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**Open Competition
based on academic qualifications and examinations for admission to
Research Doctorate course in
Earth and Marine Sciences (EMAS)**

XXXVIII Cycle – Academic Year 2022/2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 25th 2022 – h. 12.00 (ITALIAN TIME)

Art. 1

Purpose and general rules

Pursuant to the Consortium Agreement signed between the University of Ferrara (Italy) and the Universidad de Cadiz (Spain), the public competition based on qualifications and interview is herewith called for the admission to the International Research Doctorate in Earth and Marine Sciences (EMAS).

The course lasts three years starting from November 1st, 2022.

Available positions will be awarded according to a merit list, depending on the places provided by the individual Institutions Partners, as illustrated in article 7 of this announcement.

Available positions, including research subjects, admission requirements, procedures and criteria for selecting and evaluating candidates in order to draw up the rankings, are indicated in the following articles and in the sheet attached, which has to be considered as an integral part of this announcement.

Scholarships, research grants and/or other equivalent financial forms, as well as the available positions of this announcement can increase depending on the funding availability. Funding may also come from other Public research bodies or private research structures, without prejudice to the deadlines for submitting the admission request. Failure to complete agreements with external bodies for the funding of scholarships and/or other equivalent forms of research support, even though written in this call, reduces the number of available positions.

This announcement has to be considered an official notification.

Any changes, updates or integrations to its content **will be exclusively announced** on the website <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/emas>.

Failure to comply with the requirements stated in this announcement will result in the exclusion from the competition.

Any personal communication to candidates concerning this competition will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the candidate during the registration procedure (ref. art. 5).

The Università degli Studi di Ferrara does not assume any responsibility for the loss of any communications due to incorrect candidate addresses, or to missed/late communication of their e-mail address change, or to postal or telecommunication mistakes.

This announcement is drawn up in Italian and English according to the rules of the Consortium Agreement signed by the partner Institutions, and to the respective University PhD Courses Regulations.

The schedule of the admission tests will be available at the following link:

<http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/commissioni>,

Within the deadline of this call the Board of Professors will define the schedule and immediately publish it online.

Art. 2

Positions deriving from DD.MM. 351/2022 and 352/2022

A) The Italian Ministry for University and Research, issued the Ministerial Decree (D.M.) 351/2022 and assigned to universities resources based on the PNRR (Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza – National Recovery and Resilience Plan), Mission 4, component 1 “Strengthening of the educational services: from nursery schools to universities” – Investment 3.4 “Advanced teaching and university skills” and Investment 4.1 “Extension of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for public administration and cultural heritage”.

The University of Ferrara selected the research projects to activate as part of the University doctoral courses accredited for the XXXVIII cycle.

These projects, pursuant the above-mentioned Ministerial Decree 351/2022, are:

- consistent with the objectives and purposes of the (EU) Regulation 2021/241; with the general strategy and with the detailed Sheet of the PNRR component;
- aimed at achieving results measured in reference to milestones and targets that may be assigned to the Investment, within the terms that are established by the Plan;
- compliant with the “do not cause significant damage” (DNSH) principle, pursuant to art. 17 of the (EU) 2020/852 Regulation; and coherent with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (European Commission communication 2021/C58/01);
- suitable for addressing and bridging gender inequalities;
- in support of the participation of women and young people, also in accordance with the provisions of the Decreto-Legge (Decree) 31 May 2021, n. 77 (so-called “Decreto Semplificazioni” – “Simplifications Decree”), that was modified by the law 29 July 2021, n. 108, related to the management of the PNRR – National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

The summary of the research projects selected in favor of the Doctoral Programs promoted by the University of Ferrara is in the following scheme:

	Scholarships number	Mission 4, component 1, line of investment:	
A	1	M4C1 Inv. 3.4 – Awarding of new three-year PhD courses in programs dedicated to digital and environmental transitions	
B	7	M4C1 Inv. 4.1 – Extension of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for Public Administration and cultural heritage	PNRR PhD Programmes
C	6		Public Administration PhD Programmes
D	2		Cultural Heritage PhD Programmes

