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**CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE PHD PROGRAMMES, XLI Cycle,
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

PREAMBLE

HAVING REGARD TO the Italian Ministerial Decree dated December 14th, 2021, no. 226 in respect to PhD Programmes

HAVING REGARD TO the current PhD Regulations of the University of Brescia;

HAVING REGARD TO the Resolutions of the Academic Senate dated May 19, 2025, and of the Board of Directors dated May 20, 2025, regarding the renewal of the PhD Programmes, XLI cycle, and the planning of the PhD activities for the Academic Year 2025/2026

HAVING REGARD TO the University Regulations relating to students' contributions for the A.Y. 2025/2026, issued by Rector's Decree n. 398 dated May 28, 2025;

HAVING REGARD ALSO TO the Rectoral Decrees n. 447 and n. 449 of 06 June 2025, n. 457 and n. 453 of 09 June 2025, activating positions co-financed by the University's own funds and by the funds of the following PRIN projects:

- CUP D53C24003930006, project "MES4RES - Measurement Model to assess Resilience of Manufacturing companies", PhD Programme in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering;
- CUP D53C24003200006, project "More than meets the I-motif and G-quadruplex: light-up probes for sensing non-canonical DNA structures in cells", PhD Programme in Precision Medicine;
- CUP D53C24003940006, project "SAILOR - Soft wearable robotic glove for hand theranostics", code 20229PYMRA, PhD Programme in Technology for Health;
- CUP D53C24003220006, project "Low energy technologies for recovery of high-grade phosphorus - RHIGUS", PhD Programme in Energy Transition and Sustainable Production Systems;

As referred to in the Directorial Decrees no. 104 of February 02, 2022 and no. 1401 of September 18, 2024 - Provisions for the scrolling of the ranking of the PRIN 2022 Call, approved by Decree of approval of the ranking no. 18530 of October 8, 2024;

Article 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Hereinafter the Call for Admission to the PhD Programmes at the University of Brescia, A.Y. 2025/2026 (3-year-Programme) having administrative seat at the University of Brescia, as listed in the following table:

PhD Programme in	Scholarship posts *	Out of which PRIN Scholarships	Non-scholarship posts
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Analytics for Economics and Management - AEM	8	0	2
Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Innovation in Clinical Research and Methodology	7	0	2
Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine	7	0	2
Business & Law - Institutions and Businesses: value, rules and social responsibility	6	0	2
Civil and Environmental Engineering, International Cooperation and Mathematics	10	0	3
Energy Transition and Sustainable Production Systems	8	1	2
Information Engineering	1	0	0
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	7	1	2
Molecular Genetics, Biotechnology and Experimental Medicine	6	0	2
Precision Medicine	9	1	3
Rights, Person, Innovation and Market	6	0	2
Technology for Health	9	1	3

* or posts having equivalent financial support, pursuant to UniBS [PhD Regulations](#) in force

2. This Call is published pending the eligibility checks of the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research, pursuant to the Italian Ministerial Decree of December 14th, 2021, no. 226. The launch of the individual PhD Programme and posts envisaged therein is therefore subject to the successful completion of the ministerial eligibility procedure.

3. This Call is also drawn up, in the section reserved for Pakistani citizenship candidates, in compliance with the MoU signed between *The Higher Education Commission, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan* (hereinafter HEC Pakistan) and the University of Brescia on 3 December 2020, and published on the University web page, link <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>

4. The PhD Programmes under this Call for Admission last three years starting on **November 1st, 2025 for this A.Y. 2025/2026**.

5. The document called **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** being an integral part of this Call contains:

- The Admission Requirements
- The methods and the criteria to select and evaluate candidates
- The posts available benefitting a PhD scholarship
- The posts available NOT benefitting a PhD scholarship
- The posts having equivalent financial support
- The reserved posts

Any Additional Post activated after the release of the Call and within the deadline set, is published on the University web page <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078> in the section called "**ADDITIONAL POSTS**". The document called **Annex B OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER online** is also released jointly to this Call. It remains the responsibility of the candidates to verify the possible publication of additional posts of the PhD Programmes included in this Call.



6. This Call, and any amendments, updates and additions to it and its Annexes, are published on the University's Online Official Notice Board <https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/> this publication serves as notification in all respects, including for examination purposes, where envisaged. Moreover, the Notice about the Call for Admission to the PhD Programmes and the additional information or acts concerning this Call are also published on the University online section <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>. Finally, a further Notice about this Call is also published on the European website "Euraxess" <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/> through the Italian Ministry of University and Research, as well as to be sent it officially to The Higher Education Commission, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for dissemination.

7. Filing an application for admission through the online procedure entails the candidate's acceptance of the provisions contained in this Call and in the current [PhD Regulations](#) of the University of Brescia. **Whenever detected, failure to comply with the provisions contained in this Call will result in automatic exclusion from the competition.**

8. Except as envisaged in paragraph 6 of this Article, the personal email address provided by candidates as part of the online registration procedure will be considered as the official contact address until the end of the procedure. The University of Brescia cannot be responsible for mis-communication due to applicants providing inaccurate personal addresses or failing or being late in notifying amendments thereto, or for postal or IT errors.

