

Call for Applications for admission to the International PhD Course in Molecular Medicine¹

RECTORAL DECREE NO. 10071

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 August 2nd, 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 Rector’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 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 PhD Courses is subject to the formal adoption of the accreditation decree;
- **Having assessed** the opportunity to start the selection procedures pending accreditation;
- **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.

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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Article 1 Institution

Vita-Salute San Raffaele University of Milan (hereinafter "UniSR") announces the XLII cycle of the **International PhD Course in Molecular Medicine** (hereinafter the "Course") for the academic year 2026/2027, with administrative headquarters at UniSR.

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

The Course Coordinator is **Prof. Alessandra Bolino**.

The Course consists of the following Curricula:

- Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Basic and Applied Immunology and Oncology
- Experimental and Clinical Medicine
- Neuroscience and Experimental Neurology
- Gene and Cell Therapy

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

The following **41 positions** will be assigned through the present Call:

5 positions without fellowship

36 positions with fellowships divided as follows:

2 three-year fellowships named FCSR-Fronzaroli (called in the application form **Fronzaroli X** where X is a sequential number linked to the project), intended for candidates who choose one of the projects accredited for this type of fellowship. The list of accredited projects and the corresponding affiliated curricula can be found on the webpage (<https://www.unisr.it/offerta-formativmedicina-chirurgipost-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>).

Accredited projects, if not assigned to those who selected the **FCSR-Fronzaroli** fellowships as their preference, may be chosen by candidates awarded three-year fellowships and positions without fellowship.

6 two-year fellowships PhS to be awarded to students who will be enrolled, during the A.Y. 2026/2027, in the last year of one of the medical area of the Residency Programs reserved for M.D.s. Applicants can ONLY choose projects submitted in the Residency Program they are enrolled in if attended in UniSR, or for projects related to UniSR Residency Program equivalent to one in which they are enrolled in a different University

The fellowships are divided as follows:

PhS two-year fellowships: **3**

Project-based PhS two-year fellowships: **3** for carrying out the following projects in the indicated curricula. The description of the projects is available on the UniSR website: <https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>.

Curriculum: Clinical and Experimental Medicine

Project 1 (**ECM_PhS1**): *Integrative Biomarker Discovery to Optimize Precision Medicine in Breast Cancer*

Supervisor: Prof. Giampaolo Bianchini
Residency program in Medical Oncology
Unit: Medical Oncology

Donation in memory of Mrs. Carmelina Ratto and Mr. Carlo Capra.

Project 2 (**ECM_PhS2**): *Development of a translational pipeline for patient-derived iPSC generation in type 1 diabetes: from clinical recruitment and source cell procurement to automation and GMP-oriented process development*

Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Piemonti
Residency program in Internal Medicine
Unit: Regenerative Medicine and Transplant Unit

Project 3 (**ECM_PhS3**): *Integrating Continuous Glucose Monitoring with Immune-Molecular Profiling for Risk Stratification in Pre-Symptomatic Type 1 Diabetes*

Supervisor: Prof. Patrizia Rovere Querini
Residency program in Internal Medicine
Unit: General Medicine 2 – Metabolic Health and Aging / Laboratory of Innate Immunity and Tissue Remodeling, IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital”

Financing body: Fondazione Bongianino

7 three-year fellowships

21 funded three-year project-based fellowships

The details of the projects are listed below while the description is available on the UniSR website: <https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>.

The **21** funded three-year project-based fellowships are divided among the 5 curricula as follows:

Curriculum: Cellular and Molecular Biology

Project-based fellowship: **4** for the following project:

Project 1 (CMB1): *Understanding and targeting the DUX4-r oncogenic pathway*

Supervisor: Dr. Davide Gabellini

Unit: Gene Expression Regulation

Financing body: AIRC

Project code: IG 31961

Project title: Reducing toxicity after breast cancer Radiotherapy through predictive models and care personalization

Project 2 (CMB2): *Single molecule analysis and targeting of oncosuppressive dynamical switches*

