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Call for Applications for admission to the PhD Course in Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences¹

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THE RECTOR

- **By** the statute of the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University of Milan, approved by the Decree of the Minister of University, Scientific and Technological Research of 02 August 1996 and following amendments and integrations;
- **By** article 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3rd, 1998;
- **By** the Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021, "Regulations on the methods of accreditation of the PhD Courses and sites, and criteria to be followed by the accredited bodies to start PhD Courses";
- **By** article 19 of Law no. 240 of December 30th, 2010;
- **By** the Circular on the procedures for the entry, stay, enrollment of international students and the relative recognition of qualifications, for higher education courses in Italy - academic year 2026/2027;
- **By** the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University Regulations for PhD Courses issued with Chancellor's Decree no. 8394 of October 9th, 2023;
- **By** the MUR [Ministry of University and Research] Memo of August 5th, 2013 – Practical Guidelines on publication of the calls for admission to the Ph.D. Course;
- **By** the Ministerial Decree no. 301 of March 22nd, 2022 – "Guidelines to accredit PhD Courses pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulation referred to in DM 14 December 2021, n. 226"
- **By** the Law n. 33 of April 12th, 2022 – Provisions on simultaneous enrollment in two higher education courses and the Ministerial Decree n. 930 of July 29th, 2022
- **By** the competent academic and administrative bodies' resolutions;
- **By** Article 5, paragraph 6, of Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14th, 2021 that provides the actual activation of the courses is subject to the formal adoption of the accreditation decree;
- **Having assessed** the opportunity to start the selection procedures pending accreditation;

¹ This Call for Application uses the masculine form in overextended mode, but is intended to refer in an inclusive manner to all people, beyond their gender

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- **Taking into account** that the competitive examinations will be conducted subject to the favourable outcome of the aforementioned accreditation process, and that any negative outcome will be promptly communicated to the candidates.

HEREBY DECREES

Article 1 Institution

Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (hereinafter the "UniSR") announces the XLII cycle of the **PhD Course in Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences** (hereinafter the "Course") for the academic year 2026/2027 with administrative headquarters at UniSR.

The aim of the course is to offer an educational programme for PhD students to promote their professional careers in national and international academic and industrial institutions active in the field of research.

UniSR announces a Call for Applications for the admission to the three-year Course.

PhD Course Coordinator: **Prof. Federica Agosta**

The above-mentioned Call is for the assignment of the following **6 positions**:

5 positions with fellowships:

1 position without fellowship

The three-year positions with fellowships are divided as follows:

- 4 fellowships
- 1 funded project-based fellowship

The details of the projects related to the funded project-based fellowship are listed below while the description can be found on the UniSR website: <https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/psicologia/post-lauream/dottorato/scienze-cognitive-comportamentali>.

Project 1 (SCC1): "Network-Based modeling and multimodal biomarkers to personalize treatment in Parkinson's Disease"

Supervisor: Dr. Silvia Basaia

Unit: Neurotech Hub and Neuroimaging research unit – IRCCS Ospedale San Raffaele

The positions with fellowships awarded by external funding will be activated only if the agreement for each fellowship is successfully made. If these positions are not activated, the number of positions without fellowship may decrease too.

The number of fellowships may be increased by subsequent measures as a result of additional funding. In this case the deadline for the submission of the applications for admission would remain the same.

The terms for the assignment of above positions are indicated in Art. 4.

Moreover, those who have not applied for the admission to the PhD Course within the terms indicated by this Call will be enrolled in the PhD Course as supernumerary students if they:

- have been selected in European Union Research Programs or in other international cooperation programs in which UniSR participates;
- hold the qualifications required by this Call;
- apply for admission to the PhD Course within the first half of the first academic year;

- can attend the courses from the moment of the enrollment.

However, registration is subject to the verification of the qualifications, report/s of the admission tests and to the approval of the PhD Academic Board. Please note that the equivalence between a foreign qualification and the Italian degree must be assessed by the PhD Academic Board.

Article 2 Admission requirements

The application to the PhD Course in Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences can be submitted, regardless of age or citizenship, by those holding a 5-year University Degree (according to the old Italian regulation), a Master Degree (according to the new Italian regulation) (hereinafter, the "Degree") or an equivalent foreign academic qualification. The suitability of the foreign qualification is verified beforehand by the Committee for admission to the PhD Course, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the title was issued also under international agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies.

For those who have obtained more than one academic qualification, the one submitted in the application form will be the one considered for the participation in the Call.

Final year students can also apply to the Course **only if they graduate before October 31st, 2026, whereas the beginning of the Course is fixed on 1st November 2026.** By November 15th, 2026, all candidate graduate students admitted to the selection "*sub condicione*" and awarded with a position must give evidence of having graduated within October 31st, 2026, under penalty of exclusion from the Course.

Those who have already a second-level qualification suitable for eligibility for a PhD Course and who are about to obtain an additional second-level academic qualification, will not be considered as "*sub-condicione*" undergraduates but the qualification already obtained will be evaluated for this procedure.

