



**Call in implementation of Ministerial Decree n. 1061/2021  
For Admission to Ph.D. programme 37 cycle  
a.y. 2021/22**

**Article 1**

*(Available positions)*

The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, hereinafter referred to as the "School", hereby announces 28 new openings for admission to the 37th cycle of Ph.D. programmes, in implementation of Italian Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021, hereinafter referred to as "Decree", on FSE REACT-EU funding allocated to Universities in order to award scholarships for Ph.D. courses on the topics of Innovation or Green, in the framework of PON "Ricerca e Innovazione" 2014-2020 (Azione IV.4 e Azione IV.5).

The selection and the awarding of scholarships will be based on the following binding topics:

<b>Scholarships on Innovation (Azione IV.4)</b>	<b>Annex Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021- Funding allocated to the School</b>	<b>No. scholarships</b>
The aim of the measure is to fund additional Ph.D. scholarships on innovation themes, i.e. doctoral paths focused on innovation, enabling technologies and the broader theme of digital, as interventions to enhance the human capital of the world of research and innovation.	€ 152.465,59	2
<b>Scholarships on Green (Azione IV.5)</b>	<b>Annex Ministerial Decree no. 1061/2021- Funding allocated to the School</b>	<b>No. scholarships</b>
The aim of the measure is to fund additional Ph.D. scholarships on topics oriented towards ecosystem conservation, biodiversity, as well as the reduction of the impacts of climate change and the promotion of sustainable development	€ 1.579.107,86	26

Candidates have the right to apply for both the aforementioned topics. In this case, candidates must submit two different applications.

Ph.D. scholarships must include a period of study and research undertaken in an enterprise proposed by the School or by the candidate (minimum 6 months - maximum 12 months).

The additional scholarships in this Call are conferred exclusively within the year 2021, will be assigned to carry out PhD studies within the following PhDs Programmes ([https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/brochure\\_phd\\_0.pdf](https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/brochure_phd_0.pdf)):



Course	Coordinator	Information
Ph.D. in BioRobotica	<i>Prof.ssa Arianna Menciacchi</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_biorobotics.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_biorobotics.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Law	<i>Prof. Gianluigi Palombella</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_law_0.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_law_0.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Human Rights and Global Politics: Legal, Philosophical and Economic Challenges	<i>Prof.ssa Barbara Henry</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_human_rights_and_global_politics-legal_philosophical_and_economic_challenges.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_human_rights_and_global_politics-legal_philosophical_and_economic_challenges.pdf</a>
Ph.D. Economics	<i>Prof. Alessio Moneta</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_economics.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_economics.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Management Innovation, Sustainability and Healthcare	<i>Prof. Fabio Iraldo</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_management_innovation_sustainability_and_healthcare.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_management_innovation_sustainability_and_healthcare.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Agrobioscience	<i>Prof.ssa Laura Ercoli</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_agrobiosciences.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_agrobiosciences.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Agrobiodiversity	<i>Prof. Mario Enrico Pè</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_agrobiodiversity_0.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_agrobiodiversity_0.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Translational Medicine	<i>Prof. Claudio Passino</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_translational_medicine_0.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_translational_medicine_0.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Emerging Digital Technologies	<i>Prof. Luca Valcarenghi</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_emerging_digital_technologies.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_emerging_digital_technologies.pdf</a>
Ph.D. in Health Science, Technology and Management	<i>Prof. Michele Emdin</i>	<a href="https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_health_science_technology_and_management_1.pdf">https://www.santannapisa.it/sites/default/files/phd_in_health_science_technology_and_management_1.pdf</a>

The candidate, submitting the application, may express up to two preferences for the attendance of one of the Ph.D. courses. The Selection Committee, having evaluated the research project presented



by the applicant and additional evaluation elements based on the skills and profile of the candidate, may prescribe the development of the training and research path in a different area and in a different scientific field, and identify the enrolment in a different Ph.D. Course.

