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Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia

Annex DR 33/2019

**Call for applications for admission to
PhD programmes 35th cycle
Academic year 2019/2020**

Article 1

(Available positions)

The Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia, hereinafter referred to as the "School", hereby announces 5 positions for admission to the 35th cycle of NCFM PhD programme.
This announcement specifies the number of positions available under the competition:

Programme	Coordinator	n. of positions
Department of Humanities and Life Sciences		
<i>PhD in COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND</i>	<i>Prof.ssa Valentina Bambini</i>	5
<i>In collaboration with Università Vita Salute San Raffaele</i>		

The relevant admission procedures shall be formally opened after the ministerial validation has been obtained

If additional funding becomes available before the start of the Programme, the number of positions may be increased.

Article 2

(Requirements for taking part in the competition)

Candidates with the academic qualifications set forth below may take part in the selection process, without citizenship restrictions:

- Master degree
- Similar academic qualification obtained abroad recognized as comparable by the Admission Committee to the Italian qualification in terms of duration and content and deemed eligible for the purposes of taking part in the competition.

Individuals who have not obtained their qualification by the announcement deadline but who will obtain it by 31st October 2019 may also take part in the selection process.



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Candidates holding a qualification obtained in Italy

All candidates holding an academic qualification obtained at an Italian University, whether they be EU citizens or citizens of Non-European Union Countries, are required to self-certify their qualification and are eligible for the selection process subject to verification of the self-certified declarations.

Candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (EU and NON-EU Countries)

All candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (NON-EU Countries) are required to submit a legalized copy of their original degree certificate along with a translation unless written in English/French/Spanish. Admission to the Programme for candidates holding a foreign qualification obtained in a NON-EU Country is in any case conditional on verification of the qualification held, which is carried out on the basis of the "*Dichiarazione di valore in loco*" ["Declaration of local value"] issued by the Italian diplomatic mission competent in that territory.

Candidates holding an academic degree awarded abroad in the EU Countries are required to submit the *Diploma Supplement*.

Article 3

(Application to take part in the competition)

The application to take part in the competition should be written and sent by electronic means only, using the specific procedure which can be found in the dedicated section of the School website <http://www.iusspavia.it> by the date specified in the individual PhD programme information sheet annexed to this announcement and integral part of the same.

Candidates are required to declare the following in the application, on their responsibility:

- a) surname, name, place and date of birth, nationality;
- b) that they hold the academic qualification set forth in article 2 above, specifying the degree programme, its duration and the University or Institution of Higher Education where it was obtained;
- c) the mark received in the Master degree examination, specifying the maximum possible mark and the date on which the said mark was obtained;
- d) the date on which they expect to obtain the qualification, for those not already holding it;
- e) the chosen curriculum, where the Programme envisages more than one;
- f) the domicile or contact details for receiving competition-related communications and the undertaking to inform of any further changes of address;
- g) email address, mandatory for competition-related correspondence.

The following may use the self-certification process:

- Italian and EU citizens;
- Citizens of Non-European Union Countries who are legal residents in Italy, only as regards personal qualities and facts which can be certified or attested by Italian public bodies.

People with disabilities should attach a note to the application for taking part in the competition, applying for the assistance they require throughout the competition in relation to their disability, as well as for any extra time needed.

The documents specified in the individual PhD Programme information sheets should be attached to the application form, on pain of exclusion.

The School may perform checks on the truthfulness of the declarations and documents submitted, at any time during the procedure, including after the start of the Programme, and may request that the

original documents be produced. In the event of false declarations, the School may order the exclusion of candidates from the selection procedure or from the Programme at any time, by the substantiated decision of the Rector, without prejudice to the criminal liability deriving from the same.

Article 4

(Selection Board and test examinations)

The Examining Board for admission to the Ph.D. Programme is appointed by decree of the Rector and its composition is available for consultation on the School website.

The candidate selection and assessment methods and criteria for drawing up the ranking lists are specified in the information sheets annexed hereto.

Article 5

(Admission to the Ph.D. Programme and entrance of students)

Successful candidates are admitted to the Ph.D. Programme according to the merit ranking list and subject to availability of the positions.

The general merit ranking list, approved by decree of the Rector, is published on the School website. Publication constitutes an official communication.

In case of equal ranking in the assessment phase, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The School reserves the right to assign any positions which become available as a result of candidates renouncing or dropping out, to suitable candidates on the ranking list.

The start date of the Ph.D. Programmes is 1st October 2019.

