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Students' Services Area PhD Office

APPLICATIONS OPENING: 08 July 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (CET)
APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: 05 August 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (CET)

# **ARTICLE 1 – Institution**

# Available positions: 9 positions of which:

- ➤ 5 positions funded by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia of which: 4 positions with scholarship and 1 position without scholarship;
- ➤ 1 position with scholarship funded by the University of Bari "Aldo Moro";
- ➤ 1 position with scholarship funded by the University of Foggia;
- > 1 position with scholarship funded by the University of Naples "Federico II";
- ➤ 1 position with scholarship funded by the University of Turin.

The positions covered by this call are detailed in the table below; for the positions linked to a 'Thematic Research Topic', the doctoral activity must be carried out on a specific research theme:

Place n.	Description	Financial support	Specific research topic
1	Scholarship	University of Modena and Reggio Emilia scholarship	Al and evolutionary alghoritms for Learning Analytics
2	Scholarship	University of Modena and Reggio Emilia scholarship	Al Skill Wallet and micro credentials for University degrees

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3	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the program "High-Level Skills to Address the Challenges of the Technological, Cultural, Economic, and Social Transition Towards Sustainability"- PR ESF+ 2021/2027 CUP E83C25002380002	Al-Enhanced Adaptive Learning Paths in a Digital Education Framework	
4	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the program "High-Level Skills to Address the Challenges of the Technological, Cultural, Economic, and Social Transition Towards Sustainability"- PR ESF+ 2021/2027 CUP E83C25002380002	Designing Competency-Based Learning Ecosystems in Digital Universities	
5	Without scholarship	-	-	
6	Scholarship	University of Bari "Aldo Moro"	LLM Based Role Play with AI for evaluation of a process	
7	Scholarship	University of Foggia	Al driven insights into e-learning effectiveness through biosignal analysis	
8	Scholarship	University of Naples "Federico II"	Analysis of the Interconnection between online and offline community processes	
9	Scholarship	University of Turin	Al and mind in education: exploring cognitive processes in artificial intelligence-mediated learning in secondary schooling	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any changes to deadlines or procedures related to this notice will be posted only on the web page <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41">https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41</a> and on the University's online bulletin board: <a href="https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/">https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/</a>

No personal communications will be sent.

The number of available scholarships and places may also increase as a result of funding from public or private entities acquired after the publication of this call for applications, but no later than the date of publication of the final ranking list. It is therefore recommended to regularly check the <u>University Portal</u>, where relevant information will be published.

# **ARTICLE 2 - Course Topics**

The PhD course in "Learning Sciences and Digital Technologies" is designed to investigate the relationships between technologies and social and material contexts in educational processes and is activated by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in associated form with the University of Bari "Aldo Moro", University of Foggia, University of Naples "Federico II" and University of Turin.

PhD students will study the pedagogical and neuroscientific foundations of learning, major pedagogical-didactic theories, and digital design with the aim of developing new technologies, analyzing large-scale educational data, and designing educational and docimological methods.

Special attention will be given to the issue of training individuals with disabilities and special educational needs in formal, informal or nonformal settings and to educational and rehabilitative strategies in fragile or disadvantaged social groups. Issues related to legal profiles concerning data management and privacy protection and the gender perspective, equity and well-being in the relationship between individuals and within organizations will be addressed.

The administrative headquarters of the course is the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. The committee will assign each doctoral student to a specific university location based on the applications submitted and the ranking list. The university of assignment will become the main seat of the doctoral student's study and research activities.

At the end of the course, the title of Doctor of Philosophy in "Learning Sciences and Digital Technologies" will be awarded by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, together with the universities mentioned above.

More information can be acquired on the course website at: https://phd-lesdit.eu/.

The actual activation of the course and students' enrolment are subject to the approval by the Ministry of University and Research upon positive opinion expressed by the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research (ANVUR), as indicated in the Ministerial Decree no. 301 of March 22nd, 2022.

# **ARTICLE 3 – Admission requirements**

Admission selection is open to applicants, with no age or citizenship restrictions, those are in possession of an Italian second-cycle master's degree ("Laurea Magistrale," pursuant to D.M. 270/04 or "Laurea Specialistica," pursuant to D.M. 509/99) or an Italian degree awarded before D.M. 509/99 (Italian regulations in force) or a non-Italian second-cycle master's degree, equivalent to the aforementioned Italian degrees, which must be recognized as suitable by the Selection Committee according to the regulations in force in Italy and in the country in which it was obtained, as well as according to the applicable international treaties or agreements on the recognition of degrees for the purposes of further studies.