## **Article 2**

### *(Application requirements)*

Candidates with the academic qualifications set forth below may apply for the above Ph.D. positions, regardless of their citizenship:

- a) "laurea Specialistica/Magistrale" (Italian University degree 3+2 years or combined degrees);
- b) "laurea Vecchio Ordinamento" (Italian University degree, obtained before 1999, with a legal course of at least 4 years);
- c) non-Italian Second Cycle Degree (Master's Degree or Single Cycle Degree) awarded by an academic institution equivalent to the above mentioned degrees.

The foreign degree must have been awarded by an officially recognized academic institution, that fulfils the requirements for admission to Ph.D. studies in the country it was awarded, and that is equivalent in length, level and subject to the required Italian title.

The eligibility of the foreign degree is verified by the Committee according to the laws and regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the degree was awarded, as well as to the treaties and international agreements concerning the mutual recognition of titles for pursuing doctoral studies.

Candidates who do not meet the above requirements on the deadline of this Call are admitted provisionally, pending the full eligibility verifications.

The beginning of the Courses for PhDs admitted under this Call is scheduled on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the academic qualification to enroll in the Courses must be obtained no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### **Candidates holding a qualification obtained in Italy**

All candidates holding an academic qualification obtained at an Italian University, whether they are EU citizens or citizens of Non-European Union Countries, are required to self-certify their qualification and are eligible for the selection process subject to verification of the self-certified declarations.

### **Candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (EU and NON-EU Countries)**

By the date of enrollment must be delivered to the Ph.D. Office the documentation relating to the foreign degree duly translated and legalized along with a Declaration of Value, issued by the competent Italian Consulate/Embassy in the Country where the qualification was obtained. Alternatively, the candidate can submit the Statement of Comparability of the foreign title issued by ENIC\_NARIC in Italy (CIMEA). The statement must contain all the necessary information to allow a proper evaluation of the title. If the foreign title was obtained in an EU country the Diploma Supplement will suffice.

## **Article 3**

### *(Application submission)*

The online application must be submitted by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (Italian time).

For the application, candidates must use exclusively the online procedure at the website:

<https://sssup.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>

In order to submit the application:

- register by providing the required information. (save login and password provided to be modified at the first next access)
- once you have changed the password re-login into the application system and select the desired Ph.D. programme
- fill in the application carefully following the instructions in the various screens

Upload all of the following documents, **under penalty of exclusion**:



- a) copy of an ID;
- b) for degrees awarded in Italy, self-certification stating that the applicant holds the university degree required for admission, including the final grade, the title of the thesis and list of all exams taken and grade;
- c) for degrees awarded abroad a copy of the MSc. Degree, and a statement of academic record, thesis title and final mark received (if already achieved)
- d) curriculum vitae;
- e) copy of the Master's thesis if available (otherwise a copy of the abstract) and any publications;
- f) a research program abstract in English on the topics aforementioned, of a maximum of 3500 words (5-6 pages; line spacing 1,5; 12-point font), in which the candidate must specify:
  - 1) title of the project;
  - 2) scientific background and relevant bibliography;
  - 3) aims and expected results;
  - 4) employed methodologies and data analysis.

The research project has the objective of verifying the candidate's vocation for research and his/her ability to propose an innovative, coherent and autonomous research project in line with the required subject.

The project may include changes in the definition of the research to be carried out and developed during the Ph.D. course and will be consolidated, in agreement with the Supervisor, at the beginning of the Ph.D. course.

Candidates with disabilities should attach a note to the application for taking part in the competition, applying for the assistance they require throughout the competition in relation to their disability.

After the deadline of the online application, it will no longer be possible to modify the application or upload additional documents.

The School may carry out checks on the truthfulness of the statements and documents submitted, at any time during the procedure, even after the beginning of the Programs, and may require that the exhibition of the original documents. In case of false declarations, the School may order the exclusion of the candidate from the selection procedure or from the Courses at any time, with motivated act of the Rector

The candidate, since the submission of the application form, is aware of the need to carry out, in case of allocation of the position, the required research periods (minimum 6 months, maximum 12) in the company and that failure to comply with the minimum period in the company will result in the revocation of the scholarship.