NON-EU citizen students should apply for a specific study visa to enter Italy, which is issued by the Italian embassies or consulates in the Country of origin. Students are required to apply for a residence permit for study purposes within eight (8) days of arriving in Italy.

For further information, please go to: <http://www.iusspavia.it/ammissionephd>

Admitted candidates must enroll within the deadline set down in the letter of admission.

Candidates who do not complete their enrollment by the deadline and according to the procedure indicated, will be considered withdrawn.

In order to enroll, admitted candidates shall submit the following documents to the PostGraduate and Research Office of the School:

- a) Filled in and signed Enrollment form;
- b) Tax Declaration form;
- c) Signed copy of a valid Identity Card (ID);
- d) One photo (passport size);
- e) Copy of the Italian fiscal code card (if available);
- f) Payment receipt of *Tassa regionale diritto allo Studio*;
- g) Candidates who awarded their second level Degree abroad: Declaration of Local Value (*Dichiarazione di valore*) or proof of request issue to competent authorities or Diploma Supplement;
- h) Only for candidates having been awarded the second level Degree after the deadline of the competition and by 31/10/2019: Certificate or self-declaration of second level Degree, with grade, date and place of obtainment.

The effectiveness of the selection is subject to confirmation by the competent Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) of the validation for Academic Year 2019/2020 as provided for by art.



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3 of Ministerial Decree 45/2013.

In special, justified cases, entrance of students may generally be postponed, to no more than 30 days after the official Programme start date.

Article 6

(Scholarship and other grants)

The scholarships have the duration of the PhD Course of interest and are awarded for the 1st Year and confirmed on a yearly basis for admission to the subsequent year subject to the decision by the Teaching Board.

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 15.343,28, including National Social Security Contributions (INPS). This amount is exempt from the IRPEF tax and it is subject to the payment of National Social Security contribution (INPS “gestione separata”), of which two thirds are paid by the administration and one third by the PhD student.

The scholarships may not be cumulated with other scholarships granted for any reason, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions to enhance the student’s research activity with periods of stay abroad.

Those who have taken advantage, even partly, of a PhD scholarship in the past, may not benefit from the scholarship.

The scholarship may be increased by 50% (maximum level) for periods of stay abroad until a maximum period of 18 months.

The School will also make an annual budget available to all PhD students pursuant to article 9 of Italian Ministerial Decree 45/2013, starting from the second year of the programme, to cover research activity-related expenses as provided for by internal rules.

The School shall insure the students against accidents and civil liability for the entire duration of the Programme.

Article 7

(Obligations of the Ph.D. student)

Students undertake to comply with the rules in the Statute, in the Regulations and Code of Conduct of the School.

Disclaimer:

The official and legally binding announcement is the Italian one. The present document cannot be used for legal purposes and is only meant to provide information in English on the call for applications.

Procedure Supervisor:

Dott. Franco Corona, General manager – Palazzo del Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria n. 15 – 27100 Pavia – tel. +39 0382375811, fax +39 0382375899, e-mail: info@iusspavia.it.

Data handling:

Personal data provided by candidates shall mainly be handled automatically by the School and in compliance with the Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679 for management of the competition procedures. The data, which is made anonymous, may also be used for statistical purposes. Data must be provided in order to take part in the Competition. The interested parties have the right to ask the data controller to access personal data and to correct or cancel it or



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limit the processing that concerns it or to oppose the processing (articles 15 and following of EU Regulation 2016/679). The appropriate application should be submitted in writing to the University School for Advanced Studies IUSS Pavia, Head of Personal Data Protection RPD - Piazza della Vittoria No. 15, email: dpo@iusspavia.it The interested parties, having recourse to the conditions, also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Guarantor in accordance with the procedures laid down in Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Further information on the handling of personal data of the University School for Advanced Studies IUSS Pavia can be found at the link: <http://www.iusspavia.it//protezione-dati-personale>.

Transparent administration:

The Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (Italian Law 190/2012), by applying the measures identified in the “Piano Integrato” in the “Trasparenza” section (in Italian) of the School web site at: <http://www.iusspavia.it>.

