

**CALL FOR THE SELECTION FOR THE ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL RESEARCH COURSES PEGASO  
XXXV CYCLE - POR FSE TOSCANA 2014-2020 PROGRAM Giovani SI - REGIONE TOSCANA**

**Art. 1 – Purpose**

The University of Siena calls for the selections for the admission to the following PhD Courses for the academic years 2019/22 – XXXV Cycle:

- **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology BIBIM 2.0;**
- **Economics;**
- **Philology and Literary Criticism;**
- **Genetics, Oncology and Clinical Medicine;**
- **Molecular Medicine;**
- **Life Sciences**

Following the indications of the Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013, the PhD will be activated should the ANVUR gives favorable opinion on the possession, by the University of Siena, of the Ministerial accreditation requirements.

This announcement is composed by a general legal part and one form referring to the detailed specific rules for each PhD course, including the established scholarships. If any new funding will be acquired, new scholarships will be added inside this form.

**The Specific data for each PhD can be found in the forms published referring University webpage, for each PhD course.**

In each form are also indicated:

- Total number of PhD positions, with and without scholarship that will be assigned following the specific ranks related to each Course;
- Free and special Research topics;
- Number of positions reserved to Candidates with qualification obtained abroad;
- Number of positions reserved to Candidates resident abroad and with qualification obtained abroad.
- Selection methods.

Positions with scholarship could be increased as much as any new funding will be acquired by Public and Private lenders.

Scholarships will be assigned as soon as all provided legal and financial documents will be completed.

**Art. 2 – Admission requirements**

Applicants can submit application, except as expected in next Art. 3, with no age and citizenship limitations who already achieved the academic title for access or who will achieve it within October 31, 2019. Here follows a list of the accepted Academic degrees:

- Italian Degree (Laurea) awarded according to the University rules (lasting at least 4 years);

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- Italian second cycle Degree (Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale) lasting 3+2 years or a single 5 years cycle;
- Academic qualification (Degree) achieved abroad, make equal to an Italian qualification in level, length and content.

**Candidates with Degree obtained abroad** must attach to the on-line application form:

- a. Certificate of the Degree with exams and related votes list, “transcript”, in Italian or English language;
- b. Diploma supplement, if achieved;
- c. Copy or copies of any document, helpful to evaluate the admissibility of the title.

In any moment, the University of Siena can ask applicants for more documents, in order to verify the admissibility. Candidates with abroad degree will be admitted conditionally, if title will not result compliant to the requirements for PhD access, they will be excluded from any position acquired.

University Administration can decide in any moment, with motivated administrative provision, the exclusion of the candidates who don't satisfy the requirements of the present Announcement.

**Art. 3 – Specific provisions for the Pegaso - Regione Toscana scholarships**

The Pegaso Regione Toscana scholarships may be awarded subject to the following requirements:

- Graduates not older than 35 years;
- the acceptance, expressed with the enrolment procedure, to attend to research periods abroad for at least 6 months over three years (at least 12 months for International scholarship). Failure to make a stay abroad may result in the revocation of the entire scholarship by Regione Toscana and the restitution, by the PhD Student, of all sums already paid to him;
- adequate knowledge of the English or French language (comparable to at least B2 level);
- acceptance, expressed with the enrolment procedure, to attend the courses for acquiring *soft skills* which will be offered by the implementing Institution during the three-year PhD course;
- the acceptance, expressed with the enrolment procedure, to carry out an experience of at least three months of training/research in an application context, such as a Company, a Public research Institution, another Public institution (non-University). Failure to participate may result in the revocation of the entire scholarship by the Region of Tuscany and the return, by the student, of all the sums already paid to him;
- presentation of an annual report concerning the activities carried out during the year, within October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year;
- presentation of final reports containing: attended didactic and formal learning activities, research activities carried out, main achievements obtained, publications, specifics of the periods spent abroad indicating the activities carried out and benefits obtained in terms of qualifications;

Funds awarded for regional scholarships in favour of PhD students who withdraw and abandon the course during the first 3 months, i.e. without obtaining any documented result in terms of acquired skills, are not eligible for reimbursement by the Region and, in these cases, the University of Siena must request the

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return of all monthly payments made. In case of withdrawal, the institution in charge of the execution must ask the recipient of the scholarship for a self-declaration, according to Italian DPR 445/2000, which explains the withdrawal to be sent to the Administration of the Regione Toscana.