The interventions that are the target of such initiatives must also:

- cover disciplinary and thematic areas consistent with the needs of the country, as well as the regional territories affected by the program, in terms of highly qualified figures oriented to meet the innovation needs of the companies referred to in the PNRR;
- provide for the implementation of the entire doctoral, training, research and evaluation path at the administrative and operational headquarters of the beneficiary University, without prejudice to the periods of study and research at the company and abroad. These periods at the company and abroad must be planned consistently with the training and research activities that are provided for at the site of the proposing body;
- ensure that the PhD student can use qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities, that must be in accordance with the law, in order to develop the study and research activities, including (if relevant with the type of course) scientific labs, libraries, data-bases and so on;
- provide for the implementation of didactic activities for linguistic and computer science improvement; for research management; for the knowledge of European and international research systems, for the enhancement of research results and intellectual property;
- promote the enhancement of research results and guarantee the protection of intellectual property by ensuring open access to the research results and to the relevant data in the shortest time and with the least limitations, according to the “Open Science” and “FAID Data” principles. Ensure compliance with the PNRR horizontal principles (environmental sustainability; sustainable development; equal opportunities and non-discrimination; accessibility for disable persons).

The PhD programs include periods of study and research in companies for a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months and periods of study and research abroad for a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months as specified below:

	Periods abroad	Periods in companies
programs dedicated to digital and environmental transitions	mandatory	mandatory in companies or research centers
PNRR PhD Programmes	mandatory	optional
Public Administration PhD Programmes	mandatory	mandatory in companies, research centers or

		Public Administrations
Cultural Heritage PhD Programmes	mandatory	mandatory in companies, research centers or Public Administrations, including museums, Institutes of the Ministry of Culture, archives, libraries

B) Furthermore, the Italian Ministry for University and Research, with the D.M. (Ministerial Decree) 352/2022 assigned resources, based on the PNRR, Mission 4, component 2 "From Research to Business" – Investment 3.3 "Introduction of innovative PhD Programs that respond to the innovation needs of businesses and promote the recruitment of researchers by enterprises", for the activation of dedicated doctoral programs, with the contribution and involvement of businesses.

The University of Ferrara selected the companies to participate in the co-financing of the scholarships and selected the research projects to activate as part of the University doctoral courses accredited for the XXXVIII cycle. These projects, pursuant to the above-mentioned Ministerial Decree 352/2022, are:

- a. consistent with the objectives and purposes of the (EU) Regulation 2021/241; with the general strategy and with the detailed Sheet of the PNRR component;
- b. aimed at achieving results measured in reference to milestones and targets that may be assigned to the Investment, within the terms that are established by the Plan;
- c. compliant with the "do not cause significant damage" (DNSH) principle, pursuant to art. 17 of the (EU) 2020/852 Regulation, and coherent with the technical guidelines prepared by the European Commission (European Commission communication 2021/C58/01);
- d. suitable for addressing and bridging gender inequalities;
- e. in support of the participation of women and young people, also in accordance with the provisions of the Decreto-Legge (Decree) 31 May 2021, n. 77 (so-called "Decreto Semplificazioni" – "Simplifications Decree"), that was modified by the law 29 July 2021, n. 108, related to the management of the PNRR – National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Furthermore, the Interventions to which the initiative is destined must:

- a. be related to disciplinary and thematic areas, that must be consistent with the needs of the Country, as well as the regional territories affected by the program, in terms of highly qualified figures oriented to meet the innovation needs of the companies referred to in the PNRR;
- b. provide for the implementation of the entire doctoral, training, research and evaluation path at the administrative and operational headquarters of the beneficiary University, without prejudice to the periods of study and research at the company and abroad. These periods at the company and abroad must be planned consistently with the training and research activities that are provided for at the site of the proposing body;
- c. ensure that the PhD student can use qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities, that must be in accordance with the law, in order to develop the study and research activities, including (if relevant with the type of course) scientific labs, libraries, data-bases and so on;
- d. provide for the implementation of didactic activities for linguistic and computer science improvement; for research management; for the knowledge of European and international research systems, for the enhancement of research results and intellectual property;
- e. promote the enhancement of research results and guarantee the protection of intellectual property by ensuring open access to the research results and to the relevant data in the shortest time and with the least limitations, according to the "Open Science" and "FAID Data" principles.
- f. Ensure compliance with the PNRR horizontal principles (environmental sustainability; sustainable development; equal opportunities and non-discrimination; accessibility for disabled persons).

