



THE RECTOR

- IN RELATION TO** the Statute of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, issued by Rector's Decree No. 661 of 26 July 2018;
- IN RELATION TO** Law No. 210 of 3 July 1998, "Provisions governing the recruitment of tenured university Researchers and Professors", and in particular Article 4 concerning doctoral programmes;
- IN RELATION TO** Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, "Regulation governing the accreditation procedures for doctoral programme venues and courses and the criteria for the establishment of doctoral programmes by accredited institutions";
- IN RELATION TO** Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022, which, with effect from 1 July 2022, established the annual amount of the doctoral scholarship at €16,243.00, gross of social security contributions payable by the beneficiary;
- IN RELATION TO** the Guidelines for the accreditation of doctoral programmes issued by Ministerial Decree No. 301 of 22 March 2022 and transmitted by the Ministry of University and Research with note Prot. No. 8424 of 23 March 2022;
- IN RELATION TO** the Regulations governing PhD programmes of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, issued by Rector's Decree No. 326 of 13 May 2022, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- IN RELATION TO** Rector's Decree No. 573 of 22 July 2025 issuing the Call for Applications for admission to the PhD programmes activated at the University for the Academic Year 2025/2026 – XLI cycle;
- CONSIDERING THAT,** within the aforementioned Call, for the PhD programme in "Methods, Models and Technologies for Engineering", a scholarship co-funded by San Raffaele S.p.A. was offered on the topic: "Methodologies of postural control assessment through fine motor skill analysis in neurodegenerative diseases", curriculum C2: Information Engineering;
- IN RELATION TO** Rector's Decree No. 781 of 7 October 2025 approving the results of the public selection for admission to the PhD programme in "Methods, Models and Technologies for Engineering" – XLI cycle, Academic Year 2025/2026;
- NOTING THAT** the scholarship co-funded by San Raffaele S.p.A. was not awarded due to the absence of suitable candidates;
- IN RELATION TO** the resolution of the Department Council of the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering "Maurizio Scarano" of 13 February 2026, received under Prot. No. 4532 of 16 February 2026, requesting the issuance of a call for applications for the award of the scholarship co-financed by San Raffaele S.p.A., amounting to €63,000.00, on the topic: "Methodologies of postural control assessment through fine motor skill analysis in neurodegenerative diseases", Curriculum C2: Information Engineering – XLI cycle, Academic Year 2025/2026;
- DEEMING IT APPROPRIATE** to grant the request submitted by the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering "Maurizio Scarano";

HEREBY DECREES

**Art. 1
Establishment of the Call**



The University of Cassino and Southern Lazio announces a public selection based on qualifications and examinations for the award of one (1) PhD scholarship tied to a specific research topic: “Methodologies of postural control assessment through fine motor skill analysis in neurodegenerative diseases” within Curriculum C2 – Information Engineering, as part of the PhD Programme in: “Methods, Models and Technologies for Engineering” activated at the University for the Academic Year 2025/2026 – XLI Cycle. The scholarship is co-financed by San Raffaele S.p.A.

Detailed information on the PhD programme is provided in Annex A, which forms an integral part of this call and includes:

- a) the PhD Programme Coordinator;
- b) the research topics;
- c) the documentation required for the application;
- d) the selection procedures;
- e) the evaluation criteria;
- f) the schedule of examinations;
- g) the official website of the PhD programme.

Art. 2

Admission Requirements

Applications for admission to the selection procedure may be submitted, without age or citizenship restrictions, by candidates to candidates who, by the application deadline, hold one of the following academic qualifications:

- an Italian Master’s degree awarded under the regulations in force prior to Ministerial Decree No. 509/1999 (*Laurea vecchio ordinamento*);
- a Second-cycle academic degree (*Laurea Magistrale* or *Laurea Specialistica*) or an equivalent second-level academic qualification awarded by institutions belonging to the AFAM system (Higher Education in Arts, Music and Dance);
- an equivalent foreign academic qualification previously recognised by the Italian academic authorities, including within the framework of international cooperation and mobility agreements between universities.

The Selection Committee will ascertain the equivalence of the foreign academic qualification to the relevant Italian degree, for the sole purpose of admission to the selection, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the degree was awarded, as well as with treaties or international agreements on the recognition of degrees for the pursuit of studies. In such cases, the candidate must attach to the application the documents deemed useful for the evaluation of the suitability of the degree (degree certificate; transcript of records; type of degree; official duration of the course; name of the academic institution issuing the degree; date of award; final grade/evaluation). All documents must be translated into Italian, if written in a language other than English.