Italian, EU and non-EU citizens holding an academic degree awarded abroad not yet declared equivalent to an Italian degree must upload in addition the documents listed below in order to have the degree recognized by the Admission Committee as being eligible for this PhD competition purpose only:

- 1) Copy of the original Master's Degree Diploma or equivalent (only if the diploma has already been issued by the University);
- 2) Copy of the original Bachelor's Degree Diploma and certificate with the indication of the degree if obtained abroad. This must include also the official record of the degree including the list of the exams passed and the relevant marks translated into Italian or English;
- 3) Official record of the Master's degree including the list of the exams passed and the relevant marks translated and validated by an Italian diplomatic representation (Embassy or Consulate) of the country where the degree was awarded or a similar document in English issued by the University which issued the qualification;

- 4) DV document (declaration of value - “dichiarazione di valore in loco”) to be requested to the same diplomatic representation or the certificate of comparability issued by CIMEA (Information Centre on Mobility and Academic Equivalences).

Instead of the certificate indicating the official record of the degree with the list of the exams passed during the Bachelor and/or Master’s Degree, it is possible to present the diploma supplement in English with the same information required for the certificate and issued by the University in which you got your academic qualification.

In case a candidate is unable to submit the documents referred to in point 4), together with the application to be admitted to this competition, or in case he submits the documents described in point 3) in English, the Admission Committee will decide whether to admit the candidate with provisional admission pending the assessment of qualifications step of the selection process.

In order to be considered eligible and not be excluded from the competition, candidates admitted with provisional admission and/or “sub condicione” to the selection, if winners of a position must proceed as follows:

- those admitted “sub condicione”, by November 15th, 2026, must provide evidence of having graduated within October 31st, 2026;
- those admitted with “provisional admission”, by December 31st, 2026, must submit the certificate as defined under item 3) and 4).

If the documentation submitted makes it impossible to declare the foreign degree equivalent to an Italian eligible degree, the winning candidate admitted with provisional admission will not be considered eligible and will be excluded from the competition.

A good knowledge of English language is required for all candidates. Interviews of the second assessment phase will be held in English.

Article 3 Admission applications

Applications can only be made online through the Reserved Area using the following UniSR link (<https://univr.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>).

In order to be admitted to the selection Italian citizens, EU and non-EU citizens must pay € 50,00 fee following the instructions indicated on the online registration form.

Please note that payment fee alone does not imply that the candidate has registered correctly to the selection unless all the steps indicated in the form have been fulfilled. The fee will not be reimbursed under any circumstances if the candidate does not participate in the admission selection, regardless of the reason.

Registration for the competition consists of four steps:

1. Registration of personal data;
2. Login to the website through the appropriate link;
3. Online payment of the fee for the chosen competition;

4. Filling out the application form and uploading the required documentation.

Upon submitting the application, the candidate will receive a confirmation email acknowledging that the application has been successfully submitted.

Registration and application for the procedure will open at 1:00 pm June 5th, 2026, and will close 1:00 pm July 7th, 2026.

Please note that all time indications in this call refer to the local time in Italy.

Please be aware that each candidate is responsible for the details they indicate during the registration, application and enrollment procedures. In case of untruthful data, the candidate will be excluded from the final ranking list and, therefore, from the possibility to be enrolled. The University administration will perform checks on the information provided by the candidates.

The application must be filled out and submitted exclusively using the electronic form provided through the link available after registration of personal data. It is drawn up as a self-certification, pursuant to art. 46 and 47 of DPR 445/2000 and ss.mm. and is valid as such for all purposes of law.

The documents uploaded relating to the academic degree awarded, must be drawn up as self-certifications according to the relevant above-mentioned law.

In the application candidates will provide all the information required in the online form.

The candidate must declare any enrollment in another degree in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 33 of April 12th, 2022, and Ministerial Decree No. 930 of July 29th, 2022. In this case, the candidate must provide an appropriate self-certification indicating the degree in which they are enrolled, the year, the University of enrollment and the training program.

It is up to the Academic Board to assess the admissibility of double enrollment based on the cultural coherence of the two courses, on the time commitment and the distance between the locations.

The candidate must:

- 1) indicate any interest (optional) for the three-year project-based fellowship available. Please remember that the project-based fellowship chosen **will represent the absolute 1st choice.**
Please also note that this fellowship can be assigned ONLY to those who selected them in the application form (see art. 4.3).
- 2) commit to immediately notify any change of permanent address and/or personal data relevant to the purposes of the selection process;
- 3) declare to be aware that the admission to the PhD Course involves an exclusive, full-time commitment to the assigned research project, and declare to attend the educational and/or research activities of the PhD Course with full commitment.

The list of the projects for A.Y. 2026/2027 is available at the following link: <https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/psicologia/post-lauream/dottorato/scienze-cognitive-comportamentali>.

In the application the candidate will also indicate up to two referees, as per article 4.1, letter c) of this call.

Referees will receive an automatic email having attached:

- the form for the reference letter (**Annex 1**);
- the link to upload the letter.

The Referees must upload the reference letters (drawn up according to the form **Annex 1**) on the website through the link received via email, **within 2 days from the deadline for submission of application by the candidates, therefore within July 9th, 2026.**

Reference letters will be rejected if they are not drafted according to the form "**Annex 1**" or not fully completed in all their parts or submitted with methods different from the ones described above.

