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Based on the announcement of [the](#) competition published on the Italian “Gazzetta Ufficiale” IV Special Series number 48 of 20/06/2008 :

The University of Camerino – International School of Advanced Studies (from here named SAS) is opening a call for participation in PhD courses (XXIV cycle) in the areas of scientific research listed below:

1. Architecture and Design
2. Chemical, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Biotechnology
3. Earth Sciences
4. Information Science and Complex Systems
5. Legal, Political and Social Sciences
6. Life Sciences
7. Physics
8. Veterinary Sciences

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The course length is three years with a final thesis to be written in English. In addition to the research, the course includes training activities on general and cross-disciplinary subjects and courses directed toward the specific areas of each curriculum. Conducting some research in public or private laboratories external to the host University is strongly encouraged. To attain the final qualification there should be at least six months residence at a non-Italian institution, to be decided in consultation with the degree supervisor.

At least 20 fellowships are guaranteed prior to the selection procedure. The number may be further increased thanks to agreements and conventions with external bodies; the updating of the fellowships will be available on the web site <http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp> All fellowships will be distributed in accordance with the selection procedures. On the basis of the final Merit List, further places without fellowships will be made available. Applicants should indicate whether they can obtain financial support from private and/or public institutions apart from the University of Camerino.

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The selection is open to graduates regardless of nationality, in possession of a five year university degree or its non-Italian equivalent. In cases where the University degree of the candidate is not officially recognized as equivalent, the Council of the SAS will rule on the validity of the degree qualification obtained abroad for the sole purpose of allowing participation in the admission process. The selection is also open to candidates who do not already possess the required degree, provided conferral takes place by October 31, 2008. In this case admission will be conditional, and the candidate will be required, under D.P.R. n. 445/00 art. 47, to present the degree certificate or a notarised copy before November 10, 2008.

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Candidates are invited to send their applications, addressed to The Rector, Università degli Studi – P.zza Cavour 19/f - 62032 Camerino, Italy, by filling out the available form on the web <http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/call.asp> before August 9th, 2008 and sending it by one of the following means:

- by e-mail to postlaurea@unicam.it

- by fax to +39 0737402099

- by mail (as certified by the postmark). Candidates will be notified immediately upon receipt of their application.

Candidates must complete the attached application form, providing a pre-formatted letter of presentation available on the website.

The candidate is responsible for ensuring that the letter has been received from the SAS. Absence of the letter will automatically exclude the candidate.

Any other useful information that would assist the application should be attached.

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A first selection of candidates will be made by a University Committee comprising of Professors representing the major scientific areas of all PhD courses.

This selection will consider the materials submitted, the qualifications, the information furnished by the presenter and the opinion of an anonymous reviewer nominated by the Director of SAS.

At the end of the selection procedure, the University Committee will draw up a list of suitable candidates and separate it into sub-lists for each research area. This will be sent to the Area Committees for their subsequent evaluation.

Each Area Committee will conduct interviews of the candidates using a format decided on by the committee, preferably via electronic communication. Care will be taken not to discriminate against or discourage candidates from abroad.

Examination conditions will be communicated to candidates without delay.

The Area Committee will then compile a final Merit List that takes into account the evaluation by the University Committee and the result of the examination.

The final Merit List will be published within 24 hours of the completion of final selections on the website of the SAS (<http://www.unicam.it/unicam-poi/dottorato>).

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the rankings. Places not covered by scholarship will be awarded on the same basis

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All news and notices regarding the selection will be published on the website at <http://web.unicam.it> under "Avvisi/Notices".

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The University Committee is composed of eight members belonging to each of the general scientific areas of the doctoral courses designated by the SAS, together with two graduate student representatives from the Council of the SAS, a Chairman (appointed by the Rector), and two external auditors (to represent sponsors of external fellowships), nominated by the Academic Senate, on advice from the Rector.

The Area Committees will be nominated by the Rector on advice from the teaching staff of the doctoral courses for each area. Each Committee will comprise three university Professors with expertise in the research topics covered by the doctoral courses the committee is evaluating. To this can be added no more than two experts, preferably non-Italian, chosen from public or private research institutions.