All PhD programs include periods of study and research in companies for a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months and periods of study and research abroad for a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months.

Regarding the positions financed under the aforementioned initiatives, the titles of the selected research projects are shown in the attached competition records of each Course, which are an integral part of this announcement. <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/ordinario>.

Furthermore, on page <https://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/it/concorsi/dm-351-e-352> you can consult the descriptive sheets of all individual topics, that provide suitable information and allow candidates to prepare and adequate research project.

Obligations relating to doctoral programs funded under the DD.MM. 351/22 and 352/22

In addition to the obligations for doctoral students, that are in the Regulations about Research Doctorates, issued with Rectoral Decree (D.R.) Rep. No. 448/2022 of 25/03/2022, the winners of a scholarship associated with research projects relating to DD.MM. 351/22 and 352/22 undertake to:

- Present a report every six months indicating the time commitment (articulated in months at the company,

in site at UNIFE and abroad) and a summary of the main activities the PhD Student carried out; the report must be written through the appropriate online platform and using the forms therein;

- Ensure compliance with the communication and information obligations, provided for by art. 34 of the EU Regulation 2021/241. All documents must have the European Union logo and must indicate that the Programme is funded under the PNRR Italian Plan, with explicit reference to the EU funding and to the NextGenerationEU programme. It is mandatory to provide adequate dissemination and promotion to the Programme, online, via web and through social media, as requested by the PNRR Communication Strategy;
- Comply with the "do not cause significant damage" (DNSH) principle, to the environment goals, pursuant to art. 17 of the (EU) 2020/852 Regulation.

Furthermore, they are obliged, **under penalty of revocation of the scholarship**, to:

- Carry out the PhD program consistently with the project admitted for funding, unless the Ministry of the University and Research grants the necessary authorization to the previous request;
- Spend a mandatory period of study and research abroad (minimum 6 months, maximum 18 months) before the end of the PhD Course;
- Spend a mandatory period of study and research in a company (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months) before the end of the PhD Course, as provided by the rules for scholarships funded within what is provided in **DM 351/22, referred to programs dedicated to digital and environmental transitions, to the Public Administration and to the cultural heritage**;
- Spend a mandatory period of study and research in a company (minimum 6 months, maximum 12 months) before the end of the PhD Course, as provided by the rules for scholarships funded within what is provided in **DM 352/22**.

At the end of the competition process, candidates that will be recipients of the scholarships as per the paragraphs **A)** and **B)** of this article must proceed with the enrolment in the PhD Course, in accordance with the procedures and timing indicated in art. 12.

Subsequently, the Ministry of the University and Research (MUR) will verify the eligibility for support within the PNRR projects and ANVUR (National Agency for the University and Research System Evaluation) will verify that the project are consistent with the DM 351/22 or DM 352/22 requisites.

Once both evaluations are complete, MUR will communicate the allocation of the final funding that will be due to each University.

Therefore, the actual activation of the indicated positions is subject to the positive evaluation of consistency and eligibility, in order to receive the ministerial funding.

Art. 3

Features and organization of the course

The programme is aimed at highly qualified candidates from all European and non-European Countries. Its main aim is to educate young researcher of high scientific level, who are open to great debates about the issues related to the two proposed curricula, with a multi- and inter-disciplinary approach towards the main research areas of the course, according to "EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation – Horizon 2020".

The research topics of the two curricula can be found on the website:

<http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/corsi/riforma/earth>.