All suspension cases provided by law, with the relevant justification, must be notified to the Regione Toscana within 5 days of their occurrence for the pertinent regional scholarship interruption authorisation. Other types of suspensions will not be accepted.

#### **Art. 4 – Application form**

**Call for applications must be submitted from May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10.00 AM (CET) with peremptory deadline July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 PM (CET) for the PhD Courses listed below, at the following web address: <https://segreteriaonline.unisi.it/Home.do> . No other means and are accepted to submit the application.**

- **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology BIBIM 2.0;**
- **Economics;**
- **Genetics, Oncology and Clinical Medicine\*;**
- **Philology and Literary Criticism;**
- **Molecular Medicine;**
- **Life Sciences.**

**\*The Call for the Doctorate in Genetics, Oncology and Clinical Medicine will have a peremptory deadline on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

Should the Candidate already registered on the University of Siena virtual Office, he can access his position by using the login username and password to choose the desired PhD path to submit the Selection application , if not, he has to follow the registration procedure, first. All requested documents, both mandatory and helpful for the evaluation by the judger Commission, must be uploaded in PDF format.

At the end of the application on-line procedure, the system will release a printable PDF document as proof of the correct end of the procedure. At the end of this procedure, no data can be modified in any way. Applications must be exclusively completed and submitted online at the web address: <https://segreteriaonline.unisi.it/Home.do>. Only application submitted on-line will be taken into consideration. Please follow the “Application instructions” available on <https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-xxxv-ciclo>, and select the relevant doctoral programme.

**Candidates can participate to more than one competition.**

#### **Art. 5 – Examination tests**

Examination tests dates and composition of the judger Commission for the admission procedure will be updated on the form of the selected Doctoral programme at least 15 days before the date scheduled for the first test. The dates published on the form are Official summons for the tests, no further call or communication on tests content will be sent to Candidates.

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**All information and communications relating to the Competition can be found in the modules published on the University web page, for each PhD course.** To be admitted to sustain the tests, Candidate must present himself on the indicated place, date and time, with a valid identification document, i.e. ID card, Passport, driver's license.

Oral tests, whether contemplate, can be hold by Skype conference call. In this case, interested parties have to submit a specific request by communicating their skype name on the application form. Who had obtained the auhorization to hold the oral exam this way, has to guarantee the possession of a technical instrument like a webcam in order to permit the personal identification by the judger Commission, based on the comparison between the scanned photo of the ID document indicated on the application form and uploaded during the on-line procedure.

The Candidate must be present at the date and time previously communicated by the judger Commission, who has the faculty to agree with the Candidate a precise time to start the oral test, holding the same ID document communicated and uploaded during the on-line application procedure. Any missing notice of the personal Skype name, lack of connection, failure exhibition of ID document, the missed presentation of the Candidate at the established date and time as previously indicated, causes the exclusion from the competition. The University of Siena declines any responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the regular conduct of the oral interview.

**Oral interviews, included distance interviews, are public.**

## **Art. 6 – Rankings and enrolling to the PhD Courses**

Rankings will be published at the web address: <https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-xxxv-ciclo>, by selecting the reference Doctoral programme. The publishing on the above indicated site is an official communication, so the winners will be not personally informed of their ranking position. Positions will be assigned based on those rank lists. If someone gives up the place, next eligible candidate on the same list will take his place. In case of contemporary presence of the same Candidate in more than one ranking list of the same Doctorate, the College of Professors will indicate the assignment priority. In case of contemporary presence of the same Candidate in the rankings belonging different Doctorates, the Candidate himself has to opt one among them.

The Rector approves the Competition acts and the rankings and, by own Deed, decrees the admission of the Candidates to the Courses. Rankings and names of the admitted Candidates will be published in the webpage of the reference Doctoral programme. Duration of the courses is three years, beginning October 1st, 2019.

Being enrolled in a Doctoral programme is not compatible with contemporary enrollment in University degree or Master Degree and Active Training Internship. For other incompatibility not defined in this article, please refer to the current legislation.

Winners (with or without scholarship) must enroll, within the deadlines indicated on the webpage <https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-xxxv-ciclo> and selecting the reference Doctoral programme, exclusively on-line, by using the dedicated procedure to enroll, at the web address: <https://segreteriaonline.unisi.it/Home.do>, some indications of how to enroll can be find at the page of the Doctoral programme: <https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-xxxv-ciclo>.