9. In subsequent articles the masculine gender used responds only to needs of more immediate communication and must be understood as a neutral gender. The University of Brescia has adopted a Vademecum on gender language, available at the following link: <https://www.unibs.it/it/vademecum-linguaggio-di-genere>

Article 2 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO ALL CANDIDATES

1. Pursuant to Article 7 of the UNIBS PhD Regulations and without citizenship limitation, candidates can apply to this competitive Call for Admission if they hold an eligible University Degree or are pending to achieve an eligible University degree, pursuant to the following criteria:

An advanced (2nd Level) University Degree (a Master's Degree, being it the Italian Laurea magistrale; an Italian Laurea Specialistica, a University Degree - Italian Laurea - achieved pursuant to the Italian system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, amended with Ministerial Decree 270/2004) or a similar University Degree achieved in non-Italian universities comparable to the Italian University qualification system in terms of length and content (e.g. a Master Degree such as MA / MSc. / LLM), recognised by the PhD Admission Board of Examiners as valid for admission. The eligibility of the foreign university degree is ascertained by the Board of Examiners of the selection procedure of the PhD Programme, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the university degree was awarded, as well as by the Treaties or international agreements on recognition of university degrees for the continuance of studies.

The document called **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** contains the Admission requirements, considered to be eligible to be admitted to the PhD Programmes.

2. Candidates who will achieve the eligible University Degree in an Italian or non-Italian University **after submitting their candidacy, and in any case by the start date of the PhD Programme activities** will be **conditionally admitted** when applying for admission by the deadline set in this Call. Conditionally admitted applicants must email to the PhD Office at dottorati@unibs.it or by certified email (PEC) at ammcentr@cert.unibs.it, the documents envisaged under Article 4 paragraph 1 of this Call **within 3 days from graduation under penalty to be excluded from this selection process.**

U.O.C. Dottorati

Il Responsabile del Procedimento: Fabiana Farro



3. **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** and the list of additional posts activated after the release of the Call and within the deadline set, to be published on the University web page <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078> in the section called "**ADDITIONAL POSTS**" may also envisage specific reserved posts for the PhD Programme, dedicated to certain categories of candidates who own specific requirements, as envisaged in detail as follows:

- Candidates having an eligible academic qualification achieved in non-Italian Universities
- Candidates being employees of firms or private and public administrations maintaining their salary
- Candidates being beneficiaries of a contract of Apprenticeship in Advanced Training, pursuant to Article no. 45 of the Italian Legislative Decree June 2015, n. 81
- Candidates beneficiaries of financial support under specific international mobility programmes
- Candidates for posts reserved to scholarship holders of foreign Countries.

These categories of applicants who apply to these types of posts must in any case comply with the entry selection process requirements.

4. All candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of self-certified declarations pursuant to the Italian Presidential Decree n. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions. The University of Brescia may carry out checks on the truthfulness of the declarations produced at any time during the procedure, even after the start of the PhD Programme. In case of false declarations, the University may exclude applicants from the selection procedure or from the PhD Programme with a motivated provision at any time, without prejudice to the consequent criminal liability.

Article 3 APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION FEE

1. Admission applications can be submitted exclusively online **from the day of publication of this Call on the University's Online Official Notice Board** (<https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/>), as well as on the University website at <https://www.unibs.it/it/node/1078> **without exception**

by 14.00 hours (Italian time) on July 22, 2025

The operative information about the application procedure is available in the document called "**Annex B – online Admission Application – Operative Instructions to Register through the Esse3 system**", available from the University web page at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>

2. In order to complete the application, candidates must carefully read the instructions regarding the documents to be attached as detailed in the following articles:

- Documents required from **candidates who have already achieved the University Degree required to be admitted**: Article 4
- Documents required from **candidates who are pending to achieve the University Degree required to be admitted**: Article 5
- Specific instructions for candidates **who have already achieved the University Degree required to be admitted** or **candidates who are pending to obtain the University Degree required to be admitted** outside Italy: Article 6
- Additional documents required **from all candidates**: Article 7
- Specific documents required **from candidates enrolled in a Medical Specialization School**: Article 8
- Specific documents required **from candidates with Pakistani citizenship for the posts reserved pursuant to the MoU signed with HEC Pakistan**: Article 9



3. UNIBS envisages a registration fee amounting to € 50,00 for each PhD application presented. The payment must be made within the deadline set for the submission of applications through the Italian system of PagoPA (the fee can be paid through credit card, PayPal, international bank transfer, etc.).

4. Pursuant to the Regulations on students' tuition fees for the A.Y. 2025/2026, issued by Rector's Decree Index no. 398, dated May 28, 2025, candidates who compete for the reserved posts pursuant to the MoU signed with HEC Pakistan, and own the *Provisional Award Letter*, are exempt from paying the registration fee of € 50.00 for each application submitted.

