea Magistrale”, “Laurea Specialistica” or degree obtained prior to M.D. 509/99), or equivalent in the case of a degree obtained abroad; or an abstract thereof;
 - 6) any binding preference for thematic scholarships related to the chosen competition (using Annex A);
- II)
 - 7) one's own research project that demonstrates the ability to articulate the stages and timeframe of a PhD course: it must be articulated in a scientific concept - a description of the state of the art - a presentation of the sources and tools for the study - the timeframe and stages of realisation articulated by deliverables - the research centres outside Italy considered suitable for the research (using Annex B);
 - 8) a motivational letter, of no more than two pages and written in English, illustrating the candidate's motivations for attending the Course, the description of his/her specific research interests as well as the reasons for any preference for a maximum of two thematic scholarships among those advertised;
 - 9) any certification of proficiency in English (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or other foreign languages (indicating the level) as well as an indication of proficiency in the languages of the sources included in the project;

- 10) review of a recent book or a classic of historiography, a critical note on one or more essays of particular relevance, or a note to a judgment related to the research topic (maximum 8,000 characters);
- 11) academic qualification certificates and documents considered useful for the purposes of evaluation with corresponding list;
- 12) scientific publications with list. Publications in languages other than Italian, English, French, German and Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Ivrit, Hindi, Chinese or which do not include a summary in one of the above languages, must be produced in original language and translated into Italian or English, French, German and Spanish.

For the information of candidates, please note that pursuant to article 15 of Law no. 183 of November 12th, 2011, certificates regarding personal qualities, status and facts issued by the public administration can be only used for private purposes. Self-certification, under articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000, can replace attested declarations for public administration or public services purposes.

Certificates issued by the competent authorities of the foreign candidate's country of citizenship must comply with the provisions in force in the same country. Certificates in a language other than Italian, English, French, German or Spanish, must also be translated and authenticated by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular authorities.

An Italian translation must be attached to all documents written in a language other than English, French, Portuguese, German, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, Ivrit, Chinese, and must be certified as conforming to the foreign text by a competent Italian diplomatic authority or an official translator.

ARTICLE 4 – Selection Committees

Six commissions are appointed by decree of the Rector, one for each curriculum. The committees are composed as follows:

- * an internal member of the College proposed by the Curriculum Council and different from the Curriculum Coordinator;
- * an external member of the College chosen from among full university professors and researchers at Italian universities or research centres;
- * a foreign member chosen from among full university professors and researchers, including Italian ones, at foreign universities or research centres.

For each commission, a maximum of two Italian and/or foreign experts may be chosen from public and private research organisations and facilities.

ARTICLE 5 – Admission procedures

Selection aims

The selections are designed to verify the candidate's preparation and aptitude to carry out research activities related to the framework of the national doctoral program's specifications for the various topics of the fields and in relation to the individual projects.

The selection procedure is carried out by means of an assessment of qualifications and an interview, also in telematic mode.

Evaluation of candidate qualifications

Every Selection Committee in each research area or curriculum has the capacity to assign scores up to a total of 60 points in the evaluation of candidate qualifications, as follows:

0 to 20 points about candidate's profile, as follows:

- examinations taken, grade of degree and thesis/abstract: 0 to 4 points.
- curriculum vitae and experience considered relevant: 0 to 4 points,
- other qualifications, e.g. Masters relevant to the PhD topics, specialized courses, relevant degrees: 0 to 3 points,
- Certified knowledge of foreign languages: 0 to 2 points,
- publications: 0 to 4 points,
- Evaluation of the letter on the motivation of the application and the venues: 0 to 3 points.

0 to 40 points about project proposal and the review, as follows:

- relevance of the concept: 0 to 7 points;
- quality of analysis and updating of the state-of-the-art: 0 to 10 points,
- feasibility within the doctoral program: 0 to 7 points
- originality and architecture of the work plan: 0 to 8 points
- rating of the review: 0 to 8 points.

Candidates obtaining a minimum of 40 points will be admitted to interview. The list of candidates admitted to the interview and any variations in the methods and terms of the selection procedure will be announced publicly in a date between July 20th and 21st, 2023 on the University website at <https://www.unimore.it/didattica/doctorates.html> in the section relating to the Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies.

Interview evaluation

The Selection committee has the capacity to assign scores up to 60 points in the interview. Candidates may opt to have their interview in Italian or English. Candidates will be admitted to the examination upon presentation of a valid identity document or passport.

During the interview will be assessed the knowledge of the English language and other possible languages which candidates declared in the application (specified in Annex B).

The committee will also assess the language knowledge of the sources required for the scientific work, with the discussion of sources relevant to the topics of the project and its critical implications.

During the interview, candidates will discuss the research project and they will be given the opportunity to deepen or further develop it orally (attachments or additional written documentation will not be accepted).

