Call by public competition for 4 PhD scholarships for research on "Green" and "Innovation" topics
“PON Ricerca e Innovazione 2014-2020”
(D.M. 1061/2021)
Academic year 2021-2022 (XXXVII Cycle)
Rector’s Decree n. 462/2021

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION: NOVEMBER 20, 2021

Art. 1 – Announcement

In implementation of Ministerial Decree No. 1061 of 10 August 2021, which provided for the allocation of additional FSE REACT-EU resources from the PON “Research and Innovation” 2014 to 2020, for active and accredited PhD programs under DM 45/2013 for the XXXVII cycle, the University of Basilicata assigns 4 doctoral scholarships for the PhD program "Sciences" (academic year 2021-2022).

The grants are intended for PhD programs on innovation, digital and enabling technologies (Action IV.4 PON Research and Innovation) and on “green” issues relating to the conservation of the ecosystem, biodiversity, as well as the reduction of climate change impact and the promotion of sustainable development (Action IV.5 PON Research and Innovation). The PhD programs involve an interchange between research and industry with periods of study and research in the company from a minimum of six to a maximum of twelve months.

The details of each grant are contained in Annex 1, which is an integral part of this call.

The duration of the doctorate program is three years, with an expected beginning on 1 January 2022.

The definitive award of grants and enrolment shall be conditional on the successful outcome of the ministerial verification carried out at the end of the procedure.

Art. 2 – Admission requirements

Those who are in possession of one of the following qualifications, without any limitation of age, sex, citizenship may apply for the competition:

a. University degree obtained under the previous educational systems (ex ante D.M. 509/99, whose legal course has at least a four-year term);
b. Laurea specialistica/magistrale (D.M. 509/99 and D.M. 270/2004);
c. Equivalent academic qualification obtained abroad (see art. 3).

Those who have only the three-year degree cannot apply.

Those who already completed a PhD program can enroll in a different PhD program.

Those who are enrolled in the same PhD program (previous doctoral cycle) without scholarships are not eligible to participate in the competition for the same PhD program in which are already enrolled.
Equal opportunities for men and women are guaranteed as provided for by law N. 125/1991 and art. 57 of Legislative Decree N. 165/2001.

The University may exclude, at any time, applicants who are lacking the requisite conditions.

Art. 3 - Foreign academic titles

Candidates with foreign academic title already recognized by the academic authorities, must enclose the declaration of equivalence to an Italian degree together with the documents referred to the PhD program selected (see art. 4.1). In the absence of such a declaration, the candidate must specifically request it in the application form. The Competition Commission shall decide on the suitability of a foreign academic qualification, solely for the purpose of admission to the doctoral chosen.

The candidates must attach relevant and mandatory paperwork in order to allow the assessment of their titles, including:

1. a self-certification according to Presidential Decree 445/2000 of academic qualification, with a list of exams, the scores and the legal duration of the course, if Italian and EU citizens;
2. certificate of the academic qualification, with a list of exams, the scores and the legal duration of the course, together with an Italian translation, if non-EU citizens. The translation must be signed under their own responsibility.

The lack of the above mentioned documents will result in the exclusion from the competition.

Candidates who are admitted to the PhD course, within sixty days from the date of registration, on pain of forfeiture, must submit the following documentation:

1. the titles translated and legalized by the competent Italian consular or diplomatic missions abroad;
2. the ‘Dichiarazione di valore in loco of foreign academic titles, issued by the Italian diplomatic representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country where the qualification was awarded, containing the following specifications:
   a. legal duration of the qualification;
   b. equivalence to give access to a PhD program in the country where it was awarded;
   c. type of university that issued it (legally recognized under national law);
   d. higher education system;
   e. a complete list of exams;
   f. if possible, the Diploma Supplement [*] in the original or a certified copy (in Italian or English) provided by the same university that issued it.


The foreign title evaluation will be published exclusively on the website http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi.html.

It will not be given any written notice or phone call directly to the candidates.

[*] A Diploma Supplement is an additional document to the official qualification achieved at the end of a course attended at a university or institute of higher education. The Diploma Supplement provides a description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies carried out and completed by the student, according to a standard 8-section model developed by the European Commission, the European Council and UNESCO. It is issued by the university at which the qualification was achieved. For further information consult the site http://ec.europa.eu/education/hielong-learning-policy/ds_en.htm
Art. 4 – Application

Applications for admission to competitions and any required enclosures must be submitted following the online procedure available of the website https://unibas.esse3.cineca.it, by the final deadline of November 20, 2021, when the competition closes (new users must register by selecting “Registrazione”; those who have already registered should select “Login” and proceed with the following steps: insert username and password, and then, in the “Segreteria Studenti”, select “Test di ammissione” → “Iscrizione concorsi” → “Dottorato di ricerca”). Candidates failing to comply will not be considered.

