



**Call for Doctoral positions in the International Doctoral School in  
"Information and Communication Technologies" - 28th Cycle  
Computer Science Area**

THE RECTOR

Given Law no. 210 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 1998, and in particular, art. 4, which assigns the organization of doctoral studies to universities in accordance with the general criteria stipulated by ministerial regulations;  
Given Ministerial Decree no. 224 of the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1999, regarding the general criteria to be followed by individual universities in the organization of doctoral studies;  
Given the Decree by the Prime Minister of the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2001, and subsequent amendments, on the general criteria for uniform treatment regarding the right to higher education;  
Given the Statute of the University of Trento issued with Rector's Decree no. 395 of the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2008;  
Given the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, issued with Rector's Decree no. 997 of the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2003 and subsequently modified with Rector's Decree no. 359 on 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2006;  
Given the proposal made by the Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science;  
Given the report of the internal Evaluation Committee of the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 concerning the requisites of appropriateness proposed by the Doctoral Schools;  
Given the decision by the Academic Senate and the Commission for Scientific Research, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2012;

DECREES

Art. 1 – INSTITUTION

The University of Trento announces the institution of the 28<sup>th</sup> cycle of the International Doctoral School in Information and Communication Technology, for the academic year 2012/13

Duration: three years

Head of the School: Prof. Fabio Casati – E-mail: [infolCT@disi.unitn.it](mailto:infolCT@disi.unitn.it)

Official Language: English

Discipline:                    INF/01 *Computer Science*  
                                      ING-INF/01 *Electronics*  
                                      ING-INF/02 *Electromagnetic Fields*  
                                      ING-INF/03 *Telecommunications*  
                                      ING-INF/04 *Automated Reasoning*  
                                      ING-INF/05 *Information Processing and Computer Engineering*  
                                      ING-INF/06 *Bioelectronics and Bioinformatics*  
                                      ING-INF/07 *Electrical and Electronic Measurements*

Hereby announced is the selection process for **53 places of which 40 are covered by a study grant.**

Grants are financed as follows:

**9 study grants:** University of Trento;

**1 study grant:** Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, relative to the project "*Inclusive design of assistive technology for the elderly*";

**1 study grant:** Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, relative to the project "*Statistical Machine Translation and Social Computing*";

**1 study grant:** Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, relative to the project "*Personal Assistants for Problem Solving*";

**1 study grant:** Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, relative to the project "*Advanced SMT Techniques for Word-level Formal Verification*";



**1 study grant:** Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, relative to the project "SAT and SMT-based optimization algorithms and their applications to software engineering";

**1 study grant:** Department of Information Engineering and Computer Science, relative to the project "Evolution mechanisms for software services";

**4 study grants:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Natural Language Processing";

**2 study grants:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Renewable distributed energy systems: analysis, management, and optimization";

**2 study grants:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Speech transcription and machine translation";

**2 study grants:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Internet of Services";

**1 study grant:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Automated Security Analysis and Enforcement in Distributed Applications";

**1 study grant:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Mining and Visualizing Web (2.0) Applications";

**1 study grant:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Audio signal processing for music information retrieval";

**2 study grants:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Neuroinformatics - Machine Learning for Neuroscience";

**2 study grants:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Formal verification and planning of Industrial Critical Systems";

**1 study grant:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Information extraction for ontology engineering";

**1 study grant:** Fondazione Bruno Kessler, relative to the project "Integrating logical and statistical reasoning";

**6 study grants:** Telecom Italia, relative to the project "Human behavior understanding by analyzing mobile phones and web usage patterns".

See further details about research topics at web page: [http://ict.unitn.it/application/project\\_specific\\_grants](http://ict.unitn.it/application/project_specific_grants)

The number of grant-assisted places may be increased by funds from other universities, public research bodies or qualified private enterprises made available following the publication of this Call and before the selection process. For this reason, the increase of the grants could change in parallel the total number of the available positions.. Any increase in the total number of available places will be posted on the website: <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2778/announcement-selection>

#### Art. 2 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for admission to the Doctoral School are accepted from candidates, regardless of gender, age, religion or nationality, who have an Italian "laurea specialistica" ("magistrale") according to Ministerial Decree no. 509 of 3.11.1999 and subsequent amendments, a university degree of the previous regulations in force, or an equivalent degree qualification obtained abroad.