In order to provide an excellent academic quality of the programme, the Partner Institutions are committed in providing specific expertise, lessons and supervisors for studying and research activities of the course, commensurately to the specific roles of each Institution.

The complementarity of the research lines developed by the parties and the integration of the international path are also guaranteed through mandatory mobility periods for doctoral students, both between the parties and within the research network each Institutions offers.

Regarding mandatory mobility, the Parties agree to establish throughout an internal regulation a minimum period of training and research to carry out at a "Host Institutions", in order to achieve the degree. The academic supervisor must authorize in advance the activities to carry out at the "Host Institution", and they must announced to the Board of Professors.

All Partners and Consortium-Associated Institutions are to be considered "Host Institution", as well as each University and International High Research Institution qualified in the research fields of the course, as long as they are authorised by the Board of Professors.

The Parties agree that by "Host Institution", they mean one of the two Partner Universities or any other consortium associated University and/or international research body of high qualification in the relevant field relevant to the Ph.D. Course.

Winning Candidates will be enrolled in the Ph.D. Course of "Earth and Marine Science" promoted by the University of Ferrara according to D.M. December 14th, 2021 N° 226. In order to fulfil the enrolment to the joint international doctorate, candidates must accept the regulations mutually agreed by the Parties involved, which also contain all requisites for accessing it, together with legal, administrative and procedural provisions mandatory for the issuing

of the double degree by signing the relevant agreement.

Winning Candidates that will decide to participate in the international path will be simultaneously enrolled both at Università di Ferrara and Universidad de Cadiz.

At the end of the Course, the University of Ferrara will issue the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in "Earth and Marine Science" to candidates who will have successfully defended their thesis. Moreover, to all Candidates enrolled in the international path, who will have fulfilled all the necessary requirements and positively defended their thesis, the University of Cadiz will issue the degree in "Science and Marine Technologies".

Art. 4 **Admission Requirements**

Applicants, without any limitation of age nor citizenship, must hold one of the following qualifications before this announcement deadline:

- a) An Italian degree known as "Laurea specialistica/magistrale" or a degree awarded prior to the approval of the Italian D.M. n. 509 dated 3 November 1999, updated with D.M. n. 270 of 22 October 2004, n. 270; Master (second level) degree;
- b) An equivalent foreign academic qualification awarded abroad as provided for at paragraph a);
- c) An academic qualification awarded abroad which has to be considered equivalent to the Italian degree in length, level and possibly study area, according to what is provided for at paragraph a).

Candidates who will achieve the necessary requirements to access the doctorate course within **November 1st 2022** are accepted with reserve. In this case, applicants must send a self-declaration with the specifics of the degree and the grade achieved to dottorato@unife.it by **November 1st, 2022**.

The attached sheet, which is an integral part of the present call for application, specifies the type of degrees that are required for the participation to the call, as well as any additional requirements.

All candidates are admitted to the selection subject to verification of self-certified declarations, pursuant to the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions. The University may carry out checks on the truthfulness of the declarations and request the submission of original documents at any time during the proceedings, even after the beginning of the doctoral courses.

The University may exclude from the selection process those candidates who do not meet the admission requirements. The University can do so at any time by motivated order of the Rector.

Those already enrolled on the same doctoral Course cannot apply for admission.

Art. 5 **Selection Application Form**

The application form for admission to the selection procedure, including all mandatory documentation, must be drawn up and sent, under penalty of exclusion, **by July 25, 2022 – at 12.00 (Italian time)** using only the appropriate **online procedure**, available at the following link: <https://pica.cineca.it/unife/dottorati38-emas>.

You can find all information for registration and access to the procedure at the links:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unife/dottorati38-emas>

<http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/emas> - Istruzioni di compilazione "Help_38.pdf"

Candidates can access the procedure for submitting the admission application also using SPID (Public Digital Identity System). This procedure is available only for candidates already living in Italy). Candidates can do so by choosing the University of Ferrara from the page of the available federations.

The application is completed by entering the requested information and enclosing the documents indicated in the form regarding the course each candidate is interested in.