5. Pursuant to the Regulations on students' tuition fees for the A.Y. 2025/2026, issued by Rector's Decree Index no. 398, dated May 28, 2025 candidates who are citizens of one of the following countries considered "particularly poor and in developing", as enlisted by Ministerial Decree dated March 3, 2025, n. 166, are also exempt from paying the competition registration fee of € 50.00:

Afghanistan	Angola	Bangladesh	Benin	Burkina Faso
Burundi	Cambodia	Central African Republic	Chad	Comoros
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Djibouti	Eritrea	Ethiopia
Gambia	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Haiti	Kiribati
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Lesotho	Liberia	Madagascar	Malawi
Mali	Mauritania	Mozambique	Myanmar	Nepal
Niger	Rwanda	Sao Tome and Principe	Senegal	Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands	Somalia	South Sudan	Sudan	Syrian Arab Republic
Tanzania	Timor-Leste	Togo	Tuvalu	Uganda
Yemen	Zambia			

6. Moreover, candidates with nationality from countries included in the list (non-exhaustive) of conflict-affected and high-risk areas (CAHRAs), as made available on March 31, 2025 (last available quarterly revision) at the web address <https://www.cahraslist.net/>, are also exempt from paying the registration fee of € 50.00.

7. Finally, candidates those who have been found eligible, but have not been assigned a post, nor have waived their enrolment to the post assigned (being it beneficiary of or not beneficiaries of a scholarship) and are included in the previous Call for Admissions to the XLI cycle, A.Y. 2025/2026, of the PhD Programme in Information Engineering, activated by Rector's Degree no. 385/2025, Registration. no. 136765 of May 22, 2025, in case of a new application under this Call for Admissions for the sole PhD Programme in Information Engineering are also exempt from paying the registration fee of €50.00. Following administrative checks, such candidates may in any case be asked to regularize their registration fees that were erroneously unpaid.

8. The sole compilation of the online application does not complete the registration procedure to be admitted to UniBS PhD Programmes. It is mandatory to make the payment of € 50.00 for each application submitted by the deadline set for candidatures.



9. Publications or other document submitted in the original paper and/or relevant IT supports to the candidature will not be returned, including upon request, being them an integral part of the application.

10. Applications that are incomplete, irregular or that are not conveyed according to the methods and procedures of paragraph 1 of this Article will not be considered valid.

11. The university administration assumes no responsibility in case the documentation submitted in electronic format is not accessible due to damaged files or folders.

12. The university administration assumes no responsibility for any online admission system malfunctions due to technical issues and/or overload of the communication line and/or application systems and/or possible postal errors.

Article 4 – DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED THE UNIVERSITY DEGREE TO BE ADMIPTED

1. The documents required are specified as follows:

CITIZENSHIP	DEGREE ACHIEVED AT:	MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED DURING THE APPLICATION PHASE
EU CITIZENS	Italian Universities	Self-declaration of the University Degree achieved, specifying: - The name of the University that issued the degree - The date of graduation - The type of degree obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the final score The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached
EU CITIZENS	Non-Italian Universities of EU Countries	Self-declaration of the University Degree achieved using the sample provided and available on UniBS website at https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078 . The documents must integrate pursuant to what has been envisaged under Article 6, paragraph 1 letter a) and to paragraph 2. The documents must specify: - The name of the University that issued the degree - The date of graduation - The type of degree obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the final score The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached
NON-EU CITIZENS	Italian Universities	Self-declaration of the University Degree achieved, specifying: - The name of the University that issued the degree - The date of graduation - The type of degree obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the final score



		The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached.
NON-EU CITIZENS	Non-Italian Universities of EU Countries	<p>A copy of the certificate* of the University Degree achieved, specifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that issued the degree - The date of graduation - The type of degree obtained and the final score <p>The documents must integrate pursuant to what has been envisaged under Article 6, paragraph 1 letter a) and to paragraph 2.</p> <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached. The documents must be edited in English or Italian languages or, instead, translated into English or Italian languages.</p> <p>* The self-declaration is not admitted for this category</p>
ALL CANDIDATES	Non-Italian Universities and Non-EU Countries	<p>A copy of the certificate* of the University Degree achieved, specifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that issued the degree - The date of graduation - The type of degree obtained and the final score <p>The documents must integrate pursuant to what has been envisaged under Article 6, paragraph 1 letter a) and to paragraph 2.</p> <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached. The documents must be edited in English or Italian languages or, instead, translated into English or Italian languages.</p> <p>* The self-declaration is not admitted for this category</p>

**Article 5 – DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM CANDIDATES WHO ARE PENDING TO
ACHIEVE THE UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIRED TO BE ADMITTED**

1. The documents required are specified as follows:

CITIZENSHIP	DEGREE ACHIEVED AT:	MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED DURING THE APPLICATION PHASE
EU CITIZENS	Italian Universities	<p>Self-declaration demonstrating to be pending to achieve the University Degree, using the sample available on UniBS website at https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078, specifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that will issue the degree - The expected date of graduation - The type of degree to be obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the average mark of the exams taken. <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached</p>