Supervisor: Prof. Davide Mazza

Unit: Imaging of Gene Regulation

Financing body: MUR- Financing Program: FIS3

Project code: FIS-2024-07788

Project title: Single molecule analysis and targeting of oncosuppressive dynamical switches - CUP: D53C25002500001

Project 3 (CMB3): *Control of transcription by p53 dynamics: from cell states to cell fates*

Supervisor: Prof. Davide Mazza

Unit: Chromatin Dynamics Unit

Financing body: MUR- Financing Program: FIS3

Project code: FIS-2024-07788

Title: Single molecule analysis and targeting of oncosuppressive dynamical switches - CUP: D53C25002500001

Project 4 (CMB4): *Improving KRAS blockage-based treatments in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Models*

Supervisor: Dr. Marina Macchini

Unit: Medical Oncology

Curriculum: Basic and Applied Immunology and Oncology

Project-based fellowships: **2** for the following projects:

Project 1 (BAIO1): *Computational dissection of dendritic cell-CD8 T-cell circuits in hot and cold tumor microenvironments*

Supervisor: Dr. Francesco Andreata
Unit: Dynamic of Immune Responses

Financing body: MUR- Financing Program: FIS2

Project code: FIS-2023-01388

Title: How Dendritic Cells Shape anti-Tumor Adaptive immune Response - CUP: H53C24001520001

Project 2 (BAIO2): *Computational Analysis of autoreactive TCR Repertoires in Inflammatory Neuropathies*

Supervisor: Dr. Daniela La Torre
Unit: Neuro-Immune Interactions Unit

Financing body: European Commission - Financing Program: ERC-2024-CoG

Project code: 101170262

Title: AUTO-T-NERVES Title: Deciphering autoreactive T cell immunity in human inflammatory peripheral neuropathies

Curriculum: Experimental and Clinical Medicine

Project-based fellowships: **12** for the following projects:

Project 1 (ECMI): *Development and Clinical Validation of Multi-Omics Biomarkers for Personalized Risk Stratification in Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms (IPMNs)*

Supervisor: Prof. Stefano Crippa
Unit: Division of Pancreatic Surgery, Pancreas Translational & Clinical Research Center

Financing body: AIRC

Project code: Next Gen Clinician Scientist 30152

Title: A novel integrated approach to risk stratification of intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms of the pancreas

Project 2 (ECM2): *Advanced computational methods to assess and validate Imaging biomarkers to predict toxicities after Radiotherapy of breast cancer*

Supervisor: Dr. Claudio Fiorino
Unit: Medical Physics

Financing body: AIRC

Project code: IG 32254

Title: Advanced computational methods to assess and validate imaging biomarkers to predict toxicities after Radiotherapy for breast cancer

Project 3 (ECM3): *Advanced imaging techniques to disclose and quantify lung involvement in Systemic Sclerosis-associated Interstitial Lung Disease*

Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Dagna

Unit: Immunology, Rheumatology, Allergy and Rare Diseases (UnIRAR)

Financing body: Boehringer Ingelheim USA

Project code: SR 04/24_M

Title: Dissecting the biological effects of sGC activation on endothelial cell dysfunction in systemic sclerosis

Project 4 (ECM4): *Exploring virulence factors, antimicrobial resistance, and biofilm-forming abilities of Stenotrophomonas maltophilia: impact on clinical characteristics and outcomes*

Supervisor: Prof. Marco Ripa

Unit: Infectious Diseases

Project 5 (ECM5): *Imaging-derived body composition for quantitative phenotyping: implications for pathophysiology, clinical outcomes and contrast media administration*

Supervisor: Prof. Francesco De Cobelli

Unit: Radiology

Financing body: BAYER SpA Italia

Project 6 (ECM6): *Integrating molecular profiling and mechanobiology to guide dilation of asymptomatic strictures in Crohn's disease*

Supervisor: Prof. Silvio Danese

Unit: Department of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy

Financing body: ABBVIE srl

Project 7 (ECM7): *Redefining Clinical CT with Photon-Counting Technology: protocols optimization and cost-effectiveness*

Supervisor: Prof. Antonio Esposito

Unit: Advanced Imaging for Personalized Medicine/UO Radiologia DIMeR

Project 8 (ECM8): *Determinants of Delayed Response to Advanced Therapies in IBD: Insights from Extended Induction Strategies*

Supervisor: Dr. Sara Massironi

Unit: Department of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy

Financing body: Dr. Falk Pharma s.r.l.