**Enrollment entails for the candidate the commitment to attend the training activities aimed at the acquisition of soft skills and to carry out an authorized period of study and research abroad.**

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In order to complete the enrollment, on the “Payments” section will be possible to print the “MAV” bill, to pay by credit card or to be presented at any Bank office to be paid. No forwarding of the paper bill to the Offices is required, hold this for own personal use. Those admitted who do not comply with the foregoing are supposed deem they are renouncing.

**The definitive completion of the enrollment is conditioned by the verification of the possession of the requirements for access to the course. Until such time, the registration is subject conditionally.**

### **Candidates with foreign academic qualification**

Candidates who meet the requirements to enroll but hold a foreign academic qualification (for at least a four years programme) that has not been yet declared equivalent to an Italian qualification by an Italian university, must also attach an electronic copy of the following documents during the online enrollment procedure:

- copy of the original qualification awarded - translated and authenticated by the competent Italian Consulate or Embassy;
- a transcript, i.e. a certificate attesting to the qualification with a list of exams passed and grades, in Italian or in English – translated and authenticated by the competent Italian Consulate or Embassy;
- copy of any document that may be useful for assessing the suitability of the qualification (e.g. Diploma supplement)
- copy of the Declaration of Value (Dichiarazione di valore “in loco”) issued by the competent Italian Consulate or Embassy abroad, in compliance with current norms on the admissibility of foreign students to degree programmes in Italian universities. The Declaration of Value must clearly indicate that the academic qualification allows access to doctoral programmes in the country in which it was awarded.

The original or authenticated copies of the documentation listed above must be presented to the Doctoral admission Office (Ufficio per il Dottorato di Ricerca, address: Via del Refugio, 4-53100-Siena) of the University of Siena within six months from the official start of the programme.

Candidates who do not present the documentation regarding the foreign qualification are admitted to the programme “conditionally”. They will be dismissed from the doctoral programme if they do not present the documentation within six months from the official start of the programme. They will also be dismissed if, on assessment of the documents, the qualification is considered not suitable for admission to the programme.

### **Non-EU candidates**

Non-EU candidates who have passed the admission exam will be admitted to the courses as long as they have a permit to enter and reside in Italy and are legally residing in Italy; in this case they must present a copy of their passport and a valid residence permit issued by the competent authorities.

Non-EU citizens residing abroad must present a copy of their passport, entrance visa and residence permit for the purpose of study issued by the competent Questura (Police headquarters).

### **Places reserved for employees of companies engaged in highly qualified activities (Industrial Doctorate) or employees of public institutes and research centers engaged in highly qualified activities (with maintenance of salary)**

Candidates must hold the qualification required for access to the doctoral program and must pass the

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selection for admission to the doctoral program. The seats will be assigned according to the order of the specific ranking. The methods of carrying out the research activity and the division of the employee's overall commitment are governed by the agreements aimed at activating these paths.

## **Public employees**

Public employees admitted to PhD programs enjoy, for the period of normal course duration, the expectation provided for by collective bargaining. If employees are hired on the basis of a contract under public law, they will be able to enjoy periods of extraordinary leave for study reasons, compatibly with the needs of the administration, pursuant to article 2 of the law of 13 August 1984, n. 476, and subsequent amendments, with or without paycheck and unless explicitly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a doctorate course, and regardless of the disciplinary field.

In the event of admission to the PhD program without a scholarship, or in the case of renouncing to it, one keeps the economic, social security and retirement position of the public administration in which the employment relationship is established (Law No. 448/2001).

**In case of admission to the PhD without scholarship, or waiver of this, the person concerned on leave continues to enjoy the economic, social security and retirement position by the public administration where the employment relationship is established (Law No. 448/2001).**

## **Art. 7 - Scholarship**

The annual scholarship is equal to € 15.343,00 and subject to the separate (INPS) social security contribution account. Scholarships will be awarded after a comparative evaluation of merit.

**In case of a scholarship funded by public or private Institutions outside the University, the scholarship will be awarded only in the presence of the corresponding funding.**

Scholarships involving specific research bind the assignees to carry out this activity and to comply with the requirements.