Applications are also accepted from students who expect to complete their degree by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2012. They should present the following together with their application:

- a certificate of enrolment with examinations taken and grades obtained (EU citizens may present a self-declaration of the certification according to the Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, by using Annex A);
- a statement by the thesis supervisor declaring that the student will complete his/her degree **by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012**.

If an applicant is successful, admission to the Doctoral School will be "conditional" and the relevant degree certificate must be submitted to the Central Office of Doctoral Studies, University of Trento via Inama, 5 - 38122 Trento – ITALY or by fax to +39 0461 282191 on penalty of expiry (EU citizens may present a self-declaration of the possession of the degree according to the Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and further modifications, by using Annex A) **by the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2012**.



#### Art. 3 – FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

**Foreign university qualifications must be comparable to the Laurea Magistrale in terms of duration, level and topic.** The Doctoral School Committee declares their eligibility.

Applicants with a foreign qualification that has not been officially recognised as equivalent<sup>1</sup> to an Italian degree must submit a request for equivalence in their application. In this case, it is necessary to submit the following documents:

- degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained (EU citizens may present a self-declaration of the possession of the degree according to the Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and further modifications, by using Annex A);
- translation into English, if in a different language, of the degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained undersigned by the applicant, on his/her own responsibility in order to enable the Doctoral School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of admission to the selection process of this Call;
- any other official document about the foreign degree which can be considered useful for its evaluation (Diploma Supplement<sup>2</sup> or declaration of validity in loco etc.)

Successful non-EU applicants holding an academic certificate obtained outside Italy and successful EU applicants holding an academic certificate obtained in a non-EU country must, in order to complete their enrolment, submit **by the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2012**: a Declaration of Validity (“Dichiarazione di Valore”) and their degree certificate with its corresponding examinations and grades, all these translated and legally certified by the Italian diplomatic or consular delegations in the country where the institution that issued the certificate is located.

The Declaration of Validity should certify that the university degree is valid and enables candidates to enrol in a PhD course in the country where it was obtained.

#### Art. 4 - DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Doctoral School relies on the multidisciplinary expertise of the teaching staff and the availability of a range of scientific laboratories at the University, Research Institutes and top-level partner companies.

The Doctoral School offers doctoral students the opportunity to acquire advanced skills in specific research fields, as listed in art. 1 and collateral sectors, therefore favouring an interdisciplinary approach to innovative fields in diverse scientific areas.

**The programme includes the following research areas:**

- Bioinformatics
- Data and Knowledge Management DKM)
- Embedded Electronics and Computing Systems (EECS)
- Language, Speech and Interaction (LSI)
- Machine Learning and Intelligent Optimization (LION)
- Signal Processing and Recognition (SPR)
- Social Informatics (SI)
- Software Engineering, Formal Methods and Security (SWENG&EMS)
- Systems and Networks (S&N)

In regard to the Manifesto, study plan, admission to second and third year and award of the title, all information can be found in the Executive Regulations on-line at

[http://static.digns.com/uploads/doctoral\\_school/documents/regulations/n\\_a.pdf](http://static.digns.com/uploads/doctoral_school/documents/regulations/n_a.pdf)

#### Art. 5 – APPLICATION

The Application process includes the following documents:

- “Admission Call” form;
- Attachments.

<sup>1</sup> For further information visit <http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=134>

<sup>2</sup> The Diploma Supplement accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international “transparency” and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.) The Diploma Supplement must be **issued** by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239_en.htm)



## “ADMISSION CALL” FORM

The “Admission Call” form (see “Form A – I”) must first be compiled and confirmed on-line at the website <http://applications.disi.unitn.it/>

The “Admission Call” form is to be considered by law a self-certification of the personal data and qualifications declared.

When the on-line application is completed, the system automatically sends, to the e-mail address indicated by the applicant, a .pdf file relative to the ‘Admission Call’ form. This file should be printed, signed, scanned and delivered to the University of Trento by 13:00, Italian time, of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2012.

Once the on-line application has been completed, data inserted in the system cannot be further modified.

The delivery of the “Admission Call” form is compulsory and it can be made in one of the following ways:

- by e-mail to [applications-phd@disi.unitn.it](mailto:applications-phd@disi.unitn.it) (specifying in subject: personal ID number given during the on-line registration, Name and Surname, “Call PhD ICT 28\_ INF”)
- by fax to the number: + 39 0461 283964 (specifying: personal ID number given during the on-line registration, Name and Surname, “Call PhD ICT 28\_ INF”).

