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Area Ricerca e Trasferimento Tecnologico Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di Ricerca

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# PUBLIC COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. COURSES IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES – ICT CYCLE XXXVII - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

# THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF L'AQUILA

**IN FORCE OF** law n. 168, May 9, 1989, concerning the establishment of the "Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica";

IN FORCE OF law n. 476, August 13, 1984, establishing rules on university scholarships;

**IN FORCE OF** law n. 398, November 30, 1989, establishing rules on university scholarships;

**IN FORCE OF** article n. 4 of law n. 210, July 3, 1998, which provides that the universities, with their own regulation establish their Ph.D. schools:

IN FORCE OF article 19 of law n. 240, December 30, 2010;

**IN FORCE OF** D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001 "Disposizioni per l'uniformità del trattamento sul diritto agli studi universitari" according to article n. 4 of law n. 390, December 2, 1991;

IN FORCE OF legislative decree n. 68, March 29, 2012;

**IN FORCE OF** law n. 232, December 11, 2016, and, in particular clause 262, which establishes that "For Ph.D. students, not scholarship holders, tuition fees are waived";

**PURSUANT TO** D.M. n. 45 o f February 8, 2013 "Regolamento recante modalità di accreditamento delle sedi e dei corsi di dottorato e criteri per la istituzione dei corsi di dottorato da parte degli enti accreditati";

PURSUANT TO DD. MM. 509/1999 e 270/2004 which provides rules about the didactic autonomy of Universities;

PURSUANT TO the rules for the admission of foreign students to the university course published on MUR web site;

PURSUANT TO the Regulation of the Ph.D. Schools of the University of L'Aquila;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Ethical Code and "Codice di Comportamento" of University of L'Aquila issued by D.R. n. 734/2020 of July 27, 2020;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the resolution of the Board of Professors of Ph.D. course in information and communication technologies of November 12, 2020;

**PURSUANT TO** the minutes of the Academic Senate meeting of March 23,2021;

**PURSUANT TO** the minutes of the Board of Administration meeting of March 24,2021;

**CONSIDERED** the exigency to issue the selection Announcement to access the Doctorate course in INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES – ICT - XXXVII cycle - academic year 2021/2022, in the wait of the expected validation of the mentioned course from the Italian Ministry of University and Research;

#### HEREBY DECREES

# ART. 1 ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVATION

The University of L'Aquila (Italy) has approved and activated the Ph.D. Courses in information and communication technologies - Cycle XXXVII. The course' duration is three years and start on 1st November, 2021.



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## ART. 2 ADMISSION

Public competition procedure based on qualifications and examinations for admission to the Ph.D. Course in information and communication technologies have been activated. The number of available positions, scholarships, funding and curricula, the responsible Department and courses' Coordinator, admission requirements, certifications/documents to be annexed to the applications, examination dates and assessment and selection criteria are summarised below.

Ph.D. Course in INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES – ICT	
Ordinary places	8
of which	
with full grant	6
without financial support	2
Grant/Fellowship Funding source	6 grants - University of L'Aquila
Duration	3 years
Curricula	a) System Engineering, telecommunications and HW/SW Platforms     b) Emerging computing models: algorithms, software architectures and intelligent systems
University Department Responsible for the Ph.D. Course	Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics
Ph.D. Course Website	http://phdict.disim.univaq.it/
Ph.D. Course Coordinator	Prof. Vittorio Cortellessa vittorio.cortellessa@univag.it
Admission Pre-requisites	All Master-level Degrees or foreign degrees with certified equivalency or recognized as equivalent to the aforementioned qualifications.  Within the deadline indicated in this call for applications, candidates who are scheduled to obtain the above indicated qualification by 31/10/2021 may also apply.
Admission Procedure	Qualification assessment and oral exam.  Candidates take the oral exam via web (Skype and other). In the application form, the candidate must indicate a valid contact address. The testing commission will certify the identity of the candidate, to this end the candidate shall be required to show a valid identification document with recent photo, during the oral exam. Applicants may sit the oral exam in English.
Examination topics	In the oral exam, the Committee evaluates the following aspects: candidate's qualifications and his/her base knowledge in the ICT domain, and in particular, in the themes that characterize the Ph.D. program in ICT; his/her motivation, scientific interests and research aptitude.
How to apply	The application must be submitted only via the online procedure available at: <a href="https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/dott37-ict/">https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/dott37-ict/</a> .  The documents must be attached in pdf format.  The application and the attached documents are submitted automatically by closing the online procedure. So, no hard copy of the application and of the documents must be sent to the office.
Documents to be annexed to the Application	<ol> <li>CV</li> <li>Candidates holding a degree from an Italian university must provide:         <ul> <li>Self-certification concerning their Bachelor-level Degree indicating final mark and list of exams taken and marks obtained;</li> <li>Self-certification concerning their Master-level Degree course indicating final mark and list of exams taken and marks obtained.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Candidates enrolled in an Italian Degree Course must include:         <ul> <li>Self-certification of their Bachelor-level Degree indicating final mark and list of exams taken and marks obtained;</li> <li>Self-certification of the exams so far taken in their Master-level Degree course indicating marks obtained.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