Project 9 (ECM9): *Uncertainty-Aware Generative Modeling of Longitudinal Lung Nodule Evolution for Improved Risk Stratification*

Supervisor: Prof. Anna Palmisano
Unit: Emerging Bacterial Pathogens

Financing body: Porini s.r.l.

Project 10 (ECM10): *Automating Methodological Audits in Digital Oncology: A Neuro-Symbolic Multi-Agent Approach for Compliance Verification with PROBAST+AI and TRIPOD+AI Standards*

Supervisor: Prof. Anna Palmisano
Unit: Advanced Imaging for Personalized Medicine/ UO Radiologia DIMeR

Financing body: Relatech SpA

Project 11 (ECM11): *Exploring the arrhythmogenic role of apoptosis in inflammatory cardiomyopathy*

Supervisor: Dr. Giovanni Peretto
Unit: Department of Arrhythmology and Cardiac Electrophysiology

Financing body: ASUGI (supported by funds from the estate of Professor Attilio Maseri)

Project 12 (ECM12): *Single-cell and spatial dissection of eosinophil-rich ileocolitis: from eosinophilic gastrointestinal disease to inflammatory bowel*

Supervisor: Dr. Federica Ungaro
Unit: Experimental Gastroenterology Laboratory

Financing body: Giuliani Pharma S.p.A.

Curriculum: Gene and Cell Therapy

Project-based fellowships: **3** for the following projects:

Project 1 (GCT1): *Mobilization and Antibody-Mediated Conditioning: A Dual Approach to Maximize Chemotherapy-free Hematopoietic Stem Cell Therapy*

Supervisor: Dr. Omer Attya
Unit: Novel Gene Therapy Strategies Unit

Financing body: MUR- Programma di Finanziamento: FIS2

Project code: FIS-2023-02612

Title: Harnessing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Breakthroughs to Pioneer Advances in Transplantation Therapies - CUP: D53C24005410001

Project 2 (GCT2): *Identifying key regulators of human HSPCs engraftment in an in vivo hematochimeric model using a gain-of-function screen*

Supervisor: Dr. Omer Attya

Unit: Novel Gene Therapy Strategies Unit

Financing body: MUR- Programma di Finanziamento: FIS2

Project code: FIS-2023-02612

Title: Harnessing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Breakthroughs to Pioneer Advances in Transplantation Therapies - CUP: D53C24005410001

Project 3 (GCT3): *Balancing immune evasion and antiviral defense in hypoinmunogenic stem cell-derived islet therapy*

Supervisor: Dr. Raniero Chimienti

Unit: Beta Cell Biology

Financing body: Breakthrough TID

Project code: 2-SRA-2026-1930-S-B

Title: Late pre-clinical validation of safety and long-term functionality of hypoinmunogenic iPSC-derived β cells into fully humanized transgenic mouse model of Type 1 Diabetes.

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 allocation of the above positions are indicated in art. 5.

It is recommended that candidates, who intend to select a funded project-based fellowships, should contact the proposing Supervisor, possibly before submitting the application for admission to the current call, in order to have more details on the characteristics of the chosen project. Indeed, for some of them there may be specific obligations that must be followed during the course of the project.

Moreover, those who have not applied for the admission to the PhD Course within the terms indicated by this Call could 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 International PhD Course in Molecular Medicine can be submitted, regardless of age or citizenship, by those holding a 5-year University Degree (according to the old Italian regulation), a Master's 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 of 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.

In accordance with the current legislation, students who will enroll in the last year of a medical area Residency Programs reserved for M.D.s can ONLY apply for **PhS fellowships**. The admission to the Course, if in a qualifying position at the end of the competition process, is subject to a positive outcome of the matching assessment between the activities and commitment provided by the Graduate School and the PhD Course, also considering the distance between locations. This compatibility must be certified by the Council of the Graduate School and by the PhD Course's Academic Board.

