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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PHD COURSE IN FRONTIER SCIENCES IN SUSTAINABILITY, DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

XL CYCLE - 2024/2025 Academic Year

Deadline: no later than 10:00 p.m. (Italian time) on 12 August 2024

ARTICLE 1 – THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Call for Applications is announced for admission to the PhD Course in *Frontier sciences in sustainability, diplomacy and international cooperation*, cycle XL - 2024/2025 academic year, based at the University for Foreigners Perugia - Department of International Human and Social Sciences (SUSI).

The Course has a duration of three years and provides 9 slots, including:

- 3 free-subject slots with University funding (regarding the PhD research topics);
- 4 free-subject slots funded by the Project "Fenice - Internationalisation and promotion of the territory, training paths on tourism, food and wine, sustainability and digital cultures" project (hereinafter referred to as the "FENICE" Project) referred to in the "Call for the selection of projects to promote research, technology transfer and university training to be funded in the regions of Lazio, Abruzzo, Umbria and Marche hit by the 2016 earthquake, in accordance with the resources referred to in Article 1, paragraph 194 of Law 178 of 30 December 2020" (regarding the PhD research topics);
- 2 subject-specific innovative PhD slots, co-funded using National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) resources, Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to Company" - Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by companies" referred to in Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

The course is divided into **two programmes**:

1. Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability;
2. Diplomacy and International Cooperation.

The slots available for each of the two programmes are specified below:

Programme 1 - Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability

CUN (National University Council) Areas and Scientific Disciplinary Fields covered

- Area 09 - Industrial and information engineering:
ING-IND/11 Building Physics and Building Energy Systems (ex DM 639/24: IIND-07/B)
- Area 08 - Civil engineering and architecture:
ICAR/02 Hydrology and Hydraulic and Maritime Structures (ex DM 639/24: CEAR-01/B)
- Area 12 - Law studies:
IUS/01 Private Law (ex DM 639/24: GIUR-01/A);
IUS/13 International Law (ex DM 639/24: GIUR-09/A)
- Area 13 - Economics and statistics:
SECS-P/12 Economic History (ex DM 639/24: STEC-01/B)
- Area 14 - Political and social sciences:
SPS/07 General Sociology (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-05/A);
SPS/08 Sociology of Cultural and Communication Processes (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-06/A);
SPS/13 History and Institutions of Africa (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-04/C).

The following **6 slots are available**:

- 4 free-subject slots funded with "FENICE" project funds;
- 1 subject-specific innovative slot, co-funded by the NRRP resources pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024 and GESENU Waste Services SpA on the research topic: "Instruments and methods for the climate neutrality of municipal waste companies";
- 1 subject-specific innovative slot, co-funded by the NRRP resources pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024 and the FABRE consortium on the research topic: "Hydro-geological safety and cultural heritage".

Programme 2 – Diplomacy and International Cooperation

CUN (National University Council) Areas and Scientific Disciplinary Fields covered

- Area 10 - Antiquities, philology, literary studies, art history:
L-LIN/07 Spanish Language, Translation and Linguistics (ex DM 639/24: SPAN-01/C)
- Area 11 - History, philosophy, pedagogy and psychology:
M-STO/04 Contemporary History (ex DM 639/24: HIST-03/A)

- Area 12 - Law studies:
IUS/21 Comparative Public Law (ex DM 639/24: GIUR-11/B);
- Area 14 - Political and social sciences:
SPS/02 History of political doctrines (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-03/A – History of Political Thought);
SPS/04 Political Science (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-02/A);
SPS/06 History of International Relations (ex DM 639/24: GSPS-04/B).

The following **3 slots are available**:

- 3 free-subject slots (within the framework of the PhD research topics) funded by the University.

If the number of successful candidates in the ranking list for the "Diplomacy and International Cooperation" programme is not sufficient to cover the number of slots available, the remaining slots will be awarded to the successful candidates in the ranking list for the "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability" programme, relating to the "Free-subject Slots" based on the highest score obtained.

The number of slots may be increased if further funding from external, public or private bodies is obtained either through competitive tenders or through agreements.

By special Rectoral Decree which will be published on the University website at <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse> the possible availability of further slots funded pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630 of 24 April 2024 and/or further slots funded by external bodies will be authorised.

If new funding is allocated to specific topics and projects, the University reserves the right to use new selection procedures.

The PhD course is offered "subject to" accreditation by Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR), as stipulated by the Decree of the Ministry of University and Research 226 of 14 December 2021.

If the course is not accredited by ANVUR, the admission tests will not take place, and all applicants will be promptly notified. If ANVUR has not yet communicated the outcome of accreditation at the time of the competitive selection procedures, the tests will proceed as scheduled, and the successful candidates will be admitted to the course and enrolled "subject to" the positive outcome of the accreditation procedure. Any negative outcome of the accreditation procedure will result in the non-activation of the course for the XL cycle. In this case, any completed competitive selection procedures will be considered null and void, and the enrolled students will be promptly notified by email.

Teaching Centres

The teaching activities related to the "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability" programme will be carried out in Norcia (PG), at the premises made available by the Municipality of Norcia, a partner of the University for Foreigners Perugia as part of the FENICE Project.

The teaching activities related to the "Diplomacy and International Cooperation" programme will be carried out in Perugia at the University for Foreigners Perugia.

The teaching activities common to both programmes will be carried out in Norcia, but the delivery mode will be "mixed" (doctoral students enrolled in the Diplomacy and International Cooperation programme will also be able to follow these teaching activities remotely).

The PhD Course will start on 1 November 2024.