Evaluation criteria:

- a) basic knowledge of the general references of religious studies in their disciplinary aspects (historical, exegetical, philosophical, legal, technological): 0 to 10 points
- b) knowledge of the specific disciplinary reference framework of the project: 0 to 20 points
- c) argumentative skills and knowledge of the languages of literature: 0 to 15 points
- d) knowledge of source languages and their use: 0 to 15 points

Candidates with a score of at least 40 points will pass the interview.

Exam schedule

Interview via Microsoft Teams:

July 26th, 2023, 09.00 a.m (CET). Interviews could continue on July 27th 2023, 09.00 a.m. (CET), should there be a high number of candidates.

The operational indications on how to conduct the interview via Microsoft Teams will be communicated at the time of publication of candidates admitted to the interview. The link to the interview will be provided by the committee.

ARTICLE 6 – Rankings

At the end of the selection processes, each committee will draw up six final ranking lists (one for each curriculum).

The six final ranking lists will be approved by a Rector's Decree, once all documentation has been declared valid, and will be published simultaneously.

Candidates will be admitted to the Course according to the order of the final rankings and up to the number of available places for each PhD Curriculum.

The final rankings of candidates will be announced publicly exclusively by:

- publication on the University website at <https://www.unimore.it>, under: ("Academic programs"/"Doctorate Programs"), within the tab dedicated to the Religious Studies PhD course;
- publication on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>).

Enrolment in more than one study course is permitted in accordance with the provisions of Law of April 12th, 2022 no. 33 and MD 930/2022.

ARTICLE 7 – Enrolment and Replacements

Enrolment to reserved places with specific topic

Within the mandatory three-day time limit, starting from the day after the publication of the final rankings on the online University notice board as mentioned above in Art. 6, those candidates qualifying for places with specific topics must enrol in the first year of the PhD Program, using the method mentioned below

connect to the University website <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> (new users must register by selecting "Menu", top right, and then "Registration"; those who have already registered should select "Menu", and then "Login" with the credentials received following registration or with their SPID (Public Digital Identity System) credentials, follow the instructions: "Student Area" - "Enrolment" – "Enrolment according to ranking"; if an applicant has forgotten his/her username and password, assistance is available via email at webhelp@unimore.it).

Replacement of reserved places with specific topics

Once the procedure of the previous point is completed, should reserved places with specific topics become available, the PhD Office will request by e-mail to PhD candidates eligible for reserved places to enrol within a peremptory deadline of two days, starting from the day following the day on which the e-mail is sent.

Enrolment to places without specific topic

Once the previous steps have been completed, the PhD Office will request, by e-mail, the doctoral candidates for places without specific topic to enrol within a deadline of two days, starting from the day after the day on which the e-mail was sent. In the request the PhD Office will proceed with one candidate at a time and will indicate the venues of the proposed research activities among those listed in the table in article 1. The candidate who decides to enrol have to inform the PhD Office to which venue he/she intends to be assigned.

The six replacement procedures will proceed until all available places have been allocated, with the enrolment.

The six replacement procedures are independent of each other.

The procedure will be concluded within 90 days from the publication on the University website of the list of those admitted to the PhD Course for the academic year 2023/2024, referred to in Article 6. For PhD scholarships awarded on the funding of M.D. 117/2023 and M.D. 118/2023, the procedure will be considered concluded by October 20th, 2023.

Required documents during the enrolment procedure

During the online procedure, candidates must upload the following documents:

- a) digital passport photo: a colour passport photo, showing a frontal view of your face, with a neutral or uniform background (in JPEG or BITMAP format);
- b) scanned copy an identity document, duly signed;
- c) scanned copy of the tax identification card;
- d) scanned copy of the receipt for the payment of € 25.00 required for participation in the competition, in accordance with art. 3;
- e) self-certification to prove the possession of a university degree (using the form in Annex D1 for Italian degrees or the form in Annex D2 for foreign degrees), in case of degree already awarded;
- f) Annex F "Declaration accompanying application for enrolment on a PhD Program" - part 1 and part 2
- g) Annex G "Choice of research location" (using the form attached to the notice)

The mere completion of the online procedure does not finalise enrolment. The payment of the one-off instalment referred to in Article 9 is required within the same deadline indicated above of three days from the date of publication of the ranking or two days from the request by the PhD Office to replace or to enrol, under penalty of forfeiture. Payment must be made at the end of the enrolment procedure using the following methods:

Access Esse3, by connecting to the University website at <https://www.esse3.unimore.it/Home.do> with your credentials, and under the menu item "Taxes" proceed with the payment through the PAGO PA circuit that allows to pay online (by choosing your Payment Service Provider – PSP) or alternatively to print the payment notice to be delivered personally to Banks and ATMS, SISAL, Lottomatica and ITB stores. From your personal Esse3 page, under the menu item "Taxes", you can print the payment receipt. With the PagoPa circuit, the payment acquisition times in Esse3 are normally comparable to those of the credit card.