Applications that do not include letters of reference are also considered eligible for the selection process for the admission to the PhD Course, but please be aware that the reference letters received will be relevant for the assessment.

Reference letters will not be viewable by the candidate.

Candidates are responsible for the data submitted. They can contact the referee(s) to request the letter and to check that it is sent directly to the PhD Office within the deadlines and according to the procedures set out in this call.

The PhD Office will not solicit the submission of the letters.

The application (*submitted through the electronic form*) can be filled out either in Italian or English.

After submitting the online application, the candidate will submit the following documentation in separated **PDF files** through the same online registration system:

- Duly signed Application Form;
- A self-certification according to the relevant DPR 445/00 of the Bachelor's Degree indicating the graduation mark or a copy of a certificate or a copy of the diploma supplement issued by the University in which the degree was obtained accompanied by substitutive declarations of affidavit;
- A self-certification according to the relevant DPR 445/00 of the Master's Degree (according both to the old and new Italian regulation) indicating the passed exams and graduation mark or a copy of a certificate or a copy of the diploma supplement issued by the University in which the degree was obtained accompanied by substitutive declarations of affidavit;
- A copy of a valid identification document;
- the abstract of the Master's Degree thesis, according both to the old and new Italian

- regulation (in Italian or in English);
- **ONLY** for candidates admitted "*sub condicione*"
 - ✚ who have not yet graduated when submitting the online application: a self-certification stating that all the exams required for graduation (Master's Degree) **have been passed** as well as **the list of the exams** taken including the relative marks and the **WEIGHTED AVERAGE** of all grades;
 - ✚ **ONLY** for candidates who are enrolled in their last year of a Residency Program a self-certification stating that they will finish the Program by March 15th, 2027;
 - **In the case of manuscripts accepted for publication but not yet available in the public databases**, letter of acceptance by the editors.

It is specified that any additional documentation, other than that expressly required, will not be taken into account for the evaluation of qualifications or for determining the score for the first stage of the selection process.

Moreover, candidates holding a foreign academic qualification, which has not yet received a declaration of equivalence to an Italian degree, will submit with the application any document that may be useful for the Admission Committee to declare its equivalent, as set forth by article 2 of this call.

Please use Annex 2 at the bottom of this call to fill out **self-certifications**.

The following will not be accepted:

- Incomplete applications and/or submitted after the deadline will not be taken into consideration;
- Certificates/Diploma Supplements unless the candidate provides a self-declaration which states that the copy complies with the original document;
- Self-certifications according to the relevant DPR 445/00 not duly signed.

In case a candidate attests other circumstances provided for by Articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/00, he shall avail himself of what is set forth in Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/00, as amended and integrated, governing substitute declarations by using **Annex 2**.

Candidates with disabilities, pursuant to Law no. 104 of February 5th, 1992, as well as candidates with temporary disabilities of any kind, can make an explicit request, in relation to their disability or incapacity, for the necessary aids, as well as to any additional necessary time to be able to take the test specified in this Call for Application.

Candidates falling within the scope of the Law no. 170 of October 8th, 2010, dealing with new rules on specific learning disabilities in the school environment, will be able to request the benefits provided by the Ministerial Decree no. 5669 of the Ministry of University and Research of July 12th, 2011. These requests, duly accompanied by a specific medical certificate, must be sent to the e-mail address inclusion@univr.it by the deadline for the submission of applications set out in this Call.

It should also be noted that candidates diagnosed with specific learning disabilities, pursuant to law no. 170/2010, must attach suitable certification issued by National Health Service (NHS) structures or by specialists and structures accredited by the same, for no more than 3 years if carried out when underage.

The Inclusion Service will respond to each request to the candidate's e-mail address.

Article 4 Procedure for the Admission to the PhD Course

Admission to the PhD Course consist in a two-stage comparative evaluation procedure as defined below.

For the purposes of the final ranking, which will be expressed on a scale of 100 points, up to a maximum of 60 points can be awarded to the submitted qualifications, the information on the candidate's education and research experience as provided in the application, and the candidate's references, in accordance with the criteria established by the Admission Committee in a dedicated meeting. Up to a maximum of 40 points may be awarded for the second stage of the evaluation.

The final rankings will be published as indicated below and they will show the score, the name and surname and the birthdate of the candidates.

4.1. First assessment phase

This phase is carried out by the Committee and does not require the presence of the candidates. It concerns the evaluation of:

- a) The qualifications submitted as described above and namely:
 - information declared in the electronic form;
 - degree (5-year degree, as per old Italian regulation, Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree) and graduation mark (including BD mark);
 - any publication on international journals or submission of abstracts at conferences;
- b) The written dissertation describing the candidates' research interests;
- c) The reference letters submitted by recognised scientific or academic experts mentioned by the candidates in the application form. These authoritative personalities acknowledge the scientific qualities of the candidates by virtue of their institutional tasks (as per **Annex 1**).