## Article 4

### *(Selection Committee and test examinations)*

1. The Selection Committee for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes is appointed by decree of the Rector and its composition will be available on the School's website. The Committee may appoint sub-committees which may carry out their duties via online meetings, while still guaranteeing safe and trackable communications, as required by law.

2. The selection of candidates will take place through the evaluation of the qualifications listed in the Article 3, with the awarding of a maximum of 50 points, and an interview, for a maximum of 50 points. The Selection Committee will therefore assign, in hundredths, a score from 0 to 100.

3. The Selection Committee will assess scientific qualifications submitted, including publications, making a synthetic judgement and awarding a score up to 50 points.

Since research topics are binding, the Committee has the right to exclude those candidates who have submitted a research project abstract not in line with the aforementioned topics, even before the assessment of the qualifications.

A minimum score of 35/50 points is required to be admitted to the interview.



Candidates are not required to be present during the assessment of the qualifications.

4. The School will notify candidates of their admission to the interview using the email address given in the application, providing the day and the time of the interview.

The interview may also be carried out by using electronic communications tools which allow the candidate to be identified. The interview will entail a talk about the qualifications submitted and the research plan, with the aim of ascertaining the candidate's vocation for research and his/her ability to submit an innovative, coherent and independent research plan.

Candidates obtaining a score below 35/50 will be excluded from the ranking.

5. The School will notify scholarship holders of their admission to the School using the email address given in the application; the said scholarship holders are required to confirm their acceptance by responding within 7 days: if the deadline is not met, the candidate will be excluded and the position may be awarded to the first suitable candidate on the ranking.

The list of candidates selected for the interview and the general merit ranking will be published at:

<https://www.santannapisa.it/it/phd-info>.

## Article 5

### *(Admission to the Ph.D. Programme and entrance of students)*

Successful candidates are admitted to the Ph.Ds. programmes according to the ranking and subject to availability of the positions subject to the competition.

The ranking list, approved by Rectoral decree, is published on the School website.

The School reserves the right to re-assign any places, which have become available, as a result of candidates renouncing or resignation, to suitable candidates on the ranking list. Two rank scrolls are provided for:

- first rank scroll, before the beginning of the courses and in any case within and not beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> November;

- second rank scroll, following the beginning of the courses, within and not beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> December; in such case, the scroll flow is admitted exclusively with the favorable pronouncement of the Faculty Board of the relevant Ph.D. Course.

The start date of the Ph.D. Programmes is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

On the Programme start date, students should deliver the following documents to the PhD offices of the School:

- valid ID;
- duly filled enrolment form (provided by offices).

Ph.D. students are required to pay the Regional tax for the Right to University Study of € 140,00.

The following categories of individuals are not required to pay the regional tax for the right to University Study:

a. those who have applied for the scholarship to the Regional Board for the Right to University Study (DSU Toscana) for the academic year 2021/2022 and have not subsequently been successful/eligible in the scholarship ranking list must pay the regional tax for the right to study after the publication of the definitive ranking list by DSU Toscana;

b. students with certified disabilities, (art. 3, paragraph 1, of Law n. 104/1992) or with a disability equal to or greater than 66%;

c. students whose parents are the beneficiaries of a disability pension (art. 30 of Law n.118/1971);

(for further information on the regional tax, visit the website: <http://www.dsu.toscana.it>)

## Article 6

### *(Scholarship and other grants)*

Scholarships have the duration of the Ph.D. Course of interest and are confirmed on a yearly basis for admission to the subsequent year subject to the decision by the Faculty Board of the individual



Programmes. Please note that all Ph.D. Courses last three years, except for the Ph.D. in Economics and the Ph.D. in Agrobiodiversity, which are four-year programmes.

Students can access the library and the laboratories of the School in the ways provided for by the respective regulations;

The gross amount of the scholarship is equal to € 1.278,61 per month. Students are entitled to canteen service (26 free meals per month, except for holiday periods provided for by the academic calendar) for the duration of the Programme.

