



Decree No. 427, prot. No.668/2019

Announcement of a public selection for admission to PhD programme in “Nuove Tecnologie e Frontiere del Diritto, dell’Economia e della Società” (in English: “New Technologies and Frontiers of Law, Economy and Society”)

XXXV CYCLE

THE CHANCELLOR

HAVING CONSIDERED

- Law No. 210 of 3/07/1998 and, in particular, Art. 4 as modified by Art. 19 of Law No. 240 of 30/12/2010 and its dispositions in matter of PhD programmes;
- Ministerial Decree No. 45 of 8/02/2013 “Regulations concerning the accreditation procedure of offices and PhD programmes and the criteria for the establishment of doctorate programmes on the side of qualified bodies”;
- The current University Regulations in matter of PhD (issued by Chancellor’s Decree No. 041 of 27/09/2019);
- MIUR memo prot. No. 3315 of 01/02/2019 “Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD courses” by which the Ministry has redefined, in terms of indicators and parameters, the general requirements for accreditation and activation of PhD courses;
- MIUR memo prot. No. 6623 of 27/02/2019 containing “Operational directions on doctorate accreditation procedures. A.Y. 2019-2020 – XXXV cycle”;
- The acceptance of the accreditation request related to the PhD programme in “Nuove Tecnologie e Frontiere del Diritto, dell’Economia e della Società” (in English: “New Technologies and Frontiers of Law, Economy and Society”) notified by ANVUR to “Link Campus University” on 08/07/2019;
- MIUR announcement, published on CINECA – PhD database, by which for the accredited PhDs, pending a Ministerial Decree, Universities are authorised to issue competition announcements for the admission to PhD courses;

## DECREES

### Art.1 Announcement

Link Campus University announces a public selection for the admission to XXXV cycle of the research doctorate programme in New Technologies and Frontiers of Law, Economy and Society, whose activities will start on 29/11/2019.

CUN (National University Council) areas: 01- Mathematics and Informatics; 12 - Law studies; 13 - Economics and statistics; 14- Political and social Sciences

Coordinator: Prof. Giuseppe Sigillò Massara

Duration: 3 years

Available positions: 7

Positions covered by scholarships: 6

Positions with no scholarship: 1 (tuition fee: 10.000 € per year)

Admission procedure: type B - assessment of qualifications and interview

Types of qualifications that can be assessed:

**Assessment of qualifications** (up to 60 points):

- Academic curriculum: up to 15 points;

- Research project: up to 15 points;
- Reference letters by Italian or foreign academics: up to 5 points;
- Academic transcript of Bachelor's/Master's Degree or Degree awarded within the old university system (before Ministerial Decree No. 509/1999) up to 20 points;
- Other qualifications or research activities standardised per year from the date of Master's Degree completion, if achieved (e.g. specialization diplomas, post-graduate courses, etc.; participation in research projects, contracts, scholarships, assignments in national or international research institutes, duly certified and reporting the effective date and the duration of the activity carried out): up to 5 points.

**Interview (up to 30 points):**

- Knowledge of the English language: up to 5 points;
- Discussion of the research project (assessment of the candidate's ability to convincingly discuss project preconditions and goals): up to 15 points;
- Relevance of the knowledge in the field of curricular subjects that make up the PhD programme: up to 10 points.

**Language skills:**

- Knowledge of the English language. Foreign candidates will be assessed with regard to the knowledge of the Italian language.

**Interview date:**

15 November 2019 at 3.00 p.m. (Italian local time) in classroom No 12 at the University headquarters in Via del Casale di San Pio V, 44 – 00165 Rome. The interview may be held in English.

PhD courses are managed by the University School for post-graduate activities (hereinafter named Post-graduate School).

## **Art. 2 Admission requirements**

Candidates who, at the due date of the announcement, hold an academic degree accomplished in accordance with the legislation in effect prior to Ministerial Decree 509/1999, a post-graduate degree (Ministerial Decree 509/1999), a Master's degree (Ministerial Decree 270/2004) or other eligible international qualifications, are entitled to submit an application, without citizenship restrictions.