Based on the documents received, the Committee will proceed to the first evaluation phase, i.e. the comparative assessment of the candidates' qualifications according to pre-established assessment criteria.

The Admission Committee will compile the ranking of the first assessment phase.

Only candidates who have obtained a score higher than or equal to 50% of the maximum score for the academic qualification (60 points) will be admitted to the second phase, as per Art. 4.1, items a), b), c).

The ranking of the first assessment phase will be published on the online Albo d'Ateneo [University Board], and/or on the University website (<https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/psicologia/post-lauream/dottorato/scienze-cognitive-comportamentali>) at least three days before the start of the second phase of the selection. The publication on the websites and/or boards shall be considered the official notice.

The candidates eligible for the second phase will have to choose one scientific publication, among the three selected by the Committee to discuss during the interview. These publications will be provided before the second evaluation phase.

Upon publication of the list, and for information purposes only, candidates eligible for the second assessment stage will receive a communication to the email address indicated in the application form. Failure to receive the email will constitute valid grounds for missing the subsequent assessment stages.

4.2. Second assessment phase

This phase consists of a scientific and aptitude interview held in English, which may be conducted via video conference, with the Admission Committee in accordance with the assessment criteria previously established by the Committee.

The interview will mainly assess the general and specific qualifications of the candidates, the ability to analyse and discuss one of the papers provided by the Committee in the days before the interviews, their motivation for pursuing the PhD Course and their further professional research development. Since it will be held in English, it also represents a language test.

During the interview the candidate will need to show one of the following identification documents: identity card, driving licence, passport or any other document issued by a State authority and provided for by law with a photograph and a stamp or another equivalent marking.

Candidates unable to take the interview at UniSR can ask the Committee to do it via video conferencing. Upon assessment of the request, the Committee can authorise or deny the interview via video conference.

At the end of the second assessment phase, the Admission Committee will fill in a final ranking based on a comparative assessment of the candidates and evaluation criteria established preliminarily.

Candidates with a final score lower than 60% of the total score (100 points) will be considered non-eligible.

In case of equal qualification of two or more candidates, the younger candidate will be preferred.

Fellowships will be assigned based on the personal financial situation, determined pursuant to art.8 comma 4 of D.P.C.M. 5/12/2013 n.159, to the candidate with the lower ISEE for services

related to the PhD Courses (immediate family). For the purposes of the ranking or in the case of equal ISEE, the younger candidate will be preferred.

The final ranking will be published on the online Albo d'Ateneo [University Board] and/or on the University website (<https://www.univr.it/en/offerta-formativa/psicologia/post-lauream/dottorato/scienze-cognitive-comportamentali>) The publication on the websites and/or boards of the enrollment instructions shall be considered an official notice for all purposes.

4.3. Assignment of the fellowships and of the positions without fellowship

Fellowships are assigned on the basis of the candidate's position in the final ranking and of the preference expressed in the application at the time of submitting the application.

There will be only one final ranking, which will be updated after each withdrawal and/or forfeiture.

Renouncing a project-based fellowship involves the definitive exclusion from the selection.

Renouncing a fellowship

A candidate can decline a fellowship and maintain the position won only if the candidate already benefits from another type of fellowship (e.g. European research fellowships), or a research grant that guarantees the three-years coverage of the PhD fellowship. In this case the fellowship is assigned to the first eligible candidate for a position without fellowship.

At the time of publication of the final ranking list, for information purposes only, the candidates who can proceed with the online enrollment will receive the communication also via e-mail to the e-mail address indicated at the time of submission of the application. Failure to receive the above e-mail cannot shall not constitute a valid motivation for a missed enrollment.

The assignment of positions is made according to the order of the ranking and to the preference expressed. The award process shall consist of three distinct assignment phases.

The ranking is compiled based on the assignments and on any withdrawal that may occur at each stage, always considering the preferences expressed by the candidates and the order of the preference.

The positions are assigned in the following order:

- a) **First phase** - one three-year project-based fellowships, assigned to the candidate who selected it in the application form;
- b) **Second phase** - 4 three-year fellowships;
- c) **Third phase** - 1 position without fellowship.

All candidates awarded a position (with or without fellowship) must proceed with the registration according to the procedures set forth by article 6 of this call.

After the deadlines for the enrollment, candidates who have not complied with the requirements shall be deemed to have renounced their position. These candidates will be replaced by other candidates according to the order of the ranking. Also, these candidates

must meet the deadlines previously mentioned as for the assignment of the projects.

Article 5 Admission Committee

Having consulted the PhD Course Coordinator, the Rector appoints by Decree the Committee in charge of the comparative assessment of the candidates.

The Committee is composed by the Course Coordinator, the Vice-Coordinator and four members, one of whom must be external to UniSR and the IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital. They are proposed by the PhD Course Coordinator.

Except for the Coordinator and the Vice-Coordinator, individuals who, as supervisors, have submitted one or more projects funded with their own funding may not be members of the Admission Committee.

Article 6 Instructions to enroll in the courses

The candidates awarded with a fellowship shall proceed to complete the enrollment within the two working following days after the publication of the ranking list.