EU CITIZENS	Non-Italian Universities - EU Countries	<p>Self-declaration demonstrating to be pending to achieve the University Degree, using the sample available on UniBS website at https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078 . The documents must integrate pursuant to what has been envisaged under Article 6, paragraph 1 letter a) and to paragraph 2.</p> <p>The documents must specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that will issue the Degree - The expected date of graduation - The type of Degree to be achieved (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the average of the marks of the exams taken. <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached</p>
NON-EU CITIZENS	Italian Universities	<p>Self-declaration demonstrating to be pending to achieve the University Degree, using the sample available on UniBS website at https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078, specifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that will issue the degree - The expected date of graduation - The type of degree to be obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the average mark of the exams taken. <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached.</p>
NON-EU CITIZENS	Non-Italian Universities of EU Countries	<p>A copy of a University document demonstrating to be pending to achieve the University Degree*, specifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that will issue the degree - The expected date of graduation - The type of degree to be obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the average mark of the exams taken. <p>The documents must integrate pursuant to what has been envisaged under Article 6, paragraph 1 letter a) and to paragraph 2.</p> <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached. The documents must be edited in English or Italian languages or, instead, translated into English or Italian languages.</p> <p>* The self-declaration is not admitted for this category</p>
ALL CANDIDATES	Non-Italian Universities and Non-EU Countries	<p>A copy of a University document demonstrating to be pending to achieve the University Degree*, specifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the University that will issue the degree - The expected date of graduation - The type of degree to be obtained (Italian University Education system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, advanced/master's, etc.) and the average mark of the exams taken.



		<p>The documents must integrate pursuant to what has been envisaged under Article 6, paragraph 1 letter a) and to paragraph 2.</p> <p>The documents must be exclusively in .pdf format and a copy of a valid identification document must be attached. The documents must be edited in English or Italian languages or, instead, translated into English or Italian languages.</p> <p>* The self-declaration is not admitted for this category</p>
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2. Conditionally admitted applicants must email to the PhD Office at dottorati@unibs.it or by certified email (PEC) at ammcentr@cert.unibs.it, the documents envisaged under Article 4 paragraph 1 of this Call **within 3 days from graduation under penalty to be excluded from this selection process.**

Article 6 – SPECIFIC PROVISIONS APPLYING TO CANDIDATES HAVING AN ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION ACHIEVED OR PENDING TO BE ACHIEVED in NON-ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

1. Candidates with a University Degree achieved or pending to be achieved in a non-Italian University (even in the case of a self-certified University Degree) **for the purposes of a more precise evaluation of the eligibility of the University Degrees necessary to be admitted to the PhD Programmes**, are required to also attach the following documents to the online application:

a) FOR THOSE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED A UNIVERSITY DEGREE

- Copy of the *Diploma Supplement* (or an equivalent type of document) of the University Degree achieved in non-Italian Universities (EU and non-EU Universities).

b) FOR THOSE CANDIDATES WHO ARE PENDING TO ACHIEVE A UNIVERSITY DEGREE

- Any document deemed useful to evaluate the eligibility of the second level University Degree being obtained, such as the list of exams taken, with the relative marks, as well as any other training activity carried out during the course of studies.

2. If not already written in Italian or English, the above documents must be accompanied by a translation into English or Italian languages.

If the University Degree has already been recognised equivalent to the corresponding Italian University Degree, candidates must provide the information about the Italian University that has recognised it as equivalent and the details of the relevant provision. The University has the right to request the Declaration of Value on site at any time, if necessary.

3. The PhD Office will communicate the deadline to submit the Declaration of Value of their University Degree to those applicants pending to achieve their eligible University Degree in non-Italian universities by the start date of the PhD Programme activities. This communication will be sent by e-mail, as pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 8 of this Call.

4. Candidates deemed eligible for a post will be excluded if, upon verification of the Declaration of Value filed pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article, it turns out that their University Degree does not comply with the requirements of this Call, which therefore does not allow to enrol at a PhD Programme.

5. Winner candidates who, following enrolment, do not demonstrate that they have obtained the necessary visa



documentation required to entry into the Italian territory (e.g. entry visa) **by and no later than February 28th, 2026**, will lose their student status.

6. Filling-in the online application form of the Call for Admission entails the simultaneous explicit request of recognition of the University Degree achieved in non-Italian universities, necessary to be admitted to the PhD Programme.

Article 7 – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ALL CANDIDATES

1. Under penalty of exclusion from the competitive exam applicants are required to upload to the online registration procedure, in the section “*Management of Academic Qualifications and documents useful for evaluation*” the documents herein listed for each category:

Mandatory documents requested to all candidates
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of the identification document in Italian or English languages (identity card or passport) with clearly visible document number, issuing authority, place and date of issue, photograph, personal data and expiry date, exclusively in .pdf format• <i>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</i> exclusively in .pdf format;• The document called "Signed Application Form" obtained by filling in and duly signing (handwritten or electronic signature) the form that can be downloaded from the University web page at https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078, to be uploaded exclusively in .pdf format;• Any other documents and qualifications being specified as to be mandatory under the section “Selection Procedure” as listed in Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets for the PhD Programme of choice, to be uploaded exclusively in .pdf format.