The qualification must be obtained by **October 31**, **2025**.

Failure to meet this deadline will result in exclusion from the PhD programme.

# ARTICLE 4 – How to apply

Applications must be submitted, under penalty of exclusion, by **August 5**<sup>th</sup> **2025, at 1:00 p.m.** (CET) by following the online procedure from <a href="https://www.esse3.unimore.it">www.esse3.unimore.it</a>:

1) proceed to "Registration" to obtain login credentials (user-ID and password) and access the restricted area. ATTENTION: Those who are in possession of an Italian document (identity card, passport, driving licence) <u>must use SPID credentials</u> by accessing to 'Register with SPID'. Those who do not have an Italian document can register in Esse3 using the 'Registration' button.

2) Log in with the credentials received following registration and access the Restricted Area, then select from the menu tab "Admission" – "Admission Exams" – "Ph. D.".

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: as part of the required information in making the application, the candidate must declare the possession of a high school qualification (indicating all the details of the qualification awarded).

In the case of candidates with disabilities or with diagnosis of SLD, in accordance with Law no. 104/1992 and Law no.170/2010, any adaptations required for taking the examinations must be reported in the application. The same request for adaptations to take the examinations must be sent by mail to: <a href="mailto:disabilita@unimore.it">disabilita@unimore.it</a> and <a href="mailto:segr.dottorati@unimore.it">segr.dottorati@unimore.it</a>.

A non-refundable contribution of €25.00 is required to cover administrative costs.

The invoice will only be available on <a href="www.esse3.unimore.it">www.esse3.unimore.it</a> – Registered Area – <a href="mailto:">"Taxes"</a> <a href="mailto:section">section</a>, at the end of the procedure with the final data saving.

The application will be considered to be correctly submitted only by saving the data ("Save the data") after the "Explicit confirmation of the validity of the application" given by the candidate at the end of the online procedure mentioned above.

For further information, please refer to the <u>application guide</u>: <a href="https://www.unimore.it/sites/default/files/2023-12/Guida domanda dottorati.pdf">https://www.unimore.it/sites/default/files/2023-12/Guida domanda dottorati.pdf</a>.

At the end of the admission procedure, a summary reminder of the candidate's admission application is generated. This document must be kept by the candidate and should not be sent to anyone.

No other methods of submitting the application and the related attachments are permitted.

Should the applicant need to reopen the application and correct the data or add extra documents before the deadline of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1.00 pm (CET), candidates can send an e-mail to the PhD Office (<a href="mailto:segr.dottorati@unimore.it">segr.dottorati@unimore.it</a>) attaching a scanned copy of an identity document.

The candidate must make the corrections/additions he deems appropriate within the same deadline (August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1.00 pm (CET)). In this case, please note that the candidate will have to save data again selecting "Save data" following the explicit confirmation of the application.

It should be noted that if the admission procedure for the selection on Esse3 is still open at the strict deadline of the call for applications (August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3.30 pm (CET)), the application cannot be closed in any way neither considered valid.

Should the applicant occur of any technical and/or operating difficulties, please write to the following e-mail address: <a href="webbelp@unimore.it">webbelp@unimore.it</a>.

# Documents to be attached to the application:

 Degree certificate (or self-certification for Italian degrees) and Transcript of Records including the full list of examinations. Applicants with a non-Italian degree must attach their certificate (including the full list of examinations with corresponding marks) and a legalized translation or Diploma Supplement and, if available, the Declaration of Value ("Dichiarazione di Valore in loco") issued by the competent Italian diplomatic consular Representation, or the certificates issued by the CIMEA - ENIC-NARIC centre. If the degree certificate is not yet available or if the degree has not yet been obtained, the candidate must attach a description of the degree with a list of the examinations taken using Annex A;

