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The University of Camerino –School of Advanced Studies (from here named SAS) is opening a call for participation to doctoral courses (XXV 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

The course length is three years with a final thesis to be written in English. In addition to activities for 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 maintained for three years, monitoring the results each year. The number of scholarships will be available on the web site <http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp>

Candidates without scholarship will also be admitted by a number not exceeding that of the candidates with scholarship.

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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, 2009. 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, 2009.

The Admission to doctoral courses is independent from the age of the candidate. For the award of a scholarship candidates must have obtained the degree valid for admission to doctoral courses from no more than six years on the expiring date of this call.

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For application, candidates must fill out the online application form available at the website <http://www.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/call.asp> by 21st August 2009.

Candidates' dossiers are completed when they also include at least one letter of reference to be written by a previous professor or research collaborator (presenter). The predetermined format for this letter is available on the website. The letter must be sent by 21st August 2009 preferably by e-mail at postlaurea@unicam.it or via fax to one of the following numbers: +390737402099 and 403350.

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

Candidates will be excluded from the selection procedure also if they do not follow exactly the instructions given on the website http://web.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/phd_courses.asp. **Candidates will also be excluded from consideration if they omit any of the mandatory fields on the on-line 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 an hypothetical research programme, 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 the research topic of interest for the Doctoral Course

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

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

Some of the research topics are referred to specialised programmes for which financial support ad hoc have been obtained.

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Each candidate's dossier, including the letter of reference, will be sent to three independent anonymous referees, chosen on the basis of their scientific interests and specialties.

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.

At the 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 70% .

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://web.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp> and sent to each candidate by e-mail.

All eligible candidates will then be interviewed by electronic communication. The interview will be based on 5 questions. The results of the interview will be judged by the same three anonymous referees, using the same scoring scale employed for the file evaluation. This score will carry a weight for the final assessment of 30%.

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, approved by a Decree from the Rector, will be published on the website <http://web.unicam.it/laureati/dottorato/index.asp>.

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Qualified doctoral candidates should send by e-mail a declaration of acceptance of enrollment to alessandra.zampetti@unicam.it. within the deadline of 15 days from the date of receipt of the

notice of admission to the course. At the beginning of attendance to doctoral courses candidates must fill out a predetermined enrollment, accompanied by a signed copy of the identity document . Non EU candidates, before the attendance to courses, should submit by fax or by mail 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 1040 Euro per month, or higher in accordance with relevant legislation. 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 instalments, 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 program 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.

The University guarantees medical treatment for non European doctoral candidates with the same conditions as for Italian students.

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Annual tuition fees for attendance in the courses is €830.00 + €90.00 local fees broken down into: 1st instalment €490.00 (upon enrolling);

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

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

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Doctoral 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. In case of unfulfilled duties, after six month from the beginning of activities the Board may propose the exclusion of the candidate to the Council of the SAS and the scholarship will be consequently suspended.

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 (maximum 30 hours) of teaching in laboratory courses. 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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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 or joint degrees have been previously signed. 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).

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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".