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

The following candidates can apply "*sub condicione*":

- students enrolled in the last year of a Master's degree, only if they **have already taken all exams when submitting the online application, and will graduate before October 31st, 2026, whereas the beginning of the Course is fixed on 1st November 2026.** By November 15th, 2026, should graduate students admitted "*sub condicione*" win a position, they must give evidence of having graduated within October 31st, 2026.
- Residents who apply for **PhS fellowships**. If they do not pass the exam for enrollment to the last year of Residency program, will then be excluded from the PhD Course. If they are admitted to the selection "*sub condicione*" and win a position in the PhD Course, they must give evidence of enrollment in their last year of the Residency Program within the following 15 days.

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 acknowledged by the Admission Committee as being eligible for this PhD competition purpose only:

1. Copy of the original Master's Degree Diploma (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. Certificate 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 from 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 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 give evidence of having graduated within October 31st, 2026. Residents who apply for PhS fellowships must give evidence of enrollment in their last year of the Residency Program within the following 15 days.
- 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 will be held in English.

Article 3 Admission applications

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

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

Please note that the 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 to the selection 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 admission selection will open at 1:00 pm June 5th, 2026, and will close at 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 registration, application and enrollment procedures. In case of untruthful data, the candidate will be excluded from the final ranking lists and, therefore, from the possibility to be enrolled. The University administration will perform random checks on the information provided by the candidates.

The application must be filled out and submitted using the electronic form provided through the link available after the 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 any 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 he is 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, **ONLY for those entitled**, the preference for **PhS fellowships** and any interest (optional) for one of the project-based PhS two-year fellowships;
2. Indicate **FOR ALL OTHER CANDIDATES**, any interest (optional) for only **ONE** three-years project-based fellowship.

Please note that candidates intending to apply for a **FCSR-Fronzaroli** fellowship must select the project of interest—among those accredited for this type of funding—directly from the list available in the online application form for admission.

Please note that if you select a project-based fellowship, **this will be the absolute first choice** (see also article 5.3):

Please also note that PhS two-year or three-years funded project-based fellowships can be assigned in the final rankings ONLY to those who selected them when submitting the current Call for Applications for admission (see also article 5.3).

3. Commit to immediately notify any change of permanent address and/ and/or personal data relevant to the purposes of the selection process;
4. 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 International PhD Course in Molecular Medicine with full commitment.

The list of the projects for the academic year 2026/2027 is available on the UniSR website, at the following link: <https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>

In the application, the candidate will also indicate up to two referees, as per article 5, 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, and then by July 9th, 2026.**

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

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 must upload the following documentation as single **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 to both to old and new Italian University 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
- Copy of a valid identity document;
- **ONLY for candidates admitted "sub condicione"**:
 - ✚ who have not graduated yet 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 all exams taken including the relative marks and the **WEIGHTED AVERAGE** of all grades;
 - ✚ who have indicated **their preference for the PhS fellowships**, a document signed by the Director of the Residency Program that:
 - ◆ represents the authorization by the residency Program to participate in the competition for admission to the PhD Course;
 - ◆ certifies the research activity carried out by the candidate during the Residency Program;
 - ◆ prove to be aware that the matriculation of the candidate, who may be winner of a position, will be subject to the outcome of compatibility of the activities and commitment between the Residency Program and the PhD

Course as provided by art. 7 paragraph 1 of Ministerial Decree 226 of 14/12/2021

This document must be drawn up using the **Annex 4** of this Call.

- **ONLY for candidates enrolled in the 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, should submit with the application any document that may be useful for the Admission Committee to declare its equivalence, as set forth by article 2 of this Call.

Please use **Annex 2** of this Call to fill out **self-certifications**.

The following will not be accepted:

- Applications in which the form has not been fully completed in all its parts and/or submitted after the above-mentioned deadline;
- Certificates/Diploma Supplements unless the candidate provides a self-declaration which states that the copy complies with the original document.
- Self-certifications according to 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, they shall avail themselves 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 educational settings, 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 inclusione@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 Educational curricula

This Call includes positions with and without a fellowship for the Curricula listed below.