Those who will be achieving the qualification required for admission within the deadline of 31/10/2019 are entitled to participate as well. In such case, admission to the selection will be accepted "subject to approval" and the candidate will have to submit, by e-mail to the address [dottorato@unilink.it](mailto:dottorato@unilink.it), a signed substitutive declaration of certification to the Administration Office of Post-graduate School, under penalty of expiration, as provided by Art. 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28/12/2000, within 5 days from the qualification completion.

The eligibility of foreign qualifications will be ascertained by a doctorate judging Committee, in the full respect of the current laws applicable in Italy and in the country where the qualification has been issued as well as any applicable international treaties or agreements in matter of qualification acknowledgement for the prosecution of studies.

In order to acknowledge the eligibility of a foreign document, which has not yet been declared equivalent to an Italian academic II level degree, foreign candidates will have to - to the sole purpose of admission to the doctorate they are applying for - specifically file a request of equivalence along with the application, by using the sample form B enclosed to the announcement, which forms integral part of the application, and supply all the documents mentioned in the sample that could be useful to allow the judging Committee in the acknowledgement of eligibility of the qualification presented. Attached documents must be translated into Italian and authenticated by competent diplomatic representatives.

Italian citizens owning foreign academic qualifications, which have not yet been declared equivalent to an Italian academic II level degree, will have to follow the same dispositions as in the previous paragraph.

Anyone interested must fill in the request for the statement of comparability as indicated in the sample form





enclosed to the announcement, inclusive of all elements requested thereto.

Any exclusion from admission examination caused by deficiency of requirements will be set out by means of a motivated Chancellor's Decree.

### **Art. 3 - Application and enrolment procedure**

Applications for the public selection must be drafted on unstamped paper by using facsimile A enclosed to this announcement, of which it is integral part, delivered by hand or by registered mail with return receipt addressed to Link Campus University – Via del Casale di San Pio V 44 – 00165 Rome.

To be valid applications must be submitted no later than **30 October 2019**.

With this regard, the postmark and the date reported on the letter or the receipt released by LCU reporting the date of reception will be considered as a proof.

Parcels containing the application and the related documents must include the candidates' personal details (name, surname and address), the name of the PhD call in which they want to participate.

Applications must be signed by the candidates and include a valid ID photocopy.

Candidates must report on their application a valid address for any possible communication related to the examination. Any possible change with this regard must be promptly pointed out exclusively by e-mail to: [dottorato@unilink.it](mailto:dottorato@unilink.it).

Candidates with disabilities pursuant to Law No. 104/1992 and subsequent amendments hereto or with learning disabilities pursuant to Law No. 170/2010, may request specifically any necessary aid with regard to their own deficit, as well as extra time to undergo the examination.

The Committee will deliberate according to the requests made.

In accordance with Art. 39 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28/12/2000, the signature on the application is not subject to authentication.

Applications must contain the following documents, duly signed by the candidates on every page.

1. **The candidate's own academic curriculum** specifying studies and experiences related to the PhD programme;
2. **A research project of letter of academic interest written by the candidate.** Such research program is only aimed at the selection and will not necessarily be the same research project that will be assigned;
3. **At the candidate's discretion, two reference letters written by Italian or foreign academics;**
4. **A possible request of a statement of comparability for foreign academic qualifications** (as per the sample form B enclosed to this announcement) **with all the enclosures thereby indicated.**
5. **Any other possible qualification.**

**For the purposes of assessment, the above-listed documents must be submitted together with the application to the doctoral programme.**

**The University shall not in any case be responsible for the dispersion of communications as a result of: wrong address indication, missing or late communication of any change of address indicated on the application, any possible postal or telegraphic mistake or mistakes made by third parties, by chance or force majeure, missing return of the receipt in case of registered mail.**

**Any applications submitted in any way other than the above-mentioned procedure will not be considered.**

### **Art. 4 - Selection**

The selection occurs according to type b procedure:

#### ***Evaluation of academic qualifications and interview***

The Judging Committee carries out the selection in two steps:

- 1 step: evaluation of qualifications and the submitted documents with the attribution of up to 60 points;



- II step: the candidates who, in step I, reached a score not lower than 42/60 are admitted to the interview; the interview is considered as passed if the candidate obtains a score of at least 21/30.