It is possible to apply for only one scholarship.

Candidates interested in a PhD program must submit an admission application, with a request to take part in the relevant selection procedure.

Foreign students are exempted from the payment of the € 30,00 fee.

As specified by the Italian law (art. 20 of law N. 104, 5 February 1992) candidates with disabilities can request special aids and/or additional time for carrying out the competition.

Applications that are not following the guidelines indicated above will not be accepted, and the candidates will be automatically excluded from the selection.

The University accepts no responsibility for any mistake made by the candidate with regards to data provided and attachments. It is your responsibility to verify the correct conclusion of the application process, no claims will be accepted for any malfunctioning of the computer.

4.1 ACADeMIC QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTS

Candidates with any academic qualification certificates, documents or publications considered useful for the purposes of the competition procedures must attach the following certificates, documents and publications, except in the cases in Annex 1/, for each PhD program:

1) a self-certification to prove to meet the requirements in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree 445/2000, using the form in Annex A, for candidates holding an Italian degree;
2) degree certificate indicating exams taken, or a description of the degree with a list of exams taken, “Dichiarazione di valore in loco” (see art. 3) together with a statement of truth of the certificates attached, in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of the President’s Decree 445/2000 using the form in Annex B, for candidates holding a foreign degree;
3) scanned copy of a valid identity card or passport;
4) curriculum vitae;
5) the summary of the thesis;
6) research project, using the form in Annex C;
7) scientific publications;
8) other titles (academic, professional, linguistic and documents considered useful for the purposes of evaluation - see Annex 1/ for each PhD program).

All academic qualifications, documents and publications considered useful for the application procedure must be attached in .pdf or .rtf file form with a maximum size of 20 MB. Attachments larger than 20 MB must be divided into smaller files.

In accordance with the article 40 of President’s Decree 445/2000, certificates regarding personal qualities, status and facts issued by the public administration can be only used for private purposes. Self-certification, under articles 46 and 47 of President’s Decree 445/2000, can replace attested declarations for public administration or public services purposes.

Publications in languages other than Italian or English, or which do not include a summary in one of the abovementioned languages, must be produced in the original language and translated into Italian.
Certificates issued by the competent authorities of the foreign candidate's country of citizenship must comply with the provisions in force in the same country. Certificates in a language other than Italian, must also be translated and authenticated by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular authorities.

An Italian translation must be attached to all documents written in a language other than Italian and must be certified by a competent Italian diplomatic authority or an official translator.

**Art. 5 - Selection Procedures**

In order to check the candidate's suitability for scientific research, the examination is conducted through the assessment of titles, research project and the video conference interview using google meet.

Procedures for selection of candidates have been indicated in the Annex 2.

During the interview, the Commission will examine the knowledge of English language.

For identification purposes, each candidate is required to identify themselves before the interview begins, exhibiting the identity document already provided as a copy in the application. Failure to communicate the personal e-mail address, the unavailability of the candidate on the examination day and time or failure to present a valid identification document, are grounds for exclusion from the selection process.

The University of Basilicata does not assume responsibilities for technical reasons preventing the proper interview.

The Commission can assign a maximum of 100 points to each candidate.

The list of candidates eligible to take any test subsequent to the valuation of their titles will be made public on the University website under the link [http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html](http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html).

The publication of those admitted to the examination, dates and locations of the examinations, has legal intents and purposes, and applicants must present themselves with a valid identity document, without prior notification, at the office, at the day and time indicated online.

Any change will be announced on the University website under the following link [http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html](http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html). Applicants are therefore required to check for any update to the Annex 2, also closely to the examination date.

Candidates not present on the examination date will be excluded from the competition, regardless the reason.

**Art. 6 – Examination Committee**

The committee responsible for the evaluation of candidates is appointed by the Rector, once designated by the PhD College among professors and researchers, also part of the College, specifically qualified in the relevant areas of science to which the PhD program refers. The Commission can be integrated with experts, from Italian public and private research entities, which found or contribute to the activities of the PhD program.

The commission will be published on the Internet at the following web link [http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html](http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html).

