



**DOCTORAL PROGRAMME in
NEURAL AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES
ADMISSION INFORMATION**

See [Overview](#)

Disclaimer: the tables below provide a quick outline of due dates and required documents. Please refer to the [Notice of Competition](#) for full information on conditions for applying.

| REQUIREMENT | DEADLINE |
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| online application and upload of documents | 7 June 2021 1:00 p.m. (Italian time) |
| payment of the admission exam fee | 7 June 2021 |
| deadline for graduation | 31 October 2021 |
| upload of foreign diploma or certificate | 7 June 2021 (if available after 7 June, please send it by email to dottorati@amm.units.it within 10 days of graduation – see art. 3 of the Call) |

| Documents to be uploaded | Mandatory -- Optional |
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| NOTE: applications sent without the mandatory attachments will not be processed | |
| 1. proof of identity (eg passport) | mandatory |
| 2. curriculum vitae et studiorum | mandatory |
| 3. university qualifications: a. for graduates and near-graduates in Italy: I) self-certification of all examinations and relevant scores of second-cycle degree programme, i.e. <i>Laurea magistrale (LM)</i> , <i>Laurea specialistica (LS)</i> or <i>Laurea vecchio ordinamento (LVO)</i> II) self-certification of LM, LS or LVO final mark (only for graduates). | mandatory |

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| <p>Self-certifications can be drafted using the form available online, or using the online services of the concerned University.</p> <p>b. for graduates and near-graduates from abroad:</p> <p>I) Transcript of Records including examinations and scores obtained. Where applicable, a Diploma Supplement can be submitted instead of the Transcript.</p> <p>II) Master diploma/certificate or equivalent qualification giving access to the Doctoral Programme (only for graduates). The foreign qualification must be comparable by level and course duration (and, where applicable, by subject area) with the required Italian degree and allow access to the PhD in the issuing country;</p> <p>III) Translation into Italian or English of the above documents, if issued in a different language.</p> | |
| <p>4. thesis abstract</p> <p>It must be submitted by both graduates and near-graduates, in English or Italian. We recommend to use the "Thesis Abstract form", as failure to do so may lead to exclusion.</p> | mandatory |
| <p>5. publications (max 3) and conferences presentations</p> | optional |
| <p>6. research project: candidates must submit a project consistent with the PhD sectors or research lines. We recommend to use the "Research Project form" available online for the project drafting, as failure to do so may lead to exclusion.</p> | mandatory |

Applicants who hold a foreign degree and have never enrolled at this or other University in Italy must also upload their Secondary School certificate.

| PLACES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE | | | |
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| Total number of non-funded places (code: SB) | | 1 | |
| Total number of funded places | | 4 | <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candidates who accept a subject-specific scholarship are committed to the project topic. - Study/research abroad that entitles to a scholarship increase: 2 to 18 months for each PhD student (over 3 years) if not otherwise stated in each scholarship description. <p>The increase can be granted only for uninterrupted periods of no less than 60 days</p> |
| <i>Scholarships</i> (code, total number and description) | MD/1 | 1 | <p>Scholarship MUR/University co-financed by the Department of Life Sciences with funds from Associazione Cephalopod Research (NA) – Project HSA CEPH 1/19</p> <p>Project title: "Searching for cognition in cephalopod molluscs and identification of consciousness/unconsciousness: behavioral neuroscience approaches"</p> <p>Principal investigator: Prof. Cinzia Chiandetti</p> <p>Note: number of months abroad for the purpose of scholarship increase: max 12</p> |
| | MD/2 | 1 | <p>Scholarship MUR/University co-financed by the Department of Life Sciences with funds from University of Trento – Center for Mind</p> <p>Project title: "Acoustic mechanisms at the basis of agents recognition"</p> <p>Principal investigator: Prof. Cinzia Chiandetti</p> <p>Note: this scholarship does not include funding for research conducted abroad, except any supplementary funding from the pertaining department.</p> |