ARTICLE 2 - SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SLOTS FUNDED BY NRRP FUNDS - MINISTERIAL DECREE 630/2024

As part of the "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability" programme, the Course provides for 2 subject-specific innovative slots, co-funded using National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) resources, Mission 4 "Education and Research", Component 2 "From Research to Company" - Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative doctorates that respond to the innovation needs of companies and promote the recruitment of researchers by companies" referred to in Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

According to Article 7 of Ministerial Decree 630/2024, the **research projects** must:

- a) relate to disciplinary and thematic areas consistent with the needs of the country, as well as of the regional territories concerned by the programme, in terms of highly qualified figures and oriented towards meeting the innovation needs of companies as set out in the NRRP;
- b) relate to disciplinary and thematic areas that align with the needs of the country and the regional territories involved in the program. These areas focus on producing highly qualified individuals and addressing the innovation needs of companies as outlined in the NRRP;
- c) provide for study and research periods in companies of a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of eighteen (18) months, even if not continuous, over the three-year period;
- d) provide for periods of study and research abroad, including non-continuous periods, from a minimum of six (6) months up to the maximum limit provided for in Article 9, paragraph 3, of the Decree of the Minister of Universities and Research 226 of 14 December 2021 and in Article 8, paragraph 3, of the Decree of the Minister of Universities and Research 470 of 21 February 2024, within the three-year period;
- e) ensure that the doctoral student can make use of qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities, in accordance with the law, for study and research activities, including (if relevant to the type

- of course) scientific laboratories, libraries, databases, etc;
- f) provide for the implementation of educational activities for language and computer training, research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, and the valorisation of research results and intellectual property;
 - g) provide, by means of a letter of commitment and/or agreement, for the involvement of companies in the development of the training course, also as part of broader collaborations with the University, and for co-funding by the same companies for an amount greater than €60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) up to the total cost of the slot;
 - h) promote, while respecting intellectual property rights, the exploitation of research results both as part of the activities of co-funding companies, including with the perspective of technology transfer, and in the scientific sphere, through appropriate circulation of the results pursued, in any case in accordance with the "Open Science" and "FAIR Data" principles.

The two innovative PhD slots funded by the NRRP resources under Ministerial Decree 630/2024 will focus on the following **mandatory topics**:

1. Innovative subject-specific PhD NRRP slot according to Ministerial Decree 630/2024 as part of the "Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability" programme.
Research topics: **"Instruments and methods for climate neutrality of municipal waste companies"**.
Co-funding company: GESENU Gestione Servizi Nettezza Urbana SpA with registered office in Perugia (PG)
Mandatory research period at the company: 18 months (at the location in Perugia)
Mandatory research period abroad: minimum 6 months - maximum 12 months (18 months if there is co-supervision)
Description:
The Slot is part of the European Green Deal, the sustainable finance and ESG (Environmental - Social - Governance) taxonomy and aims to develop innovative methodologies for the drafting of sustainability reports for large companies, identifying objectives, corporate roles, indicators, audit methods, reporting tools, mitigation techniques, and communication strategies. Specifically, a method will be developed for drafting a corporate transition plan, in accordance with the recent EU Recommendation of 27 June 2023 "on facilitating financing for the transition to a sustainable economy", aimed at transforming climate and environmental objectives into actions to be reported to financial intermediaries, investors and the public and obtain green transition financing. The research project will concern the drafting of the Sustainability Report and thus the Climate Transition Plan of GESENU, a large municipal company active in the waste management sector and thus a major player in the circular economy.
2. An innovative subject-specific PhD NRRP slot according to Ministerial Decree 630/2024 as part of the



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"Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability" programme.

Research topics: "Hydrogeological Safety and Cultural Heritage"

Co-funding company: FABRE – Consorzio di ricerca per la valutazione ed il monitoraggio di ponti, viadotti e altre strutture, with registered office in Pisa (PI)

Mandatory research period at the company: 6 months (at the location in Lucca)

Mandatory research period abroad: minimum 6 months - maximum 12 months (18 months if there is co-supervision)

Description:

The slot, as part of the hydrogeological safety topic, will address the importance of adopting integrated strategies to preserve historic centres, archaeological sites and works of art exposed to potential hydrogeological threats. The research will particularly focus on risk assessment, monitoring and mitigation in watercourse crossings (bridges, viaducts and other structures) by investigating integrated approaches for hydrogeological safety. The increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events has made it essential to develop integrated approaches to protect such structures and ensure the safety of the communities that depend on them, particularly in areas where historic centres and assets of particular historical and architectural value are present.

The three-year subject-based slots must include the following:

- research activities based on the specifically identified project, requiring that the scholarship recipients carry it out;
- the undertaking of one or more study and research periods abroad, even if not continuous, from a minimum of 6 months up to a maximum of 12 months, which may be extended up to 18 months if there is co-supervision;
- the performance of one or more study and research periods in a company from a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 18 months, even if not continuous, over the three-year period: the study and research period in a company for each slot is specifically indicated in the descriptive section of the two NRRP Slots.

With regard to innovative subject-related slots co-funded with NRRP resources pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024, it is not possible to accept the slot and renounce the scholarship as provided for by paragraph 3.3, letter e) of Ministerial Decree 301/2022.

Those who have renounced NRRP scholarships in the XXXVIII cycle and XXXIX cycle, pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 7, and Article 11 paragraph 1 letter dd) of Ministerial Decree 630/2024, may not benefit from NRRP innovative PhD scholarships pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024 and therefore may not apply for the above-mentioned slots.

If the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MUR) does not provide for the above-mentioned scholarships to cover the subject-specific Ministerial Decree 630/2024 PhD scholarships, the University will proceed with the funding of the same using its own funds.