Upon the Committee's decision, the interview may be held in a foreign language and in any case includes the assessment of the English language and Italian language for foreign candidates.

**The list of candidates eligible to the interview will be published on the University's website in the PhD section by the day before the date set for the interview.**

In order to be admitted to the tests, the candidate must show a valid identification document.

Once the selection examination is complete, the Committee will compile a general merit ranking based on the points gained by every candidate during each test and their qualifications that will be published on the University's website ([www.unilink.it](http://www.unilink.it)).

Selection results are public and access to them is allowed in accordance with the law. The Chancellor may delay access to the results upon conclusion of the selection.

**The communication of the date for the interview included in this announcement has the value of notification. Any possible change of the date of interview will be noticed to the candidates through the University's website in the PhD section.**

Failure to show up at the interview will be considered as a renunciation to participate in the competition for all practical purposes.

#### **Art. 5 Judging Committee**

Upon proposal of the Teaching Body, the Chancellor nominates the Committee entrusted to the comparative evaluation of candidates by means of a Decree, as provided by the current University Regulations in matter of PhD.

#### **Art. 6 Admission to courses**

The candidates will be admitted to the courses according to their ranking and up to the number of the vacant positions established by the announcement.

In case of equal ranking, with regard to the assignment of vacant positions with scholarship, the candidate having the neediest family economic situation will prevail, according to the Equivalent Economical Situation Indicator (ISEE) for assisted services in doctorates. To the purpose of solving equal ranking situations, candidates will be requested to supply a valid ISEE certification.

Candidates with the same position are invited to request the ISEE at the time of publication of the list in order to be able to submit it at the time of the call.

For the assignment of vacant positions not entailing scholarships, the youngest candidate according to public records will prevail.

In case of renunciations submitted within the beginning of the PhD course, other candidates, based on their highest ranking, will replace the same number of vacant positions. In case the candidate is admitted to more than one project, he/she will have to opt for a single one.

#### **Art. 7**

##### **Enrolment and ranking shift, contributions due by doctoral candidates, exemption protocol.**

The results of admission tests will be published in the section of the University's institutional website ([www.unilink.it](http://www.unilink.it)).

The Administrative office of the Postgraduate School will send directions concerning enrolment fulfilment to the e-mail address provided by candidates at the moment of application.

The peremptory deadline within which the entire enrolment procedure shall have to be completed, including the payment of regional tax for the right to University study and of the stamp duty, under penalty of expiration, shall be indicated by a special note published in the dedicated section of the University's website ([www.unilink.it](http://www.unilink.it)).

Anyone not respecting the indicated deadline will be considered as renouncer and will lose their position in the

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ranking. The resulting vacant positions will be made available to the next suitable candidates in final ranking order. Administrative office of the Postgraduate School will take care in communicating the occurred supplant by means of electronic mail.

Public employees must provide for the required authorization by their administration at the time of publication of the outcome of the selection. For these students the registration will be received under reservation and will remain suspended until such time as the measure of placement on leave.

Foreign citizens who are not already legally resident in Italy will have to apply for a residence permit. For study purposes within 8 working days from their arrival in the State. For these students, the registration is under reservation and will remain suspended until the submission of documents attesting the request for a residence permit.

All doctoral candidates are required to pay, upon registration:

- regional tax for student support in force at the time;
- stamp duty in force at the time.

Doctoral candidates with scholarship or apprenticeships are required to pay the attendance contribution fee of € 1.000,00 as established by the Board of Directors.

To the purpose of renewal in each of the following years, if admitted, the candidate is committed to pay only the regional tax and the stamp duty in force at the time.

#### **Art. 8 Positions and scholarships**

Art. 1 of the present announcement indicates the total number of the positions available, the scholarships assigned according to the order defined in the related ranking established by the Judging Committee.

Scholarships are valid one year and are in accordance with the current regulations.