All applicants may also produce additional documents and qualifications (e.g. of academic or professional type), **other than those listed in Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets**, that they consider useful for the specific PhD Programme they intend to apply for

All candidates may, if interested, express their interest in a specific “**Research topic scholarships or posts having equivalent financial support**” among those enlisted in **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** or for the additional posts that can be activated after the release of this Call, to be published the University web page <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078> in the section called “**ADDITIONAL POSTS**”. This expression of interest will be reported in the form called “**Form to express interest to PhD Scholarships or other forms of support having a research topic**” available at the University web page <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>, to be filled-in and signed in full and exclusively in .pdf format. This form must be uploaded on the online registration procedure of Esse3, in the section “*Additional documents*”

2. Only qualifications held by applicants on the expiry date of this Call shall be evaluated, except as what is provided for in Article 2, paragraph 2.

Article 8 – SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO CANDIDATES ENROLLED IN A MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION SCHOOL

1. Candidates applying to one or more PhD Programmes, being currently enrolled in a Medical Specialization School must upload the documentation suitable to prove the enrolment in the aforementioned type of Specialization School, including information relating to the University of origin and the academic year of enrolment (1st, 2nd, etc.) at the time of application. Documents must be exclusively in .pdf format.

2. The joint attendance of PhD Programmes and Medical Specialization Schools is regulated by Article 6 of the PhD Regulations.

Article 9 - SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO CANDIDATES of PAKISTANI CITIZENSHIP APPLYING TO THE POSTS RESERVED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MoU SIGNED BY

The Higher Education Commission, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (HEC Pakistan)

1. Candidates applying to the posts reserved in compliance with the MoU signed by the University of Brescia and HEC Pakistan must upload copy of the document called "Provisional Award Letter – Overseas Scholarships for PhD in selected fields – Phase III" released by HEC Pakistan, exclusively in .pdf format. The document must be uploaded through the online application procedure in Esse3 in "Management of Academic Qualifications and documents useful for evaluation", under "Additional Documents", within the deadline set for this Call.
2. For candidates competing for these reserved posts, the University of Brescia applies the provisions regarding the registration fee for the competition as set in the following Article 3, paragraph 4.

Article 10 - ADMISSION EXAMS

1. Admission exams include firstly the evaluation of qualifications and subsequently the evaluation of a research project, if envisaged and, finally, an interview, pursuant to the procedures and the exams calendar, if available, as enlisted in the document called **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets**.
2. The dates of the competitive exams envisaged in the document called listed in **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** for the PhD Programmes are for all intents and purposes of the law an official summoning. Any exam schedule amendments or integrations will be published online on the University's Online Official Notice Board <https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/>, as well as on the University web page at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>.
3. The dates of the competitive exams not listed in **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** for the PhD Programmes will be published online on the University's Online Official Notice Board <https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/> as well as on the University web page at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078> **at least 20 days in advance**.
4. These publications serve as notifications in all respects; therefore, applicants should show up without further notice at the University on the day and time planned for the interview, bringing along a valid identification document. Applicants who do not show up, for whatever cause, will be considered to have forfeited the competition.
5. The interview may be undertaken in English language, as well as in Italian language, if envisaged by **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** for the PhD Programmes.
6. Pursuant to the provisions of the "Section III - Procedures of competitive exams taken at distance (online) for applicants having their permanent address outside Italy" of the UNIBS "Regulation about Meetings and Procedures of competitive exams taken at distance (online) for candidates residing outside Italy", issued by Rector's Decree of September 26, 2018, no. 819, applicants residing outside Italy and applicants residing in Italy but these latter only in cases of proven objective impossibility to personally participate to the interviews, can undertake the interview remotely, via web/teleconference (remotely), on the date/time provided. Therefore, applicants residing in Italy, only in cases of proven objective impossibility to personally participate to the interview, can be interviewed remotely under the following conditions: they must appropriately document their



impossibility to participate in person. Their request shall be evaluated by the PhD Admission Board of Examiners. In cases of eligibility to be interviewed remotely ALL candidates must duly complete the form “On-line interview”, downloadable from the section of the Call for PhD Programmes at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078> and upload it to the online application system, under penalty of forfeiting admission to the competitive exams.

In the form called “On-line interview”, applicants must provide their web/teleconference contact information and make sure they have the use of a webcam to be identified by the PhD Admission Board of Examiners.

7. It remains understood that all candidates resident in Italy, in the event of an overriding and proven impossibility to attend the interview in person, must promptly inform the Administrative Procedure Officer in Charge of the Call for Admission by writing to dottorati@unibs.it, attaching supporting documents.

8. The PhD Admission Board of Examiners will verify that the conditions necessary to guarantee the regularity of the test are met (ascertaining the applicant's identity and web connection correctness for exam purposes). The University assumes no responsibility in the event of technical issues that do not guarantee the correct conduct of the oral examination.

Article 11 – PhD ADMISSION BOARDS OF EXAMINERS

1. Pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 1 of the PhD Regulations of this University, the Department Director appoints the PhD Admission Board of Examiners, based on the proposal of each PhD Programmes Boards of Professors and communicated by each PhD Programme Coordinator.

2. Pursuant to the criteria established in **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets** for the PhD Programmes, the PhD Admission Board of Examiners establishes the evaluation criteria and the scores assigned to candidates' qualifications before carrying out the exams.