- a) Cellular and Molecular Biology
- b) Basic and Applied Immunology and Oncology
- c) Experimental and Clinical Medicine
- d) Neuroscience and Experimental Neurology
- e) Gene and Cell Therapy

The description of each Curriculum is available on the website at the following link: <https://www.unisr.it/offerta-formativa/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>.

Article 5 Procedure for the Admission to the PhD Course

Admission to the PhD Course consists 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 30 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 70 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.

5.1. First assessment phase

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

- a) The qualifications submitted as described above, namely:
 - information in the electronic form;
 - degree (5-year degree, as per old Italian regulation, Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree) and graduation marks (including BD);
 - pre and post graduate research activity, carried out in Italy or abroad;
 - any publication in international journals or submission of abstracts to conferences;

- b) The reference letters submitted by recognized 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 documentation received and the preliminary assessment criteria, the Selection Committee will proceed with the comparative evaluation of the candidates.

The Selection Committee will prepare the rankings for the first evaluation phase. A distinct ranking will be established for 3-year positions and another for PhS positions. Only candidates who have obtained a score higher than or equal to 16 points will be admitted to the second phase.

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

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

Candidates who passed the first phase, must ABSOLUTELY send an email to ufficio.dottorati@unisr.it, within 5 working days from the publication of the rankings, communicating the preference for at least 3 projects and up to 5, excluding any project-based fellowship selected at the time of submission of the application for admission to the competition and other projects related to specific funded project-based fellowships as indicated in Article 1 of this current call for Application.

It should be noted that projects accredited for the FCSR-Fronzaroli fellowships may be indicated among the preferences listed above.

The list of the available projects is available at the following link: <https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>.

After the publication of the rankings, 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 not constitute valid grounds for missing the subsequent assessment stages.

5.2. 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 competences, their motivation to 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 be asked to:

- give a presentation including, among others, the research activity carried out before or after the Master's Degree, as well as the candidate's motivation to attend the PhD Course;
- carry out a scientific discussion, starting from the paper chosen by the candidate among the ones selected by the Committee.

The interview focuses on assessing the candidate's ability to analyse data, knowledge of the technologies used and the ability to evaluate data in a given field.

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 second phase of the interview at UniSR can ask the Committee to hold the interview via videoconference. The Committee can authorize or deny the interview via videoconference.

At the end of the second assessment phase, the Admission Committee will draw up a final ranking for the 3-year positions and a final ranking for PhS positions, based on a comparative assessment of the candidates and on the evaluation criteria previously established.

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** rankings will be published on the online Albo d'Ateneo [University Board], and/or on the University website (<https://www.unisr.it/en/offerta-formativa/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>). The publication of the final rankings on the websites and/or boards of the enrollment instructions shall be considered an official notice for all purposes.

5.3. Assignment of the positions

Positions are assigned based on the candidate's place in the **FINAL** rankings and of the preference expressed in the application form.

FINAL rankings, which will be updated after each further withdrawal and/or forfeiture.

The publication of the **FINAL** rankings or any updated rankings will be notified on the website.

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 scholarships), 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 lists, 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 shall not constitute a valid motivation for a missed enrollment.

Fellowships are assigned on the basis of the place in the ranking and the preferences expressed in the application form. The award process shall consist of two distinct assignment phases:

a) **First Phase:**

- Two-year and three-year project-based fellowships are assigned to the eligible candidates in the final ranking lists who have selected one in the application form;
- The **2 FCSR–Fronzaroli** fellowships will be awarded to the first 2 eligible candidates in the final rankings who selected them when submitting their application for admission to the competition. The project will be assigned based on the candidate's position in the ranking and the order of preferences indicated. If both winners were to choose the same project, it will be assigned to the candidate with the highest-ranking score. The second winner will have to indicate another project among those remaining available for this type of fellowship.
- 3 two-year fellowships PhS are assigned to candidates who are enrolled in the last year, in the A.Y. 2026/2027, of one of the Residency Programs of medical area reserved for M.D.s. These positions will be assigned based on the order in the ranking of the candidates and the number of projects available in each Residency Program. If all the projects offered by the Residency Program of the winner candidate have already been assigned, he/she will lose the position in the ranking.