ARTICLE 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those who, by the expiry date of this notice, hold one of the following qualifications may apply for admission to the PhD Course referred to in the preceding article, regardless of gender, age or nationality:

- a) Old system degree (prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99);
- b) Postgraduate specialisation degree (Ministerial Decree 509/99) or Master's degree (Ministerial Decree 270/04);
- c) Qualifications equivalent to the qualifications referred to in the previous points, or second-level academic qualifications awarded by institutions belonging to the AFAM (Advanced Artistic and Musical Education) sector;
- d) An academic qualification obtained abroad at an officially recognised academic institution (Master's degree or equivalent), assessed as suitable by the Selection Committee for the sole purpose of admission to the PhD course. This qualification must be comparable to the Master's degree by level and must be valid for enrolment in an academic course similar to the PhD in the country of origin.

Candidates who obtain the qualification referred to in points a), b), c) or d) no later than 31 October 2024 may also participate in the selection procedure. In this case, admission to the PhD course is conditional upon the actual attainment of the degree. Self-certification or documentation proving achievement of the qualification must be sent to the PhD Office (by e-mail to the following addresses dottorato@unistrapg.it and protocollo@pec.unistrapg.it) by the above-mentioned deadline, under penalty of forfeiture.

If the degree is not attained by the deadline indicated, the student cannot be admitted to the course.

Anyone who has already received a scholarship, even partially, for attending a PhD course in Italy is not eligible for a further PhD scholarship.

In this case, an application for a NRRP scholarship under Ministerial Decree 630/2024 will not be possible.

Those who have renounced an NRRP PHD scholarship in the XXXVIII cycle and XXXIX cycle, pursuant to Article 8 paragraph 7 of Ministerial Decree 630/2024 (see Article 2), may not apply for NRRP D.M. 630/24 PHD scholarships.

Applicants with an Italian qualification obtained or to be obtained are required to complete the specific section of the application as specified below:

- Degree attained: the candidate must self-certify the following information: type of degree, university, name of degree, actual date of degree, marks, duration in years of the course of study.
- Degree not yet attained: the undergraduate is required to self-certify the following information: type of degree, university, name of degree being obtained, expected date when the degree will be attained, duration in years of the course of study, credits obtained/total number of credits.



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Applicants with a foreign qualification obtained or to be obtained are required to complete the specific section of the application and attach any documents required, as specified below:

- Degree obtained abroad and recognised as equivalent to an Italian degree by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities: the name of the Italian university, the date and details of the measure by which equivalence was declared and the documentation attesting to the declaration of equivalence must be indicated.
- Degree obtained abroad and not yet recognised as equivalent: candidates are admitted to the selection procedure subject to reservation and must request, in the online application, the evaluation of their degree. Applicants are required to attach to their application a copy of their academic degree required for admission to the PhD programme, accompanied by a list of the examinations taken with the relative credits and marks (Transcript of Records) and, if available, the Diploma Supplement and/or the Declaration of Validity in the country where the qualification was obtained.
- Foreign degree still to be attained: for the Commission to be able to assess the suitability of the degree being attained for the purposes of admission to the selection procedure subject to conditions, a certificate of enrolment in the course of study, the final degree, required for admission to the PhD, must be attached, with a list of the examinations planned and the examinations taken with the relative credits and marks, also indicating the expected date on which the degree will be achieved.
- Foreign degree attained or to be attained, with a university course divided into first and second level: the application must also be accompanied by the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken to attain the relative degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree).

The above-mentioned required certificates, if drawn up in a language other than Italian or English, must be accompanied by an official translation into one of these languages (Italian/English) and certified as conforming to the original either by the University that issued them or by the competent Italian representations or by subjects recognised by the competent Italian representations in accordance with the provisions in force, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure.

The Commission will **assess the suitability of the foreign degree** based on the documents enclosed with the application. If the documents submitted do not provide sufficient elements for the assessment, the Commission is entitled to exclude the relevant applications.

All candidates are admitted to the selection procedure subject to verification of the self-certified declarations pursuant to Presidential Decree no 445/2000 as amended.

At any time during the procedure, even after the start of the PhD course, the University may carry out checks on the accuracy of the statements submitted and request the submission of original documents. The University may order, at any time, by reasoned decision, the exclusion of candidates from the selection procedure or the disqualification from admission to the PhD course, on the grounds of non-compliance with the requirements

prescribed by this notice, without prejudice to the criminal liability resulting from false declarations. Such measure shall be communicated to the interested party by registered letter with return receipt.

ARTICLE 4 – ADMISSION APPLICATION

Applications for admission to the PhD course must be submitted **exclusively** through the online application procedure available on the PICA (Cineca) web platform at <https://pica.cineca.it/unistrapg/dottorato40-susi>, **no later than 10:00 noon (Italian time) on 12 August 2024, under penalty of exclusion.**

Applications and documentation must be submitted exclusively through the PICA (Cineca) online procedure. Any documents sent in paper or electronic format to the University for Foreigners Perugia will not be accepted. The application serves as a self-certification of the data it contains and any attached documents, in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

To access the PICA platform and fill in the application form, you need to register at <https://pica.cineca.it/> (by selecting LOGIN at the top right of the page and then NEW REGISTRATION - please note that access with Public Digital Identity System (SPID) is not active). At the end of registration, the system will send an e-mail to the e-mail address entered with the necessary information to confirm the registration.

The application can be completed in one or more sessions; an application may be modified or supplemented as long as it has not been submitted ("draft" status).

Once the application has been completed, candidates must sign and forward it following the instructions described in the procedure, under penalty of ineligibility.

The PICA IT system provides for different ways of signing the application.