The print copy of the enrolment application and receipt of payment must be kept by the applicant and not submitted to the Office.

Candidates gaining their academic qualification after the date of enrolment must send to the PhD Office (Via Università n.4, 41121 - Modena) via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it the Annex D1 (if the qualification is conferred in Italy) or the Annex D2 (if the qualification is conferred abroad) no later than October 31st, 2023.

Obligations of winners with foreign titles

Italian and foreigners citizens holding a foreign academic qualification must present to the PhD Office (Via Università 4, 41121 Modena), no later than December 31st, 2023, via e-mail to the address segr.dottorati@unimore.it, their degree certificates with a list of exams taken, along with an Italian or English translation, an authentication, and

- for degrees obtained in European Union countries: Diploma supplement or certificate of comparability and verification issued by ENIC_NARIC centers;
- for degrees obtained in non-EU countries: "declaration of validity" (dichiarazione di valore in loco) issued by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic representative for the country, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by the Cimea as a ENIC_NARIC center.

Failure to submit the above documentation may result, at the sole discretion of this Administration, in the non-payment of the grant until it is submitted. Should the aforementioned documentation, once submitted, show a lack of eligibility requirements, the PhD candidate will be excluded.

Social security obligations

As soon as the registration procedure has been completed, all recipients of scholarships must register with the I.N.P.S. Separate Management Fund ("Gestione Separata") and forward a self-certification to prove registration (using Annex E "Self-certification of subscription to Gestione Separata Inps") to the Salaries Office ("Ufficio Stipendi") by October 31st, 2023, by sending a scanned copy via e-mail to ufficiostipendi@unimore.it. If PhD students are already registered with the I.N.P.S (Italian Social Security Institute) Separate Management Fund as a result of previous collaboration with other institutions, they merely need to forward the self-certification confirming the registration with the I.N.P.S (in the same way as indicated above).

Foreign citizens who do not yet have a tax identification number must apply to the "Agenzia delle entrate" (Italian Revenue Agency) after their arrival in Italy, and must forward a copy of the card issued by the Agency before October 31st, 2023, to the PhD Office, by sending a scanned copy via mail to segr.dottorati@unimore.it.

Foreign citizens assistance

For information and assistance concerning the Tax ID code, housing, residence permit, entry visa, registration with the I.N.P.S. Separate Management Fund ("Gestione Separata"), foreign citizens may submit a request to the International Welcome Desk Office, at: internationalwelcomedesk@unimore.it.

Default waiver

Any candidates who have not completed their enrolment in accordance with the terms and conditions indicated above will be considered as withdrawn.

In the case of, from the documentation presented by the candidate, false or misleading declarations are found, relevant for the purposes of enrolment, without prejudice to the penal sanctions referred to in Article 76 of the D.P.R. n.445 dated 28/12/2000 and subsequent modifications, the candidate automatically expired from any enrollment and the fees paid by the interested party will not be refunded.

The university administration reserves the right to ask enrolled students to complete the enrolment documentation if incomplete and/or to provide payment receipt of the single or first instalment.

ARTICLE 8 - Scholarships

The number of scholarships assigned is indicated in art. 1, divided by curriculum; these scholarships will be awarded according to the positioning of candidates on the final ranking list.

In the event of equal scores, priority will be given to the candidate with the least favourable financial situation, determined in accordance with the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of April 30th, 1997 and subsequent amendments. Candidates with equal score will be requested by e-mail to submit for the purposes of evaluating their financial situation:

- Receipt of submission of the "Dichiarazione Sostitutiva Unica" (Single Sworn Declaration) for calculating the ISEE bracket (DSU); this must be forwarded within the final deadline of two days starting from the day after the day on which the e-mail was sent. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.
- The formal I.S.E.E. (Indication of Equivalent Financial Situation) by I.N.P.S.; this must be forwarded within the final deadline of five days from the day after the day the e-mail was sent. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.

With the same ISEE indicator, the female candidate comes first.

In case of further tie, the youngest candidate will be given precedence.

Amount and payment method of the scholarships

The annual amount of a study scholarship is € 16.243,00 (barring subsequent regulatory amendments) and is subject to the I.N.P.S. social security contribution under the separate management fund.

Study scholarships will be paid in monthly deferred instalments.

PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships or other forms of financial assistance paid by the University and/or the State, with the exception of those designed to be integrated with PhD student research activities, for periods spent abroad.

Confirmation and increase of the scholarships

Study scholarships are automatically renewed when PhD students continue in the following year, unless a motivated ruling to the contrary is made by the Teaching Committee.

Scholarship amounts will be increased by 50% for periods spent abroad of no longer than 12 months. This period may be extended up to a maximum of 18 months for doctoral students under joint guidance or Double Degree program with foreign institutions.

Starting from the first year, to every PhD student is guaranteed a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad amounting to 20% of the annual amount of the scholarship.

