Applicable Laws and Regulations (only available in Italian)

Art. 1
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PhD PROGRAMMES
1. The University of Pisa is now accepting applications for the admission to its PhD Programmes for the academic year 2017/2018 (XXXII cycle). The list of available programmes and grants is given in the attached forms (Attachment A from 1 to 43).
2. According to the Ministerial Decree No.45/2013, PhD courses can be activated after the verification of the accreditation requirements by ANVUR. The competition tests can therefore be carried out once the positive outcome of such verification has been received.
3. The University of Pisa is committed to achieving and promoting equality of opportunity between men and women, but for the sake of brevity and readability of this regulation, it will make use of male gender-specific terms holding the strict meaning to refer both to the female and the male gender form.

Art. 2
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
1. In order to participate in the application process and avoid being disqualified, the candidate must the following steps:
   a. register online by July 19th, 2017, 1.00 pm (Central European Time). This step requires visiting the following webpage www.unipi.it/concorsodottorato and printing the corresponding receipt at the end of the compilation;
   b. the candidate must pay a non-refundable application fee of € 60,00 by July 19th, 2017. Payment must be made using the MAV form, which may be printed at the end of the online application. Please verify that the identifying code of the MAV corresponds to the code of the application: these codes are listed in Attachment B. As for the doctoral courses with more than one competition, the applicant will have to pay only one fee for all the interested competitions. This payment is valid for all the competitions in the same PhD program. For abroad payments, the candidate will have to pay following the modality that will be published by July 19th, 2017 on the website of Pisa University at http://dottorato.unipi.it/- “Admission”.
      The competition fee cannot be reimbursed unless the entry examinations are not performed for the reasons stated in paragraph 2 of Article 1 of this notice.
2. The list of candidates admitted to the oral interview or written examination will be published at least one day before the event date at http://dottorato.unipi.it/ under “Admissions
3. Candidates who are attending a Medical Specialization School at the University of Pisa and intend to enrol in a PhD Programme for which the first year would coincide with the last year of the Specialization School (resulting in the possibility of requesting an abbreviation of the PhD Programme according to Art.12 of the PhD regulations), during the online application must upload, within the deadline of the call, a declaration listing the research activities already carried out during the Medical specialization school and attested by the Council of the School. The candidate will also have to send a communication to concorsodottorato@unipi.it in which she/he requests the abbreviation of the PhD course because of the joint attendance.
4. Candidates who have a disability or a S.L.D. certificate may request the use of aids or additional time during the admission test by downloading the appropriate form and following the procedures published respectively on the webpages

Art. 3

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Participation is open to all those who, by October 31st, 2017, will have obtained an academic qualification equivalent to the Italian "laurea magistrale/specialistica" (e.g. Master Degree) in the fields specified in the corresponding attachment.

2. Foreign academic degrees presented for application are subject to the evaluation of eligibility by the Selection Boards (valid only for the enrolment in the PhD program) in accordance with the relevant legislation in Italy and in the country where the title was awarded, and with the treaties or international agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies. The PhD Council will evaluate the equivalence of the level, the nature, the content and the academic rights (access to additional courses) compared to the Italian academic qualifications required for the admission to the PhD program. Such candidates shall submit the necessary documents in order to verify the academic qualifications (e.g. translation, legalization, declaration of value, the Diploma Supplement, Transcript of Records, certificates of ENIC-NARIC centers, etc.). The lack of such documents may undermine the evaluation of foreign qualification requested if the PhD Council is not able to deliberate on the above-mentioned equivalence.

4. The foreign academic qualification and all documentations will have to be transmitted (only by upload procedure) during the online application within the deadline (19th July, 2017, 1:00 pm).

5. The University has the right to exclude at any time those candidates who do not fulfil the necessary requisites.

Art. 4

ADMISSION EXAMS

1. Acceptance into the PhD Programme is based on the assessment of the candidate’s curriculum and possibly a written examination and/or an interview. The evaluation of the curriculum shall allow a total score based on the grading criteria established by the Selection Board during the preliminary meeting. For each programme, Attachment A provides information concerning the specific selection criteria, the possible requirement of a research proposal submission, as well as the selection date, the venue, the time and the evaluation criteria for the tests. The exams will take place in the period 22nd August-11th September 2017.