Files must be in pdf-Adobe format only: maximum size 30 Mb for each attachment.

Files must be named with the candidate's number, surname, name, file name. For example: 1_surname_name_curriculum.pdf. Should there be files with more pages, add a number at the end, i.e.: 1_surname_name_curriculum_2.pdf

The application must contain the candidate's personal data, the residence, phone number, e-mail address, and the citizenship.

For all legal purposes, all the data contained in the application and in all the enclosed documents are considered as a self-certification, pursuant to articles no. 46 and 47 of the Italian Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

In the application form, **it is mandatory to choose the "Home Institution".**
Only one "Home Institution" can be chosen.

- **University of Cadiz** = Universidad de Cadiz (España)
- **Dipartimento di Fisica e Scienze della Terra** = Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italia)

The expressed choice will be binding and it will determine the allocation of available positions, pursuant to art. 6 of this announcement. Positions will be assigned according to the order of the relative rankings, until all available positions at each University run out.

Candidates who intend to apply for the specific positions listed below **must select the type of position and/or the type of fellowship for specific research topics** in their application:

- Positions reserved for company employees, who are engaged in highly qualified activities (industrial doctorates);
- Positions with high-apprenticeship contracts;
- Positions reserved for Public bodies employees, who are engaged in highly qualified activities and who will keep their salary;
- Scholarships for a specific research topic. These topics are duly explained in the attached forms, which are an integral part of this announcement.

Candidates who request to compete for scholarships for a specific research topic are NOT precluded from applying to the ordinary scholarship positions.

Once the application has been completed and submitted, candidates will receive an email to confirm that the submission process is completed and they will receive an identification code, which is essential for any communication with CINECA and the IUSS Office.

It is the candidates' responsibility to verify the correct procedure conclusion. Complaints will not be accepted for any malfunctions of the computer system due to overloads near the deadline.

Applications that **at 12.00 (Italian time) on July 25, 2022** are incomplete in the compilation and/or in the mandatory attachments will be excluded.

In no case, additions to the documentation will be accepted after the deadline for the call.

Candidates wishing to participate in the competition for more than one doctoral course must submit an application for each course and attach the required documentation for each application.

Candidates are invited to complete the application for participating in the competition well in advance of the deadline.

Art. 6

Support for candidates with disabilities or with specific learning difficulties (SpLD)

Candidates with disabilities and/or with Specific Learning Disorder (SLD) can report their needs, which will be taken into account in the organization of the test. These Candidates are required to fill-in the appropriate "Aids/Additional time" section, indicating the aids required for carrying out the tests, and they have to attach one or more admitted certifications, referred to in the following paragraph, in a .pdf format.

Admitted certifications

According to Law no. 104/1992 (and its eventual changes and additions) and Law no. 170/2010 (and its eventual changes and additions) applications will be admitted with at least one of the following certifications:

- Valid certificate of disability, issued by the competent medical commission pursuant to Law no. 295/1990;
- Valid certification of handicap, issued by the competent medical commission for the local Health Service, pursuant to Law no. 104/1992;
- SLD diagnoses issued by the National Health Service or by specialists accredited by the Region. Certifications must be issued no longer than 3 (three) years from the expiration date of the present call, or must be issued after the Candidate turned 18;
- Other certifications that the Italian law make equal to the above mentioned certifications.

Candidates must upload the certifications that **must be readable and complete in each and all pages.**

Once the Candidates complete the registration procedure for the enrollment in the selection, they have to open a ticket on SOS (sos.unife.it) - Settore Servizio Disabilità e DSA - and write the registration number they received for their procedure. The ticket must be open within the Call expiration date.

Candidates with disabilities or with SLD, who are resident in foreign countries

Candidates with disabilities and/or with SLD who are resident in foreign countries, who intend to use the aids or the compensatory measures, must submit – according to the above procedure – a certification to certify the disability or SLD issued in the country where they are resident. They must attach a sworn translation of the certificate in Italian or English.