The duration of the scholarship covers the entire duration of the course and will be paid by deferred monthly instalments. Should the PhD applicant waive the scholarship or the PhD programme, the University will simultaneously interrupt the payment of the scholarship.

PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any purpose, except with those awarded by national or international institutes granted in order to integrate the educational or research activities of scholarship holders.

Those who have already used even part of a scholarship for a PhD course cannot benefit a second time.

## **Pegaso scholarship assignees – Regione Toscana**

Pegaso regional scholarship assignees are required to sign the ESF registration form, the unilateral commitment statement which must clearly display the requirements, conditions, constraints and obligations necessary for acquiring and keeping the regional scholarship, including an explicit reference to the stay abroad. Copies of the unilateral commitment statement signed by the recipients must be transmitted to the Regione Toscana.

The doctoral recipients of regional scholarships must submit, at the end of the first and second year, as well as at the end of the three-year course, a report concerning the training activities attended and the research

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activities undertaken, the subject matter of the PhD dissertation, the main achievements, the time abroad and the degree of satisfaction.

**Art. 8 - Taxes and contributions**

PhD students without a scholarship are required to pay the regional tax for the university study fee of € 140.00 per year and the electronic stamp for the state stamp duty of € 16.00, to be paid together with the enrollment by credit card or by submitting the appropriate downloaded form (MAV) during the online procedure at a bank. The PhD students holding scholarships are required to pay the University tuition fee of € 340.00, the annual payment of the Regional Tax for the University Study of € 140.00 and the payment of the Government tax of € 16.00, to be paid at the time of enrollment with the form specifically downloaded (MAV) during the online procedure in a Bank or directly On-line by credit card.

**Tax exemptions and contributions**

Students with a recognized disability equal to or greater than 66% and the Doctorate student's winners or eligible for the A.Y. are exempted from paying university fees and regional tax 2019/2020 for the scholarship awarded by the Regional Company, the "Azienda Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio".

**Art. 9 - Students' attendance requirements**

The duration of the PhD program is three years beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

The rights and duties of the doctoral students during the course attendance are governed by the Regulations on the Ph.D. program of the University of Siena.

The attendance of the research doctorate involves an exclusive and full-time commitment.

**Art. 10 - Achievement of the title**

The PhD degree is obtained by passing the final exam, after evaluation by two experts external to the doctorate.

The doctoral thesis must be filled directly by the interested parties, electronically, in the University Repository: *USiena-air* at the web address: <http://usiena-air.unisi.it/> in order to guarantee the automatic deposit at the National Libraries, too. The deposit is an indispensable condition for the closure of the career and the issue of the title.

**The PhD Students that obtain a Pegaso Program scholarship will submit the doctoral thesis in Italian or in English. The PhD degree achievement is joint-degree with the University of Pisa and the University of Florence.**

**ART. 11 - Mendacious statements**

Pursuant to art. 75 of the Presidential Decree of 12/28/2000 n. 445, without prejudice to the provisions of art. 76 in criminal matters, if the verification of the substitutive declarations of certifications reveals the non-truthfulness of the content of the same, the declarant forfeits any benefits consequent to the provision issued on the basis of the untruthful declaration.

**Art. 12 – Responsible for the procedure and processing of personal data**

The person in charge of the procedure is identified, pursuant to articles 4, 5 and 6 of law n. 241/1990 and subsequent modifications, in the person of Raffaella Todaro, head of the Research Doctorate Office. The

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personal data provided by the candidates will be collected at the University of Siena for the purposes of managing the competition and will be processed in an automated form in accordance with the current legislation to which reference is made for anything not specified in this announcement.

**Art. 13 – Advertising of the announcement**

This announcement will be published at <https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca/dottorati-di-ricerca-xxxv-ciclo> and advertised electronically on the University of Siena website, on the website European Euraxess and on the Ministry's one.

The present announcement and the rankings will also be published on the official University board <http://albo.unisi.it>

**Art. 14 – Final provisions**

What is not provided for in the present call for applications, reference is made to the University Didactic Regulations and to the Regulations concerning research Doctorates of the University of Siena and to the relevant national legislation.

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(Signed) Il Rettore  
Francesco Frati

(Signed) Visto  
Il Responsabile del procedimento  
Raffaella Todaro

(Signed) Visto  
Il Direttore generale vicario  
Giovanni Colucci