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# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

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**NOTIFICATION OF 15 PhD GRANTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (24<sup>th</sup> series):  
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
DEADLINE: 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

## **Art. 1 – PURPOSE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

For the academic year 2008/2009 Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, offers 15 research fellowships for foreign students to attend Doctoral Schools/International Courses (see annex 1: list and related research lines).

All the positions will be covered by scholarships fully funded by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo.

During the 3-year doctoral programme (2009-2011), the successful candidates will be offered full board and lodging at the ESU – Azienda Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario. The connected charges will be covered by Università degli Studi di Padova through Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo.

Doctoral courses will last 3 years.

Doctoral courses will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 and will end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

## **Art. 2 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicants are required to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- To have foreign (non-Italian) citizenship;
- To have foreign (non-Italian) residence. Candidates must be in possession of this requirement within the deadline date.
- To have a foreign (non-Italian) academic qualification acknowledged as equivalent to the Diploma di Laurea/ Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale (at least four years of full time university education). The equivalence of the academic degree will be decided by the Council of the Doctoral School/International Course for the sole purpose of this competition.

All candidates will be admitted to the selection with due reservation

The University can at any time exclude applicants lacking admission requirements. This measure will be communicated to the party concerned by mail with a registered letter with return receipt.



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## **Art. 3 – HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants must submit two copies of the attached form (available at [http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo\\_laurea/dottorati\\_ricerca/bandi\\_dottorato\\_grad/bandidottorato\\_graduatorie.htm](http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo_laurea/dottorati_ricerca/bandi_dottorato_grad/bandidottorato_graduatorie.htm)) fully and correctly completed in all its details. Application forms must arrive together with the documents listed below, by **4<sup>th</sup> September 2008**.

Signed application forms must be posted to the following address:

*Università degli Studi di Padova  
Servizio formazione alla ricerca  
via VIII febbraio 1848 n. 2,  
35122 – Padova, Italia*

Applications and documents arriving after the deadline will not be considered.

**The date of the postmark will not be accepted as evidence of meeting the application deadline.**

Candidates can apply for only one Doctoral School/International Course. Where there are various curricula within one School, candidates have to choose at most three of them, stating priorities.

In the application form candidates must declare, under their own responsibility, along with any other information considered relevant (see sections A and B of the application form):

- personal data, date and place of birth, place of residence and the address chosen for the purpose of the competition;
- citizenship;
- academic degree, with an indication of when and from which university it was awarded;
- the Doctoral School/International Course and the chosen curricula they are applying for;
- knowledge of Italian or English.

Moreover candidates must complete section C of the application form which includes:

- activity plans;
- personal statement;
- additional information.



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The following **documents must be attached** to the application form:

- Certificate of the academic qualification with the list of the examinations and the marks;
- Two letters of reference by professors or experts who supervised candidates in their studies and research. The letters must be submitted in a sealed envelope, signed by the professor/expert and returned with the application form;
- A dissertation abstract (3-10 pages), if a dissertation was written in order to achieve the degree;

All the above mentioned documents must be in Italian or English or accompanied by a translation in Italian or English.

Furthermore applicants can add any other qualification that should be taken into account (e.g. final written dissertation, research papers, language knowledge certificates etc.)

120 days after the publication of the final list, and for the following 60 days, all documents will be available for return on the applicants' request and at their expense, after which they will be disposed of.

The university administration is not responsible for any lost communication due to inexact addresses or missing or late notice of change of address on behalf of the candidate, or for any mishaps due to postal, cable or e-mail problems.

## **Art. 4 – EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Evaluation committee for the competition for admission will be nominated by the Rector according to art. 5 of D.M. 224 of 30.04.1999.

## **Art. 5 – EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

The Doctoral Council of each School/International Course will decide on the equivalence of the Academic degree of each candidate and will provide the Evaluation Committee (see art. 4) with a non-mandatory opinion on the academic qualification of the candidates for their admittance to the School/International Course.

Subsequently the candidates who have obtained the equivalence of their degree will be selected by the Evaluation Committee on the basis of a comparative evaluation.



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The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

Educational and professional curriculum: max 70 points

Letters of reference: max 30 points

Only those applicants who obtain at least 70/100 will be included in the final list.

## **Art. 6 – FINAL LIST FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TO THE COURSES**

The Rector passes the acts concerning the selection procedure and decides on the publication of the final list for the admission of the successful candidates.

The final list of the candidates who have won the scholarship and are admitted to the Doctoral Schools/International Courses will be made public on **5<sup>th</sup> November 2008** in the following ways of publication:

- on the 'albo ufficiale di Ateneo' (official University register);
- on the 'albo del Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca' (Training for Research register);
- on the University of Padua's website:

[http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo\\_laurea/dottorati\\_ricerca/bandi\\_dottorato\\_grad/bandidottorato\\_graduatorie.htm](http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo_laurea/dottorati_ricerca/bandi_dottorato_grad/bandidottorato_graduatorie.htm)

The candidates will be admitted to the chosen Doctoral School/International Course according to the list.