Evaluation of requests and granting of aids or compensatory measures for Candidates with disabilities or with LSD

The requests by Candidates with disabilities and/or SLD will be accepted with reserve and will be evaluated by the Coordination of Inclusion Policies – Disability and SLD Service – after an eventual request for the opinion of experts in the field of disabilities and SLD.

It will be under the responsibility of the Disability and SLD Service to communicate to the Candidates which aids or compensatory measures will actually be granted. The Service will do so before the Candidates carry out the test.

Art. 7 Available Positions

The overall available positions are as follows:

Home Institution	University of Ferrara	University of Cadiz
Positions with Scholarship	5	2
Reserved positions for candidates holding a foreign government scholarship or a scholarship funded by international mobility programmes	2	

Home Institution's choice is binding for the assignment of the relative positions

The above available positions may be increased following further resources availability, that can be also provided by public research institutions or qualified private institutions; the deadlines for presenting the application do not change regardless.

Art. 8 Admission procedure and assignment mode

The Commission will evaluate candidates' qualifications and interviews. **During the interview, the knowledge of the English language will be verified.**

The selection procedures are listed in the sheet attached, which is an integral part of the present call, and it is published at the webpage: <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/it/concorsi/emas>

The evaluation of qualification and the oral test will take place in September.

The test schedule will be published before the expiration date of this call at the webpage: <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/commissioni>.

The publication of the tests calendar must be considered the official convocation.

Candidates are not requested to be present during the qualifications evaluation process.

The outcome of the assessment of qualifications and the consequent verification of admission to the next selective exam will be available at the following link <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/emas>.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview whether they reach a score of at least 30 out of 40.

Positively evaluated candidates will hold the interview via web conference call (e.g.: GoToMeeting or Skype). For this reason, in the application candidates must provide a contact to ensure the use of a webcam to allow their identification to the Board.

For identification purposes and under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, each candidate is required to show the same identity document already sent as an attachment to the application before the interview begins.

Oral tests are public.

Each judging committee will provide the oral tests calendar, which will be published at the following link: <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/emas>

Failing to communicate the personal address, the failure to connect, the candidate's unavailability on the established date and hour, or the failure to produce a valid identification document pursuant to the previous paragraph, are causes of exclusion from the selective procedure.

The University of Ferrara declines any responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the regular conduct of the oral test.

The purpose of the interview is the exposure of the research project and the verification of the applicant's aptitude to carry out research.

The Commission will assign up to 40 points for the qualifications evaluation and up to 40 more points for the interview of each candidate.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview if the score assigned to the qualifications presented is at least 30 out of 40.

The selection is passed if the candidate gets a score of at least 60 out of 80.

After preparing a single merit ranking, the commission will assign the positions with financial support according to the "Home Institution" choice that candidates mandatorily indicated in their applications.

Candidates who intend to compete for reserved places must comply with the instructions they find below, through the online procedure available at the web page <https://pica.cineca.it/unife/dottorati35-emas>

- **International scholarship holders:** in addition to the required documents indicated in the Ph.D. description sheet, candidates must attach a document certifying the scholarship awarded by the foreign country, or a copy of the application they sent to the authorities responsible for awarding such scholarships;
- **Candidates included in international mobility projects** in addition to the required documents indicated in the Ph.D. description sheet, candidates must attach a document certifying the grant or scholarship awarded within the international mobility project.

Candidates who intend to apply for positions reserved for fellows from foreign countries or fellows from specific international mobility projects must prove that they are in possession of such scholarships by the peremptory deadline set on **March 31st 2023**. Candidates must send this mandatory documentation to the Ufficio IUSS (dottorato@unife.it) by that date; otherwise, the candidate will be excluded from the Ph.D. Course.

For all reserved positions, the examining commission will issue a separate ranking according to the position types. Should there be no suitable applicants for reserved positions regarding international scholarship holders and candidates included in international mobility projects, vacant position cannot be assigned to other candidates.