3. The PhD Admission Board of Examiners assigns the scores and specifies, where necessary, the possible suitability of candidates (even multiple) for those posts having a scholarship under a research topic or those case of posts reserved to particular categories, as listed in **Annex A - PhD Programmes Data Sheets**, and they promptly communicate the results of the evaluation of qualifications, of the evaluation of the research project if required, as well as of the interviews to the PhD Administrative Office to publish the final ranking lists of merit on the **University's Online Official Notice Board** <https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/>, as well as on the University web page at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>.

4. For those candidates admitted under conditions pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 2 of this Call, the evaluation of the admission qualification is replaced with the evaluation of the average mark of the exams taken during the University undergraduate career as eligible pursuant to Article 2 paragraph 1.

Article 12 – CANDIDATES IN DISABILITY CONDITION OR HAVING A SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDER

1. Candidates with a certificate of invalidity and/or based on the Italian Law n. 104/1992 or having a diagnosis of Specific Learning Disorders (LDS), as per the Italian Law 170/2010, can avail themselves, during the admission test, of particular measures to be adopted in compliance with the aforementioned legislation and the principle of equal treatment between candidates. In the absence of further ministerial references are valid the provisions applied by the regulations regarding the admission to competitive examinations in force. This Call may be supplemented by further explanatory notes on the subject. For further information on the relevant legislation, on the support eligible and about the documentation to attach, please refer to the document available at the following link [“Informazioni utili studenti con disabilità e DSA – Test di ingresso”](#). You can also contact the U.O.C. Inclusion, Participation and Student Space of the University of Brescia at inclusione@unibs.it



2. During the online registration procedure it is necessary to upload the valid certified documentation by selecting the appropriate section “Declaration of Disability” available under the online Esse3 section “Secretariat” and it is mandatory to specify under “*help notes*” the facilities needed during the test. It is mandatory to fill-in the section “*help notes*” even if the support is not required. In this latter case it is necessary to write the following “no help required” under the appropriate section. The procedure referred to above must be completed within seven (7) days before the date of the exams, under penalty of the impossibility of applying the supporting facilities envisaged.

3. Candidates with invalidity, disability or Specific Learning Disorders (LDS) residing in foreign countries, who intend to take advantage of the compensatory measures provided, must present the legalized certification attesting the state of invalidity, disability or Specific Learning Disorders (LDS) issued in the country of residence. The legalized health documentation must be accompanied by a sworn translation produced by a sworn translator, or by a certificate conforming to the original text, drawn up by the Italian diplomatic representations, in Italian or English.

4. Following the evaluation of the competent university offices, the validation of the eligibility of the request and detail about the supporting facilities granted will be communicated in due time directly to the candidate by the Office for Inclusion, Participation and and Student Space of the University of Brescia, only by e-mail to the candidate’s e-mail address provided during the online registration phase.

Article 13 – RANKINGS

Section I - General Provisions

1. The PhD Admission Board of Examiners prepares the final ranking for the PhD Programme by adding the scores obtained by eligible applicants in the evaluation of the qualifications, the evaluation of the research project, if envisaged, and considering the evaluation results of the interview. Applicants having an eligible academic qualification achieved from non-Italian Universities deemed to be eligible for a post are appropriately highlighted in the ranking list. Candidates for whom the PhD Admission Board of Examiners has assessed their suitability, even multiple ones, for research themed scholarships or reserved posts are also highlighted.

2. Those eligible applicants who ranked within the number of available posts for the PhD Programme and that the PhD Board of Examiners evaluates as eligible, are admitted to the PhD Programme.

3. **The final ranking lists of merit will be published online on the University's Online Official Notice Board** <https://titulus-unibrescia.cineca.it/albo/>, as well as on the University web page at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078>

Jointly with the publication of the ranking lists, will be announced the deadlines by which to submit the enrolment application and procedures, without exception, as set in Article 17 of this Call.

4. This publication serves as an official communication to candidates. Therefore, no written communication will be sent to them.

5. Entitled (winner) persons who abandon PhD Programme before the start date of the PhD Programme activities will be replaced by as many eligible candidates going down the ranking list. The eligible candidates thus admitted will be notified solely by email to the email address they provided when they registered for the competition. Said email message will provide the enrolment deadline, pursuant to the procedures set in Article 17 of this Call.

6. Eligible applicants with the same ranking will be assigned posts benefiting of a scholarship based on the assessment of the economic situation of their household, as determined in accordance with current legislation



on the Right to Education. Non-scholarship posts will be assigned to the youngest eligible applicants in case of a tie.

Section II - Provisions that apply only to candidates applying to those posts reserved for Pakistani citizenship candidates, in compliance with the MoU signed between *The Higher Education Commission, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan* (hereinafter HEC Pakistan)

7. Within the number of reserved posts available eligible candidates are admitted to PhD Programmes if they have placed themselves in a useful position in the final merit rankings of each PhD Programme, receiving the best scores. These candidates will receive a *Letter of Offer* and the HEC Pakistan *Final Award Letter* pursuant, to art. 5.5 of the MoU signed by HEC Pakistan and the University of Brescia on December 3rd, 2020.