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	<ol> <li>Applicants with foreign Degrees must follow the directions explained in article n. 4 of this call.</li> <li>The candidate must indicate the name of one or two professors with their email address. The referee will receive an e-mail with the instruction to write the recommendation letter directly on line;</li> <li>Summary, max.2 pages (font at least 10), of the candidate's Degree thesis.</li> <li>Summary, max. 2 pages (font size at least 10), of the research project the candidate intends on carrying out if he/she is admitted into the Ph.D. Course.</li> <li>Any publications and any research project which the candidate participated, if considered useful for the evaluation.</li> <li>Other qualifications deemed appropriate for evaluation.</li> </ol>
Language(s)	Assessment of foreign language skills English language skills and competence shall be assessed during the oral exam  Admission
Exam schedule	The candidate may sit the exam in ITALIAN or ENGLISH  Qualification assessment: 1st July, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics  Oral Exam: 8th July, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via web
Assessment Criteria	The assessment procedure consists in two phases: qualification assessment and an oral exam. Scores are indicated out of a total of 100 points, assigned as follows:  1. Qualification assessment: Max. 50/100 points attributed through assessment of the candidate's CV, letters of recommendation, publications and other qualifications. The minimum score required for admission to sit the oral exam is 30/100.  2. Oral exam: Max. 50/100, the oral exam consists in an in depth discussion and presentation of the candidate's Degree thesis and research project he/she intends on carrying out within the Ph.D. course applied for. The aim is to evaluate the candidate's aptitude and motivation for research. The exam includes assessment of the candidate's English language skills. Foreign students may sit the oral exam in English.
Title evaluation results publication	Title evaluation results shall be published on the University website https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055⟨_s=en and on Department website: http://www.disim.univaq.it/.



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# ART. 3 Requirements for Activation

The minimum number of approved applications necessary to activate the aforementioned Ph.D. course must be not less than 3 – by "approved applications" we mean candidates that have successfully passed the admission exams and fulfilled all administrative procedures for enrolment in the selected Ph.D. course.

The number of available grants may increase if funding from other sources is provided, as long as such funding is made available by the deadline established in this announcement.

Notice about the increasing will be given on the web site.

Failure on behalf of public or private institutions to comply with funding procedures will result in fewer available positions.

The number of available grants may increase if the MUR approves specific projects that can be funded by European funds, (Programma Operativo Nazionale "Ricerca e Innovazione" 2014-2020 e Piano Stralcio "Ricerca e Innovazione 2015-2017") for which doctoral grants are envisaged, even after the expiration date of this call.

Any positive outcome of the participation in this call, will enable the funding of additional scholarships for Ph.D. programs. In this case the Ph.D. students, can pursue their research path both at the partner enterprises with which they presented the project proposals, and abroad.

# ART. 4 Requirements for Access

Candidates holding a Master-level Degree or other University Degree corresponding to criteria specified in DM – Ministerial Decree n. 509/1999, or those holding a foreign Degree with certified equivalency, within the deadline of this selection announcement, may, with no limitations as to age or citizenship, apply to participate in the Ph.D. selection process.

The academic qualification held by the candidate must refer to a course with a duration of at least 4 years and allow the access to a Ph.D. course in the country in which it was awarded.

Candidates holding a foreign Degree who have not as yet obtained certified equivalency required for the admission to the Ph.D. course, must include the following documents in their application (necessary for the Examination Commission to evaluate the Degree as conforming to requirements):

- a copy of the Degree certifications obtained (Bachelor e Master Degree), with a transcript of records of the exams taken and an Italian or English translation provided by the applicant under his/her responsibility; -any other documentation deemed useful for the qualification assessment (Diploma Supplement, declarations etc...).