For manual signature, download the pdf of the application onto your computer, print it out, sign it manually, scan it into a pdf file and upload it onto the platform. Applications with manual signatures must be visibly signed and the application scanned and uploaded to the platform must be complete in all its parts.

After submitting the application ("submitted" status) no changes can be made to it (please always save each page before moving on to the next).

Once the application procedure has been completed, applicants will receive an email confirming that the application has been submitted, which will also contain the **application identification code** (Application ID, to be kept).

Should you require technical assistance in completing the procedure, please refer to the Guidelines for filling in the application published on the institutional webpage <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse> and in the procedure

itself; if you have any problems filling in the application, you can click on the assistance button at the bottom of each application page and follow the guided procedure for submitting a ticket to the Cineca consultant.

Only one application may be submitted per PhD course, for only one of the two programmes.

In the application, candidates, within the chosen Programme, shall specify which slots they intend to apply for, as detailed below.

- If the application relates to the **Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability Programme**, up to a maximum of two applications may be submitted under the same application, one for the free-subject scholarship under the "FENICE" Project, and another for one of the two innovative subject-specific PhD slots funded with NRRP - Ministerial Decree 630/2024 resources:
 - Innovative subject-specific PhD scholarship funded with NRRP resources - Ministerial Decree 630/2024- "Instruments and methods for the climate neutrality of municipalised companies in the waste sector",
 - or
 - Innovative subject-specific PhD scholarship funded with NRRP - Ministerial Decree 630/2024 - "Hydrogeological Safety and Cultural Heritage".

It is not possible to compete for more than one topic-bound innovative doctoral fellowship funded with resources from the PNRR - Ministerial Decree 630/2024.

The choice to also apply for an innovative thematically restricted PhD scholarship is considered a binding priority choice. If an innovative subject-specific slot funded with NRRP - Ministerial Decree 630/2024 resources is awarded, the application for the subject-specific slot funded with University funds shall be considered null and void.

Should a subject-specific slot funded with NRRP - Ministerial Decree 630/2024 resources be awarded, withdrawal from the slot is considered equivalent to withdrawal from the PhD programme.

If an applicant does not qualify and/or is awarded a subject-specific slot, the application still remains valid for the free-subject slot.

- If the application relates to the **Diplomacy and International Cooperation Programme**, only one application for a free-subject slot may be submitted.

The following PDF documents (maximum size 30 Mb for each attachment) must be attached to the application for admission to the selection, through the PICA online procedure using the "Upload" function, as indicated below:

- **Copy of a valid identity document**, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure;
- **Documents certifying that the degree** required for access to the Call for Applications has been attained, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, as indicated in Article 3 and below:



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- for candidates with a foreign degree recognised as equivalent to an Italian second-level degree by the competent academic bodies of Italian universities: documents certifying the equivalence of the foreign degree;
- for candidates with a foreign degree attained without recognition of equivalence: a copy of the academic diploma held for admission to the PhD programme, accompanied by the list of examinations taken with the relative credits and marks (Transcript of Records) and, if the university course is divided into first and second level, also the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken for the attainment of the relative degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree); if available, the Diploma Supplement and/or the Statement of Validity of the degree in situ issued by the Italian diplomatic-consular representation in the country where the degree was attained must also be attached;
- in the case of candidates with a foreign degree yet to be attained: certificate of enrolment with a list of the examinations planned and examinations taken with the relevant credits and marks, also containing an indication of the expected date when the degree will be attained, as well as, if the university course is divided into first and second degrees, the Bachelor's degree and the list of examinations taken for the attainment of the relevant degree (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree);
- **Dissertation summary** (relating to the degree for admission to the PhD course), in Italian or English, of no more than 10,000 characters including spaces, accompanied by a summary bibliography of the dissertation of no more than 3,000 characters including spaces, under penalty of non-assessment of the title; if the degree has not yet been awarded, the summary of the dissertation in progress must be attached, countersigned by the dissertation supervisor, under penalty of non-assessment of the title;
- **Copy of Master's dissertation**, or in case of candidates with a foreign degree a copy of the dissertation relating to the academic diploma required for access to the PhD, for candidates with an access degree already obtained;
- **Research project(s)**, written in Italian or English, in accordance with the 'Research Project Template' available in the online procedure, under penalty of non-assessment of the title;
- **Scientific publications** (copy), related to the research field of the chosen Programme, under penalty of non-evaluation of the title;
- **Other qualifications** deemed useful for the evaluation, specifically:
 - Relevant Master's level I degree;
 - Relevant Master's level II degree;
 - Relevant advanced training courses;
 - Language certifications for languages other than Italian and English of which certificates and self-certifications on possession must be attached, under penalty of non-evaluation of the qualification;

- **Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum** (preferably in European or Europass format) in Italian or English, signed in accordance with Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments;

The **research project** submitted as an attachment to the application must be drafted in Italian or English, under penalty of non-evaluation of the title, using the "Research Project Template" attached to the Call for Applications and available in the online application procedure, and must be no longer than 15,000 characters, including spaces, abstracts and notes, and excluding bibliography.

The Project must include:

- an abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, including spaces),
- current status and contextualisation of the subject,
- methods,
- expected results,
- bibliography.

The project will only be assessed for admission to the programme and will not be a condition for the PhD project, with the exception of innovative subject-specific PhD slots, which require the research work to be carried out on the basis of a specific project, thus committing the recipients to the project.

When applying for the innovative subject-specific PhD NRRP slot pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024, a research project coherent with the reference subject (see Article 2) must be submitted, otherwise the Commission will not be able to evaluate the application for the slot.

When applying for a free-subject slot and a subject-specific PhD NRRP slot pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024, which can be chosen from the Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability Programme, two distinct research projects must be submitted and attached.