Finally the Commission shall draw up a special report containing detailed examination results, as well as an opinion on the interview performed by each candidate and the detailed list of points given, and the final ranking.
Art. 7 – Ranking and scholarship assignment

The candidates’ ranking will be established in a decreasing order of the overall grades obtained as sum from all the evaluation stages (qualifications, research project and interview).

The official ranking will be published as ‘Decreto rettorale’ on the University website http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html.

In case an eligible candidate refuse the admission to the doctorate, his position will be available for the following candidate in the ranking order.

Candidates will be admitted to the PhD program following the ranking order and in a maximum number corresponding to the positions available for each PhD program.

The scholarships will be awarded to the candidates having higher ranking in the list.

Art. 8 – Registration

The candidates admitted, within the deadline that will be announced together with the publication of the lists on the University website under the link http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html, will formalize the enrollment in the first year of the PhD program.

Those who have not regularized their enrollment before the above deadline, will automatically lose their position, which will be offered to the next candidate in the list.

In the event of vacancies, eligible candidates will be contacted by e-mail and will be invited to enrol, in accordance with the requirements indicated in the preceding article. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.

The students receiving a PhD scholarship are requested to pay the PhD registration fees according to the Table below:

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<th>Fixed registration fee</th>
<th>€ 360,00</th>
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<td>Variable contribution</td>
<td>from € 0,00 to € 950,00</td>
<td>to be paid in one or two installments depending on ISEE</td>
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<td>Regional tax for the right to university study</td>
<td>€ 140,00</td>
<td>to be paid Regione Basilicata at registration</td>
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<td>Stamp duty paid virtually</td>
<td>€ 16,00</td>
<td>payable at registration</td>
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The variable contribution is calculated according to the economic circumstances of students, assessed on the basis of the Indicator of equivalent economic situation (ISEE), determined in the manner provided by D.P.C.M. December 5, 2013, n. 159.

The variable contribution from the V ISEE band, is divided into two installments to be paid by March 31 and May 31.

[Foreign students are required to pay only the fixed registration fee and the fixed contribution, as well as the regional tax for the right to study and stamp duty paid virtually (€ 360,00 + € 140,00 + € 16,00).]

For further information concerning registration fees, tuition fees and waivers, see the Part IV of the "Regolamento in materia di contribuzione studentesca - academic year 2021/2022".

By registering the candidate accepts the admission conditions set out in this announcement and the Regulations of the doctoral courses of the University of Basilicata, issued by D.R. n. 238 of July 10, 2013.
Art. 9 – Scholarships

The scholarship, worth a gross annual total of €15,343.28, is subject to tax deduction provided by the law.

The amount of the scholarship is increased by max 50%, for any six months abroad stay.

The scholarships are annual and will be renewed only whether the student has completed the research activities of the previous year in accordance with Art. 18 of the University Rules of PhD research and with the Rules of each PhD program.

Starting from the second year, each student is assured, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources in the budget of the subjects credited to the current legislation, a grant for the research activities in Italy and abroad, appropriate to the type of PhD program and in any case in an entity not less than 10% of the scholarship itself.

The scholarship is paid monthly. In the case in which a scholarship is not paid for delayed bureaucratic procedures, the amount of that fellowship will be combined with the following ones.

The acceptance of the scholarship entails that the winner:

a) formally undertakes to carry out the planned periods of research as an intern and abroad and declares that she/he is aware that failure to comply with the minimum period as an intern in a company will result in the withdrawal of the scholarship;

b) is aware that the modification of project objectives and expected results (if not previously authorized by the MUR - Ministry of University and Research) will result in the withdrawal of the scholarship and a request for total refund of any amounts already paid;

c) is aware that any negative evaluation by the Academic Board and the consequent failure to be admitted to the following year of the PhD program or the waiver of the scholarship will result in the withdrawal of the amounts paid for the current year, and that failure to obtain the qualification will result in the withdrawal of the amounts paid for the last year of the course;

d) certifies that he/she does has not received any other grants for whatever reason, and undertakes, for the duration of the additional grant, not to receive any other grants for any reason, except those eligible under the national law in force.

Art. 10 - Incompatibility

Registration in a PhD course is incompatible with enrolment in other undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, Italian University master courses, other PhD courses and specialisation courses organized by private institutes pursuant to art. 17, paragraph 96, Law 127/1997.

Up on the enrolment, candidates registered in such courses must comply with the incompatibility requirement mentioned above, under penalty of exclusion from PhD program.