## ATTACHMENTS

All attachments must be uploaded to the page <http://applications.disi.unitn.it/> using the access credentials received after completing the on-line enrolment.

Each Attachment must be a single .pdf file.

The Commission will consider only documents in ENGLISH or ITALIAN language.

Attachment 1. Photocopy of the applicant’s identity card (only Italian citizens) or passport, in particular of the pages reporting photograph, personal data, number, place and date of issue. No other identity document will be accepted.

Attachment 2. Academic certificates - “Laurea specialistica” (“magistrale”), master or PhD:

- **for applicants with an Italian qualification:** a self-declaration, according to the Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments, declaring the possession of a degree (art.2 of this Call), conferral date, issuing University, final grade, examinations taken and grades obtained (by using Annex A);
  - **for applicants with a foreign qualification:** degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained or equivalent certification, under art. 3 of this Call. If the qualification has not been officially recognised as equivalent to a “Laurea specialistica” (“magistrale”) or a university degree of the previous regulations in force, the applicant should also submit a translation into English, if in a different language, of the academic certificate with the examinations taken and grades obtained, undersigned by the applicant, on his/her own responsibility (or, if already possessed, a copy of the degree certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained, translated and legally certified by the Italian diplomatic or consular delegations in the country where the institution that issued the degree certificate is located, together with the Declaration of Validity). The certificate is required to enable the Doctoral School Committee to declare its equivalence, for the sole purpose of admission to this Call. In this regard, it is recommended that students with foreign qualifications attach the *Diploma Supplement*<sup>3</sup> or an analogous document, if available.
  - **for applicants who expect to complete their degree by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2012.**
- enrollment certificate with examinations taken and grades obtained (EU citizens may present a self-declaration of the possession of the degree according to the Presidential Decree art. 46 no. 445 of 28.12.2000 and subsequent amendments by using Annex A);

<sup>3</sup> The *Diploma Supplement* accompanies a higher education diploma, providing an improvement in international “transparency” and a promotion of the academic and professional qualifications obtained (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc.). The *Diploma Supplement* must be issued by the same institution that issued the qualification. Further information at: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc1239_en.htm)



- a statement by the thesis supervisor declaring that the student will complete his/her degree **by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012**.
- Attachment 3. A short thesis summary in English (maximum 2000 characters, in .pdf format) structured as follows: motivations of the thesis, methods of investigation, final results.
- Attachment 4. Curriculum Vitae, with a list of publications if any. Please do not send the actual publications, only the list will be considered by the commission.
- Attachment 5. At page "Statement of Purpose" of the application (<http://applications.disi.unitn.it/> using the access codes given at the end of the registration: upload a short statement (maximum 5000 characters) in English highlighting the reasons for the applicant's interest in attending the Doctoral School and outlining his/her specific research interests (Statement of Research Interest). This text may optionally include a link (and the access credentials, if necessary) forwarding to a video (1-2 minutes) in which the applicant tells about his/her goals and research interests (please upload the video not to the UNITN web site, but to an online service and provide only the link and credentials);
- Attachment 6. Any certificates attesting language skills in English (TOEFL, Proficiency Certificate or other).
- Attachment 7. The certification of GRE test (Graduate Record Examination) if any.
- Attachment 8. Any additional information useful for assessing the applicant's research skills (e.g. documents concerning awards, post-graduate study and research, scholarships, research grants).
- Attachment 9. A single file with a short research project (in English, one page maximum); it will be also possible to submit a research project for each specific topic (see Art. 1) which the applicant wishes to apply to.

**It will be accepted only applications delivered by 13:00, Italian time, of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, in the modality detailed above, the "Admission Call" Form completed and duly signed together with the attachments 1,2,3,4 and 5.**

A maximum of three reference letters may be asked to referees, experts in the research fields of the Doctoral School. The applicant should indicate the names and the e-mail addresses of the referees during the on-line application and then ask the referees to submit their letters. Each referee is requested to use the on-line section at page <http://disi.unitn.it/edu/appform/get-letter.xml>, using the applicant's ID number, the referee's ID number and the referee's e-mail address indicated by the applicant during on-line registration.

The referees must also indicate their contacts (academic/business telephone number) for possible verification by the School.

The reference must indicate why the referee is in the position to evaluate the applicant (for instance, how long they have been working together).

The candidates should check with their referees that the letters are prepared and sent **by 13:00, Italian time, of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2012**.