Scientific publications must be submitted as an attachment to the application, in electronic format (pdf), indicating the author, year of publication, publishing house, name of the journal, ISSN or ISBN or ISMN code. Reference may not be made to documents or publications submitted to this or other authorities, or to documents attached to another application to take part in another selection procedure.

For the purposes of this selection, published scientific publications pertaining to the field of research of the chosen Programme will be eligible for evaluation.

Works printed in Italy must comply with the requirements of Article 1 of Legislative Decree 660 of 31 August 1945.

For publications or works printed abroad, the date and place of publication must be indicated.

Only those degrees held on the closing date of the Call for Applications and submitted as an attachment to the application will be assessed.



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At the end of the procedure, the application will be registered to confirm its submission. Applicants will receive a notification of receipt of the application with an **identification code** (application ID, to be kept) at the e-mail address indicated in the application. This code is used for identification of all the results published on the University website, on the page "Selections and selections for Doctorates, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure, at the address <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

The applicant is solely responsible for the information and documents provided when completing the application. It is the candidate's responsibility to check that the procedure has been correctly completed and that all attachments have been correctly uploaded.

No complaints will be accepted for system malfunctions due to overloading of computer networks close to the deadline. Applicants are therefore invited to submit their application well in advance of the deadline.

Once submitted, the application cannot be modified.

Failure to upload the mandatory information and documents when filling in the application form cannot be corrected after the deadline of the Call for Applications.

Failure to upload the mandatory information and documents when filling in the application form shall include the uploading of empty files or files containing information of a different nature from that requested.

If corrections need to be made to the submitted application, the withdrawal procedure must be carried out in the PICA online platform and a new application must be submitted within the deadline of the Call for Applications.

All documentation submitted by applicants for the purpose of submitting applications will be subject to checks to ensure that it is complete. Any document found to be false will result in the exclusion of the candidate from the selection procedures at any stage of the procedure, even after the tests have been held and the selection process has been completed. Any documentation found to be false will be pursued in accordance with the law. The University may order the exclusion from the competitive selection of candidates whose documentation is found to be faulty or who provide false self-declarations, even after enrolment and the start of the course. Should the candidate be excluded after admission to the course, he/she shall also be required to repay any scholarships received. In this case, exclusion will be ordered by Rectoral Decree.

Candidates with disabilities (DIS) or Specific Learning Disorders (SLD) who wish to request the supports provided for by the regulations in force in the performance of the oral test must do so at the application stage, by filling in the relevant fields in the PICA platform. Disability certification must be:

- issued by the local health authority (INPS), pursuant to Law No 118 of 30 March 1971 (civil invalidity);
- or
- issued by the competent public health facility for the territory, pursuant to Law 104/1992 and subsequent amendments (disability certificate).

SLD certificates must:

- meet the 2011 Consensus Conference criteria;
- be issued by NHS facilities or accredited bodies no earlier than 3 years after the date of the admission interview, except in the case of certifications issued after the age of majority (Article 3 of Law 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 24/07/2012).
- be complete with diagnosis and nosographic reference codes, according to Law 170/2010.

Applicants with disabilities or specific learning disorders (SLD) residing in foreign countries, who wish to benefit from the measures referred to in the previous paragraph, must present a certification attesting to their disability or SLD condition issued in their country of residence, accompanied by a sworn translation in Italian or English. Failure to submit the documents online by the deadline specified in this notice will not entitle the applicant to the requested assistance.

ARTICLE 5 – SELECTION PROCEDURE

The admission examinations are based on qualifications, research project and oral test.

The Selection Committee can award a total of 100 points.

The score is broken down as follows:

1) ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: maximum score 20/100 (minimum score for admission to the oral test: 10/20)

A. **Degree marks** related to the degree held, required for access to the PhD (maximum 3 points)

- 110 cum laude: 3 points
- 109/110 to 110/110: 2 points
- 105/110 to 108/110: 1 point
- Up to 104/110: 0 points

For applicants who have not yet obtained their degree on the date of application, a mark of 0 (zero) will be awarded.

B. **Scientific publications** related to the research area of the chosen programme (maximum 3 points). The publication location and/or type of publication, originality, methodological approach and results will be assessed.

Publications must be submitted according to the indications given in Article 4 of this Call for Applications.

C. **Dissertation summary** (maximum 12 points)

Linguistic accuracy and clarity, originality, methodological approach, results will be assessed.

For candidates who, on the date of submitting their application, have not yet achieved their degree, only the summary of the dissertation being finalised countersigned by the dissertation supervisor will



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be assessed (the application form will also require the name and surname of the supervisor and the institution to which they belong), under penalty of exclusion from the assessment of the title. The dissertation summary must be submitted in accordance with the instructions given in Article 4 of this Call for Applications.

D. Other qualifications (maximum 2 points)

The following will be assessed: Relevant 1st level Master's degree; Relevant 2nd level Master's degree; Relevant postgraduate courses; Linguistic certifications in languages other than Italian and English. Qualifications must be submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in Article 4 of this Call for Applications.

2) ASSESSMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT: maximum score 30/100 (minimum score for admission to the oral test: 20/30)

The following will be assessed: linguistic accuracy and clarity, originality, methodological approach, reasoned reference bibliography and expected results.

The research project must be submitted according to the instructions provided in Article 4 of this Call for Applications.

3) REMOTE ORAL TEST: maximum score 50/100 (minimum score for passing the oral test: 30/50)

The oral test will be held in Italian or in English (as indicated by the candidate in the application phase).

The interview will focus on the research project presented by the candidate, on the candidate's educational background and on the research topics inherent to the proposed project.

The candidate's research aptitude, skills and knowledge will be assessed.