The candidate awarded without fellowship must complete enrollment within five days following the conclusion of the first allocation phase, as specified in Article 4.3. The PhD Office shall notify each candidate by email of the closure of the first allocation phase.

The formalization of the enrollment must be completed through your own dedicated reserved area, in the appropriate page of UNISR website, using the login credentials obtained when submitting the application for the Call for admission (<https://univr.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>).

All candidates shall complete the enrollment procedure within the second working day from the online enrollment.

Candidates who will have to proceed with the registration will receive, for information purposes only, a specific communication via e-mail to the e-mail address indicated during the submission of the application. Failure to receive this email message will not be considered as an objection for the missed enrollment to the PhD.

If candidates fail to proceed with online registration within the set deadlines or do not complete the enrollment by the above deadline, they shall be deemed to have withdrawn and shall lose their right to enroll.

By filling out the online application, candidates will also declare:

- Not to be enrolled in a medical area Residency Programs for MD's. In such case the candidate should commit to stop attending it before this PhD Course starts or alternatively to be enrolled in the last year of the Residency health area program reserved for doctors and to obtain the degree by March 15th, 2027;
- To acknowledge that the admission to the PhD Course demands an exclusive, full-time commitment to the assigned research project and to attend the educational and research activities necessary to carry out the PhD Course with full commitment;

- To be awarded no other fellowship from a PhD Course;
- To receive no other fellowship granted for any reason, with exception of those granted by Italian or foreign institutions that are intended to integrate the PhD student research activity abroad.

Candidates who completed the online enrollment will have to complete the enrollment procedure within two working days from the online enrollment. They must log in again to the reserved personal area, and, from the Menu, they must select "enrollment", then click on the link "Upload documents to complete the online enrollment", and so upload the following documents:

1. The Enrollment Request form that can be downloaded at the end of the online enrollment procedure, duly completed and signed;
2. A copy of the receipt of the payment of the first instalment of the annual tuition fee for the admission to and attendance of the course (please refer to Art. 10 below). Payment should be made with the online MAV, which the candidate can download at the end of the online enrollment procedure;
3. Formal acceptance letter by the Head of the laboratory;
4. Photocopy of both sides of a valid identity document;
5. The additional documentation asked by the PhD Office as required by the University procedure as far as the management of PhD courses;
6. The documents that candidates admitted to the selection "sub condicione" were unable to submit during the application for the admission procedure (see Art. 2 herein).

After the upload of the documents, the candidate must click on the "Confirm and Close" button, and the PhD Office will provide the confirmation of the enrollment within the next two working days.

If the candidate does not upload the required documents or does not complete the payment of the first fee instalment and contributions, within two working days after the online registration, they will be deemed to have renounced and will lose their right to enroll. No justification for the delay will be considered. This vacancy will be available for other candidates according to the order of the ranking of admitted candidates and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 4.3 above.

The beginning of the PhD and/or the payment of the first monthly fellowship may be postponed, with respect to what is communicated by the PhD Office, only for justified and verifiable reasons.

Candidates who win a three-year fellowship and who have declared that they are enrolled in the last year of a Residency Program and that they will obtain the title March 15th, 2027, must enroll online, complete the enrollment following the modality and deadlines and send the documents enlisted at points 1) to 6) of this article. The PhD will begin at the end of the Residency Program.

Only for those winners of these positions, failure to obtain the Residency Program degree, or to pass the year, in the stated/expected time implies the forfeiture of the status of PhD student.

Non-EU candidates awarded with a position and applying for a Visa will have to:

- enroll online as indicated in this article;
- complete the enrollment within the two subsequent working days and submit the documents as indicated at point 1) and 6) of this Article.

Please note that non-EU candidates residing abroad must complete the pre-enrollment procedure on the University portal in order to apply for a study visa, in accordance with the procedures and deadlines established by the Ministry of University and Research.

The PhD Office will consider the enrollment procedure completed once the candidate provides proof of obtaining a Visa. This must occur within five months from the online enrollment. Failure to meet this deadline will lead to the result in the loss of the position awarded.

Regarding the prerogatives of the public employees admitted to the PhD program, please refer to the current legislation and the Regulations for PhD Courses of UniSR.

Article 7 Awarding of the PhD title

PhD students may be admitted to obtain the title after the expiry of the legal duration of the PhD Course, which is three years, or after the expiration of any extension period requested and authorized pursuant to the University Regulations.

The procedures for obtaining the degree are detailed in the University Regulation governing the PhD Courses and in the Courses operating procedure.

Article 8 Obligations and rights of the PhD students

Each year, an educational program is established, comprising theoretical and/or practical courses, lessons, and seminar activities held by experts that may or may not be members of the PhD Committee.

Without prejudice to the PhD students' rights, pursuant to the regulations in force, the PhD Course demands an exclusive, full-time commitment to the assigned research project, and the PhD students will attend courses, seminars and workshops as indicated in the University regulation concerning the PhD Courses. Participation in and attendance at these activities will be certified.

All PhD students will undergo an annual examination conducted by the Course PhD committee and aimed at certifying the completion of all the activities scheduled for the ending year. As indicated in the University procedures for the management of the PhD Courses, the renewal of the fellowships is subject to the positive result of this examination. The management procedures of the annual assessment are detailed in the University regulations concerning the PhD courses.