8. All candidates having a non-EU citizenship who, following enrolment, do not demonstrate that they have obtained the necessary documentation required to entry into the Italian territory (e.g. entry study visa) by, and no later, **than February 28, 2026, will lose their student status.**

Article 14 – FEES TO ACCESS AND ATTENDANCE

1. Enlisted below are the A.Y. 2025/2026 fees charged to PhD students, both scholarship recipients and non-recipients:

Total € 156.00

Out of which € 16.00 for revenue stamp duty and
€ 140,00 for the Regional Right to Education Fee (Regione Lombardia)

2. The University contribution for PhD access and attendance is mandatory and foreseen for enrolment in each of the three years of the PhD Programme. Payment of the annual contribution is also due for eligible recipients of HEC Pakistan stipends.

Article 15 – SCHOLARSHIPS OR OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Section I - General Provisions

1. Scholarships **or posts benefiting of other forms of financial support, where applicable**, listed in the Call and as published on the University web page at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/1078> will be assigned in respect to the order defined in the final ranking list of merit drawn up by the PhD Admission Boards of Examiners.

2. PhD Scholarships have a yearly amount of € 16.243,00 gross of the social security taxes and are disbursed monthly. The amount of the scholarship can be increased by 50% for research periods abroad authorised by the PhD Boards of Professors, for minimum continuous duration of 15 days, and total duration not exceeding 12 months in the three-year period. In cases of double degree of PhD dissertations, the periods of abroad authorised by the PhD Boards of Professors can be extended up to 18 months in the three-year period. This increase is applied to all students (both scholarship recipients and non-recipients).

3. PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except for those granted by domestic or foreign institutions to carry out research periods outside Italy, whose delivery overlaps with the period of attendance to the PhD Programme.

4. Previous PhD scholarship recipients, including partial ones, are not eligible for these PhD scholarships.



5. PhD scholarships **or posts having other forms of financial support, where applicable**, are good for one year and are renewed on condition that the programme scheduled for the previous year has been completed, as verified by the PhD Boards of Professors.

6. Each PhD student, with the exception of the eligible candidates who have been awarded the maintenance grant for the reserved posts pursuant to the MoU signed with HEC Pakistan, is ensured, within the financial resources made available in each departmental Responsibility Centres, a budget to carry out research activities in Italy and abroad appropriate to the type of PhD Programmes and in any case to an extent of not less than ten percent of the scholarship amount. The budget for research activities does not apply to beneficiaries of Apprenticeships in Advanced Training, agreements for posts envisaging candidates being employees of companies or public and private administrations maintaining their own salary, as well as to holders of scholarships paid by foreign countries or beneficiaries of financial support under specific programmes of international mobility and pursuant to the provisions of the specific regulation set therein.

7. Research topic scholarships or posts having other financial support pertain to a specific research topic that assignees must carry out.

8. Posts financed by other forms of financial support (such as posts for beneficiaries of Apprenticeship in Advanced Training education, pursuant to Article 45 of Legislative Decree 45 June 2015, n.81; agreements for posts envisaging candidates being employees of companies or public and private administrations maintaining their own salary, as well as to holders of scholarships paid by foreign countries or beneficiaries of financial support under specific programmes of international mobility) being assigned complying to the final ranking list merit only to candidates declared eligible to the requirements provided therein, envisage the assignees to carry out the PhD programme pursuant to the specificities of those forms of financial support. Changes in the status of the employee of companies or of public and private administrations, of Apprenticeship in Advanced Training or of scholarship holder of international mobility programmes or of foreign countries, involve the interruption of the PhD career and the automatic forfeiture of continuing studies.

Section II - Provisions that apply only to candidates applying to those posts reserved for Pakistani citizenship candidates, in compliance with the MoU signed between *The Higher Education Commission, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan* (hereinafter HEC Pakistan)

9. The maintenance allowance (stipend) funded by HEC Pakistan consists of an all-inclusive net annual amount of € 12,000.00 (equivalent to € 1,000 per month), as amended by D.R. 08 June 2021, Rep. N. 534/2021, Index n. 77340. The provisions referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article do not apply to these candidates eligible recipients of this type of maintenance allowance in respect of the 50% increase for research periods abroad, and to paragraph 6 of this Article, in respect to the budget to carry out the research activity in Italy and abroad.

10. The monthly maintenance allowance (stipend) will be awarded to those candidates eligible for a post who have received a Letter of Offer by the University of Brescia, as well as the Final Award Letter by HEC Pakistan. For these candidates HEC Pakistan must confirm the payment of the monthly maintenance allowance.

11. The monthly maintenance allowance (stipend) is good for one year and is renewed on condition that the programme scheduled for the previous year has been completed, as verified by the PhD Boards of Professors.

Article 16 – UNIVERSITY OF BRESCIA STUDENTS ACCOMMODATIONS

1. By means of a specific Call for Admission, the University of Brescia assigns accommodations to regularly enrolled PhD students.