Eligibility of the qualification will be verified by the Course's Admission Committee and will only be granted for the sole purpose of admission to the chosen Ph.D. course.

The call is also addressed to:

- Candidates scheduled to obtain their Master-level degree within 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. If admission exams are held before the Degree is conferred, the candidate's admission shall be deemed as "subject to verification".
- Candidates who have already obtained a Ph.D. in Italy, although such candidates shall not be eligible for financial support or grants.

## ART. 5 Applications

The application form may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available at: https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/dott37-ict/. Applications must be submitted no later than the **June 23**th, **2021 at 1:00 p.m.** (CEST).



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The application must be signed, missing the signature the application will be rejected.

There are 3 methodologies to sign it and the candidate must select one of them and read carefully they directions.

- By digital signature using smart card, USB token or remote signature which allow the owner to sign general documents by means of a signature software or a Remote Signature web portal made available by the Auditor. Those who have a Digital Signature smart card or USB token shall verify that they are compatible with the Digital Signature system integrated in the system server. If so, the owner may sign the application directly in the system server (e.g. ConFirma);
- Those who do not have compatible digital signature devices and the Remote Digital Signature Owners who may access a web portal for signing general documents shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, digitally sign it in CAdES format. A .p7m file will be generated, which shall be saved and uploaded again in the system. Any editing to the file before signing with the Digital Signature shall interfere with the automatic check of correspondence between the content of such a document and the original, and this will bring to the application exclusion;
- If none of the above-mentioned options can be used candidates shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, print and sign it with full original signature in the last page of the printed document. A scanned .pdf copy of such a document shall be produced and the file thus obtained shall be uploaded to the system.

Candidates must indicate the chosen curriculum. Preference expressed on the application form will provide an indication of the candidate's interests and will not be binding.

All required documents to be submitted must be annexed to the application form, together with a copy of an identity

The lack of a photocopy of the identity document is cause for exclusion from the selection.

All documentation must be attached in pdf format.

For all legal purposes, the application is to be considered as a self-certification of the data included therein, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

The candidate can request **reference letters.** A notification will be sent automatically sent to the selected referee only when the application has been fully submitted. The referee must compile the reference letter scheme and submit it by the deadline of **28 June 2021 at 1:00 p.m. CEST**.

Reference letters attached by the candidate will not be taken into consideration.

The application is automatically sent to the University when the online procedure has finally been completed. Therefore, no paperwork needs to be delivered or sent to the University's offices.

Candidates are invited to complete applications for the selection process well in advance of the closing date specified in this call. Candidates are responsible for verifying that the procedure is completed correctly. No complaints will be accepted for any malfunctioning of the IT system due to overload experienced by candidates near the closing date.

After the deadline of the call it will no longer be possible to change the application for participation.

In force of Italian Law no. 104/92, as amended by Italian Law no. 17/99, disabled candidates may request an individual examination (with the use of aids, any additional time required, etc.) to complete the required entry examinations. In accordance with Italian Law no. 170/2010, candidates with specific learning disabilities are allowed 30% more time to complete written exams, if required for the selection process for admission to the chosen Ph.D. course, subject to a request for an individual examination. The request must be written in accordance with the instructions available as part of the online application procedure for the selection process.

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# ART. 6 Examinations

The examination procedure and the dates of the exams are indicated in the Article 2 of the above reported scheme of doctoral course. The candidate does not have to be present during qualification assessment procedures unless otherwise specified in art. 2. These dates are to be regarded as official legally-binding calls.



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Candidates will therefore not receive any other sort of call or summons by the University as to the exams prescribed for the Ph.D. Course they have applied for.

#### ANY CHANGES IN DATES AND TIMES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC ON THE UNIVERSITY WEB-SITE

# A candidate who is not present at the time and place indicated for the examination will automatically excluded from the competition.

Candidates may request to sit the oral exam in English.

Candidates sit the oral exam via web conference communication systems. The candidate is required to provide contact information in their application and guarantee the use of a web-cam to allow the Commission to verify the candidate's identity.

# ART. 7 Examination Committee Assessment Criteria and Ranking List

The Examination Committee is appointed by the Rector through a specific decree and is composed by a minimum of three to a maximum of five members among professors and assistant professors.