- 2) Curriculum of one's scientific and teaching activities. The document must be using the template in Annex B;
- 3) a digital copy of the thesis of the Italian second-cycle master's degree ("Laurea Magistrale", pursuant to D.M. 270/04 or "Laurea Specialistica", pursuant to D.M. 509/99) or of an Italian degree awarded before D.M. 509/99 (Italian regulations in force) or equivalent in the case of a degree awarded abroad; or an abstract thereof;
- preferences for the study locations and the scholarships related to the specific research topic (using <u>Annex C</u>);
- 5) A personal research project (to be submitted using Annex C) demonstrating the candidate's ability to structure the phases and timeline of a doctoral path. The project must include: a scientific concept; a description of the state of the art; an outline of the sources and research tools to be used. If the candidate indicates a first preference for a position with a thematic research topic, the project must explicitly refer to that theme.
- 6) A motivational letter, or a letter of reference signed by a member of the Teachers' Board, of no more than two pages, outlining the candidate's motivation for taking the course, a description of his or her specific interests and aptitude for research as well as the reasons for preference;
- 7) possible certificate of English competence (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or other foreign languages (indicating the level);
- 8) qualifications and documents deemed useful for evaluation and list thereof;
- 9) scientific publications with relevant list. Publications in languages other than Italian, English, French, German, and Spanish, or which do not include an abstract in one of these languages, must be produced in the language of origin and translated into Italian;
- 10) a copy of a valid identity document.

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

The Administration shall not be held responsible in the event that a candidate selects the wrong selection procedure. In such cases, the candidate must submit a new application and pay the required fee within the deadline set by this call.

Any communications to candidates concerning this call are made by e-mail. For this purpose, is used e-mail address indicated by the candidate during the registration procedure.

Admission applications and or related attachments will not be considered for any of the following reasons: submission or receipt of applications after the deadline, incorrect or failed submission of applications, incomplete applications or non-compliance with the procedural requirements of the competition.

The Administration cannot be held responsible for any loss of correspondence due to the following situations: incorrect contact details, failure or delay in notification of a change in address, technical errors, negligence of third parties, or a *force majeure*. Furthermore, the Administration shall assume no responsibility for attachments not received as a result of third-party involvement, faulty attachment of documents by the candidate, or any type of network failure.

The Administration may decide, at any time, with its reasoned decision, the exclusion from the selection.

Certificates issued by the competent authorities of the foreign candidate's country of citizenship must comply with the provisions in force in the same country. Certificates in a language other than Italian, English, French, German or Spanish, must also be translated and authenticated by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular authorities.

# **ARTICLE 5 – Selection Committee**

Each committee responsible for the evaluation of candidates will be appointed by a Rector's decree and composed of three permanent members and one or more substitute members. They will be selected from the University's tenured professors and researchers. A maximum of two Italian and/or foreign experts may be chosen from public and private research bodies or institutions. An administrative staff clerk may be called to verbalize.

# **ARTICLE 6 – Admission procedures**

The admission examination consists of a specific assessment aimed at ensuring a proper comparative evaluation and verifying the candidates' aptitude for scientific research.

The selection is carried out through the evaluation of qualifications and through an interview via videoconference. Therefore, the admission procedure consists of

- evaluation of qualifications (publications, curriculum vitae, etc.);
- evaluation of the proposed "research project" if the first choice is for a position with a specific research topic the project must refer to that theme (Annex C);
- oral exam on research topics related to the PhD programme, with assessment of knowledge of the English language. At the request of individual candidates, the interview could be entirely in English.

The scores for the different tests are awarded as follows:

Titles score: up to a maximum of 20 points;

- Research project score: up to a maximum of 40 points, with a minimum score for admission to the oral test of 27/40;
- Oral test score: up to a maximum of 60 points (including the English language proficiency test), with a minimum score of 41/60.

The maximum score achievable, given by the sum of the points from the above-mentioned tests, is therefore 120 points.

At the end of the examination tests, the selection board will draw up an overall ranking list on the basis of the scores obtained by the candidates.

# **Evaluation of candidate qualifications**

A total score of 20 points will be attributed to the qualifications. The categories of qualifications that will be subject to assessment, provided that they are relevant to the disciplines of the PhD course in "Learning Sciences and Digital Technologies", with the maximum score attributable to each of them being the following:

- A) Degree mark up to a maximum of 10 points as follows:
  - up to 100 0 points;
  - 101/104 4 points
  - 105/107 6 points;
  - 108/110 8 points;
  - 110 cum laude 10 points.

For <u>undergraduates</u>, the degree mark will be calculated on the weighted average of the marks of all the examinations taken on the expiry date of this notice.

In the event that the candidate holds more than one degree related to the Course for which he intends to compete, he must indicate the degree to be taken into consideration for the purposes of evaluation by the Selection Committee.