During the oral interview, the Commission will ascertain, at its sole discretion, the candidate's adequate knowledge of English (at a level equivalent to B2) and, for candidates with foreign citizenship, adequate knowledge of Italian (at a level equivalent to B2).

Knowledge of the Italian and English languages, if ascertained at a level lower than that respectively required by the Call for Applications, is a condition for the Commission's declaration of the candidate's ineligibility and will consequently result in the candidate failing the oral test.

The assessment of the university qualifications and the research project will precede the oral test.

A candidate who has obtained a score of no less than 10/20 in the assessment of qualifications and a score of no less than 20/30 in the assessment of the research project is admitted to the oral test.

The oral test is considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of at least 30/50.

The final mark is the sum of the marks obtained in the assessment of the qualifications, the assessment of the project, and the oral test.

In order to be eligible for admission to the PhD course, a minimum score of 60/100 must be achieved in the overall assessment of the tests.

The remote oral test will take place between 4 and 9 September 2024 via the Microsoft Teams platform.

No later than 3 September 2024, the following will be published on the University website on the page "Competitive Selections and selections for Doctorates, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure at <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegno-e-borse>, the marks obtained for the assessment of qualifications and for the Research Project, the list of candidates admitted to the oral test and the timetable for the on-line interview, as well as a notice announcing the procedure for the interview and any other communication concerning this selection. This diary serves as a formal convocation and no personal communications will be sent in this regard.

Failure to be present on the day and at the time of the interview will be considered as implicit renouncement of participation in the selection, whatever the cause.

Candidates may not request to be convened on a day or at a time other than that set, unless they are prevented from attending for health reasons, which must be duly documented. The request, duly accompanied by a medical certificate, must be received only and exclusively by certified e-mail at the following address: protocollo@pec.unistrapg.it by the scheduled date and time. However, the oral test may not take place after 9 September 2024.

In order to enable the interview to be conducted remotely, applicants must provide an e-mail address and telephone contact in their application and must be equipped with the following IT support:

1. Preferably a computer (alternatively also a tablet or smartphone, provided they have a fast connection speed);
2. Webcam;
3. Microphone and speakers or headphones with microphone.

Please note that the use of a webcam is mandatory and that you must have your identification document on hand to show before the oral test.

On the day and at the time set for the oral test, candidates must be available at the contact provided and will be required to identify themselves before the interview begins by presenting the same identification document already provided as a mandatory attachment to the application.

Failure to be connected, unavailability of the candidates on the appointed day and time or failure to show a valid identity document will be grounds for exclusion from the selection procedure. In order to verify that the connection works, candidates may be invited via Teams to take a technical connection test prior to the online oral interview.

Should technical connection problems occur during the test:

- if this problem affects the connection of one or more Commissioners, the interview is automatically postponed;
- if this problem relates to the connection of the candidates, the Commission may postpone the interview for good reasons, while respecting the principles of non-discrimination and equal treatment of candidates.

ARTICLE 6 – SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall be formed and appointed by Rector's Decree in compliance with the regulations in force and as established by the Regulation governing PhD courses at the University for Foreigners Perugia. The composition of the Committee will be published on the University website on the page "Competitive Selections and selections for Doctorates, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure, at the address <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

Prior to the commencement of the selection tests, the members of the Committee, having viewed the list of participants, shall sign the statement that there is no incompatibility between them and the candidates, pursuant to Articles 51 e 52 of the civil procedure code.

The Selection Committee has full responsibility for the proper conduct of the selection procedures, with particular reference to the correct scoring as well as the correct drafting of the selection reports.

ARTICLE 7 – CLASSIFICATION LISTS

Once the selection tests have been completed, the Committee draws up the classification list for each type of slot based on the sum of the marks obtained by each candidate in the assessment of qualifications, the assessment of the project, and the oral test.

The rankings are broken down by Programme (Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability, Diplomacy and International Cooperation) and by type of slot and scholarship indicated in Article 1.

The **ranking lists** will be published on the University's website on the "Competitive Selections and selections for Doctorates, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure, at the address <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

Candidates are admitted to the Course according to the order of their respective rankings up to the number of slots available.

If the slot is renounced, the slot shall be awarded to the next candidate following the order of the respective ranking list.

The same applies in the event of disqualification or exclusion, provided that one month has not elapsed since

the start of the course.

If there is a tie in merit, the economic situation, determined in accordance with the regulations in force, is decisive for the assignment of the slot. If the rankings show a tie, interested candidates will be invited to submit the above certification by the date indicated in the Rectoral Decree of approval.

Should the number of successful candidates in the ranking list for the Diplomacy and International Cooperation Programme be insufficient to cover the number of places available, the remaining slots shall be awarded to the successful candidates in the ranking list for the Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability Programme, relating to the "free-subject slots" on the basis of the highest score obtained.

If, as part of the Liberal arts and sciences in Sustainability Programme, candidates have submitted two applications, one for the free-subject slot under the "FENICE" Project, and another for one of the two innovative, subject-specific PhD slots funded with NRRP - Ministerial Decree 630/2024 resources, the choice to compete for the subject-specific slot shall be considered a binding first choice.

If a subject-specific NRRP slot is awarded, the application for the free-subject slot shall be considered declined. Any waiver of the subject-specific NRRP slot is equivalent to a waiver of the PhD course.

In the event of non-eligibility and/or awarding of a subject-specific slot, the eventual application for the free-subject slot still remains valid.

Personal communications will not be sent.

The publication of the rankings on the University website on the page "Competitive Selections and selections for PhDs, Research Scholarships and Slots for Research Activities", in the section dedicated to the selection procedure, at <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>, serves as an official communication to the interested parties.

