

## Art. 1

The University of Camerino – International School of Advanced Studies (SAS) is opening a call for participation in PhD courses 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. Law
6. Life Sciences
7. Physics
8. Veterinary Sciences

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, and 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 18 fellowships are guaranteed and more will be added prior to the selection procedure. 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.

## Art.2

The selection is open to graduates regardless 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, 2007. In this case admission will be conditional, and the candidate will be required to present the degree certificate or a notarised copy within November 10, 2007

## Art. 3

Candidates are invited to send their application, addressed to The Rector, Università degli Studi - via Gentile III Da Varano - 62032 Camerino, Italy, by filling out the attached form before July 13, 2007 and sending it by one of the following means,

By e-mail to [giuseppa.casini@unicam.it](mailto:giuseppa.casini@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 the name and address of a presenter (preferably a university professor) who has personal knowledge of the candidate, and the names and addresses of at least 3 referees who are not from the presenter's institution and who are able to express an informed opinion on the submitted

application. Any other qualifications which would assist the application should be attached. The presenter will express his opinion filling out the attached "presenter form".

#### Art.4

Applications will be evaluated, on the basis of the materials submitted and of the qualifications, by a University Committee comprising of professors representing the major scientific areas of all PhD courses.

The Committee will also take into account the information provided by the presenter and the opinion of an anonymous reviewer to be chosen from the three reviewers nominated by the candidate on the application form.

At the end of the selection procedure, the University Committee will draw up a list of suitable candidates, divide it into lists for each area of research, and send them to the Area Committees. Each Area Committee will conduct interviews of the candidates using a format that will be decided by the committee, preferably via electronic communication. Care will be taken not to discriminate or discourage candidates from abroad. The Area Committee will then compile a final Merit List that also takes into account the submitted application, the referee evaluation, and the evaluation by the University Committee. Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of the final Merit List.

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

#### Art. 5

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

#### Art. 6

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 adjudicating, to which can be added no more than two experts, possibly foreign, chosen from public or private research institutions. The University Committee is composed of eight members belonging to every one of the general scientific areas of the doctoral courses designated by the SAS, two PhD candidate representative members in the Council of the SAS, a Chairman (appointed by the Rector), and an external auditor (to represent sponsors of external fellowships), nominated by the Academic Senate, on advice from the Rector. The curriculum vitae of the members of both the Area Committees and the University Committee will be made public on the web-site of the SAS. In the event that candidates who are offered places refuse them, other candidates will be offered the places, in accordance with the order they appear in the overall Merit List

#### Art. 7.

As set by the University Administrative Board on September 28, 2006, the net amount of the fellowship is € 950 and € 1000 per month for 2009, with possible increase in the following year. To qualify for payment of the fellowship, an additional gross personal income of € 7,746.85 per annum must not be exceeded. 'Income' includes income from the home country and regular payments of any other nature, but excluding onetime payments or payments for compulsory military service. Fellowships will be

paid in 36 monthly instalments, at the beginning of each month. Anyone who takes up a fellowship, even for 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 that benefit from a University Research Allowance (Assegno di Ricerca, according to the definition by the Italian academic rules,) even if they do not appear among the winners, will be admitted as additional entrants.

#### Art. 8

Annual tuition fees for attendance in the courses is €800.00 + €90.00 local fees broken down into:

1<sup>st</sup> instalment €480.00 (upon enrolling);

2<sup>nd</sup> instalment € 390.00 (by 30<sup>th</sup> June each year).

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

#### Art. 9

PhD candidates 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.

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

PhD candidates can carry out a limited amount (maximum 40 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.

#### Art. 10

The final PhD title (*Dottore di ricerca*) is conferred by the Rector of the University of Camerino, if 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 foreign experts.

If there are approved reasons that prevent presentation of the dissertation within the allotted time, the Rector can authorize an extension and admit the candidates to the next scheduled examination.

#### Art. 11

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 Doctoral courses (dottorato di ricerca).

Camerino,

THE RECTOR  
(Prof. Fulvio Esposito)