The enrollment of the PhS position winners is subject to the positive outcome of the compatibility check by the Council of the Residency Program and by the Academic Board of the PhD Course.

Both decisions must be available for the PhD Office within 30 days of the publication of the **FINAL** ranking for PhS positions.

The resolution of the Council of the School of Specialization must be sent via PEC to the address procedureweb@pec.it **only and exclusively from a certified email address (PEC)** within the above terms.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide the decision of the Council of the Residency Program within the above deadline. If this decision is not made available within the above deadline, the candidate will forfeit the right to enroll.

Only in case of positive outcome of both evaluations, the candidate can proceed to registration.

In the event of a negative result, even if only one, the candidate who had applied for the PhS positions, will be excluded from the ranking and another candidate will take of the position, according to the order of the ranking.

The PhD Office will inform the candidates via PEC of the outcome of the compatibility check.

b) Second Phase

- 7 three-year fellowships
- 5 positions without fellowship

In the second phase the number of candidates admitted will be equal to the number of available positions with three-year fellowships and without fellowships. In this case, 12 positions as indicated in Article 1 of this call.

The assignment of positions is made according to the order of the ranking updated with the assignments of the previous phase and in case of renunciations/forfeiture.

The process to assign projects to candidates admitted in this phase is regulated by a specific procedure of the Doctoral Course which foresees that the admitted candidates meet the Supervisor of the projects they are interested in and declared after the admission to the second evaluation as per art. 5.3 of this call.

These interviews must take place within 2 weeks from the closing of the 1st stage of enrollment procedures. The project must be assigned within one month from the closing of the 1st stage of enrollment procedures.

The procedure will be available on the University website on the PhD Course pages.

If a candidate renounces the position, the next eligible candidate in the ranking will take over.

Once all fellowships are assigned, the **LAST** ranking is published (if necessary, a different one for 3-years and PhS positions). This includes the project assigned to each candidate.

The candidates of the first phase of awarding the fellowships, will have to proceed with the registration according to the procedures indicated in art.7 of this call, after the publication of the **FINAL** rankings or, in the case of winners of PhS positions from the date of the communication, received by the PhD Office, on the positive outcome of the compatibility checks of the Council of the residency Program and the Academic Board of the PhD Course.

The winner candidates of a 3-year position in the second assignment phase must proceed with the registration according to the procedures indicated in art. 7 of this call after the publication of the LAST ranking regarding their positions.

After the deadlines for enrollment, 3-year positions 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 6 Admission Committees

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

The Committee is composed by the Course Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator and by up to thirteen Members, one of whom must be external to UniSR and the IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital. The members are proposed by the Course Coordinator after having consulted the Curricula Coordinators.

If the number of candidates who have applied for admission to the course is large, the Committee could be divided into 2 or more subcommittees for the second evaluation phase.

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 7 Instructions to enroll in the courses

Within two working days following the date of:

- the publication of the **FINAL** rankings for candidates who won a position with the first phase of assignment;
- the communication from the PhD Office on the positive outcome of the compatibility checks, as per art. 5.3 of this call, in the case of PhS position winners;
- the publication of the **LAST** ranking for 3-year positions (for candidates who won a position with the second phase of assignment).

Selected candidates will have to formalize the enrollment through their own dedicated reserves 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 will have to 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 deadline or do not complete registration 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:

- To be enrolled in no Residency Program, with exception of the medical area Residency Programs for MD's, within the limits set by Art. 23, of the current Regulation for PhD Courses, or alternatively to be enrolled in the last year of the Residency program 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 full attendance of the educational and research activities necessary to carry out the International PhD in Molecular Medicine 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 the documents to complete the online enrollment", and so upload the following documents with 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 installment of the annual tuition fee for admission to and attendance of the course (please refer to Art. II below). Payment should be made with the online MAV that the candidate can download at the end of the online enrollment procedure; PhS position winners are excluded, as per art. II of this Call.
3. A formal acceptance letter by the Head of the laboratory;
4. Photocopy of both sides of the 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 2 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 2 working days after the online registration, they will be deemed to have renounced 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 5.3 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.