In addition to what is established in case of failure to pass the annual examination and upon advice from the Academic Board, the Course Coordinator can propose to the Rector, a temporary suspension or exclusion of the PhD student. This must occur with a justified deliberation and after consulting the interested person and be the consequence of unjustified and prolonged absences or infringement of the regulations of the PhD Courses; without prejudice to any further provisions set forth in the UniSR Disciplinary Regulations.

Only during the legal duration of the Course, students have the right to attend educational and research activities at scientific institutes or laboratories, even abroad, according to the rules and timing established by the Supervisor and, anyway, for maximum 12 months, except in the case of a thesis in cotutelle where this period can be extended to 18 months.

The PhD course Coordinator has the responsibility to explain to the PhD Students their duties and rights.

Article 9 Fellowships

The annual amount of the fellowship is €18,000.00, subject to the INPS [Italian Social Security] separate management contribution, according to the regulations in force.

The total fellowship duration is three years. However, it is renewed annually upon successful completion of the annual review. The PhD student must have completed all the activities planned for the previous year, pursuant to the PhD Courses operating procedures.

All PhD students (including those without a fellowship) may apply for an allocation for periods of research to be carried out abroad.

PhD students awarded with a three-years fellowship who spend a research period abroad will have their fellowship increased by 50% for a maximum of 12 months.

In any case, the scholarship supplement for periods spent abroad is not granted during any extension year or during the period between the end of the official duration of the PhD Course and the completion of the degree.

As for PhD students without fellowship, the amount is based on the duration of the research period and on the Curriculum. The grant must be used as a refund for travel expenses.

PhD students without fellowship are also granted a budget for activity abroad. The amount is based on the duration of the research period and on the Curriculum. The grant must be used as a refund for travel expenses.

Each year excluded any period of extension, all PhD students are granted a budget covering research activity in Italy and abroad, in addition to the fellowship and based on the available financial resources. The said budget shall be adequate to type of course and shall amount to at least 10% of the fellowship.

Budget not used within the legal duration of the Course may not be used during the possible period of extension or in the time between the end of the legal duration of the Course and the award of the title.

Fellowships cannot be combined with other fellowships, granted for any reason, with exception of those granted by Italian or foreign institutions that are useful to integrate the PhD student research activity by means of periods abroad.

Since the enrollment in the PhD Course demands an exclusive, full-time commitment to the assigned research project, it is not compatible with full-time collaborations (both permanent and fixed-term contract). Other employment contracts will be evaluated by the Course PhD committee or by the Course Coordinator delegated for this purpose.

Furthermore, the fellowship cannot be combined with other research grants ("assegni di ricerca").

The fellowship starts upon the effective commencement of attendance, unless otherwise agreed upon and approved by the PhD Office.

The payment of the fellowship is made in deferred monthly instalments.

Those who have previously attended (even at another University) a PhD Course receiving a fellowship and eventually obtained the title, may be admitted to a new Course not covered by a fellowship, after passing the Assessment phase. On the contrary, those who have previously attended (even at another University) a PhD Course receiving a fellowship without eventually obtaining the title, may be admitted to a new Course covered by a fellowship, after passing the Assessment phase. The fellowship, upon presentation of appropriate documentation proving the partial receipt of the fellowship for the PhD Course previously attended, will be re-calculated on the basis of the difference between the legal duration of the Course and the monthly amount already received.

Benefits (regional fellowships for PhD Students without a fellowship or research fellowship) will be implemented in accordance with what is provided by the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of April 9th 2001 – "Uniformity of treatment as regards the right to attend university studies", pursuant to Art. 4 of Law no. 390 of December 2nd 1991, as amended by Italian Legislative Decree no. 68 of March 29th 2012, and the resolutions of the Lombardia Region.

The fellowships are IRPEF [personal income tax] exempt, pursuant to Art. 4 of Law no. 476 of August 13th, 1984.

Article 10 Contributions to access and attend courses

All PhD students are required to pay €1,690.00 for insurance against accidents and third-party liability, duty stamp, regional tax and contributions for admission to and attendance at the courses.

The sums to be paid may be subject to change at the time of enrollment in the following years.

The fees are to be paid in two instalments that are divided as follows for the first year:

- The first payment is € 950 to be paid at the time of enrollment;
- The second payment is € 740 to be paid by February 28th, 2027.

Article 11 Processing of personal data

Pursuant to CE Regulation no. 679 of the European Parliament and the Council of 27th April 27th, 2016, concerning the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data, and in accordance with the free circulation of such data and Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003, University commits to guarantee the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidates. All personal data provided will be processed only for the purpose of the selection and for possible management of the relationship with the University, in accordance with the regulations in force.

Those who apply for admission to the PhD Program, pursuant to this call, are required to read the information on the processing of personal data (**Annex 3**) which describes the information collected, the reasons for the processing of personal data and candidate rights.