- B) <u>Scientific qualifications</u>, relevant to the subjects of the PhD Course for which the candidate is applying, up to a maximum of 4 points for: scientific publications (monographs with national ISBN, articles in scientific journals, proceedings of conferences with national and international distribution, specific contributions in volumes, etc.) and patents.
- C) <u>Academic qualifications and studies</u>, relevant to the subjects covered by the PhD Course, up to a maximum of 4 points for Additional Bachelor's or Master's degree; PhD; first- or second-level university master's degree; Postgraduate specialisation courses; Postgraduate diplomas; Postgraduate training courses (e.g. summer school) on the topics of the PhD.
- D) Up to a maximum of 2 points for <u>documented research activities</u> at qualified Italian and foreign institutes relating to the topics covered by the PhD course for which you are applying and participation in European projects.

The assessment of qualifications will be made before to the assessment of the project and the interview.

# **Evaluation of research project**

The project should be prepared according to <u>Annex C</u> and will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Thematic Coherence	Defined as the level of coherence with the research topic proposed by the institution where the research will be carried out.	From 0 to 10 points
Originality	Defined as the level at which the product introduces a new way of thinking and/or interpreting in relation to the scientific object of the research, and stands out and innovates compared to previous approaches on the same object	From 0 to 10 points
Methodological rigour	Defined as the level at which the product clearly presents the objectives of the research and the state of the art in the literature, adopts a methodology appropriate to the object of the research and demonstrates that the objectives have been achieved	From 0 to 10 points
Impact	Defined as the level at which the product exerts, or is likely to exert, an influence on the international scientific community or, for disciplines where it is appropriate, on the national scientific community	From 0 to 10 points

The Selection Committee will form the list of candidates admitted to take the oral test.

Candidates obtaining a minimum of 27 points will be admitted to interview. The list of candidates admitted to the interview will be announced publicly on the University website https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41, within September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Evaluation of the interview**

For the evaluation of the interview, the Selection Committee may award up to a maximum of 60 points. The oral examination will be considered passed only if the candidate obtains a score of no less than 41 out of 60.

The topics covered by the tests will be related to the scientific-disciplinary sectors of reference of the doctoral course.

The oral exam will be held online for all candidates. The email address indicated by the candidate will be used to prepare the platform and the related virtual rooms for the connection.

The exam will be held in Italian or English. Candidates will be admitted to take the exam upon presentation of a valid identification document.

### Exam schedule

The interview will be held remotely, via Google Meet, on **September 8**<sup>th</sup> **2025**. Should the number of candidates require it, the interviews will also take place on the following days, <u>no later</u> than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The operational indications on how to conduct the interview via Google Meet will be communicated at the time of publication of candidates admitted to the interview. The link to the interview will be provided by the committee.

# **ARTICLE 7 – Ranking**

At the end of the selection procedure, the commission will draw up a final merit list, indicating for each candidate the preferences for the location expressed in Annex C.

The final merit list will be approved by a Rector's Decree, once all documentation has been declared valid.

Candidates will be admitted to PhD Programme according to their positioning on the merit list until all available places have been allocated for the PhD Course. In case of a tie, preference is given to the younger candidate.

The final ranking of candidates will be announced publicly, within September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 exclusively by:

- publication on the University website at <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41">https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41</a> and
- publication on the online University notice board (https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/).

# **ARTICLE 8 - Enrolment**

Under penalty of exclusion, within the mandatory **seven-day** time limit, starting **from the day following the date indicated in the final rankings** published on the online University notice board, those candidates qualifying for a position on the merit list must enrol in the first year of the PhD Programme exclusively in the modality described on this web page: <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/education/doctoral-research-programmes/enrolment-phd-programs">https://www.unimore.it/en/education/doctoral-research-programmes/enrolment-phd-programs</a>.

The sole conclusion of the online procedure does NOT conclude the enrollment. The payment of the enrollment fee is required within the same deadline indicated above (i.e. seven days from the date of publication of the ranking). Failure to pay by the deadline will result in exclusion from the doctoral program.

If you do not know your username and password, please send an email to webhelp@unimore.it.

# **ARTICLE 9 – Reassignment of places**

In the event of available places, eligible candidates will be notified by email and required to enrol — under penalty of forfeiture — in accordance with the procedures outlined in the previous

article, within the strict deadline of **two days**, starting from the day following the date the email is sent.

The procedure will be considered complete within 90 days from the day the list of admitted candidates for the academic year 2025/2026 is published on the University website, as indicated in article 7.

# **ARTICLE 10 - Scholarships**

The scholarships will be awarded according to the positioning of candidates on the relevant final merit list.