ARTICLE 9 - Fees for PhD Programs

Enrolment fee

Fee for PhD program in "Religious Studies" which must be paid in one instalment to the enrolment by those who enrol is € 159.67 (the amount of the payment slip that can be downloaded online includes the regional tax, the stamp duty and the insurance coverage).

Right to study

The measures for the right to study also provided for PhD candidates, if they meet requirements, are:

- Scholarship (financial support to the study, with admission by ranking list) incompatible with other types of scholarships awarded for any purpose;

- Accommodation facilities, (with admission by ranking list) for non-resident students “Fuorisede” enrolled to PhD;
- Subsidies for catering service.
- Contributions for international mobility;
- Peer tutoring collaborations in favor of disabled students or students with Specific Learning Disabilities.

Therefore, anyone intending to apply for one of the aforementioned benefits must exclusively refer to the Announcement and to the Application procedure of the Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education – District headquarters of Modena and Reggio Emilia for the 2023/2024 academic year, that will be available at www.er-go.it (selecting “Servizi” – “Diritto allo studio”) starting from July 2023. With regard to deadlines and requirements to benefit from these services, it will be necessary to refer exclusively to this notice.

To request interventions for the right to study it is necessary to be in possession of the ISEE Certification 2023 for subsidized services for the right to university study and of the digital identity system SPID.

International students, to request interventions for the right of study, must be in possession of the documentation referred to at the link: <https://www.er-go.it?id=6545>.

Applications can be submitted even if not yet enrolled on a PhD Program. Therefore, applications can be submitted even if the final rankings of candidates for admission to PhD Programs have not yet been announced publicly.

For information and advice exclusively in completing the online application contact:

- “Parla con ER.GO” 051.19907580 or 051.0185268 – available every day from Monday to Friday - from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

The amounts, and the deadlines for the contribution for the following years will be determined from year to year and will be notified on the web page <http://www.unimore.it/didattica/dottorati.html> (approximately towards the end of July).

ARTICLE 10 - Rights and Responsibilities of PhD Students

PhD students must reside permanently and continuously at the chosen location for the duration of the course. PhD Programs require a full-time and exclusive commitment. PhD students may accept forms of employment, pending authorization from the PhD Program Teaching Committee, related to work activities useful for the acquisition of skills pertaining to the PhD research area, after evaluation of compatibility of those activities with the fruitful development of the educational, didactic and research activities of the doctoral course. PhD students are required to perform the research projects assigned to them and to be involved in related study, further research, periods abroad, teaching, as well as any internships affiliated with public or private bodies, in accordance with the requirements set by the competent Teaching Committee. Students who fail to comply may be withdrawn from the program.

The provisions in art.15 regulate the other responsibilities and rights of doctoral students, including incompatibility, exemption from the obligation to attend, and the conditions of exclusion, as well as the procedure for awarding the PhD of this competition. Further specific obligations may be assigned to the recipients of PhD scholarships awarded by the founding of MD no. 117/2023 and MD no. 118/2023, that may be notified by the Ministry of University and Research. In particular, they must report their activities every six months in the ministerial database. Failure to do so may result in the University requesting the return of the PhD scholarships awarded in the last year in progress.

PhD students receiving scholarships on ITSEER funding may be subject to further specific obligations which may be communicated by the Ministry of University and Research.

ARTICLE 11 – Public employees

In accordance with the law, upon applying, public employees who are admitted to a PhD Program, in keeping with administrative requirements, are granted a leave of absence for study purposes, without remuneration, for the duration of the program, and will receive a research grant, where applicable. In cases where they are admitted to a PhD program without a scholarship, or if they decline a scholarship, they shall be entitled to the remuneration, insurance, and pension contributions pertaining to the public body by which they are employed. In cases where the employment relationship with the public body is terminated by the employee within two years after the awarding of the PhD degree, the employee shall be required to reimburse the amounts of the abovementioned remuneration and contributions.

Public employees who have already earned a PhD or who have been enrolled in a PhD program for at least one year, thereby benefiting from a leave of absence, are not entitled to an additional leave of absence with or without remuneration.

The period of extraordinary leave is useful for the purpose of career progression, retirement and pension benefits.

ARTICLE 12 – Awarding of the PhD

The PhD is awarded upon completion of the PhD Program, when students pass their final examination that consists in the presentation of a PhD Thesis on an original research, carried out meticulously and where results are adequately and scientifically relevant. Should the assessment be negative, the final examination cannot be repeated.

Thesis defence will take place before an Examination Board appointed in compliance with the University PhD Research Program Regulations.

The Rector awards the title of PhD. The issue of the above title is dependent upon the candidate's submission to the competent office of the copy of the final thesis in digital format, which will be guaranteed to be kept and publicly accessible in the special open access archive of the University, as well as to be deposited in the ministerial database, in compliance with the regulations in force concerning thesis embargo and copyright.