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PhD in COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Coordinator	Prof. Valentina Bambini e-mail: valentina.bambini@iusspavia.it
Scientific Area	10 - Scienze dell'antichità, filologico-letterarie e storico-artistiche ; 06 - Scienze mediche; 11 - Scienze storiche, filosofiche, pedagogiche e psicologiche
Research topics	L-LIN/01, M-PSI/02, MED/25, MED/26, M-FIL/02, M-FIL/05, M-PSI/01
Brief description	<p>The PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind is a full-time 3-year joint program with Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.</p> <p>The doctoral program aims at training scholars in the following macro-areas of research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Theoretical syntax and neurolinguistics(b) Cognitive and neurocognitive science(c) Philosophy <p>The PhD program aims at training qualified scholars in both theoretical reflection and experimental study. Research projects will be promoted both in traditional areas which evolve through connections with cognitive sciences (syntax, computational linguistics, experimental pragmatics, philosophy of mind and of cognitive science, epistemology, philosophy of mathematics, logic and language, ethical and social issues concerning studies on human cognition) and in new and emerging domains (machine learning, neurosyntax, neuropragmatics, social cognitive neuroscience, neuroeconomics, neuroethics).</p> <p>For further information, see the IUSS website.</p>
Language	English
Duration	3 years
Number of positions available	<p>5 positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3 positions funded by IUSS- 2 positions funded by IUSS linked to the project "Epistemology and Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic" <p>Candidates intending to submit both for the 3 positions funded by IUSS and for the 2 positions funded by IUSS linked to the project " Epistemology and Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic", will have to submit two different projects.</p> <p>Candidates submitting for the 2 positions on the project "Epistemology and Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic" will have to specify it in the heading of the research project.</p> <p>The number of positions with scholarship may be increased if further funding becomes available.</p> <p>Prerequisites for the n. 2 positions linked to the project "Epistemology and Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic" are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- research project on themes concerning the epistemology and the philosophy of mathematics and logic. In these areas, research projects will be selected that focus on major contemporary debates in the philosophy of mathematics and logic, offering the possibility of merging technical and formal skills with broader theoretical issues in epistemology, ontology, logic and philosophy of language, especially within the analytic tradition. Potential but non-exclusive areas of inquiry will be considered to be the following: the nature of mathematical and logical knowledge; epistemic problems of the major philosophical accounts of mathematics (logicism, neo-logicism, structuralism, nominalism, fictionalism, etc.); origins and heritage of classical foundational projects, with particular attentions to the logicist, formalist, intuitionist and structuralist traditions; issues concerning mathematical definitions, especially as abstractionist programmes are concerned; semantic issues for logical and mathematical language; the applicability of mathematics and philosophical issues concerning mathematical practice; the nature of mathematical explanation and its interactions with scientific and logical explanation; the application of theories of grounding to the metaphysics and epistemology of mathematics and logic; the justification and revisability of classical and non-classical logical laws; abductive methodology in the choice of logical and mathematical theories; applications of experimental epistemology to mathematics and logic; problems of philosophical methodology and the



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	justification of logical and mathematical theories; pluralist and relativist views in logic and mathematics.
Submission deadline for the online application	June 3, 2019 h. 23.59 (CET)
Mandatory Documentation to be attached to the on-line application	a) a PDF copy of a valid identity document; b) self-certification of the Master Degree Certificate (Italian or UE educational qualification) or Copy of the MSc Degree Certificate (NON-EU educational qualification); c) research project (see guidelines on the IUSS website).
Qualification assessment	a) diploma Supplement/Transcript/or similar document of Master Degree Certificate; b) diploma Supplement/transcript/or similar document of Bachelor Degree Certificate; c) research project (see guidelines on the IUSS website); d) academic and professional CV; e) publications; f) Recommendation letters (maximum 2), sent by the referees through the online system, within the deadline of the call.
Interview and evaluation	Interview and Evaluation Selection will be performed through an assessment of the qualifications listed in the section “qualification assessment”, with the awarding of 50 points out of 100 , and through an interview awarding a maximum of 50 points . The Selection Board will therefore award a final score from 1 to 100 .
	1. The Selection Board will assess the scientific qualifications submitted, awarding a score up to 50 points. Those candidates obtaining a score of at least 36/50 in the assessment phase will be accepted for interview. Candidates are not required to be present during the assessment of qualifications. 2. The interview may also be carried out using electronic communications instruments which allow the candidate to be identified. The interview will consist of a discussion about qualifications and about the research project that the candidate would like to conduct with the aim of ascertaining the candidate’s vocation for research and his/her background knowledge in the research topics of the call. Candidates obtaining a score of below 36/50 will be excluded from the final ranking list. 3. The School will notify scholarship holders of their admission to the School using the e-mail address given in the application.
Test schedule	Results of the evaluation process will be published on the IUSS website. The interviews will be carried out on July 15, 2019, from 10:00 at IUSS, Palazzo del Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria, 15 – room 1-14.
Information	For information about administrative aspects: suv@iusspavia.it For information about the scientific aspects of the PhD program: valentina.bambini@iusspavia.it