The relevant incompatibility rules are set out in articles 24 of the Regulations of PhD programs of the University of Basilicata issued with the DR n. 238 of 10 July 2013 and to the current matters laws.

Art. 11 - Duties and rights of PhD students

Admission to the course involves an exclusive and full-time commitment.

Students enrolled in the PhD programs are required to attend and carry out all the activities of study and research in the related structure as prescribed by the Board of PhD program.
Students are required to carry out collective and individual study and research activities, as indicated by the teachers and tutors. Students, as an integral part of the training project of the University, can apply, after the approval of the PhD Board and without any increase in scholarship, for tutoring of students in undergraduate and master's degree, and, within the limit maximum of forty hours in each academic year, supplementary teaching activities.

The doctoral students who are the recipients of the scholarships referred to in this call are required to:

a) carry out a compulsory period of study and research in the company as detailed in the scholarship fact sheets (Annex 1);

b) carry out a period of study and research abroad as detailed in the scholarship fact sheets (Annex 1);

c) report on the activities carried out according to the provisions of the D.M. 1061/2021 and its annexes.

The rights and duties of PhD students are governed by law: Art 19 et following of the Regulations of PhD programs of the University of Basilicata issued with the D.R. n. 238 of July 10, 2013. The same rules govern the frequency, permissions, suspensions, incompatibilities modes of graduation.

Students are required to observe the Ethic Code of the University Community, issued by DR n. 278 of 27 July 2011, available at: [http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/ateneo/statuto-e-regolamenti.html](http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/ateneo/statuto-e-regolamenti.html)

Doctoral students are required to periodically check the website [http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html](http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html), on which several notices are published such as deadlines, regulations, documents and all communications regarding graduate students.

**Art. 12 - Award of the qualification**

The PhD qualification is awarded at the conclusion of the PhD cycle, at the moment when the final examination is passed, which is subordinate to the presentation of a written thesis (PhD thesis). Students must provide a documented account of original research, conducted with certainty of method and leading to the emergence of results of sufficient academic relevance.

For the rules relating the final examination, please refers to Article 21 of the Regulations of the PhD programs of the University of Basilicata, issued with D.R. n. 238 of July 10, 2013.

**Art. 13 - Treatment and processing of personal information**

The university hereby undertakes to respect the reserved nature of the information provided by applicants; all the information provided will be processed solely for purposes connected with and instrumental to the competition and the management of the applicant's relationship with the university, in compliance with the laws currently in force [GDPR (UE) n. 2016/679 and Italian Legislative Decree N° 196, dated 30 June 2003].

The data requested must be supplied for the evaluation process. If the data is not supplied, the candidate will be excluded from the selection procedure. Under art. 7 of Legislative Decree 196/2003, candidates have the right to access the data concerning them, as well as some complementary rights including the right to amend, update, complete or delete erroneous or incomplete data, or data gathered without compliance to current legislation, and the right to oppose the use of the data for legitimate reasons.

Participation in the competition implies, in accordance with the aforementioned law, tacit consent that personal data of applicants and those concerning the results, are posted on the website of the University of Basilicata.
Art. 14 – Advertisement

This announcement will be published on the website of the University of Basilicata at: http://service.unibas.it/albo/albo.html and on the website of MIUR.

Any subsequent modifications and/or additions to the notice will be published, exclusively, in the University album online and on the University official website.

Art. 15 – Responsible of the procedure

According to Law n. 241/90 and subsequent amendments and integrations, the coordinator of these procedures is the responsible of the Doctorate Office (e-mail: luciana.letterelli@unibas.it - Tel. (+39)0971205773).

Art. 16 – Other

For other issues not covered by this announcement, please refer to a) the Law 3 July 1998, art. 4, n. 210 as modify by Law 240/2010; b) the Ministerial Decree of 8 February 2013, n. 45; c) the law 30 December 2010, n. 240; d) the Regulations of the PhD programs of the University of Basilicata, issued with D.R. n. 238 of July 10, 2013; e) the Academic Regulations and Operation of each specific PhD program; f) the "Regolamento in materia di contribuzione studentesca - academic year 2021/2022" (available on the University website http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html), g) D.M. 1061/2021 and its annexes.

The official version of this call is in Italian and is available on the website http://portale.unibas.it/site/home/didattica/dottorati-di-ricerca.html. This abridged version is not valid and may not be used for any legal purpose.

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