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| MD/3 | 1 | Scholarship MUR/University co-financed by the Department of Life Sciences with funds from University of Stockholm Project title: Understanding and supporting psychological processes underlying option generation and multiple intentions Principal investigator: Prof. Fabio Del Missier Note: this scholarship does not include funding for research conducted abroad, except any supplementary funding from the pertaining department. |
| M/4 | 1 | Scholarship MUR/University The topic must be consistent with the PhD sectors/research lines |
| RESERVED PLACES | | |
| RE/1 | 1 | Highly-qualified staff employed in public institutes or research centres (while remaining on salary from the employer) of Azienda sanitaria universitaria Giuliano Isontina (ASU GI) Project title: "The use of Virtual Reality and motor image in post-surgery rehabilitation protocols of orthopedic patients" |
| RE/2 | 1 | Highly-qualified staff employed in public institutes or research centres (while remaining on salary from the employer) The position is open to employees of Azienda sanitaria universitaria Giuliano Isontina (ASU GI) Project title: "Work-related stress and burnout in workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. Assessment of the psychological and physiological response in operators working in the clinical-assistance field, operators assigned to laboratory diagnostics and workers not exposed to biological risk of the University of Trieste" |
| RE/3 | 1 | Highly-qualified staff employed in public institutes or research centres (while remaining on salary from the employer) The position is open to employees of Azienda Speciale – Casa di Riposo Don Moschetta Research to be performed at the DSMN of UniVE: "Evolution of self-awareness and identity in non self-sufficient elderly subjects in different care settings (home vs residential) and different levels of cognitive functioning" |
| RE/4 | 1 | Highly-qualified staff employed in public institutes or research centres (while remaining on salary from the employer) The position is open to employees of Associazione La Nostra Famiglia Sezione Scientifica I.R.C.C.S. "E. Medea" - Via Cialdini, 29 - 33037 PASIAN DI PRATO (UD) |

| TERMS AND CONDITIONS | |
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| <i>Required academic qualifications (see art. 2 of the Notice of Competition)</i> | |
| "Lauree vecchio ordinamento" (awarded in Italy before the D.M. 509/99 reform of the University system) | All |
| "Lauree specialistiche" (LS) awarded in Italy | All |
| "Lauree magistrali" (LM) awarded in Italy | All |
| Selection criteria | Qualifications + interview Maximum final score: 100 – minimum final score required for eligibility 50 |
| Evaluation | Qualifications (maximum final score 40 – minimum final score required 10): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • curriculum vitae et studiorum maximum score 23 • thesis abstract maximum score 10 • publications and presentations in conferences maximum score 7 |

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| Interview: maximum score 60 – minimum score required 20 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview maximum score 40 – minimum score required 10 • research project: maximum score 20 – minimum score required 10 |
| <p>Note: The Board of Examiners may decide to adopt evaluation subcriteria.</p> <p>The admission results will be published online. The admission process includes the following steps: Assessment of foreign degrees >> Assessment of other qualifications >> Interview. The merit list will be published following the Doctoral Board decision on the assignment of places and scholarships.</p> | |
| <i>Examination schedule</i> | <p>Assessment of qualification from 22 June 2021</p> <p><i>Interview</i> 19 20 July 2021 at 9:30 9:00 a.m. (Italian time), University of Trieste – Department of Life Sciences – Q building (“palazzina Q”) – San Giovanni Campus – room 217 – Via Giorgeri, 5 – TRIESTE</p> <p>The Board of Examiners may decide to interview candidates on subsequent dates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--</p> <p>The interview will be held by videoconference only, using Microsoft Teams through this link (*)</p> <p>Any trouble with downloading or connecting to the platform must be notified by the candidate before 10 July to ncs.program@units.it</p> <p>Meetings are open to the public.</p> <p>At least one of the examiners will be in Department of Life Sciences – Q building (“palazzina Q”) – San Giovanni Campus – room 217 – Via Giorgeri, 5 – TRIESTE</p> <p>The room can be accessed according to the University Covid rules</p> <p><i>Language(s) of the interview</i> Italian/English English only for non-Italian speaking candidates</p> <p><i>Language(s) tested in the interview</i> English (level of knowledge required: CEFR B2)</p> |

| SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (following publication of the Notice of Competition) | |
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| 25/06/2021 | Added RE/4 position |
| 01/07/2021 | The day and time of the interview has changed |
| 15/07/2021 | (*) The MS Teams link has changed |