Candidates who have not yet obtained the required qualification may also apply, provided that they obtain the qualification no later than 31 May 2026, under penalty of exclusion from the programme. Successful candidates must promptly inform the competent administrative offices of the award of the degree by the above-mentioned deadline.

Art. 3

Application Procedure

Candidates must submit their application for admission, together with the documentation required in Annex A, **no later than 12:00 (Italian time) on 20 April 2026**, under penalty of exclusion. Applications must be submitted exclusively through the online application system available at:



<https://gomp.unicas.it>

Once the application has been completed, the system will automatically generate a payment notice for the application fee of €40. The fee must be paid **no later than 20 April 2026**, under penalty of exclusion, using either: credit card, or PagoPA payment system. The application fee is non-refundable. Candidates must attach to their application a copy of a valid identity document.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that all required documents are correctly uploaded to the application platform, as only documents properly submitted within the application system will be evaluated.

The University shall not be held responsible in cases where the documentation submitted in electronic format cannot be read due to corrupted files or folders, nor for the failure of document transmission through the online system due to reasons not attributable to the University.

Candidates with disabilities, pursuant to Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, may request in their application the necessary assistance and/or additional time required to sit the selection tests.

Personal data concerning disability will be processed with full confidentiality in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, and Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

Submission of the application implies full acceptance by the applicant of all provisions contained in this Call. Failure to comply with these provisions shall result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

All candidates are conditionally admitted to the selection procedure pending verification of the eligibility requirements set out in this Call.

Art. 4

Selection Procedure

Admission to the PhD programme is based on a selection procedure aimed at assessing the candidates' academic preparation and their aptitude for scientific research.

During the selection process, the Selection Committee will also assess the candidates' suitability to carry out the research activities associated with the topic-specific PhD scholarship.

The selection methods and evaluation criteria are specified in the PhD programme description included in Annex A to this Call.

Art. 5

Examination Schedule

The date, time, and location of the examinations are indicated in Annex A.

Any changes to the examination schedule will be promptly published on the University website at: <https://www.unicas.it/ateneo/bandi-di-concorso/bando-aggiuntivo-dottorato-di-ricerca-aa-20252026-xli-ciclo/>

No individual notification will be sent to candidates.

In order to sit the examinations, candidates must present a valid identity document.

Failure to appear for the examinations will be considered as withdrawal from the selection procedure, regardless of the reason.

Art. 6

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for admission to each PhD programme is appointed by Rector's Decree, upon proposal of the PhD Academic Board.

The Committee is composed of three members, selected from among tenured university professors and researchers with recognized expertise in the scientific disciplines relevant to the PhD



programme, as well as at least two alternate members.

The Committee may be supplemented by up to two additional experts in the relevant research fields. In the case of PhD scholarships funded by external institutions, the Committee may also include no more than two experts representing the funding bodies.

Art. 7

Admission to PhD Programme

At the conclusion of the selection procedures, the Selection Committee draws up the final ranking list of eligible candidates.

The ranking list is approved by Rector's Decree and published on the University website at: <https://www.unicas.it/ateneo/bandi-di-concorso/bando-aggiuntivo-dottorato-di-ricerca-aa-20252026-xli-ciclo/> no later than **18 May 2026**.

Candidates will be admitted to the PhD programme in accordance with the order of the final ranking list and within the number of available positions.

Art. 8

Enrolment

Candidates who, according to the final ranking list, are declared successful applicants must submit their enrolment application, under penalty of forfeiture, **within 7 days from the publication of the results** on the University website.

Enrolment must be completed exclusively through the online procedure available at: <https://gomp.unicas.it>

Within the same deadline, successful candidates must also pay the PhD enrolment fees, amounting to €156 per year, which include the regional tax for the right to higher education and the revenue stamp duty. Payment may be made either through the PagoPA payment notice generated at the end of the enrolment procedure or by credit card.

Once the enrolment deadline has expired, any positions that become available due to explicit or implicit withdrawal by successful candidates will be offered to eligible candidates in the ranking list. In such cases, the University will proceed with the scrolling of the ranking list, notifying the next eligible candidate via email. The candidate must complete enrolment within the deadline indicated in the notification.