The scholarship may be increased up to a maximum of 50% of the scholarship, for a total amount of € 1.917,00 per month, for periods of stay abroad authorized by the Faculty Board.

The School will also make an annual budget equal to 10% of the scholarship available to all Ph.D. students, starting from the second year of the programme, to cover research activity-related expenses.

The amount of the scholarship may be increased by the School if additional resources will become available and the Ph.D. may also participate to the distribution of the reward on scientific projects based on the specific Regulations of the School.

The scholarships may not be cumulated with other scholarships granted for any reason, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions to enhance the student's research activity with periods of stay abroad.

The scholarship and grants referred to in this article are subject to the current legislation applicable to scholarships paid by Universities and the Regions for tax and social security purposes.

The School shall insure the students against accidents and third-party insurance for the entire duration of the programme and undertakes to meet the safety conditions with respect to the premises, instruments and equipment used within the programme.

### **Article 7**

(Obligations of the Ph.D. student)

Students are required to attend classes and research activities provided by the School within the Programmes and to fulfil the obligations provided for in the Training Activity Regulations – Book III. Students also undertake to comply with the rules in the Statute, in the Regulations and Codes of Conduct of the School.

For the protection of health and safety purposes, students shall also:

- fill in the intended activity sheet for risk assessment;
- undergo health checks as part of the health monitoring carried out by the Medical Officer of the School;
- take part in scheduled educational and training courses for work safety.

Penalties shall be applied in case of failure to fulfil these obligations. These may include prohibition of access to the Campus of the School.

La Rettrice  
f.to Prof.ssa Sabina Nuti



## Procedure Supervisor, Data Handling, Transparent Administration

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Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Silvia Giovarruscio, Head of the U.O. PhD - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Cardinale Maffi, 27, 56127 Pisa - e-mail: [phdoffice@santannapisa.it](mailto:phdoffice@santannapisa.it). Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the "School"), as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, on his behalf, the authorized internal processor is Mrs. Giovanna Bottai, [giovanna.bottai@santannapisa.it](mailto:giovanna.bottai@santannapisa.it), Head of the UO Ph.D., other employees of the UO Ph.D. office other PhD Course coordinator, and evaluation committees members will be instructed and authorized to the data processing.

Your personal data (e.g. name, surname, contact information, and all the data filled in the above forms) will be processed by the School in order to:

- Proceed this competition test
- Create the career record.

The legal basis of the data processing are the performance of a contract (article 6 sub b Reg. EU 679/2016), and public interest (art. 6 sub e) Reg. EU 679/2016).

In addition, we will automated process your personal data to pursue the above-mentioned public purposes as well as we will process your anonymized data for statistics.

It is assured that your data will be processed in compliance with the principles of correctness, lawfulness, transparency, and Public Administration efficiency under the European and national legislation on the topic (Reg. EU 679/2016 and Legislative Decree 196/2003) for an unlimited period as stated in the "Massimario di conservazione" Act of the School. As data subjects, you shall have the right to obtain at any time confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning them exist, to be informed of the content and source of such data, to check their accuracy and request integration, updating or rectification, as well as to have the processing of your personal data restricted and any unlawfully processed data erased, made anonymous or blocked. You shall exercise your rights, submitting your request to the Sant'Anna School Office U.O. Ph.D., Via Cardinale Maffi, 27– 56127 Pisa, e-mail: [phdoffice@santannapisa.it](mailto:phdoffice@santannapisa.it), as well as to the following e-mail address: [privacy@santannapisa.it](mailto:privacy@santannapisa.it). You may also lodge a complaint to «Italian Data Protection Authority».

For further information, please, contact the School «Data Protection Officer», e-mail address: [dpo@santannapisa.it](mailto:dpo@santannapisa.it). The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (L.190 / 2012).

## References to the legislation:

Equivalence and recognition of foreign qualifications: article 2, Italian Law 148/2002; article 6, Italian Ministerial Decree 270/2004.

Self-certificates: Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions.

People with disabilities: Italian Law no. 104/92.

Occupational Safety Consolidation Act: Italian Legislative Decree no. 81/2008