In the case of candidates of equal merit, a decision will be made on the basis of the candidates' financial situation, determined in accordance with the Italian Prime Minister's Decree of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1997 and subsequent amendments. Candidates of equal merit will be requested by e-mail to submit for the purposes of evaluating their financial situation:

- Receipt of submission of the Single Sworn Declaration for calculating the ISEE bracket (DSU); this must be forwarded within the final deadline of two days from the following day the e-mail was sent. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.
- The formal I.S.E.E. (Indication of Equivalent Financial Situation) by I.N.P.S.; this must be forwarded within the final deadline of five days from the following day the e-mail was sent. Failure to comply will result in loss of the right to admission.

In the event of a tied ISEE indicator, the youngest candidate takes precedence.

The <u>annual amount</u> of a study scholarship is € 16.243,00 (barring subsequent regulatory amendments) and is subject to the I.N.P.S. social security contribution under the separate management fund.

Study scholarships are automatically renewed when PhD students continue in the following year, unless a motivated ruling to the contrary is made by the Teaching Committee.

Study scholarships will be paid in monthly deferred instalments.

PhD scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships or other forms of financial assistance paid by the University and/or the State, with the exception of those designed to be integrated with PhD student research activities, for periods spent abroad.

In any case, the prohibition of double funding as stipulated by Regulation (EU) No. 2021/241 of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 must be respected.

Scholarship amounts will be increased by 50% for periods spent abroad of no longer than 12 months. This period may be extended up to a maximum of 18 months for doctoral students under joint guidance or Double Degree program with foreign institutions. This increase may also be granted to students who have been awarded positions without a scholarship. From the first year, each PhD student (with or without scholarship) is guaranteed a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad, for an amount not less than 10% of the annual amount of the study scholarship.

# ARTICLE 11 - Fees for PhD Programmes, benefits and services

Fees for the PhD program which must be paid in one instalment to the enrolment by those who enrol are € 159.67 (the amount of the payment slip that can be downloaded online includes the regional tax, the stamp duty and the insurance coverage).

Candidates, if in possession of the provided requirements, can apply to Er.GO (Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education) for the following benefits:

- Scholarship (financial support to the study, with admission by ranking list) <u>incompatible with</u> <u>other types of scholarships</u> awarded for any purpose;
- Accommodation facilities, (with admission by ranking list) for non-resident students "Fuorisede" enrolled in a PhD programme;
- Subsidies for dining service.
- Contributions for international mobility;
- Peer tutoring collaborations in favor of disabled students or students with Specific Learning Disabilities.

Therefore, anyone intending to apply for one of the aforementioned benefits must exclusively refer to the Announcement and to the Application procedure of the Regional Agency for the Right to Higher Education – District headquarters of Modena and Reggio Emilia for the 2025/2026 academic year, that will be available at <a href="http://www.er-go.it/">http://www.er-go.it/</a> starting from July 2025.

To request interventions for the right to study it is necessary to be in possession of the ISEE Certification 2025 for subsidized services for the right to university study and of the digital identity system SPID.

International students, to request interventions for the right of study, must be in possession of the documentation referred to at the link: https://www.er-go.it/, section "International Students".

Applications can be submitted <u>even if not yet enrolled</u> on a PhD Programme. Therefore, applications can be submitted even if the final rankings of candidates for admission to PhD Programmes have not yet been announced publicly.

For information and assistance exclusively in completing the online application, please use the contacts available at the following link: https://www.er-go.it/contatti.

The amounts, and the deadlines for the contribution for the following years will be determined annually and will be notified approximately towards the end of July on the web page <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/education/doctoral-research-programmes">https://www.unimore.it/en/education/doctoral-research-programmes</a> (approximately towards the end of July).

# **ARTICLE 12 - Rights and Responsibilities of PhD Students**

PhD Programmes require a full-time and exclusive commitment. PhD students may accept forms of employment, pending authorization from the PhD Programme Teaching Committee, related to work activities useful for the acquisition of skills pertaining to the PhD research area, after

evaluation of compatibility of those activities with the fruitful development of the educational, didactic and research activities of the doctoral course.

PhD students are required, under penalty of exclusion, to perform the research projects assigned to them and to be involved in related study, further research, periods abroad, teaching, as well as any internships affiliated with public or private bodies, in accordance with the requirements set by the competent Teaching Committee.

PhD students who do not comply with these rules may be excluded from the program.