Residents who win a PhS position or a three-year fellowship, enrolled in the last year of a Residency Program and to obtain the degree by 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 with the same deadlines but the PhD will begin:

- on the same day when the final year of the Residency Program starts;
- at the end of the Residency Program for those enrolled in the last year, that will obtain the degree by March 15th, 2027, and won a three-year fellowship.

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

Non-EY 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).

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 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 8 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 9 Obligations and rights of the PhD students

Each year, an educational program is established for each Curriculum. Such program provides theoretical and/or practical courses, lessons and seminar activities held by experts that may or may not be members to 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 and as indicated by each curriculum. Participation in and attendance at these activities will be certified.

As required by Ministerial Decree 226/2021, the winners of one of the **PhS fellowships** will be enrolled in the last year of the Residency Program of medical area reserved for M.D.s and in the first year of the PhD at UniSR. That means that students will be enrolled in the PhD Course for three years, but the period dedicated exclusively to the PhD will be reduced to two years.

All PhD students will undergo an annual examination aimed at certifying the completion of all the activities scheduled for the end of the year. As indicated in the University procedures for the management of 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 regulation concerning the PhD course.

If the candidate awarded with a **PhS fellowship** fails to pass the annual exam at the end of the first year and/or he does not obtain the Residency title he will be excluded from the status of PhD student.

In addition to what is established in case of failure to pass the annual examination and upon advice of the PhD committee, 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. It must be the consequence of unjustified or prolonged absences or infringement of the regulations governing the access to the laboratories or to those indicated in the University Regulations governing the PhD Courses or 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 a maximum 12 months, except in the case of a thesis in cotutelle where this period can be extended to 18 months.

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

Article 10 Fellowships

The annual amount of:

- the fellowship is €18,000.00.

The duration of this kind of fellowship 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.

- the **PhS fellowship** is € 22.176,00. Students awarded these positions will receive the PhD fellowship starting from the second year of enrollment as, according to the regulations of the first year of joint attendance, the student can only receive the Residency Program's fellowship.

The fellowship lasts two years, however it is renewed on an annual basis. The fellowship will be paid upon successful completion of the examination, if the PhD student has completed all the activities scheduled for the previous year, pursuant to the PhD Courses operating procedures.

Both these fellowships are subject to the INPS [Italian Social Security] separate management contribution, according to the regulations in force.

All PhD students (including those without a fellowship) may apply for a budget 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 fellowship 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.

PhD students awarded with a two-year fellowship (PhS fellowships) who spend a research period abroad will have their fellowship increased by 50% for a maximum of 8 months.

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.

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 the type of course and shall amount to at least 10% of the fellowship. For PhS students, this budget is guaranteed only for the second and third year.

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.

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 Regione Lombardia [Lombardy Region].

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

Article 11 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.

During the joint year between the Residency Program and PhD, the students with a PhS fellowship pay only the fees required for the enrollment and attendance at the Residency Program. The 2nd and 3rd year students are instead required to pay the fee for students enrolled in the PhD Course.

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 installments 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 12 Processing of personal data

Pursuant to CE Regulation no. 679 of the European Parliament and the Council of 27th April 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 13 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, as applicable, 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/medicina-chirurgia/post-lauream/dottorato-medicina-molecolare>).

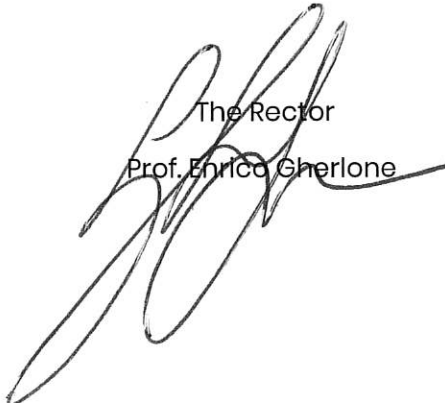
Please be advised that the Italian version of this Call for Applications is the only legal means of communication of the relative contents and in case of dispute, the Italian version shall prevail

Article 14 Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Law no. 241 of 07 August 1990, as amended and integrated, the person in charge for the administrative procedure for this call is Dr Cristina Cerutti – PhD Office –Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, via Olgettina 58, 20132 Milan – Italy.