The University of Trento does not accept responsibility for mishandling of applications by mail or courier services, or for applications sent to an incorrect address.

The Applications will not be valid if irregular or incomplete and if they have not been submitted according to the modalities indicated in paragraph 1 of this article. All applicants are admitted to the Call conditionally upon ascertainment of the admission requirements.

In accordance with Art. 71 and amendments of D.P.R. no. 445 of 28 December 2000, the University of Trento may seek to verify the documents sent at any time. Candidates whose applications do not conform to the admission requirements set out in the present call, may be excluded from the selection process by written notice at any time.

#### Art. 6 – SELECTION

Selection is necessary in order to assess the applicant's knowledge and research aptitude in the scientific areas referred to in art. 4.

The selection is made by the Admission Committee on the basis of evaluation of the applicant's qualifications according to art. 5.

The Admission Committee may contact the applicant for an in-depth interview or a video-interview concerning the material submitted.



The Admission Committee will have 100 points. Applicants obtaining a minimum score of 60/100 will be short-listed.

For the evaluation of applicants intending to apply for one or more grants relative to a specific topic, evaluation will be made of the short project submitted (Attachment 9).

Grant applications not related to a topic will be considered with lower priority.

#### Art. 7 – ADMISSION COMMITTEE

Upon hearing the PhD Committee the Rector appoints the Admission Committee.

It consists of three members chosen among professors and researchers including foreign experts in the scientific areas of the Doctorate. The Committee may also include a maximum of two experts from national and international research institutes, either public or private.

Having held the qualifications evaluation and the oral examination, the Selection Committee will draw up a merit-based ranking according to the scores obtained by the applicants.

**The short-list will be displayed on the website: <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2778/announcement-selection>**

**Notification is considered as delivered through the announcement of the list.**

Successful applicants will not receive personal communications of their results.

#### Art. 8 - ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Applicants will be admitted to the Doctoral School according to their place on the final ranking until all available places have been filled.

If a successful applicant withdraws before the beginning of the course (1<sup>st</sup> of November 2012), the next applicant on the short-list will be offered the place and must submit his/her application for enrolment at the Doctoral School within 10 days following the communication from the Central Doctoral Office.

If a successful applicant withdraws or is excluded after the beginning of the courses and during the first term of the first year, the Doctoral School Committee may decide to fill the vacancy with the next applicant on the list.

According to art. 19, paragraph 3 of the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, and according to what has previously been deliberated by the Doctoral School Committee, the Admission Committee may admit to the supernumerary places – up to 20% more than the total announced places – those applicants, following the rank order of the short-list, who belong in one of the following categories:

- a) applicants from non-EU countries who have been awarded any kind of grant<sup>4</sup> at the moment of the application for admission to the Doctoral School (e.g. awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or by the Government of the home country or by International Organizations);
- b) applicants from a country with a specific intergovernmental agreement with Italy, on the basis of a bilateral agreement between the University of Trento and the foreign university (with no obligatory financial burden for the University of Trento).

#### Art. 9 – HOW TO ENROL

Short-listed applicants must submit their applications for enrolment to the Doctoral School to:

**“Università degli Studi di Trento – Direzione Didattica e Servizi agli Studenti  
Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato, Via Inama n. 5 –38122 Trento – ITALIA”**

within 15 days following publication of final ranking.

If applicable, the payment receipt of the provincial tax for the right to university study (TDS) must be attached to the application.

In the application (forms are available at the Ufficio Dottorati ed Esami di Stato and on the website:

<http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2696/enrolment-and-extension> ) candidates should:

<sup>4</sup> The duration of the grant should cover at least a part of the three-year period of the Doctoral Programme



- indicate whether they ask to be awarded a scholarship (successful applicants, who have not been awarded a scholarship should also fill out this section, in case an applicant with scholarship should withdraw);
- state whether they receive another grant, different from the one awarded by the University of Trento, from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- state whether they have already been awarded an Italian scholarship for a doctoral programme;
- declare that they are not already enrolled and undertake not to enrol on any other programme for a degree, an Italian "Scuola di Specializzazione", a Ph.D., or Master degree of the I or the II level, for the duration of this Doctoral Program. Or alternatively, commit to stop attending such a school before the start of the Doctoral Program;
- state whether they are an Italian public sector employee;
- commit to obtain authorization from the PhD Committee before taking up any form of employment;
- commit to promptly inform the University of any changes of their residence or address.