Successful candidates holding academic qualifications obtained abroad, after submitting their enrolment application, must send the following documentation by email to c.manzo@unicas.it:

- For degrees obtained in European Union countries:

Diploma Supplement, or Statement of Comparability issued by ENIC-NARIC centres (CIMEA). Further information is available at: <https://www.unicas.it/studenti/international-students/convenzione-cimea.aspx>

- For degrees obtained in countries outside the European Union:

Declaration of Value (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the relevant Italian Diplomatic or Consular Authority in the country where the qualification was obtained, or alternatively, Statement of Comparability issued by ENIC-NARIC centres (CIMEA).

Successful candidates who obtained their academic qualification abroad and who are unable to provide the required documentation at the time of enrolment will be admitted conditionally. Such candidates will be excluded from the PhD programme, and will be required to repay any scholarship instalments already received, if they fail to submit the required documentation within three months from the start of the programme, or if the qualification submitted is found not to meet the requirements specified in this Call.

Successful candidates who require an entry visa for Italy must register on the portal:



<https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri> at the time of completing their enrolment and submit the pre-enrolment application for the PhD programme following the procedure indicated on the platform for the purpose of obtaining a study visa. For further information and assistance, candidates may contact the International Students Office of the University International Relations Centre at: laura.morone@unicas.it

The issuance of a study visa is a necessary condition for the continuation of the enrolment procedure. Withdrawal from enrolment does not entitle the candidate to any refund of fees already paid. PhD candidates are required to pay the enrolment fees for each year of the programme.

The duration of the PhD programme is three years, starting from 1 June 2026.

Art. 9 PhD Scholarships

The annual gross amount of the PhD scholarship, established by Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022, is €16,243.00, including social security contributions payable by the PhD candidate. The scholarship is paid in equal monthly instalments.

Scholarships, apprenticeship contracts, and any additional forms of financial support will be awarded on the basis of the final ranking list. In the event of equal merit, priority will be given according to the candidate's economic situation, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

For positions without a scholarship, in the event of equal merit priority will be given to the candidate with a certified disability equal to or greater than 66%, and in case of further equality, to the younger candidate.

Any gross income derived from employed or self-employed work, received by the PhD candidate during each year in which the scholarship is granted, may not exceed the annual amount of the scholarship, namely €16,243.00, in accordance with the University Regulations on PhD programmes and with the resolution of the Board of Directors of 27 May 2025.

The scholarship is subject to the payment of social security contributions to the INPS Separate Management Scheme (Gestione Separata) in accordance with the applicable legislation, two thirds borne by the University and one third borne by the scholarship holder. After enrolment, scholarship holders must register with the INPS Separate Management Scheme (*gestione separata*), if not already registered.

The scholarship is renewed annually, provided that the PhD candidate has successfully completed the planned training activities and does not exceed the income threshold applicable during the year of scholarship payment. If the income threshold is exceeded, the scholarship will be revoked for the entire year, and the holder will be required to repay the amounts received for the relevant year.

The scholarship amount is increased by 50% for periods of authorised research activities abroad, for a maximum total duration of twelve (12) months, subject to approval by the PhD Academic Board. This period may be extended up to a maximum of eighteen (18) months in the case of international cotutelle programmes or PhD programmes established pursuant to Article 3 (2) of Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021.

PhD scholarships cannot be combined with research fellowships or other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions intended to support research periods abroad.

Candidates who have already benefited from a PhD scholarship are not eligible to receive another PhD scholarship.

Starting from the first year, each PhD candidate, with or without a scholarship, is provided with a research budget for activities in Italy and abroad, amounting to no less than 10% of the annual scholarship amount.



Art. 10

Rights and Duties of PhD Students

Following enrolment in the programme, each PhD candidate will be assigned an institutional University email account, through which all official communications will be sent.

PhD candidates are required to attend the educational activities and carry out their research activities in accordance with the deadlines and procedures established by the PhD Academic Board and by the regulations governing the individual PhD programme, based on the training and research project agreed with their Supervisor and co-Supervisor(s).

At the end of each academic year, the PhD Academic Board, after consulting the Supervisor and co-Supervisor(s), will evaluate the candidate's fulfilment of the required training obligations and decide on admission to the following year.

A negative evaluation results in exclusion from the PhD programme.

Within the first three months following the start of the programme, PhD candidates must register in the University Institutional Research Catalogue, where they are required to upload the publications produced during the programme and in the three years following its completion.