Milan, May 28th, 2026

The Rector
Prof. Enrico Gherlone



Lettera di referenza / Reference letter

ALLEGATO 1/ ANNEX 1

La presente lettera può essere compilata in italiano o in inglese/
This reference letter 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

Riferimento della/del Candidata/o e del Referente Applicant and Referee details	
Nome della/del Candidata/o <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 Internazionale in Medicina Molecolare International PhD Course in Molecular Medicine
Nome della/del Referente <i>Name of Referee</i>	Titolo Title
Affiliazione <i>Institution /Organisation</i>	
E-mail	
Phone	

Reference for UniSR graduate application						
<i>La Coordinatrice del Corso di Dottorato apprezzerrebbe una sua valutazione del candidato</i> <i>The Coordinator of the PhD Course will appreciate your evaluation of the applicant's capacity.</i>						
In quale veste ha conosciuto il candidato <i>In what role have you known the applicant?</i>						
Per quanto tempo ha supervisionato la/il Candidata/o <i>How long have you supervised the applicant?</i>						
Per favore, valuti la/il Candidata/o 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>						
ATTITUDINE ALLA RICERCA RESEARCH SKILLS	Top 2%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Bottom 50%
Potenziale Accademico / <i>Academic potential</i>						
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 problems, consciousness and determination.</i>						
Attitudine alla ricerca: capacità pratiche e di comunicazione <i>Research skills: bench work, scientific communication</i>						
Motivazione / <i>Motivation for graduate study</i>						
SOCIASOCIAL	Top 2%	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Bottom 50%
Maturità / <i>Maturity</i>						
Affidabilità: senso di responsabilità <i>Reliability: dependability and responsibility</i>						
Capacità di lavorare in gruppo <i>Attitude to team work</i>						
Note: Non compilare se impossibilitati ad esprimere un giudizio <i>Note: leave blank if unable to assess</i>						

Firma / Signature:

Data / Date:

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Per favore, scriva un giudizio sulla/sul Candidata/o 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 09 luglio 2026.

Please return this form by 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.

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 Elena Maderna.

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.

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Io sottoscritt_ _____, In qualità di
Direttrice/Direttore della Scuola di Specializzazione in _____,
sede _____

dichiaro:

- di essere a conoscenza che la/il dott.ssa/dott. _____ presenterà domanda di ammissione al Corso di Dottorato di Ricerca Internazionale in Medicina Molecolare presso l'Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele (di seguito UniSR);
- di essere a conoscenza che la frequenza congiunta Corso di Dottorato-Scuola di Specializzazione implica che la/il dott.ssa/dott. _____ impieghi almeno il 50% del tempo per lo svolgimento del suo progetto di dottorato presso UniSR/IRCCS Ospedale San Raffaele;
- di essere a conoscenza che la frequenza congiunta Corso di Dottorato-Scuola di Specializzazione implica che la/il dott.ssa/dott. _____ abbia un obbligo di frequenza delle attività formative erogate con le modalità e le tempistiche previste nella procedura del Corso di Dottorato;
- che la/il dott.ssa/dott. _____ ha svolto la seguente attività di ricerca durante la Scuola di Specializzazione:

(max 500 caratteri)

- di essere a conoscenza del fatto che, qualora la/il candidata/o dovesse risultare vincitrice/vincitore di una posizione presso UniSR, la finalizzazione dell'immatricolazione sarà subordinata all'esito positivo della verifica di compatibilità da parte del Consiglio della Scuola di Specializzazione e da parte del Collegio Docenti del Corso di Dottorato. Tali delibere devono essere nella disponibilità dell'Ufficio Dottorati entro 30 giorni dalla pubblicazione della graduatoria **FINALE per le posizioni PhS**, pena la decadenza del candidato dal diritto ad immatricolarsi.
- di impegnarmi a fornire la delibera del Consiglio della Scuola di Specializzazione di cui sopra entro le tempistiche indicate.

Data _____

In fede

Nome Cognome:

Firma _____