The University of Siena UNISI, founded in 1240, is one of the oldest European universities and is still deeply connected with the medieval and intercultural town of Siena, therefore offering a unique learning and working environment for both students and scholars coming from many different Italian regions and foreign countries (international students are 10% of the total, 18 courses are entirely taught in English, international agreements for teaching and research collaboration have been increasing every year).

Here history and culture meet innovation. The medieval center of the city, located in the heart of Tuscany, constitutes the natural campus of a University that hosts about 17,000 students and 700 professors: they are the lifeblood of a city with just 54,000 inhabitants.

Thanks to its facilities, quality of services, excellent research projects and scientific publications, wide teaching offer, many post-lauream opportunities and strong mission towards internationalization, UNISI has a leading role on national and international scene both at teaching and research level, as stated by its high positions in many excellence-rankings.

UNISI in a nutshell:

- over 17,000 students
- 74 teaching programs
- 23 PhD Programs
- 53 masters and 40 post-lauream school
- 700 Erasmus international agreements
- more than 100 ongoing research projects funded through competitive calls (for more details see [https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/i-progetti-di-ricerca-finanziati](https://www.unisi.it/ricerca/i-progetti-di-ricerca-finanziati))
- almost 68,000 scientific products available at Open Access University Repository
- 36 spin-offs
- 38 active patents

The University is divided into 15 departments, which include most of the academic disciplines, and offers cutting-edge study courses: from Economics to Law, Arts and Humanities, Medicine and Biotechnology, Chemistry and Pharmacy, Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences, Engineering and Political Science. Four Departments have been awarded by Italian Ministry for University and Scientific Research as part of the "Departments of Excellence" initiative, a quality mark that guarantees funds for research, especially for staff, scientific infrastructure and equipment.

UNISI is oriented to promote scientific research based on the quality and enhancement of the individual and collective skills; on the other hand, it seeks to strengthen relations between academic research and business and make the University’s research activities more accessible to industry. The University of Siena has invested much energy in developing internationalization of its activities in order to foster through international cooperation the quality of research and teaching. In this spirit, participation in European networks is seen by the University of Siena as an excellent opportunity to further enhance interactions with the international scientific community through the establishment of collaborations and cooperation with other institutions of interest for both academic personnel and students.
Recently, UNISI has been starting the accreditation process “Human Resources Strategy for Researchers - HRS4R”, a European label that the European Commission grants to those academic institutions that work to implement the principles of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights Researchers and the Code of Conduct for Their Recruitment and therefore it identifies universities and institutions that generate and support the existence of a stimulating and encouraging research environment. Unisi will submit all required documentation by the end of October 2021, thus reinforcing its commitment towards the researchers.

Beyond obtaining the HR-Excellence in Research logo, Recruitment and Training of the researchers involved in the project will be in accordance with Charter and Code, which provide the overarching framework of guidelines and requirements for the roles, responsibilities and entitlements of such positions, ensuring that selection procedures are open, transparent and merit-based.