As an integral part of their training programme, PhD candidates may, subject to authorisation by the PhD Academic Board, carry out tutoring activities for students enrolled in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes, which may also be remunerated, as well as supplementary teaching activities, up to a maximum of forty (40) hours per academic year.

At any time, PhD candidates may submit a formal request to withdraw from the programme.

For scholarship holders, withdrawal results in the immediate suspension of the scholarship and the obligation to repay any instalments received after the withdrawal date.

Non-EU PhD candidates are required, once in Italy, to initiate the procedures for obtaining a residence permit, in accordance with the deadlines and requirements established by Italian immigration law. Failure to comply may result in loss of eligibility and related benefits.

Art. 12

Compatibility and Incompatibility

Admission to the PhD programme entails a full-time and exclusive commitment, without prejudice to specific arrangements applicable to PhD programmes established through agreements or consortia, or to PhD candidates employed under apprenticeship contracts.

Subject to authorisation by the PhD Academic Board, PhD candidates may participate, including on a remunerated basis, in research activities carried out within departmental structures, as well as in research projects funded by public or private institutions, at national or international level.

Authorisation to undertake remunerated activities is granted by the PhD Academic Board, after consultation with the Supervisor, following an assessment of the compatibility of such activities with the proper completion of the training, teaching, and research activities of the PhD programme.

Permitted remunerated activities are limited to those that contribute to the acquisition of skills relevant to the doctoral training programme.

The regime of incompatibilities with enrolment in a PhD programme is governed by the applicable legislation.

Art. 13

Suspension

Attendance of the PhD programme is mandatorily suspended in cases of maternity, paternity, adoption and foster care, in accordance with the applicable legislation, as well as in cases of civil service, documented illness, or injury lasting more than thirty days.



Attendance may also be suspended, upon request of the PhD candidate, in cases of parental leave, probationary employment, or serious and duly documented personal reasons.

When deciding on the suspension, the PhD Academic Board may establish specific conditions, deadlines, and verification procedures, taking into account the scheduled interim evaluations of the programme.

The total duration of the suspension, including cumulative periods, may not exceed six months, except in cases of maternity leave.

Periods of suspension must be made up at the end of the programme.

During the suspension period, the payment of the PhD scholarship is suspended.

Art. 14

Awarding of the qualification

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree is awarded following the positive evaluation of a doctoral thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or research methodologies in the relevant field of study.

The doctoral thesis, accompanied by an abstract in Italian or English, must be written in Italian or English, or in another language subject to authorisation by the PhD Academic Board.

The thesis, together with a report prepared by the PhD candidate on the research activities carried out during the three-year programme and on any related publications, is evaluated by at least two highly qualified scholars, including those affiliated with non-Italian institutions, who must be external to the institutions involved in awarding the PhD degree. These scholars are hereinafter referred to as external reviewers.

The external reviewers provide a detailed written assessment of the thesis and propose either: its admission to the public defence, or its postponement for a period not exceeding six months, if they consider that substantial revisions or additions are required.

After the revision period has elapsed, the thesis is in any case admitted to the public defence, accompanied by a new written assessment by the same reviewers, taking into account any revisions or additions made.

Following the public defence, held before the Examination Committee referred to in Article 14, the thesis is approved or rejected by means of a reasoned written decision adopted collegially by the Committee.

The Committee may, by unanimous vote, award the distinction of "*cum laude*" in the presence of research results of outstanding scientific significance.

Art. 15

Final Examination Committee

The Examination Committee for the awarding of the PhD degree in each PhD programme is appointed by the Rector, upon proposal of the PhD Academic Board, and consists of three members qualified in the scientific disciplines relevant to the programme.

At least two members must belong to other Italian or foreign universities and must not be members of the PhD Academic Board.

The Committee may be supplemented by no more than two external experts not affiliated with the University.

Art. 16

Processing of Personal Data

Personal data will be processed for the purposes specified in this Call, in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101/2018, and Regulation (EU)



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2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR).

Further details are available at the following link: <https://www.unicas.it/privacy/>

Participation in the selection procedure implies consent, in compliance with the principles established by the aforementioned legislation, to the publication of candidates' personal data and information relating to the selection tests on the website of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio

Art. 17

Final Provisions

For matters not expressly provided for in this Call, reference shall be made to the applicable laws and regulations governing PhD programmes.

This Decree shall be included in the official internal register of the University.

Cassino, 19 March 2026

THE RECTOR
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