2. The curriculum, signed and accompanied by a copy of a valid identification document, must be uploaded during the online application process and written in Italian and / or English. The candidate must submit separate curricula for each selection they are competing for, and therefore, the curriculum uploaded for a specific application cannot be taken into consideration for other applications.

1. In order to avoid being disqualified, the candidate must abide, under penalty of exclusion, the Board’s recommendations concerning the correct execution of the written examination.

4. The candidate who intends to submit to the evaluation of the Selection Board any document related to his/her academic records held at the University of Pisa, must make an explicit request of acquisition “through office” in the aforementioned curriculum.

5. In order to take the examination and avoid being disqualified, the candidate must bring a valid identity document.

6. A candidate’s failure to attend the exams or videoconference will be considered equivalent to resigning from the application process.

7. Before each test, all candidates must be informed of the outcome of any previous test. The score obtained in the evaluation of the curriculum will be announced prior to the completion of the first test by public posting at the administrative department of the Course or at the test venue. In the case of those selections with only the evaluation of the curriculum, the outcome will be made known by the publication of the ranking list as referred to in Article 5.

8. Subsequent notifications concerning the selection procedures will be exclusively published at http://dottorato.unipi.it/- “Admission” by updating the Attachment A concerning the specific to competition.

9. The Selection Boards will be nominated for each degree programme according to Art.10 of the PhD regulations. Should there be justified reasons, the meetings of the Selection Board may be held via teleconferencing. In this case, the Selection Board carries out the online procedures simultaneously and takes the decisions jointly. Those members taking part remotely in the board will have to sign the report transmitted by the Selection Board and return it, by fax or email, together with the copy of a valid identity document.
Art. 5
RANKING OF CANDIDATES AND ENROLMENT

1. The ranking list of candidates who have passed the test, highlighting those who have obtained a placement in the given PhD Programme (with or without a study grant) and those who are admitted in the supernumerary category referred to in Art.6, will be published on the following webpage: http://dottorato.unipi.it/

“Admissions”. The ranking is based on the overall grade given to each candidate for the curriculum and of the potential exams.

2. In case of equal ranking:
   a. assignment of placements with a study grant: priority will be given to the candidate who has a greater socio-economic disadvantage. This evaluation will be based on the "Indicator of the Equivalent Economic Situation for Universities" (ISEEU) which is calculated using 2016 income and assets on 31 Dec. 2016;
   b. assignment of placements without a grant: priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

3. To avoid losing their placement, successful candidates (with or without a grant) must register within 29th September, 2017. In case of non-registration or renunciation, the first round of the ranking list will take place followed by the second and third rounds only if they are still available placement assignments due to lack of registration or renunciation. The terms for registration and for the first, second and third rounds are given in the following table:

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The list of follow-up candidates will be announced in the same way as the ranking list.

4. In case a candidate resigns or fails to enrol before the beginning of the PhD programme, but after the last ranking the placement will be then given to the following suitable candidate according to the ranking order and the procedure indicated below. After 23rd October 2017, but no later than 31 Dec. 2017, the re-assignment of such placements is possible upon a motivated request of the PhD Board without the PhD student having to retrieve the workshops already done. In this case, the re-assignment will be communicated to the candidates using the email address given during the registration.

5. Here following the documentation to be submitted for the registration:
   a) the complete registration form of the documents therein;
   b) in the case of non-Community recipients, a valid permit / residence card;
   c) in the case of recipients holding a university degree obtained abroad, the original of the qualification.

6. The candidate is required to provide correct contact information for any personal communication. The University is not held responsible for any loss of correspondence due to erroneous contact information, to any delay in notifying a change of address or to any postal service disruption attributable to third parties.

7. The attendance to the PhD programme, with or without grant, requires an exclusive and full-time participation. Any possible working activity has to be communicated by the PhD student and previously authorized, through substantiated decision, by the PhD Council, according to Art.14 of the PhD regulations. In case of an employment in progress at the date of enrolment in the PhD, the interested candidate may continue to do so until the authorization is given, namely the denial to continue the working activity, as provided for above.

Art. 6
SUPERNUMERARY ADMISSIONS

1. In order to be admitted in the supernumerary category, candidates must submit at concorsodottorato@unipi.it “Dottorati di ricerca - Direzione “Servizi per la Didattica e l’Internazionalizzazione” Annex C within three days from the last test.