Article 12 Reference regulations

For anything that is not covered by this Call for Applications, reference is made to Italian Ministerial Decree no. 226 of 14/12/2021 ("Regulations on the methods of accreditation of the PhD Courses and sites and criteria to be followed by the accredited bodies to start PhD Courses"), to the Regulation for PhD Courses of the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University and to the laws and regulations governing PhD Courses.

This Call for Applications, drafted in Italian and English, has been published on the online noticeboard of the University, on the European website Euraxess, and on the website of the Ministry, the online Albo d'Ateneo and/or the University website (<https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/psicologia/post-lauream/dottorato/scienze-cognitive-comportamentali>).

Please be advised that the Italian version of this Call for Applications is the only legal means of communication of the relative contents and in case of dispute, the Italian version shall prevail.

Article 13 Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of August 7th, 1990, as amended and integrated, the person in charge for the administrative procedure for this call is Dr Cristina Cerutti – PhD Office –UniSR, via Olgettina 58, 20132 Milan – Italy.

Milan, May 28th, 2026

The Rector
Prof. Enrico Gherlone



La presente lettera può essere compilata in italiano o in inglese/
This application may be filled out in Italian or in English
Per risultare ammissibile, il presente allegato va compilato in ogni sua parte/
In order to be admissible, Annex 1 must be filled in all its parts

Per favore, scriva un giudizio sulla/sul Candidato/a e sull'esperienza nell'ambito della ricerca (se preferisce può scrivere una lettera su carta intestata e allegarla al presente modulo)

Please write an assessment of the Candidate and his/her research activity (you may write a separate letter and attach it to this form):

Firma/Signature:

Data / Date:

La ringraziamo per la sua valutazione

Thank you for completing this evaluation.

Per favore, inviare la valutazione entro il 9 luglio 2026.

Please return this form within July 9th, 2026.

La valutazione deve essere caricata sul sito tramite il link ricevuto via e-mail.

You must upload the reference letter on the website through the link received in the email.

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Riferimento della/del Candidato/a e della/del Referente Applicant and Referee details			
Nome della/del Candidato/a <i>Name of Applicant</i>			
Corso di Dottorato per cui ha presentato domanda <i>PhD Course for which the applicant has applied</i>		Corso di Dottorato di Ricerca in Scienze Cognitive e Comportamentali <i>PhD Course in Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences</i>	
Nome del Referente <i>Name of Referee</i>		Titolo <i>Title</i>	
Affiliazione <i>Institution /Organisation</i>			
Email			
Phone			

Reference for UniSR graduate application				
La Coordinatrice del Corso di Dottorato apprezzerrebbe una sua valutazione del candidato <i>The Coordinator of the PhD Course will appreciate your evaluation of the applicant's capacity.</i>				
Per quanto tempo ha supervisionato la/il Candidato/a <i>How long have you known the applicant?</i>				
In quale veste ha conosciuto la/il candidato/a <i>In what capacity have you known the applicant?</i>				
Per favore, valuti la/il Candidato/a confrontandolo con altri studenti da lei supervisionati (laureandi dal vostro istituto o attuali studenti senior presso l'istituto): <i>Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students known to you (either undergraduates from your institution or current senior students at your institute):</i>				
	Sotto media/ <i>below average</i>	Media/ <i>average</i>	Sopra la media/ <i>Above the average</i>	Molto sopra la media/ <i>Much above the average</i>
ATTITUDINE ALLA RICERCA/RESEARCH SKILLS		Nel/on 50%	Nel/on 25%	Nel/on 10%
Potenziale Accademico / Academic potential				
Capacità di ragionare in modo indipendente: creatività, curiosità, fiducia nelle proprie idee <i>Intellectual independence: creativity, curiosity, self-confidence</i>				
Capacità di giudizio: capacità di valutare una problematica, consapevolezza, determinazione <i>Capacity for analytical thinking: ability to analyse a problem, consciousness and determination.</i>				
Attitudine alla ricerca: capacità pratiche e di comunicazione <i>Research skills: bench work, scientific communication</i>				
Motivazione / Motivation for graduate study				
SOCIALE/SOCIAL				
Maturità / Maturity				
Affidabilità: senso di responsabilità <i>Reliability: dependability and responsibility</i>				
Capacità di lavorare in gruppo <i>Ability to work with others</i>				
Note: Non compilare se impossibilitati ad esprimere un giudizio / Note: leave blank if unable to assess				

Firma/Signature:

Data / Date

DICHIARAZIONI SOSTITUTIVE DI CERTIFICAZIONI/ *Substitute declarations of certification*
(art. 46 D.P.R. n. 445/00)
(art. 46 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/00)

DICHIARAZIONI SOSTITUTIVE DELL'ATTO DI NOTORIETÀ/ *Substitute declaration of affidavit*
(art. 47 D.P.R. n. 445/00)
(art. 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/00)

La presente domanda può essere compilata in italiano o in inglese/ This application may be filled out in Italian or in English.

