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Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia

Annex DR 40/2017

**Call for applications for admission to
PhD programmes 33rd cycle
academic year 2017/2018**

Article 1*(Available positions)*

The Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia, hereinafter referred to as the "School", hereby announces 23 positions for admission to the 33rd cycle of PhD programmes. This announcement specifies the number of positions available under the competition for each PhD Programme:

Programme	Coordinator	n. of positions
UNCERTAINTY AND RISK ASSESSMENT AREA		
<i>PhD in UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING EXTREMES*</i> - curriculum in Earthquake Engineering and Seismology - curriculum in Weather, geological, chemical and environmental risk; In Agreement with Università degli studi di Pavia. In collaboration with EUCENTRE Foundation	<i>Prof. Guido Magenes</i>	12
COGNITIVE, SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES AREA		
<i>PhD in COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCES AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND</i> In Agreement with Università Vita Salute San Raffaele di Milano.	<i>Prof.ssa Valentina Bambini</i>	3
<i>PhD in BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGIES</i> In Agreement with Università degli Studi di Pavia.	<i>Prof Andrea Mattevi</i>	8

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 Programmes, 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, issued by an Academic Institution officially recognized that gives the admission to the PhD Programme in the foreign Country, just declared to be equivalent by the Italian authorities or 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 30th September may also take part in the selection process.

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, one for each PhD programme in which candidates wish to take part, 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 sheets 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;



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- 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) Skype contact details for conducting the interview where applicable using electronic communication tools;
- h) 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 Programmes, 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 Boards for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes are appointed by decree of the Rector and their 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 lists, approved by decree of the Rector, are 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 2017.

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



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permit for study purposes within eight (8) days of arriving in Italy.

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

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 Post-Graduate 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 30/09/2017: 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 2017/2018 as provided for by art. 3 of Ministerial Decree 45/2013.

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 of the individual programmes.

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 13.638,47, 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.



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Article 7

(Obligations of the Ph.D. student)

Students undertake to comply with the rules in the Statute, in the Regulations and Codes 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:

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Data handling:

Personal data provided by candidates shall mainly be handled automatically by the School and in compliance with article 11 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 (“Personal Data Protection Code”) 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. Interested parties may exercise their rights under article 7 of the aforesaid Legislative Decree, at any time, by writing to the Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS Pavia, Palazzo del Broletto, Piazza della Vittoria n. 15 – 27100 Pavia (Italy).

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>.