Successful non-EU applicants holding an academic certificate obtained outside Italy, and successful EU applicants holding an academic certificate obtained in a non-EU country, must submit the Declaration of Validity<sup>5</sup> ("Dichiarazione di Valore") together with the degree certificate with the examinations passed and the grades obtained, translated and legally certified by the Italian diplomatic or consular delegations in the country where the institution that issued them is located **no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2012**.

**Declaration of Value must state that the university degree is valid and enables candidates to enrol in a PhD course in the country where it was obtained.**

Short-listed applicants who do not submit their applications within above-mentioned deadlines will lose the right to enrol, and the corresponding place will consequently be offered to the next applicant on the short-list as stated in art. 7 of this Call.

At the end of the enrolment period, Doctoral students must communicate via e-mail ([infolCT@disi.unitn.it](mailto:infolCT@disi.unitn.it)) to the Doctoral School Secretariat the exact date of their arrival. Doctoral students who cannot be, for justified reasons, in Trento at the beginning of the academic year must submit adequate motivations and justifications no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. The latest date of arrival in Trento **cannot be subsequent to the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2013**, on penalty of exclusion from the School

In the case of a lack of communication and failure to arrive in Trento by the above-mentioned dates, the doctoral student will be considered excluded from the School.

#### Art. 10 – STUDY GRANTS

Study grants are assigned to applicants on the basis of the short-list of applicants drawn up in order of merit by the Admission Committee.

Specific topic study grants will be assigned on the basis of the preference specified by the applicant upon availability<sup>6</sup>.

Should the candidate decline the enrolment, it will be offered to the next candidate on the ranking suitable for it; in case of grants with specific requisites, the following successful candidate must have obtained also eligibility for the specific topic.

The candidate who has been awarded a **reserved scholarship** for a specific research project cannot decline the offer.

The gross amount of the scholarship is Euro 13,638.47 per year<sup>7</sup>.

The study grants cannot be combined with other scholarships, except those awarded by national or foreign scientific institutes for periods spent abroad and which are deemed useful for the research activities of the doctoral student.

Those doctoral students who have already been awarded a scholarship in Italy for a doctorate course cannot receive a second scholarship with the same qualification.

<sup>5</sup> For further information visit <http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=134>

<sup>6</sup> For each study grant relative to a specific topic for which the student applies, s/he should indicate a progressive number corresponding to the priority of interest (number 1= preferred study grant; number 2= second option) in the selected study grant in the on-line application.

<sup>7</sup> At the date of publication of the present call, Italian law (art. 2, paragraph 26 of Law 335/95 and subsequent modifications) states that scholarships, from 01/01/2012, are subject to pension fund contributions (INPS), of 18% or 27.72%, of which 1/3 will be charged to the candidate.



Study grants are normally paid bi-monthly in advance, with the exceptions of undue payments in case the student is excluded or suspended, as laid down in the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools, art. 24.

The study grant is increased by 50% for periods spent abroad that have been authorised by the Head of the School or by the Doctoral School Committee.

The study grant is awarded for the entire duration of the Doctoral programme following confirmation by the Doctoral School Committee on the results achieved every year.

Failure to attend the programme for over thirty days will result in suspension of the study grant.

Should a student renounce his/her studies during the course of the year, then he/she also renounces the corresponding amount awarded with the study grant.

#### Art. 11 – ACCOMMODATION CONTRIBUTION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

The University of Trento provides doctoral students with a monthly accommodation contribution.

To qualify for the contribution the recipient shall have a regular rent contract and must fulfil prerequisites required by the Regulation of the University (for further information see <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/3039/accommodation-contribution-doctoral-students> ).

#### Art. 12 – CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Successful applicants without a study grant, according to art.7 of this Call, are requested to pay 5,000 Euros per year as enrolment and attendance fee.

Deadline and payment details will be available in Box Download at page <http://www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/2778/announcement-selection>.

However, exempt from this payment will be all successful applicants with a study grant provided by the regulations for the right to study (for instance, the grant by the Opera Universitaria or by the Italian Government) or any other grant by the University of Trento, as well as successful applicants with a disability equal or superior to 66%.

After the first year of study, the exemption will be conditioned by the award of one of the above-mentioned study grants at the moment of enrolling.

#### Art. 13 - DOCTORAL STUDENTS RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Doctoral students must attend the doctorate programme and carry out research and studies on a full- time basis according to the schedules and the regulations laid out by the Doctoral School Committee.