Teachers who have issued letters of reference to candidates cannot be part of the exam boards.

The candidate's scores will be indicated out of a total of 100 points.

The results of the assessment of the qualifications will be published on the web site of the University https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en and on the web site of the Department of Information Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics.

At the end of the session the Examination Committee draws up the list of the interviewed applicants with the obtained scores.

This list, signed by the President and by the secretary of the Examination Committee will be published on the Department's site, on the same day of the oral examination.

Once all the interviews have been completed the Examination Committee draws up the final ranking list according to the sums of the obtained scores.

The University Administration makes this list public by publishing it on the official notice board of the University <a href="https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=1391">https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=1391</a> and on the University web site <a href="https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en">https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en</a>, once the validity of the examination procedure has been checked.

The applicants will obtain a Ph.D. position according to their position on the ranking list. In case of equality, the Ph.D. position will be conferred to the younger candidate.

## ART. 8 Enrolment in Ph.D. Course

Successful candidates must submit their enrolment through the University of L'Aquila official website (<a href="https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en">https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en</a>), within 15 days from online publication of selection results. No information will be sent to the candidate's home. Candidates granted admission to the Courses are responsible for checking enrolment dates and procedures.

Failure to enroll by the deadline set will be considered as drop out and the place will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.

The enrolment forms, available on the University website, duly signed, must be delivered to the "Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di Ricerca", Palazzo Camponeschi - Piazza Santa Margherita, 2 - L'Aquila within the deadline foreseen for the enrolment. The documents can be delivered in one of the following ways:



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- sent by registered mail with return receipt to: The Rector of the University of L'Aquila Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di ricerca Palazzo Camponeschi Piazza Santa Margherita 2, 67100, L'Aquila, Italy. **Please note:** as date of mail sending, will be considered the date of the stamp of the receiving Post Office. In this case, the selected candidate must also submit all the documents via e-mail to the following web address: <a href="mailto:concorso.dottorati@univaq.it">concorso.dottorati@univaq.it</a> within the date foreseen for the enrolment deadline:
- by certified e-mail (PEC) addressed to <a href="mailto:protocollo@pec.univaq.it">protocollo@pec.univaq.it</a>.

The certified e-mail account used must be the candidate's personal account. The administration shall not accept documents from candidates using certified e-mail accounts belonging to other individuals or to institutions. The University Administration declines all responsibility for any non-deliveries or misdeliveries of the documents sent via PEC or in case the documents attached to it are non-readable or damaged.

The date of submission will be indicated on the receipt sent automatically by the PEC system.

by mail addressed to concorso.dottorati@univaq.it. All documentation must be attached in pdf format.

For Ph.D. candidates who live abroad:

• e-mailed to the following address: concorso.dottorati@univaq.it . All documents must be sent in pdf format.

Candidates with a qualification obtained abroad, when they arrive in Italy, are required to deliver the originals of the documentation relating to the qualification to the Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di Ricerca.

## The documents to submit compulsory are the followings:

- a) Enrolment form;
- b) Self-Declaration in substitution of certification and Self-Declaration in substitution of attested affidavit in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2000, n.-445 (forms attached to this selection announcement), containing the following:
  - self- certified declaration of citizenship;
  - statement declaring that the candidate is not also enrolled in another University Degree Course or a "School of Specialization" or any other Master-level course, university-level vocational course or other doctoral or Ph.D. course:
  - self- certified declaration of being entitled to exercise civil and political rights;
  - statement declaring that the candidate shall adhere to and attend all activities prescribed for the Ph.D. they have been selected for in accordance with the decisions taken by the Board of Professors;
  - Statement declaring that the candidate shall ask the Board of Professors for authorization to accept, or continue to carry out, any other type of "external" employment while they are enrolled in the Ph.D. Course;
- c) a copy of an identity document;
- d) a photocopy of the candidate's fiscal-code number;
- e) a photocopy of the candidate's "Italian-residency permit" (permesso di soggiorno) only for non-EU citizens.

## Foreign citizens must declare possessing the following requisites:

- 1) that they benefit from civil rights and right to vote in their country;
- 2) that, aside from Italian citizenship, they possess all other requisites required for citizens of the Italian Republic.

**Applicants holding a university Degree awarded abroad must enclose** the following documents, translated and certified by competent Italian Diplomatic Authorities:

- copy of their university degree indicating their final mark;
- degree transcripts indicating the exams taken during their course and marks awarded.