Upon completion of the PhD program, graduates will be invited to fill out a "Questionnaire on the opinions of program attendees" for the AlmaLaurea database. This will enable the AlmaLaurea Inter-University Consortium to monitor the training of PhD students.

ARTICLE 13 – Handling of personal data

The University Administration, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and Legislative Decree 196/03, as amended by Legislative Decree 101/2018, will use the applicant's personal data solely for the fulfilment of the selection procedures and for administrative purposes.

In accordance with the principles to mentioned rules, by participating in the competition, the candidate authorizes the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia to publish his/her personal data as well as information relating to the admissions examinations on the University website.

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia adopts equal opportunity principles in its selection procedures and rejects any type of discrimination based on sex, gender identity,

nationality, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, state of health, and any other status or quality that is not strictly relevant to the call outlined in this document.

ARTICLE 14 – Publication

This call is equivalent to notification to all intents and purposes. It will be published on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>), on the website of the University <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-Sdott.html>, and on the Website of the Ministry of University and Research: <http://bandi.miur.it/doctorate.php/public/cercaFellowship>.

Any changes, updates or additions to the content of this call will be announced, exclusively, on the online University notice board (<https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/>) and on the following website: <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-Sdott.html>.

ARTICLE 15 – Additional Regulations and Responsible for the present administrative procedure

For matters not explicitly covered in this application procedure, refer to the provisions contained in art. 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3rd, 1998, art. 19 of Law no. 240 of December 30th, 2010, Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, to the University regulations in force governing PhD Programs, to the Teaching Regulations of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, and to the Regulations of the Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies.

The Responsible for the present administrative procedure is the Representative of the PhD Office (Dr. Filippo Cavazzuti - Via Università, 4 – Modena - e-mail: segr.dottorati@unimore.it).

For further information, candidates may contact the PhD Office - Via Università 4, 41121 Modena - phone +39 059/2056423 - e-mail: segr.dottorati@unimore.it.

Modena, 13/06/2023

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Carlo Adolfo Porro)

Annex A

DECLARATION OF PRIORITY AND BINDING INTEREST IN TAKING PART IN THE SELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING RESERVED POSITION

I, the undersigned _____,
born in _____ on _____,
wish to express my interest in applying primarily for the following reserved place (in case of several choices, please indicate the order of priority with numbers 1, 2, 3, etc...):

- Buddhism and Religions of Asia Curriculum:

- Buddhist and modern world: Engagements with analytic philosophy, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, epistemology, phenomenology, contemplative studies* ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice)
- Buddhism and Technological Innovation: Historical and Modern Case Studies*, ("Ca' Foscari" University of Venice)

- Judaism Curriculum:

- Elia Benamozegh* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- Architecture of religious normative texts* (University of Palermo)

- Christianity Curriculum:

- "Lex Ecclesiae fundamentalis" History* ("G. D'Annunzio" University of Chieti - Pescara)
- Cultural heritage and the narration of faiths* (University of Florence)
- Innovation, inclusion and exclusion in the social and cultural presence of the Mendicant Orders in 13th -15th century Europe* (University of Macerata)
- The Church, the war and the cities in the 'industrial triangle' (Milan, Genoa, Turin). Enhancing archive sources for the history of episcopates during the Second World War* (Catholic University of Sacred Heart of Milan)
- The Significance of Calvin's Strasbourg Correspondence (1538-1541) for the Understanding of His Theological and Pastoral Education and Development.* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, with direct admission to the European School for Religious Sciences Giuseppe Alberigo (located in Bologna))
- The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed and its translations* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- Letter and/or allegory. Patristic Hermeneutics* ("La Sapienza" University of Rome)
- Positions and language produced in the Catholic context with regard to the issues of war and peace* (Tor Vergata University of Rome)
- Apollinarian controversy between the 4th and 6th centuries* (University of Salento)

- Catholicism and Italian identity. The case of Umbria in the 20th century* (University for Foreigners of Perugia)
- Rites and perception of death in a medieval city* (University of Verona)
- Corpus construction for the Regesta test case* (University of Palermo)
- Christianity and Society in the Modern Age (15th - 19th centuries)* (University for Foreigners of Siena)

- Islam Curriculum:

- The state in Islam* (University of Parma)
- The status of the other after the conquest (the fall of Constantinople, 1453)* (University of Palermo)

- Law and Religions Curriculum:

- FEC and the new dynamics of religious freedom in a multicultural society* (University of Insubria)
- Religious illiteracy in the European context and its history* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, with direct admission to the European School for Religious Sciences Giuseppe Alberigo (located in Bologna))
- The protection of religious data in the Public Administration.* ("Federico II" University of Naples)
- State and religious confessions in Italy in the modern and contemporary age: historical, historiographical paths and awareness of rights* (University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli")
- Freedom of conscience and religion, big data and digitalization processes in public administration* (University of Pisa)

- Transdisciplinarity and Technological Frontier Research Curriculum:

- History of FSCIRE Archive* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- IT preparation of the corpus for an instrument dedicated to the study of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed* (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
- Religious texts in different languages and cultures, from the Nile Valley and the surrounding area, with reference to the literary traditions of the Ethiopian-Eritrean area* ("L'Orientale" University of Naples)
- Interculture* (Pegaso, Telematic University)
- Religion and Artificial Intelligence* (University of Turin)
- Religion and Digital Technologies* (University of Turin)

The option hereby chosen has priority over regular places.

