



UNIVERSITÀ
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The University of Camerino School of Advanced Studies (hereafter SAS) is opening a call for participation in doctoral courses (27th cycle) in the following areas of scientific research, organized into different curricula as listed below:

a) Architecture, Environment, and Design:

- 1) Knowledge and Design of Urban Landscape;
- 2) Industrial Design and Experimental Architecture;

b) Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Biotechnology:

- 1) Chemical Sciences;
- 2) Pharmaceutical Sciences;

c) Law, Economy and Society:

- 1) Civil Law and Constitutional Legality;
- 2) Economic development: analysis, policy, and theory (in cooperation with the University of Macerata)
- 3) Fundamental Rights in the Global Society;
- 4) Public Services;
- 5) Social Sciences on Work and Legality;
- 6) Forensic Sciences (in cooperation with the University of Macerata)

d) Life Sciences and Public Health:

- 1) Ageing and Nutrition;
- 2) Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Biotechnology;
- 3) Environmental Sciences and Public Health;
- 4) Malaria and Human Development;
- 5) Veterinary Medical Sciences and Public Health (an Italian degree in Veterinary Medicine or its non-Italian equivalent is required for admission);

e) Science and Technology:

- 1) Information Science and Complex Systems;
- 2) Physics;

3) Earth Sciences.

The course is three years with a final thesis to be written in English. In addition to the preparation of the final thesis, doctoral candidates are expected to participate in training activities organized by the SAS. 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 research or higher education Institution.

Scholarships will be awarded to the best doctoral candidates and will have a duration of three years. Results will be monitored each year. At least 20 scholarships are awarded; this number may increase due to financial support obtained from either private or public organizations. All the scholarships will be awarded on selection criteria based on this call. The final number of scholarships will be available at:

<http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp>

Candidates without scholarships will also be admitted, in a number not exceeding that of the candidates with scholarships. Candidates without a scholarship are requested to communicate if they are eligible to obtain financial support from either private or public organizations.

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The selection is open to graduates, regardless of gender, age, religion or nationality, in possession of a five-year university degree or the laurea specialistica/magistrale or its non-Italian equivalent. In cases where the university degree of the candidate is not officially recognized as being equivalent, the SAS board 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 that conferral takes place by October 31, 2011. In this case, admission will be conditional, and the candidate will be required, in accordance with Italian law (D.P.R. No. 445/00 art. 47), to present the degree certificate or a notarised copy before November 11, 2011.

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Candidates must fill out the online application form available at the website

<http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/call.asp>

by August 26, 2011 on pain of exclusion from the admission/selection procedure.

Please provide the names of three professors or research collaborators who will act as referees on your behalf. We will then email this three people and ask them to provide a reference for you via an online form. It is your responsibility to ensure that at least one of your three referees provide us with this reference. We must receive this reference not later than 2 September 2011. Please note that if we do not receive this reference letter you will be automatically excluded from the admission/selection procedure.

Candidates will also be excluded from consideration if they omit any of the mandatory fields in the online form.

Facsimile application forms, or applications with attached paper documents cannot be accepted.

Candidates should pay particular attention to the section of the application form requiring the submission of a hypothetical research programme (to be written in English), since it will be considered for the evaluation of the candidate's research aptitude. On the on-line application form, each candidate must also specify up to three research topics of interest for the Doctoral Course, suggesting priority.

The topics for each area of doctoral studies are listed on the website

http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/phd_courses.asp under the link research topics.

The choice of the research topics is not mandatory, as far as the candidate is admitted.

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Each candidate dossier, including the letter of reference, will be sent to independent, anonymous referees, chosen on the basis of their scientific interests and expertise. Prior to this, each research project will be checked using a special software package for evidence of plagiarism; any positive result from this analysis will result in the application being excluded from further evaluation. Upon completion of the evaluation, each file will be assigned a score from 1 to 4. This will carry a weight for the final assessment of 60% .

Any candidate who does not obtain an averaged score of at least 3 will be excluded from further consideration. The overall first phase of evaluation results will be published on the website <http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp> and sent to each candidate by e-mail.