The curriculum vitae of the members of both the Area and University Committees will be made public on the web-site of the SAS.

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Qualified graduate candidates – Italian and E.U. - should fill in, sign and send back the Enrolment form of the University of Camerino together with a copy of an Identity document, by registered mail

or by receipted delivery, addressed to The Rector, Università degli Studi – p.zza Cavour 19/f - 62032 Camerino, Italy, within 15 days of the date of the official offer of admission to the SAS. Qualified graduate non E.U. candidates should fill in, sign and send back the official acceptance form within the same terms as above.

Later on they will be required to produce the following documents:

1. the declaration of equivalent value (the so-called DICHIARAZIONE DI VALORE issued by the responsible Italian Embassy or Consulate for the country of residence)
2. a certificate attesting the original degree certificate with a list of exams and scores translated in Italian authenticated by the Italian Embassy, Consulate or Diplomatic representative in the country of the university that issued the degree
3. a photocopy of the passport

The procedures in Italy will be completed in accordance with the Italian Administrative regulations (art. 2, paragraph 2 of D.M. 224 of 13/7/1999).

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The net amount of the scholarships is, as a minimum, 1000 Euro per month, but it can be higher in accordance with relevant legislation.

To qualify for payment of the scholarship, there is a limit set for total annual gross personal income in accordance with the relevant regulation.

Fellowships will be paid in 36 monthly instalments, at the beginning of each month.

Anyone who takes up a fellowship, even for a period less than the full duration of the course, cannot apply for a fellowship a second time.

Fellowships cannot be held in conjunction with any other fellowship, apart from those awarded by national or foreign institutions for the purpose of completing the program of doctoral research with stays in foreign countries

Candidates, appearing in the Merit List who benefit from a University Research Allowance (Assegno di Ricerca, according to the definition by Italian academic rules) will be admitted as additional entrants even if they do not appear among the winners.

The University guarantees medical treatment for non European doctoral students with the same conditions as for Italian students. The relevant cost of medical treatment for doctoral students on scholarship will be borne by the scholarship and for doctoral students without a scholarship it will be borne by the budget of the SAS.

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Annual tuition fees for attendance in the courses is €30.00 + €90.00 local fees broken down into:

- 1st instalment €490.00 (upon enrolling);
- 2nd instalment €430.00 (by 30th June each year).

Qualified graduate students with Doctoral fellowships including fellowships made available by the *Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio* (ERSU), are exempt from paying the tuition fees.

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Graduate students are obliged to attend the Doctoral courses and undertake a programme of uninterrupted study and research within the University, in accordance with the directions of the Scientific board of the course (represented by the supervisors of the graduate students of that course). In case of unjustified absence or unfulfilled duties, the Board may decide the exclusion of the student and the scholarship will be consequently suspended.

Within the framework of activities laid down by the Scientific Board, graduate students may reach agreement with their supervisors to spend periods of internships in public or private institutions.

Graduate students can carry out a limited amount (maximum 30 hours) of teaching. They will be fully responsible for their teaching. As with all teaching staff of the University of Camerino, they will be evaluated by students and by the Governing Bodies.

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The final PhD title (*Dottore di ricerca*) is conferred by the Rector of the University of Camerino, once the final examination is passed. The examination can be repeated once only.

For the final examination, the Rector will nominate, on advice from the Scientific Board, a Final Examination Board, composed of Professors qualified in the relevant scientific areas. This must include academics who are not from the University of Camerino and non-Italian experts. Should there be approved reasons that prevent presentation of the dissertation within the allotted time, the Rector may authorize an extension and admit the candidates to the next scheduled examination

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For any matter that is not provided for in this announcement, reference should be made to Art. 4 of the Law No. 210 of 3 July 1998, to the Ministerial Decree (Decreto ministeriale) 224 of 30 April 1999, and to the University Regulations (Regolamento di Ateneo) relating to Research Doctorates (dottorato di ricerca).