In case of renunciation from continuing the project or in case of forfeiture of a candidate with scholarship, the candidate loses the right to enjoy the scholarship for the quota not being accrued. The doctorate candidate may also opt to reject the scholarship at admission time by means of a simple formal notification to the Chancellor. In such case, the candidate, though maintaining his status, loses any right to enjoy the scholarship and the entire amount, or non-accrued quotas, may be assigned to the first graduate student without scholarship, under the same terms and the same modalities.

The scholarship, whose amount equals to 15.343,28 Euro for each course year, before social security contributions borne by the recipient in accordance with current laws, is paid out in monthly instalments.

The amount of a doctorate scholarship is increased by 50% per any period of actual stay abroad for no less than 30 days and no more than 18 months, subject to authorization of the Teaching Body to operate abroad.

Starting from the second year, each doctoral candidate is assured, in addition to the scholarship or other financial sustainment and within the limit of the budgeted University's financial resources, an amount for research activity either in Italy or abroad, in relation to the type of PhD and, anyway, no less than 10% of the scholarship's value.

Such funds are used according to the modalities provided for research funds assigned to the University's Teaching Body, subject to authorization of the Doctorate Coordinator. If the doctoral candidate is not positively evaluated for the purpose of renewing the scholarship, or should he/she give it up, any unused amounts remain available for the University.

The scholarship has an annual validity and is renewed on the condition that the candidate has completed the activity program expected for the previous year, verified in accordance with the procedures established by the University's Regulations.

The same principles set for the upkeep of scholarships in the current University Regulations is applied for the upkeep of apprenticeship contracts and for other financial support forms based on the rules and laws applicable to the years of service after the first year.

The afore-mentioned principles are not applied to foreign-country recipients or assignees of financial support provided by specific mobility programs in relation to whatever provided by their specific regulations.

Those who have already obtained a PhD degree with or without a scholarship and enrol in a second course, after passing the admission exam, cannot be admitted to enjoyment of the scholarship. The PhD scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship granted for any purpose, except with scholarships or other grants

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awarded by national or foreign institutions for stays abroad aimed at integrating the training and research activity. The accumulation of the PhD scholarship is also not permitted with the use of a Higher Education and Research apprenticeship 2016-2018 (article 45 of Legislative Decree 81/2015) and the use of a specialist training contract pursuant to of Legislative Decree No. 368 of 17/08/1999.

**Art. 9 Doctoral candidates' obligations, incompatibility suspensions and interruption, forfeiture, renunciation and transfers**

Rights and obligations of graduate candidates, incompatibility and suspension, interruption, forfeiture, renunciation and transfers are regulated respectively in Art. 17, Art. 18 and Art. 19 of the current University Regulations for Doctoral Research.

**Art. 10 Achievement of the qualification**

Upon completion of the course, the Teaching Body expresses a judgement on the overall activity of each doctoral candidate.

The *Doctor of Philosophy* title abbreviated with the writing "*Dott. Ric.*", i.e. "*Ph.D.*", is assigned subject to a positive assessment of a research thesis contributing to the progress of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation.

Please refer to current University Regulations for all aspects concerning the nomination of judging Committee, the compliance commitments for graduate students who are admitted to the final examination and the execution modalities of the latter.

**Art. 11 Personal data processing**

According to Legislative Decree 30/06/2003 no. 196 and UE Regulation 2016/679, the personal data acquired will be processed in compliance with the current legislation and used for all purposes related to the execution of this selection.

The holder for the protection of personal data is Ms Giulia Scotti: [rdp@unilink.it](mailto:rdp@unilink.it).

The data controller is Link Campus University.

**Art. 12 Manager of the procedure**

The person in charge for the selection procedure in this announcement is Mr Achille Patrizi, e-mail [dottorato@unilink.it](mailto:dottorato@unilink.it).

**Art. 13 Publication fulfilments**

The selection announcement is published on website of the University (<https://www.unilink.it>), on the MIUR website at the address <http://bandi.miur.it> and on the European Union website at the address <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>.

**Art. 14 Referral regulations**

Anything not explicitly provided for or disciplined by this announcement is ruled by the dispositions of University Regulations for research doctorates and the current legislation.

Rome, 30.09.2019

  
THE CHANCELLOR  
Professor Claudio Roveda