2. Following a favourable opinion of the PhD Council, aimed also at verifying the compatibility of the working activity with the scope of the PhD course, the candidates who on November 01, 2017 meet the following criteria can be admitted in supernumerary, without grants:
   • to be holders of a research grant subject to verification of compatibility with the research topic and the doctoral degree programme; or
   • to have an official relationship with one of the following entities affiliated with the University of Pisa:
     - Consiglio nazionale delle ricerche;
     - Centro di Supporto e Sperimentazione Navale della Marina Militare (C.S.S.N.), only for PhD degree programmes in Information Engineering;
     - IRCCS Fondazione Stella Maris.
Said relationship must have a duration and remuneration no lower than those of the PhD grant. Furthermore, admission is subject to the positive opinion of the entity they refer to.

or

- to be government employees or under a public law regime and have registered for the first time in a PhD degree programme independently of the topic; or
- possess a Master’s degree in “Marine management and administration” or its equivalent and are permanently employed by the administration of the Ministry of Infrastructure and of Transport, Port Captaincies (only for the PhD degree programme in Legal Sciences and limited to one person).

### Art. 7

**STUDY GRANT ALLOCATION**

1. The PhD council decides, in accordance with the rank of order, the assignment of the grants to the entitled candidates and these grants will then be conferred upon the disposition of the empowered director at the end of the ranking procedures
2. If a grant recipient renounces the grant or does not enrol, said grant will be given to the following successful candidate according to the ranking.
3. Grants involving the carrying out of a specific research activity bind the recipients to perform such activity, and in the case of a fund financed by an external entity, provided for in the relevant agreement with the latter.
4. Those who have already benefitted, even partially, from a PhD grant or equivalent programme at the University of Pisa or at any other Italian university cannot receive another PhD grant.
5. The grant recipient is entitled to a total gross amount of € 13,638.48 for the academic year 2017/2018.
6. The University cannot anticipate any payments related to doctoral grants in case of loans or co-financing not assured by bank guarantees, on behalf of public and private entities. Therefore, the University will not pay the beneficiary for the sum to be paid by the external financier and not paid.
7. The recipients of the PhD grant “Pegaso Regione Toscana - Anno 2017” together with the requirements listed in Art.3, must also meet the following criteria:
   - to be under 35 years of age by the time the application to the PhD degree programme has been submitted;
   - to be able to demonstrate, during the interview, the ability to use the English language (comparable at least to the level B2). Furthermore, the candidates must certify this knowledge before acceptance of the PhD grant ‘Pegaso’ through:
     1. internationally recognized certification (e.g. Cambridge English Language Assessment, TOEFL, IELTS) at the B2 level of the Common European Framework for Languages (cfr. http://www.cli.unipi.it/files/equipollenze/inglese_equi?lang=it);
     2. certification of a Language Centre of the University of any Italian or foreign university;
     3. certification issued by the University’s Language Centre (CLI) of Pisa, which, upon appointment, provides monthly sessions of language certification.
   - to declare the readiness to spend periods of study/research abroad for at least 6 months within the three years of the course (at least 12 months for those international PhDs which so provide), and to be aware that failure to spend the aforementioned period abroad, for the period provided for, could cause the cancellation of the entire study grant;
   - to declare the readiness to attend courses for the acquisition of soft skills proposed during the three year period of the doctorate.

### Art. 8

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. PhD students with or without grant are not required to pay the university tax.

### Art. 9

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR THE ADMISSION PROCESS AND HANDLING OF PERSONAL DATA**

1. The person in charge of the administrative procedure: Licia Del Corso.
2. According to the Legislative Decree, Jun. 30, 2003, No. 196 “Codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali”, personal data provided by the applicants will be collected by the University of Pisa with the purpose of coordinating the application process. These data will be handled also using automated processes in accordance with current laws-referred to for all issues not specified within this call.

### Art. 10

**ADVERTISEMENT OF THE CALL**

1. This call for the applications will be advertised at the following address: http://dottorato.unipi.it/"Admissions" and electronically advertised at the Pisa University’s site, at the European site of EURAXESS and at the Education Ministry site.
2. The call for the applications and the ranking of candidates will also be advertised on Pisa University’s official website: [http://alboufficiale.unipi.it](http://alboufficiale.unipi.it).

   The Rector
   professor Paolo Maria Mancarella

ex A to the call are available at [www.unipi.it/concorsodottorato](http://www.unipi.it/concorsodottorato)