Date and place,

Signature

ANNEX B (Form Research project)

RESEARCH PROJECT

Submitted for the purposes of the application for enrolment on the Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies (XXXIX cycle) by

Name and surname

Title of the project

Concept (*Maximum 3,000 characters*)

State-of-the-art (*Maximum 10.000 characters*):

Sources and analysis tools (*Maximum 5,000 characters*):

Working plan and Program schedule (*Maximum 5,000 characters*):

Foreign research centers deemed useful for research (*Maximum 2,000 characters*):

Essential bibliography (*Minimum 10 publications*):

Indicate the two main languages of your primary sources in which part of the admission exam will focus

Indicate the two main languages of your bibliography in which part of the admission exam will focus

Date and place

Signature

Annex C

CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

Submitted for admission to Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies (XXXIX cycle)

PERSONAL DATA

Name and surname

Date of birth

Nationality

Address

Telephone number and e-mail

EDUCATION

Period

Institution

Country where the qualification was awarded

Qualification awarded

Final mark

WORK EXPERIENCE

Period

Type of employment

Sector

Employment grade and duties

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

Period

Title of the project

Disciplinary area

Tasks performed as part of the project

LANGUAGE SKILLS (Specify for each language the level of knowledge on the basis of the following scale, as laid down in the Common European Framework of the Council of Europe. Reference should also be made to any certification awarded to the candidate, such as TOEFL, etc.)

LANGUAGE.....

A1 (BEGINNER)

A2 (ELEMENTARY)

B1 (PRE INTERMEDIATE)

B2 (POST INTERMEDIATE)

C1 (ADVANCED)

C2 (PROFICIENCY)

ANALYTICAL SKILLS (Please specify, where applicable, analytical skills in relation to the research activity: statistical software, informatic instruments or database)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

Date and place

Signature

Annex D1 (for candidates holding degrees awarded in Italy only)

Self-certification as substitute for attested declarations under articles 46 and 47, Presidential decree 445/2000

WARNING

The following self-certification complies with the dispositions of Presidential decree 445 of the 28th December 2000: "LEGISLATIVE DISPOSITIONS AND RULES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS". In particular:

- Details provided by candidates have to be considered as substitute for attested declaration under articles 46-47; following article 76 candidates who provide mendacious information can incur in administrative and criminal penalties.
- Following article 39 the self-certification does not require official stamps.
- Under articles 71 and 72 the relevant University office will verify the information provided.
- The information requested in this self-certification follow article 16 is strictly necessary for the selection procedures and will be kept confidential following the Legislative decree 196 of the 30th June 2003 on personal data protection.

DEGREE DESCRIPTION

**Italian second level degree "laurea magistrale" (under D.M. 270/04)
or Italian second level degree "laurea specialistica" (under D.M. 509/1999)
or Italian degree (prior to D.M. 509/1999)**

Aware of the provisions on criminal consequences for false declarations, under art. 76 of Presidential decree 445/2000 the undersigned

Family name _____

Given name _____

Place of birth _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Citizenship _____

E-mail for correspondence _____

DECLARES TO HOLD THE FOLLOWING DEGREE CERTIFICATE

(Tick only one of the three options)

- Italian second level degree "Laurea magistrale" (under D.M. 270/04) in

Degree class of _____

- Italian second level degree "Laurea specialistica" (under D.M. 509/1999) in

Degree class of _____

- Italian degree (prior to D.M. 509/1999) in

Degree awarded by the University of _____

on the (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Final mark _____

AND DECLARES

that, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Presidential decree 445/2000, the information included in all the copies attached to the admission form is correct.

Date and place

Signature (legible and in full)

Annex D2 (for candidates holding foreign degrees only)

Self-certification as substitute for attested declarations under articles 46 and 47, Presidential decree 445/2000

WARNING

The following self-certification complies with the dispositions of Presidential decree 445 of the 28th December 2000: "LEGISLATIVE DISPOSITIONS AND RULES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS". In particular:

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- Under articles 71 and 72 the relevant University office will verify the information provided.
- The information requested in this self-certification follow article 16 is strictly necessary for the selection procedures and will be kept confidential following the Legislative decree 196 of the 30th June 2003 on personal data protection.

DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFICATION (Degree, Master of Science or equivalent)

INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

Family name _____

Given name _____

Place of birth _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Citizenship _____

E-mail for correspondence _____

INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION

Level of Qualification (Degree, Master of Science or other) _____

Qualification in _____

Qualification awarded at the University of _____

Qualification awarded on (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Final degree mark /grade _____

Main Field(s) of Study for the Qualification _____

Language(s) of Instruction/Examination _____

Official Length of Program (years) _____

Access Requirement(s) to Program _____

**INFORMATION ON THE EXAMINATIONS AND RESULTS GAINED FOR THE QUALIFICATION
(Examination and individual grades/marks/credits obtained)**

DATE	EXAMINATION	GRADE	MARK	CREDITS OBTAINED

Useful additional information about examinations and results _____

**INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE
QUALIFICATION WAS AWARDED**

Does the title described above, in the country where it has been awarded, enable application to
University PhD programs? (Tick only one of the two options)

- Yes No

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

In accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Presidential decree 445/2000, the information included in
all the copies attached to the admission form is correct.

Date and place

Signature (legible and in full)

ANNEX E

Form “Self-certification of subscription to Gestione Separata Inps”

To
Payroll Office – Finance Directorate
Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia
Via Università, 4 - 41121 Modena
E-mail: ufficiostipendi@unimore.it

**Autocertificazione di iscrizione alla Gestione Separata Inps
di cui all’art. 2, comma 26, L. 335/1995**
(resa ai sensi del D.P.R. 28 dicembre 2000, n.445 e s.m.i.)

Il sottoscritto _____
natoa _____ il _____
Codice Fiscale _____

Titolare di (barrare la relativa opzione):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assegno di ricerca | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborazione coordinata e continuativa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dottorato di ricerca | <input type="checkbox"/> Docenza a contratto |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Borsa di Specializzazione Medica | <input type="checkbox"/> Prestazione d’opera occasionale (redditi > € 5.000,00) |

DICHIARA:

di essere iscritto alla data odierna ed in seguito a conferma INPS, o che provvederà nei termini all’iscrizione, alla Gestione Separata Inps*:

- “ALTRA CASSA - aliquota MINIMA”¹ in quanto iscritto presso la seguente cassa pensionistica: (specificare quale)
- “CASSA UNICA - aliquota MASSIMA”² in quanto non iscritto presso alcuna cassa pensionistica obbligatoria

*L’iscrizione alla Gestione Separata INPS, da effettuarsi in via telematica entro la fine del primo mese di attività, è un adempimento a totale carico del percettore. UniMoRe declina ogni responsabilità connessa alla mancata iscrizione.

FIRMA

.....

Il sottoscritto dichiara, inoltre, di essere consapevole delle sanzioni penali, nel caso di dichiarazioni mendaci, richiamate dall’art. 76 del D.P.R. 445/2000 e dall’art. 495 del C.P. e **si impegna a comunicare, prima della liquidazione del compenso, qualsiasi modifica di quanto dichiarato.**

Modena,.....

FIRMA

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Si allega alla presente fotocopia del documento di identità del sottoscrittore e, possibilmente, tessera sanitaria o tessera codice fiscale

¹ Dall’anno 2016: 24,00%. Iscrizione che presuppone il versamento di contributi previdenziali ad altra cassa pensionistica obbligatoria, quali, ad esempio: Inps gestione dipendenti, artigiani, commercianti, Casse e Ordini professionali.

² Dall’anno 2022: 35,03%.

ANNEX F (Part 1) - Form “Accompanying declaration for scholarship holders”

DECLARATION TO BE ATTACHED FOR PhD STUDENTS HOLDING SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON A PhD PROGRAM

A. Y. 2023/2024, XXXIX cycle

To be completed only by holders of scholarships

I, the undersigned Surname _____ First name _____

DECLARE TO BE FULLY AWARE THAT:

- a) the grant to which this declaration relates cannot be accumulated with any other study grants, regardless of their title, with the exception of grants awarded by national or foreign institutions which are available to support, with periods of study abroad, the grant holder’s training or research activities (art. 6, para 1, of Law 30.11.1989, n. 398);
- b) students who have previously held a grant cannot hold a second grant with the same title (art. 6, para 2, of Law 30.11.1989, n. 398);
- c) art. 1, sub-para a), of Law 315/98 states that, from the date 01.01.99, the MIUR (Ministry for Education, Further Education and Research) is required to guarantee the application of study grants to pursue research doctorates as per the regulations laid down by art 2, para 26, first part of Law No.335/95, and also art. 59, para 16, of Law No.449/97, as amended (compulsory general insurance with INPS – Italian Social Security Institute);
- d) state employees who hold grants to which this declaration relates may request special leave without pay for study purposes, as provided by art. 2 of Law No.476/1984 (art. 6, para 7, Law 398/89).