Art. 9 **Selection Commission**

The selection commission will be appointed by the Rector according to the provisions of the Consortium Agreement and to the art.14 of the Università di Ferrara *Regulations governing the Research Doctoral Courses* that was issued pursuant to the Italian D.M. no. 226 dated December 14th 2021.

The composition of the commission will be published before the announcement deadline at the website <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/commissioni>.

The commission shall not send any personal communication to applicants about exams outcomes: it is the candidates' exclusive duty to inquire about the exam outcome through the procedures described in this announcement.

Art. 10 **Ranking list**

After the approval of the competition proceedings, the ranking lists will be available online at the following web page: <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/emas>.

The publication of the ranking list will be the only official means of communication of the results. **No personal communication will be sent to successful candidates.**

Art. 11 **Registration procedure**

Candidates are admitted to the Doctoral Course after the approval of the selection proceedings, according to the order of the respective ranking list, until the number of positions included in the competition announcement is completed.

Admission to positions for specific research topics either with scholarship or with other equivalent form of funding will follow the ranking order, if the suitability to carry out the research topic is ascertained.

Failure to complete the enrolment procedure **within the deadline** will result in forfeiture of the right to be admitted to the course. In this case, vacant positions are assigned to those who holds a useful position in the merit ranking.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be applied to the "Home institution - University of Ferrara":

- For positions covered by a scholarship, the assessment of the economic situation prevails, determined on the basis of the ISEE certification "Subsidized social benefits for the Right to University Education" without omissions or discrepancies, expiring on January 15, 2022;
- For positions that are not covered by a scholarship, the younger candidate prevails.

Candidates admitted to the Ph.D. course will subscribe to the agreement needed for attending the Course and will be enrolled in both Partner Institutions.

For the University of Ferrara all the information are available on the website:
<http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/emas>.

For the University of Cadiz, information will be available within the deadline of the present call.

Art. 12 **Enrolment to the Courses**

Winning candidates must enrol using the online procedure according to the instructions that will be available on the web page: <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/>.

The deadline for enrolments is September 29th 2022 – 11.30 a.m. (Italian time)

Only online applications are accepted.

The enrollment request will only be concluded upon presentation of all documents listed in the enrollment instructions.

Those who will not regularize their position within the deadline will be considered RENUNCIATORS in all respects, and the vacant positions will be assigned to other applicants, according to the ranking order.

Art.13 **Replacements**

Eligible candidates, who are not winners of a position, and who wish to take over any places that will become available (because not covered by winners) must sign and send a **replacement request** to dottorato@unife.it, **within September 29th, 2022, at 11:30 (Italian Time)**. Candidates can download the replacement form at this [link](#)

Those who do not send the replacement request within the deadline will not be admitted to take over.

IUSS Office will send appropriate communication regarding the possibility and terms of enrollment to anyone entitled to take over a position.

Art. 14 **Scholarships**

Excluding what may be specified by particular agreements for Ph.D. students' internationalization, the annual gross amount of the University of Ferrara scholarship is € 16.243,00 and is subject to National Social Security contributions. Fiscal matters regarding scholarships are regulated by art. 4 Law 13th August 1984, n. 476. The amount of the scholarship is increased by 50% for any period spent abroad, for a maximum period of 12 months. The period can be extended up to 18 months for cotutelle Ph.D. programs with external subjects or that are complying with the regulations on courses' accreditation by Universities.

Further funds are present in order to cover mobility and research costs.

The payment of scholarships and research contracts is monthly and deferred.

Scholarships have yearly duration and are renewed depending on Ph.D. student passing the annual verifications regarding his/her annual activity, which is performed by the Academic Board (art. 19) according to what is specified in courses' internal rulings.

In case of withdrawal or decadence within a month from the start of the courses, the Ph.D. student has no right to the first instalment of his/her scholarship, nor to any other form of funding.

No other scholarships, research funds or similar forms of financial support may be added to the Ph.D. scholarship, except for integration funds dedicated to abroad stay for research purposes.

In the case of scholarships not awarded to competition winners, the same will be awarded to eligible candidates according to the order of the relative ranking.