ARTICLE 8 – COURSE ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

To be admitted to the PhD Course, the successful candidates must submit their application for enrolment and make the relative statements, within the deadlines indicated in the Rector's Decree announcing the publication of the ranking lists. The successful candidates will not be sent any communication regarding the deadline for enrolment.

The registration procedures will be published on the University website - www.unistrapg.it at the page: <https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-assegni-e-borse>.

Those who do not enrol by the deadline and in accordance with the procedures published on the University website shall be considered to have renounced their slot (tacit renouncement) for all intents and purposes, and the vacant positions will be assigned to those who have been placed on the ranking list.

Successful candidates who have yet to attain their admission qualifications are admitted to the Course and



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enrolled "with reserve", without prejudice to the obligation to attain their qualifications by 31 October 2024, \ of forfeiting their admission to the Course.

The attainment of the degree must be communicated to the University, through self-certification, promptly and in any case no later than 31 October 2024, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the Call for Applications.

Successful candidates with a degree attained abroad must also submit the following documentation together with their application for enrolment, if not submitted as an attachment to the application:

1. for candidates with degrees obtained outside the European Union: Statement of local degree validity issued by the Italian diplomatic-consular representation in the country where the degree was obtained;
2. for candidates with degrees obtained within the European Union: Diploma Supplement in English.

Candidates holding a foreign degree will be excluded from the PhD course with the obligation to return any undue scholarships received if the degree submitted does not meet the requirements of this Call for Applications.

ARTICLE 9 – SCHOLARSHIPS

The amount of the scholarship is €. 16,243.00 per year gross of social security charges to be paid by the fellow, which is increased by 50 per cent for a total period not exceeding 12 months if the PhD student is authorised by the Board of teachers to carry out research activities abroad, in accordance with the University Regulations on PhDs.

This period may be extended up to a maximum total of 18 months for PhDs co-supervised by foreign subjects, based on current regulations and specifically signed agreements.

The PhD scholarship is disbursed in monthly instalments in arrears, lasts one year and is renewed annually for the duration of the course provided that the PhD student has been admitted to the following year by the Board of teachers.

Starting from the first year, each registered PhD student is guaranteed a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad amounting to 10% of the annual gross amount of the scholarship.

The scholarship is subject to the payment of national social security contributions to INPS under the separate account pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 26 of Law 335 of 8 August 1995, as amended, at the rate of two-thirds to be paid by the administration and one-third by the scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient is responsible for registering with the INPS separate account management system.

PhD scholarships may not be combined with other scholarships for any reason whatsoever, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions to supplement the PhD student's research activities with stays abroad.

A PhD scholarship cannot be awarded to anyone who has previously received it, even partially.



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With regard to the innovative subject-specific PhD slots, co-funded with NRRP resources pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024, it is not possible to accept the slot and renounce the scholarship, as provided for by Ministerial Decree 301/2022, Article 3.3 letter e). Furthermore, the PhD students benefiting from this scholarship are required to carry out the research project that has been submitted and financed, in accordance with the specified subject area.

ARTICLE 10 – REGIONAL STUDENT TUITION FEE

Pursuant to Article 13 of Law 210 of 3 July 1998 of the University's Regulation governing PhD courses, Law 232 of 11 December 2016 "State budget for the 2017 financial year and multi-year budget for the 2017-2019 three-year period", subsection 262 and the Umbria Regional Council Resolution 923 of 23 July 2012, PhD students, with or without a scholarship, are only required to pay the regional tuition fee of €140.00. Tuition is to be paid through the PagoPA system according to the instructions that will be provided at the time of enrolment.

ARTICLE 11 – OBLIGATIONS OF PhD STUDENTS

PhD students are required to attend the PhD course and to carry out continuous study and research activities within the structures allocated for that purpose, according to the procedures to be established by the Board of teachers.

The University is responsible for providing insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability for the entire duration of the course.

Civil servants enrolled in the PhD courses are subject to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1, of Law 476 of 13 August 1984; Article 52, paragraph 57, Law 448 of 28 December 2001 and Article 19, Law 240 of 30 December 2010.

The pursuit of activities that are compatible with the PhD programme is permitted, subject to authorisation by the Board of Teachers in accordance with current legislation and the University regulations on PhDs. Such external activities, which are occasional and of short duration, must in no way conflict with the activity carried out by the PhD student.

Maternity leave and absences due to serious and documented illness may lead to suspension from the Course, subject to the decision of the Board of Teachers. If the suspension lasts longer than thirty days, the scholarship will be suspended and will resume at the end of the suspension.

Should the student be absent without justification or fail to fulfil his/her obligations, the Board of Teachers may, on the basis of a resolution, exclude the PhD student from the Course. In this case the PhD student is required to refund the scholarship in full, with reference to the year in question, or any instalments received.

Those enrolled in the PhD courses may carry out limited teaching activities for students attending the degree

courses, as part of the planning undertaken by the Board of Teachers, in agreement with the Departments and in compliance with the regulations in force.

In addition to the obligations under the University Regulations on PhD programmes, as required by Ministerial Decree 630/2024, PhD students who have been awarded a scholarship pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024 must comply with the provisions of Article 2 for the specific scholarship they have been awarded and, at the time of enrolment, must undertake to:

- submit a six-monthly report indicating the time commitment and a summary of the main activities carried out, also stating that they comply with the principle of "not causing significant damage to the environment". Reporting will be done through the appropriate on-line platform (<https://dottorati.mur.gov.it>) and using the forms found there;
- undertake mandatory study and research periods abroad, from a minimum of six (6) up to a maximum of twelve (12) months within the three-year period;
- undertake the required mandatory periods of study and research in a company for a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of eighteen (18) months, even if not continuous, over a three-year period, in the location and for the duration referred to in Article 2, with reference to the NRRP subject-specific scholarship awarded;
- ensure compliance with the reporting and information requirements provided for in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, by indicating in all documents that the Programme is funded under the NRRP, with explicit reference to funding by the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, and by displaying the European Union emblem on the documents;
- comply with the principle of not causing significant damage to environmental objectives, pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

With regard to the innovative subject-specific PhD slots, co-funded with NRRP resources pursuant to Ministerial Decree 630/2024, it is not possible to accept the slot and renounce the scholarship, as provided for by Ministerial Decree 301/2022, Article 3.3 letter e).