All eligible candidates will be invited to the second phase of selection, organized by the Scientific Board of each Doctoral Course, which will consist in an interview held by a Committee designated by the same Board. The interview shall be held by electronic communication (e.g. via Skype), in order not to discriminate or discourage non-Italian candidates from applying. Candidates have to show proof of identity. Candidates will be informed about the date of the interview at least ten days before it takes place.

This score will carry a weight for the final assessment of 40%. Disagreements between the first and the second phase of the evaluation process have to be fully motivated.

A final merit list will be drawn up based on the weighted sum of the scores assigned for the evaluation and the interview. The final merit list will be approved by a decree from the Rector and published on the website <http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp>, upon verification of the regularity of the acts and upon acceptance by the Nucleo di Valutazione (assessment board) of the University.

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Qualified doctoral candidates¹ must email a declaration of acceptance of enrolment to postlaurea@unicam.it within 15 days from the date of receipt of the notice of admission to the course.

Before the beginning of attendance to doctoral courses, candidates must fill out an enrolment form, accompanied by a signed copy of an identity document .

Non EU candidates, before attending courses, must fax (0737-402099 or 0737-403350) or email postlaurea@unicam.it the following documents:

¹ Argentinian candidates are eligible to apply for PhD scholarships provided by the CUIA (Consorzio Universitario Italiano per l'Argentina). The CUIA will grant 60% of the whole amount of the scholarship fixed by the MIUR

1. a declaration of equivalent value of their degree with the relevant Italian degree (the so-called DICHIARAZIONE DI VALORE issued by the 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 into Italian and 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.

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For the award of a scholarship, candidates must have obtained a degree that is valid for admission to the doctoral programme no more than six years prior to the expiring date of this call. The time limit is eight years for those who had attended a post-graduate course, and may be extended for another year for every pregnancy.

The gross amount of the scholarships is 1,137 Euros (one thousand one hundred and thirty seven) per month, or higher in accordance with relevant legislation. For authorized stays abroad this sum is increased by 50% .

To qualify for payment of the scholarship, there is a limit set for total annual gross personal income of €7,746.85.

Scholarships will be paid in 36 monthly installments, at the beginning of each month.

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

Scholarships cannot be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, apart from those awarded by national or foreign institutions for the purpose of completing the programme of doctoral research with stays in foreign countries.

Qualified candidates 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.

Non-Italian students must enroll with the Italian National Health System. By doing so they are guaranteed the same level of health service as Italian students. This enrollment has an annual cost of € 150.

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Annual tuition fees for attendance in the courses is € 830.00 + € 90.00 local fees broken down into:

1st installment € 490.00 (upon enrolment);

2nd installment € 430.00 (by 30 June each year).

Qualified candidates with Doctoral scholarships, including the scholarships made available by the Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio (ERSU), are exempt from paying the tuition fees. Nevertheless, they are required to pay the local fee each year.

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Students cannot enroll in the same time in Master's degree course, postgraduate Master's Degree and in another Doctoral programme. Candidates can be accepted by concession if the final exam of the previous year is the only one lacking, when enrolling.

Doctoral candidates must 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. In case of unfulfilled duties, after six month from the beginning of activities the Board may recommend to the Council of the SAS that the candidate be excluded and the scholarship will be consequently suspended.

The exclusion decision takes effect from the date of its notification to the candidate. Within the framework of activities laid down by the Scientific Board, doctoral candidates may reach agreement with their supervisors to spend periods of internships in public or private institutions.

Doctoral candidates can carry out a limited amount of teaching in laboratory courses (maximum 30 hours/year, starting from their second year of course). 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. Such experience in university teaching is not a preferential condition to obtain working position at the University.

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Once the final examination is passed, the Doctoral title (Dottore di ricerca) is conferred by the Rector of the University of Camerino and by other Institutions with which specific agreements of co-tutelle (jointly supervised PhDs) or joint degrees have been previously signed. The examination can only be repeated once.

For the final examination, the Rector will nominate, upon recommendation from the Scientific Board, a Final Examination Board, made up of professors in the relevant scientific areas. This must include academics, most of whom not from the University of Camerino, and usually includes 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, to Art. 19 of the Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 and to the University Regulations (Regolamento di Ateneo) relating to Research Doctorates (dottorato di ricerca).

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All news and notices regarding the selection will be published at:

<http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp>.