Please refer to Chapter V (Rights and duties of doctoral students) of the University Regulations for Ph.D. programs for further provisions on the subject.

Art. 15
Tuition and administrative fees for the course

It is established a single common amount for "tuition fees" in order to participate to the programme, independently from the "home institution" chosen.

All registered candidates, must pay the tuition fees to the University of Ferrara according to the following indications:

Candidates holding a Scholarship:

Candidates enrolled in Research Doctorate Courses holding a Scholarship or any other kind of financial support – such as those foreseen in the Ph.D. Courses with Industrial Doctorate, Salary Keep or High Apprenticeship programmes - must pay the tuition fees outlined in the table below:

Regional contribution	140,00 €
Stamp duty	16,00 €
Insurance	12,00 €
University contribution	270,00 €
Total annual amount	438,00 €

First year fees are payable in the instalments outlined below:

I Instalment: At the time of enrolment	28,00 €	Stamp Duty - 16,00 € Insurance - 12,00 €
II Instalment: within 31/01/2023	240,00 €	Regional contribution-140,00 € Contribution - 100,00 €
III Instalment (*): within 15/05/2023	170,00 €	Contribution - 170,00 €

Reductions can be applied to Candidates holding a Scholarship, in case of particular income conditions (exemption from payment of the third installment). For further information, PhD Students will contact the **Ufficio Diritto allo Studio Studentesse e Studenti** through the SOS Online System.

Web page: <http://www.unife.it/it/iscriviti/tasse/post-laurea/dottorato>

Candidates without a Scholarship:

According to the Law no. 232/2016, candidates enrolled to a Research Doctorate course who do not benefit from a Scholarship are exempted from fees and contributions to the University.

Therefore, candidates must pay only the fixed tuition fees:

Regional contribution	140,00 €
Stamp duty	16,00 €
Insurance	12,00 €
Total annual amount	168,00 €

Candidates must pay first year tuition fees following the deadlines as shown below:

I Instalment: At the time of enrolment	28,00 €	Stamp Duty - 16,00 € Insurance - 12,00 €
II Instalment: within 31/01/2023	140,00 €	Regional contribution - 140,00 €

The above-mentioned amounts may be subject to variations in subsequent years. In the event of renunciation of studies, forfeiture or exclusion, the PhD student who enrolled **is not entitled, under any circumstances, to the refund** of the paid contributions.

Art. 16
Personal Data Protection

Personal and sensitive data provided by candidates will be used only for administrative purposes and for possible proceedings for the management of the academic career of the winners.
The treatment of the personal data according to art. 13 of EU art. 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The communication regarding the request for personal data is mandatory in order to evaluate the prerequisites for participation, or exclusion of the candidate from the selection process.

The personal data provided can be communicated to the Administration of the Università degli Studi di Ferrara and to related external structures within the framework of the Università degli Studi di Ferrara, which are authorized to manage personal data under the direct control of the Owner of the Service of the Data Protection officer, exclusively for the above-mentioned purposes.

Pursuant to DGPR, the Data Controller is the Università degli Studi di Ferrara, located in Via Ariosto, 35, Ferrara – e-mail: rettore@unife.it, PEC: ateneo@pec.unife.it;

The appointed Data Protection Officer is Lepida S.c.p.A., located in Via della Liberazione 15 – Bologna; e-mail: dpo_team@lepida.it, PEC: segreteria@pec.lepida.it.

In order to pursue the aims mentioned in this announcement, Personal data can be transferred to the appointed Responsible of Data Treatment: Cineca Consorzio Interuniversitario, located in via Magnanelli 6/3 - 40033 Casalecchio di Reno (BO).

Art. 17 **Referral rules**

For any matters that are not covered by this announcement, the currently in force laws and regulations on the subject do apply, insofar as they are compatible.

For everything regarding the competition referred to in this announcement, the person in charge is the head of the IUSS Office.

This announcement is available at the Web site of the University of Ferrara at <http://www.unife.it/studenti/dottorato/concorsi/emas>.