The winner of a slot with scholarship funded with NRRP Ministerial Decree 630/2024 funds, who is a public employee or becomes one during the course of his/her PhD studies, is required to submit a request to the institution to which he/she belongs to be placed on extraordinary leave for study purposes without pay for the duration of the course. If the above-mentioned unpaid leave of absence is not granted, the student will not be able to enrol or continue studies.

The scholarship, funded with NRRP Ministerial Decree 630/2024 funds, will be revoked in the following cases:

- a) undertaking the PhD course in a way that differs from the project accepted for funding, if the necessary authorisation was not previously requested and subsequently granted by the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MUR);
- b) failure to carry out the minimum period of study and research abroad and at the company as set out in Article 2.

The University for Foreigners Perugia may claim reimbursement of the amounts received from the beneficiary.



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ARTICLE 12 – ATTAINMENT OF DEGREE

The PhD degree ("Research PhD" or "PhD") is granted at the end of the course by the Rector and is attained upon passing the final examination, which may be repeated only once.

The final examination selection board will be formed and appointed in accordance with current legislation and the University Regulations governing PhD courses.

ARTICLE 13 – INTERNATIONAL JOINT-SUPERVISION PHD THESIS AGREEMENTS

Under a special international co-supervisory agreement, to be finalised normally by the end of the first year of the course, entered into by the University for Foreigners Perugia with a foreign university, the PhD dissertation may be conducted under the joint direction of two dissertation directors, one from each of the two institutions. Research activities may be carried out, for alternating periods, at the two sites, according to the procedures established by the partner universities and in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 14 – INCOMPATIBILITY

Enrolment in the PhD course is not possible concurrently with enrolment in another PhD course - apart from co-supervised dissertations - or in a Bachelor's or Master's degree course with mandatory attendance.

Concurrent enrolment in a PhD course and in a Bachelor's or Master's degree course with not mandatory attendance is permitted.

Concurrent enrolment in a PhD course and a Master's degree course is subject to the positive assessment of the respective governing bodies, after verifying the existence of the conditions for the acquisition of the knowledge and skills required to achieve the educational objectives of each course.

ARTICLE 15 - PROCEDURE MANAGER

Pursuant to the provisions of Law 241/90, Chapter II, and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the procedure referred to in this notice is Paola Tricoli, Head of PhD Office.

PhD Office

e-mail: dottorato@unistrapg.it

Telephone numbers: 0755746351-276-684.

ARTICLE 16 – DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 679 of 2016 on the protection of personal data and in implementation of Legislative Decree 101 of 10 August 2018, the personal data provided by candidates will be processed by the University for Foreigners Perugia solely for managing the selection procedure referred to in this Call for Applications.

The complete privacy policy regarding the processing of the data provided and the identification of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be viewed at: <https://www.unistrapg.it/node/4947>

ARTICLE 17 – REFERENCE STANDARDS AND ADVERTISING

This Notice is drawn up in Italian and translated into English; in case of conflict and/or different interpretation of individual parts, the text written in Italian will prevail.

For all matters not covered by this Call for Applications, reference is made to the relevant laws and regulations in force.

This Call for Applications will be published on the University's website.

It will also be publicised on the website of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MUR) and on the European Euraxess website.

The notice of publication of the Call for Applications on the institutional website will be published in the Official Gazette, Special Series - Selection Procedure and Examinations.

The Call for Applications is available on the University for Foreigners Perugia website at the following address:

<https://www.unistrapg.it/conoscere-lateneo/amministrazione-e-organizzazione/bandi-di-concorso/dottorati-asegni-e-borse>

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Annex

Research Project Template
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PHD COURSE IN
FRONTIER SCIENCES IN SUSTAINABILITY, DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION

XL CYCLE - 2024/2025 Academic Year

CANDIDATE'S NAME AND SURNAME _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

Proposed in support of the application below:

PROGRAMME/CURRICULUM: _____

- FREE-SUBJECT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED WITH UNIVERSITY FUNDS
- FREE-SUBJECT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED WITH "FENICE" PROJECT FUNDS
- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED WITH NRRP - MINISTERIAL DECREE 630/24

RESOURCES

RESTRICTED TOPIC: _____

RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Note for compilation: the research project presented in attachment to the application must be written in Italian or English and must have a maximum length of 15,000 characters, including spaces, abstract and notes, and excluding bibliography.

The Project must include:

- abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, spaces included),
- state of the art and contextualization of the topic,
- methodologies,
- expected results,
- bibliography.

WARNING: *If applying for both a free-subject and subject-specific fellowship (in any case within the same programme), two separate research projects must be submitted.*

Please note that the proposed project:

- *must be attached in pdf format within the PICA platform using the "Upload" function;*
- *will be assessed solely for the purpose of admission and will not be binding on the PhD project, if admitted, with the exception of the NRRP subject-specific scholarships.*

Also:

- *in the case of subject-specific scholarships under Ministerial Decree 630/2024, the project must make explicit reference to the subject for which the application is submitted.*

Date _____

Candidate's signature _____