The Doctoral School Committee may decide, with an explicit justification, to exclude a student from the School with the consequent forfeiture of the study grant in the case of:

- a) unjustified and prolonged absences.
- b) full time contracts as well as subordinate work and any occupation done without authorisation from the Doctoral School Committee;
- c) negative assessment by the Doctoral School Committee concerning admission to the next year of the course; the Doctoral School Committee will verify award of the results for the year as well as the diligence and industriousness demonstrated by the Doctoral student in his/her research;
- d) if a student fails the Qualifying Exam (as detailed in the Executive Regulations available on-line at [http://static.digns.com/uploads/doctoral\\_school/documents/regulations/n\\_a.pdf](http://static.digns.com/uploads/doctoral_school/documents/regulations/n_a.pdf) ) the exclusion will take place at the end of the month in which the results of the exam are published.

According to art.2 first paragraph of Law no. 476 13 August 1984 and subsequent amendments, Italian public-sector employees admitted to the Doctoral School may request, for the duration of the programme, leave of absence to study without salary and may apply for a study grant. In the case that the employee is admitted to the Doctoral course and declines the grant or is not awarded a grant, he/she may continue to receive a salary, social security and pension from the public administration. Should the employee choose to end the employment relationship during the two years following award of the Doctoral title, he/she will be obliged to return all payments received for the duration of the Doctoral course<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> For further details refer to the mentioned regulation





Foreign students enrolled in the School are requested to learn Italian language at a proficiency level enough for work placement in Italy. The ICT International Doctoral School and the University will support and facilitate the Italian language learning.

#### Art. 14 – DOCTORAL TITLE CONFERRAL

The PhD title, conferred by the Rector, is granted when students pass the Final Exam, which takes place at the end of the Doctoral Programme.

For admission to the Final Exam, students must have undertaken at least a 3-month research period abroad; except in case of a written justification motivated by the Advisor (refer to the Executive Regulations available at: [http://static.digns.com/uploads/doctoral\\_school/documents/regulations/n\\_a.pdf](http://static.digns.com/uploads/doctoral_school/documents/regulations/n_a.pdf))

Upon advice given by the PhD Committee, the Examination Committee is nominated by the Rector, in accordance with the University Rules for Doctoral Schools and it is made up as follows.

The issuing of the degree certificate is conditional upon the candidate providing the University archive with copies of the final dissertation. The University archives will ensure public accessibility and the proper conservation of the printed thesis. The University will see to it that the National Libraries in Rome and Florence will be provided with a copy of the dissertation, as required by Italian law.

#### Art. 14 – PERSONAL DATA

The University of Trento, in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03 “Italian Personal Data Protection Code”, may use applicants’ personal data only for the purpose of selection procedures and for institutional reasons.

In observance of the above-mentioned legislative decree, participation in the selection requires the applicant to give the University of Trento permission to publish his/her personal data concerning the results of the selection procedure on the University website.

Data are treated by the University of Trento, with offices in via Belenzani, 12 – 38122 Trento.

#### Art. 15 – REFERRAL RULES

For matters not explicitly mentioned in the present announcement, please refer to art. 4 of Law no. 210 of 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1998, to Ministerial Decree no. 224 of 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1999 and to the University Regulations for Doctoral Schools issued with the Rector's Decree no. 937 of 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2003 and amended with the Rector's Decree no. 359 of 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2006.

The Rector  
Prof. Davide Bassi

## Declaration substituting **DEGREE CERTIFICATE**

(Art. 46 - lettera l, m, n - D.P.R. 28 dicembre 2000, n. 445)

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth (*city+country*) \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth , \_\_\_\_\_

Official postal address (*street, number, zip code, city, country*) \_\_\_\_\_

Mob. \_\_\_\_\_ e – mail \_\_\_\_\_

aware of the penal sanctions pursuant to Art. 76 of the Italian Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28.12.2000 for falsifying documents and making mendacious declarations

### DECLARES

A) To have been graduated in: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ with mark \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Type of degree:       MA / MSc  
                                BA (4 YEARS)  
                                BSc (4 YEARS)

University of: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

B) To have not graduated yet, and to be aware that admission to the Doctoral School is conditional upon the presentation of the degree certificates by the scheduled date in the call.

Currently studying (subject) \_\_\_\_\_

At the University of: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date for final degree defense: \_\_\_\_\_

To have passed the following exams:

Course title	Mark/out of	Date


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