The additional obligations and rights of PhD candidates, including cases of incompatibility, suspension of attendance requirements, and exclusion, as well as the procedures for obtaining the title of PhD, are governed in accordance with the provisions referred to in Article 7 of the Regulations for PhD Programmes.

Enrolment in more than one degree programme (e.g., PhD programme and Master's or Bachelor's degree programme) is permitted in accordance with Law No. 33 of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and Ministerial Decree No. 930/2022, as specified at the following link: <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/education/enrolment-and-admission/concurrent-enrolment-two-courses-study">https://www.unimore.it/en/education/enrolment-and-admission/concurrent-enrolment-two-courses-study</a>.

# **ARTICLE 13 – Public employees**

In accordance with the law, and compatible with the administration's requirements, a public employee admitted to a PhD course is placed on special leave for study purposes without allowance for the duration of the course and is entitled to a scholarship if the required conditions are met. In the event of admission to a PhD course without a scholarship, or if the scholarship is renounced, the person on leave retains the salary, social security and pension benefits enjoyed by the public administration with which the employment relationship is established. If, following the award of the doctorate, the employment relationship with the public administration is terminated at the employee's request within the following two years, the sums paid pursuant to the second sentence shall be refunded.

A public employee who has already obtained a doctoral degree or has been enrolled on PhD courses for at least one year, benefiting from the leave, shall not be entitled to extraordinary leave with or without pay.

The period of special leave is useful for the purposes of career progression, retirement and social security.

# ARTICLE 14 – Awarding of the PhD

The PhD is awarded upon completion of the PhD Programme, when students pass their final examination that consists in the presentation of a PhD Thesis on original research, carried out meticulously and where results are adequately and scientifically relevant. Should the assessment be negative, the final examination cannot be repeated.

Public thesis defence will take place before an Examination Board appointed in compliance with the University PhD Research Program Regulations.

The Rector awards the title of PhD. The issue of the above title is dependent upon the candidate's submission to the competent office of the copy of the final thesis in digital format, which will be guaranteed to be kept and publicly accessible in the special open access archive of the University, as well as to be deposited in the ministerial database, in compliance with the regulations in force concerning thesis embargo and copyright.

Upon completion of the PhD programme, graduates will be invited to fill out a "Questionnaire on the opinions of programme attendees" for the Alma Laurea database. This will enable the Alma Laurea Inter-University Consortium to monitor the training of doctoral students.

# **ARTICLE 15 – Handling of personal data**

The University Administration, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 and Legislative Decree 196/03, as amended by Legislative Decree 101/2018, will use the applicant's personal data solely for the fulfilment of the selection procedures and for administrative purposes.

In accordance with the principles to mentioned rules, by participating in the competition, the candidate authorizes the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia to publish his/her personal data as well as information relating to the admissions examinations on the University website.

The University of Modena and Reggio Emilia adopts equal opportunity principles in its selection procedures and rejects any type of discrimination based on sex, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, state of health, and any other status or quality that is not strictly relevant to the call outlined in this document.

# **ARTICLE 16 – Publication**

This call is equivalent to notification to all intents and purposes. It will be published on the online University notice board (<a href="https://www.unimore.it/public/albo/">https://www.unimore.it/public/albo/</a>), on the website of the University <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41">https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41</a>, and on the Website of the Ministry of University and Research: <a href="http://bandi.miur.it/doctorate.php/public/cercaFellowship">http://bandi.miur.it/doctorate.php/public/cercaFellowship</a>.

Any changes, updates or additions to the content of this call will be announced, exclusively, on the online University notice board (<a href="https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/">https://wss.unimore.it/public/albo/</a>) and on the following website: <a href="https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41">https://www.unimore.it/en/call-lesdit-41</a>.

# ARTICLE 17 – Additional Regulations and Director responsible for overseeing all procedures

For matters not explicitly covered in this application procedure, refer to the provisions contained in art. 4 of Law no. 210 of July 3, 1998, art. 19 of Law no. 240 of December 30, 2010, Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14, 2021 and to the University regulations in force governing PhD Programmes and to the Teaching Regulations of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

The person responsible for the procedure is Irene Bonacini, the PhD Office Representative – Via Università, 4 – Modena - e-mail: <a href="mailto:segr.dottorati@unimore.it">segr.dottorati@unimore.it</a>).

For further information, candidates may contact the PhD Office - Via Università 4, 41121 Modena - phone +39 059/2056423 - e-mail: <a href="mailto:segr.dottorati@unimore.it">segr.dottorati@unimore.it</a>.