Successful candidates will receive a communication by e-mail

Successful candidates must confirm their commitment to enrol by sending a communication either by fax to the number +39 049 8273780 (a copy of a valid ID document must be attached) or by e-mail ([formazione.ricerca@unipd.it](mailto:formazione.ricerca@unipd.it)) with a scanned copy of a valid document by **13<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

In the communication they will have to confirm for which School/International Course and for which curriculum they want to enrol.

Successful candidates who do not confirm their choice within **13<sup>th</sup> November 2008** will be considered to have renounced their position.

The places available for replacement will be assigned according to the final list.

The eligible candidates will be contacted directly by Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca by e-mail.



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On their arrival in Italy, successful candidates who have confirmed their intention to enrol must complete their enrolment procedure by presenting the following documents to Università di Padova – Servizio formazione alla ricerca, via del Padovanino 9, Padova:

- enrolment application form for the Doctoral School/international Course;
- photocopy of a valid identity document;
- legalization of the academic degree;
- two passport-size photos.

The enrolment form is available on the website:

[http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo\\_laurea/dottorati\\_ricerca/per\\_dottorandi/modulistica/modulistica\\_aperdottorandi.htm](http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo_laurea/dottorati_ricerca/per_dottorandi/modulistica/modulistica_aperdottorandi.htm)

## **Art. 7 – SCHOLARSHIPS**

The amount of the scholarship is 10.561,54 € per year.<sup>1</sup>

The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for periods of study abroad excluding the official country of residence.

For periods of study abroad students must have the approval of the Doctoral Council of the School/International Course.

Scholarships are paid by monthly instalments. The first instalment is paid the month following the actual beginning of the course.

The scholarships are subject to the general terms and conditions specified in annex 2.

## **Art. 8 – BOARD AND LODGING**

During the 3-year doctoral programme (2009-2011), the winners will be offered full board and lodging at the ESU – Azienda Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario. The connected charges will be covered by the Università degli Studi di Padova through the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo.

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<sup>1</sup> The amount of the scholarship may be increased due to Ministry decisions



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## **Art. 9 - ATTENDANCE FEES**

Successful candidates will be exempted from paying attendance fees. The connected charges will be covered by the Università degli Studi di Padova through the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo.

## **Art. 10 - DOCTORAL STUDENTS' DUTIES**

Doctoral students must carry out the activities pertinent to their approved research studies and, at the end of each year, they must present a report regarding the activities performed and the state of their research to the Doctoral Council of the School/International Course. At the end of the 3-year programme, they will also have to present a Doctoral thesis with original contributions.

On the basis of the evaluation of the work performed by the doctoral student, the Doctoral Council of the School/International Course decides on the admission to the following year. The Doctoral Council of the School/International Course may, with a motivated decision, suggest the student's exclusion from the Doctoral School/international Course to the Rector.

## **Art. 11 – ATTAINMENT OF THE DEGREE**

The degree of "Dottore di ricerca" is attained once the final exam has been passed. This exam can be repeated, but once only. This exam consists of a discussion with the candidate on his/her thesis.

The evaluation committees of the final exam are formed and nominated according to the University's Regulations

## **Art. 12 – REFERENCE LAWS**

For any matters which are not mentioned in this competition refer to:

- art. 4 of Law n. 210 dated 03.07.1998;
- DM n. 224 dated 30.04.1999 - Regolamento in materia di Dottorato di Ricerca;
- DR 100 dated 17.01.2007 where one finds regulations regarding the Doctoral Schools of the University of Padua and successive modifications;
- DR 1460 dated 21.07.1999 where one finds regulations regarding the Doctoral Courses of the University of Padua and successive modifications;
- Specific Regulations of each Doctoral School/International Course.



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## Art. 13 - PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

In accordance with to D.Lgs 196/03, the data supplied will be dealt with on paper or in electronic form according to the dispositions stated and only for those procedures for which they have been required, and they will be used only to this end.

## Art. 14 - FINAL PROVISIONS

In accordance with art.5 of Law n. 241 dated 07.08.1990 and eventual modifications and integrations, the Head Administrator of the Competition is Dr. Maria Luisa Furlan – Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca – Università degli Studi di Padova.

This competition is available on the Università degli Studi di Padova web site:

[http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo\\_laurea/dottorati\\_ricerca/bandi\\_dottorato\\_grad/bandidottorato\\_graduatorie.htm](http://www.unipd.it/studenti/Dopo_laurea/dottorati_ricerca/bandi_dottorato_grad/bandidottorato_graduatorie.htm)

Eventual changes or additions to this announcement will be made public through:

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- posting on the 'albo del Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca' (Training to Research register);
- publication on the University of Padua's website:

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Further information and detailed instructions can be obtained from the Servizio Formazione alla Ricerca (Mon – Fri from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and on Tue and Thu also from 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.)

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