2. Students must apply to compete for the allocation of accommodations. The opening of the Call will be announced on the website of the U.O.C. Borse di Studio e Benefici (Office in charge of Scholarships and Benefits) of the University of Brescia, available on UniBS web site at <https://www.unibs.it/en/node/443>. This specific Call will provide the ranking criteria to access to said accommodations. Further information can be requested by accessing the University service called Infostudente at <https://www.unibs.it/it/infostudente>, select the category “Right to study – Residences and Housing”.
3. Interested applicants are responsible to verify the opening terms of the Call and the terms to access.

Article 17 – PROGRAMMES ENROLMENT

1. Under penalty of forfeiture, the enrolment must be completed pursuant to the procedures and by the deadline set with the publication of the ranking list or, in the case of entitled persons being replaced, by the deadline the PhD Office (U.O.C. Dottorati) will specify by e-mail to the eligible applicants.
2. Applicants deemed eligible for a post who do not meet the deadline set to enrol will be considered forfeit and the vacant posts will be made available to eligible applicants according to the order of the final ranking of merit.
3. If it is verified that false declarations were made in the documentation submitted, the applicant will be declared out of the competition, without prejudice to the penalties provided for by the Italian Penal Code and the special laws on the subject (Articles 75 and 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000). The university administration will provide for the recovery of any benefits granted (such as scholarships or student fee reductions) and will not proceed with any kind of reimbursement of paid fees.
4. The candidates’ choice of PhD Programme made at the time of enrolment **is final** and cannot be modified in any way.

Article 18 – INCOMPATIBILITIES

1. Enrolment to the PhD Programmes is subject to the rules and limits envisaged by the [University Academic Regulations](#).
2. It is the candidate's responsibility to report any potential incompatibility situation at the time of registration, in order to allow the relevant university offices to assess the case. The consequences determined by cases of omitted or partial declaration will fall on the candidate.

Article 19 - DUTIES OF PhD STUDENTS

1. PhD students must comply with the obligations set forth in the [PhD Regulations](#) of the University of Brescia.
2. PhD students must pursue the activities planned for in their educational curriculum and commit exclusively and full-time to the individual and guided study programmes and the carrying out of assigned research activities.

Article 20 – DEGREE AWARDING

1. Pursuant to Art. 17 of the [PhD Regulations](#) in force at the University of Brescia, upon passing the final exam, the PhD Degree shall be awarded to PhD students who have obtained results of significant scientific value by the end of the PhD Programme, documented by a final written dissertation.

Article 21 - PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

1. The processing of personal data provided by applicants and collected for the purposes identified in this Call



takes place in compliance with the provisions of EU Regulation 27.04.2016 n. 679 (General Data Protection Regulation, following: GDPR). For the purposes of processing personal data, the University of Brescia is the data controller pursuant to Article 26 of the GDPR. The University of Brescia is required to implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure that the treatment is compliant with the GDPR, verifying and periodically updating the data protection policies pursuant to the GDPR, Articles 24-25. It is also subject to all the obligations of the data controllers, that of the release of specific information to the interested parties, pursuant to the GDPR, Articles 13-14. The provision and collection of data is mandatory for the selection process and, in the case of sensitive data, it is carried out pursuant to the Italian Laws 68/1999, and Law 104/1992. The provision of the data envisaged in the Call is mandatory and necessary for the purposes of assessing the admission requirements and the formulation of the rankings, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process.

3. For the purposes of processing personal data, CINECA, the North-East of Italy Inter-university Consortium, is appointed by the University of Brescia in charge of the treatment, as pursuant to Article 28 of the GDPR. CINECA therefore undertakes to provide, upon request by the university, suitable guarantees that it has put in place suitable technical and organizational measures to ensure that the processing of the data conferred to meets the requirements of the GDPR in respect to the protection of the rights of the interested parties.

4. CINECA will not communicate or disseminate to third parties the data processed, as it acts as data controller as expressly appointed by the University. CINECA personnel units, designated by the Director of the Consortium, are responsible for processing the data. The data collected will be kept for a period of time not exceeding the achievement of the purposes for which they are processed (Art.5 "*conservation restriction principle*" of the GDPR) or on the basis of the deadlines established by law. The verification of the obsolescence of the data stored in relation to the purposes for which they were collected is carried out periodically.

5. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is the Legal Representative for the University of Brescia who appoints a specific representative on his/her behalf, as reported on the University web site at <https://www.unibs.it/privacy>

Article 22 – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OFFICER IN CHARGE

1. Administrative Procedure Officer in Charge: Ms. Fabiana Farro, PhD Office (UOC Dottorati).
2. The contact Office at the University of Brescia is the PhD Office (UOC Dottorati), via S. Faustino, 74/b-25121 Brescia, Italy. The PhD Office can be reached by e-mail at dottorati@unibs.it

The PhD Office is open to public on Wednesdays, from 09:00 to 12:00 hours (Italian Time), upon appointment to be requested by writing to dottorati@unibs.it

Article 23 - STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. For any matter not provided for in this Call refer to the Rector's Decree of publication of this Call, to the current Italian legislation in force on the subject and to the University's [PhD Regulations](#).

Brescia, register date

The Rector
(Prof Francesco Castelli)

Signed electronically ex art.24 D.Lgs. 82/05