Il/La sottoscritto/a / *The undersigned*

Cognome/Last name

Nome/Name

Codice Fiscale/n° Passaporto (Tax Code/Passport Number)

Nato a/Place of birth (prov./province) Il/on Sesso/Gender

Attualmente residente a /Currently resident at (prov./province)

Indirizzo / Address n./Street Number C.a.p./Postcode

Telefono/Phone number: prefisso/dialling code..... Numero/Number

consapevole che le dichiarazioni mendaci sono punite ai sensi del Codice Penale e delle leggi speciali in materia, secondo le disposizioni richiamate dall'articolo 76 del D.P.R. 445 del 28 dicembre 2000 / *being aware that false declarations will be subject to the penalties set out by the Italian Civil Code and the relevant Italian laws governing this subject matter, according to Art. 76 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000*)

Dichiara/ Hereby declares:

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Il sottoscritto dichiara di avere letto l'informativa di cui all'art. 13 del Regolamento CE n. 679 del Parlamento Europeo e del Consiglio del 27 aprile 2016 e del D.Lgs. 30 giugno 2003, n. 196 e resa nel bando di concorso ed esprime il proprio consenso affinché i dati personali e sensibili forniti possano essere trattati con le modalità e per le finalità ivi indicate/ *I hereby declare to have read the information under the art. 13 of CE Regulation n. 679 dated April 27, 2016 and the Italian Law Decree no. 196/03 and indicated in the call for applications, and hereby agree to the processing of my personal and sensitive data according to the methods and for the purposes described therein.*

Data/Date

Il dichiarante/Signature.....

Processing of personal data

Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, with registered office in Milan, Via Olgettina 58, tax code 97187560152 (hereinafter the “**University**”) undertakes to constantly protect the personal data of data subjects, in accordance with the provisions of Reg. (EU) 2016/679 (hereinafter the “**Regulation**” or “**GDPR**”) and of Italian Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 (hereinafter the “**Data Protection Code**”).

DATA CONTROLLER AND DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

The Data Controller is Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

In accordance with the provisions **(i)** of the Regulation (see article 37) and **(ii)** of the CODAU University Administration Association Guidelines, the University has designated GSD SISTEMI E SERVIZI S.C.A.R.L. as its Data Protection Officer (hereinafter “DPO”).

The professional nominated by GSD to serve as DPO is Giorgio Presepio.

The DPO is at data subjects' service for any information regarding the University's personal data processing operations.

The contacts of the Data Controller and DPO are as follows:

Data Controller's email: titolare.privacy@univr.it

DPO's email: privacy@univr.it

CATEGORIES AND TYPES OF DATA PROCESSED AND PURPOSES OF THE PROCESSING

The personal data which you contribute – personal details, contacts, data concerning your academic/educational career, financial data and health data (all together defined as “Personal Data”) – are processed for purposes relating solely to the process of selection for and admission to the university course for which you have applied.

Data will be processed in accordance with art. 6, para 1, point e) of the GDPR and, with regard to health data, in accordance with art. 9, para 2, point g). Except for your special categories of data, your personal data may be disseminated through the online publication of the student rankings as indicated in art. 5 of this call.

COMPULSORY NATURE OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF DATA AND STORAGE TIMES

The contribution of the Personal Data requested is compulsory and in case of failure to contribute them it will be impossible to proceed with the selection process.

The Personal Data acquired will be stored for a period of 1 year from the end of the selection, after which your data will be completely anonymised.

DATA PROCESSING PROCEDURES

Personal Data are processed using manual and automated tools, by methods strictly correlated to the relative purposes, by means of appropriate security measures and for the period of time required by the current regulatory framework.

DISCLOSURE OF DATA

Your Personal Data will not be disseminated except as for art. 5 of this call. This will, however, not apply if the disclosure or dissemination of your Personal Data is required, in accordance with the law, by public authorities for the purposes of defence, security or the prevention, investigation or repression of crimes, or by public entities (government bodies, ministries, Inland Revenue, pension and welfare institutions, public health surveillance organisations and the police) in accordance with legal obligations. The aforesaid will usually operate as independent Data Controllers for their respective processing operations.

DATA PROCESSOR

Your Personal Data may be disclosed to the providers of services strictly related to and necessary for the Data Controller's operations, normally acting as data processors under art. 28 of the GDPR. The full list may be requested from the Data Controller at any time by writing to the contacts provided above.

AUTHORISED PROCESSORS

Your Personal Data may be processed by staff of the departments assigned to pursue the purposes set out above, who have been specifically authorised to process them and have received appropriate operating instructions in accordance with the provisions of art. 29 of the GDPR.

TRANSFER OF PERSONAL DATA

Personal data acquired by the University will not be transferred outside the EU.

RIGHTS OF DATA SUBJECTS

Data subjects are entitled to apply to the University, at any time, for access to their personal data, or for their rectification or erasure, or to object to their processing in the circumstances envisaged by art. 20 of the Regulation, and are entitled to request the restriction of processing in the circumstances covered by art. 18 of the Regulation, and to obtain the personal data concerning them in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format (portability) in the circumstances envisaged by art. 20 of the Regulation.

Requests must be sent in writing, by email to the Data Controller and the DPO.

Data subjects are entitled at all times to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority (Italian Personal Data Protection Authority), under art. 77 of the Regulation, if they believe that their data are being processed in breach of the current law.