I, the undersigned, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. No.445 of 28.12.2000, aware of the liability incurred in the event of a false declaration,

DECLARE

- a) **not to hold**, for the entire duration of the doctorate, other study grants of any title whatsoever, with the exception of grants awarded by national or foreign institutions which are available to support, with periods of study abroad, the grant holder’s training or research activities (art. 6, para 1, of Law No.398 of 30.11.1989);
- b) **not to have held**, even if only for one year, another study grant to pursue postgraduate courses (art. 6, para 2, Law 398/89);
- c) **not to hold** a grant for collaboration in a research activity under art. 51, para 6, Law 449/97 and D.M. II.02.1998
- d) to be aware of the rights and obligations of graduates, as specified in the notices of competitions for admission to PhD Programs, XXXIX cycle – A.Y. 2023/2024, published on the internet site of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia;
- e) to have read and fully understood the regulatory provisions governing research doctorates, as published on the internet site of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- f) to hereby provide consent to their personal data being held, including sensitive information, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and Legislative Decree No.196/2003, modified by Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, and to be aware that the databank is the property of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Italian and foreign citizens holding an academic degree awarded abroad are reminded they have to submit their academic transcript of records, together with its legalized Italian translation and the “declaration of equal value” issued by the Italian consular office of the country where the degree was awarded, if it is not already enclosed with the online application form, or certificate of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA as ENIC_NARIC centre, or Diploma supplement for academic degrees awarded in European Union.

Please note that citizens of States which do not belong to the European Union must provide documentation certifying insurance cover for medical treatment and hospitalization, together with a valid residence permit.

Date _____

Signature

ANNEX F (Part 2) - Form “Accompanying declaration for scholarship holders”

DECLARATION ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON A PhD PROGRAM A.Y. 2023/2024, XXXIX cycle

To be completed only by holders of scholarships

With full knowledge of the liability incurred in the event of a false declaration, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of D.P.R. No. 445 of 28.12.2000, I the undersigned

Surname _____ First name _____

Tax code _____ Acquired surname _____

Born in _____ province of _____ on the _____

Resident at (street) _____ No. _____ Town/city _____

Post code _____ Province/State/County _____ Tel. _____

MOBILE PHONE _____ E-mail _____

Domiciled (if different from above) at _____ No. _____

Town/City _____ Post code _____ Province/State/County _____

REQUEST that the sum relating to the scholarship

is paid into the current account of _____ (payment can only be made to an account in the name of the grant holder; the account may be in the name of more than one person inclusive of the grant holder – in this case specify all co-holders) with IBAN _____ . The International Bank Account Number consists of 27 characters: IT, 2 international code numbers, 1 national code letter (CIN), 5 numbers for the ABI code, 5 numbers for the CAB code, 12 alphanumeric characters for the current account number.

Important note: to avoid errors in the payment of sums due, the above-indicated fields must be completed fully and correctly. If in any doubt, please contact your own bank.

Please note that any bank charges arising from the bank transfer are the responsibility of the recipient of the monies.

I, the undersigned undertake to register promptly with the “INPS gestione separata” (by internet through the website at www.inps.it –searching “Iscrizione dei lavoratori parasubordinati alla Gestione Separata”– “Utilizza il Servizio”, or through the INPS Contact Centre at www.inps.it) and send via e-mail a ufficiostipendi@unimore.it the affidavit to prove the registration (using the form “Autocertificazione di iscrizione alla Gestione Separata Inps”) to the Ufficio Contabilità e Stipendi of the Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Via Università n. 4, Modena, by October 31, 2023 (if the graduate is already subscribed to the “INPS gestione separata” as a result of previous collaborations with other clients, it is only necessary to provide the affidavit confirming the registration with the INPS).

The payment of the grant is made in monthly instalments with fixed currency on 25th of the following month. The related coupons (“cedolini”) will be exclusively available on-line, at the following link: <https://unimore.u-web.cineca.it/>

In the event that facts are ascertained during the course of the year which vary from those declared, the undersigned undertakes to immediately communicate the relevant facts in writing, exonerating the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia from any responsibility whatsoever concerning the same.

Information in accordance with Legislative Decree of 30th June 2003, No.196

The personal data contained on this form is gathered by the University for the sole pur pose of fulfilling all of its administrative, accounting, financial and social security obligations under the law. The personal data gathered will, in observance of the aforementioned legislative obligations, be communicated to the Ministero delle Finanze (Ministry of Finance), the INPS office (Italian Social Security Institute), and to any other public bodies, to permit the same to carry out the respective institutional functions, within the boundaries established by the law and regulations.

Date _____ (Signature) _____

ANNEX G

Italian National PhD Program in Religious Studies

Curriculum _____

CHOICE OF RESEARCH LOCATION

I, the undersigned _____,
born in _____ on _____,
express my choice of location for research activities at _____
_____.

Date and place,

Signature

*To be attached during the enrolment process. Available choices:
- only for places indicated in the communication received by the PhD Office during the ranking process.*