If the above documentation is not available at the time of enrolment, the candidate's enrolment shall be deemed "subject to verification". In this case all above mentioned compulsory documentation must be consigned by and no later than the 31st December 2021, failure to do so will result in expulsion from the course.

## Candidates ranked in a position allowing them to benefit from a scholarship for funding must present a:

- self-declaration to obtain the scholarship for the Ph.D. course they have earned admission to;
- scholarship accreditation form.



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Within 15 days from the start of the Ph.D. Course, candidates who have been conferred a scholarship must send by mail a photocopy of a receipt from the INPS (national social security service), certifying that they have been registered in "posizione contributive alla gestione separata" (for information visit the INPS web-site at <a href="https://www.inps.it">www.inps.it</a>).

False declarations shall lead to the candidate's expulsion from the Ph.D. course and to prescribed sanctions for such offenses, vacant positions will be assigned to other candidates according to the ranking list.

Successful candidates who do not want to enroll in the course they have been selected for, must immediately send a signed letter of renouncement enclosing a photocopy (front-back) of their identity card.

<u>Candidates selected as replacements must write a letter of acceptance within three days of notification that they have been accepted.</u> All other necessary documents indicated in this announcement must be consigned within, and no later than, ten days after receiving notification.

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## ART. 10 Grants – Scholarships

The grants available indicated in the Ph.D. chart (art. 2) are assigned according to the ranking list drawn up by the Examination Commission.

A Ph.D. gross grant consists of € 15.343,28 which includes health and social security taxes that, on 2021, amounts to 34,23% but only 11,41% is paid by the beneficiary.

From the second year of the Ph.D. course, in addition to the grant and according to financial resources, a research budget, not less than 10% of the total sum of the grant conferred, will also be available for research activity in Italy or abroad. If a Ph.D. student does not receive a positive evaluation or renounces the grant, the remaining sum shall remain within the institution and used accordingly for the same purpose.

Grants provided by other Universities and public or private bodies may be linked to specific research topics. External sources shall be assigned by the Board of Professors, candidates to whom grants are conferred have to find out all the details and conditions regarding the grant before accepting.

Grants are yearly provided and are renewed on the condition that the Ph.D. student has completed all programmed activities for the course during the previous year.

A Ph.D. scholarship cannot be cumulated with other grants except for those provided by national or foreign institutions which are aimed at integrating the Ph.D. student's research activity with periods abroad.

The payment of the scholarship is done by monthly installment.

If a scholarship is provided by external sources, both public and private, the sum shall be given to the Ph.D. student only when it is received by the University from the external source.

Candidates who have already benefited from other Ph.D. study grants in Italy (even if only for one year) are not eligible to receive another grant.

If Ph.D. student does not respect what is indicated in article 15 paragraph 7 of Ph.D. regulations, his/her scholarship will be stopped.

## ART. 11 Attendance Abroad

Ph.D. students can carry out training periods abroad in qualified institutions. Such training or study periods abroad cannot be longer than half the duration of Ph.D. course and can be allowed in case they are foreseen by:



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- a) The study program of the Ph.D. course;
- b) Upon advice of the course coordinator or board;
- c) Upon request made by the Ph.D. student.

The sum of the grant/scholarship is increased to cover such training or study periods abroad up to a max of 50% and only for the duration of the period spent abroad.

This increase shall be covered by funding provided by the interested University Departments or through specific funds set up for Ph.D. student mobility.

Before going abroad the following documents must be sent to the above mentioned Ph.D. office by the Coordinator:

- Signed authorization by the course Coordinator for training/study periods abroad of less than 6 months or
- Board resolution allowing a period of over 6 months;

#### If the Ph.D. student is a grant-holder:

The authorization must include the source of financial coverage for the additional sum of the scholarship.

## Upon returning to Italy the Ph.D. Coordinator shall present the following:

Certification about study periods abroad

## If the Ph.D. student is a scholarship holder:

• Indication of the fund to which the additional sum of the scholarship is to be sent, if this sum is to be paid by the Department.

#### ART. 12 Tuition Fees

All Ph.D. students are exempted from tuition payments. All Ph.D. students must only pay  $\in$  156,00; the Regional tax ( $\in$  140,00) and a duty stamp "marca da bollo" ( $\in$  16,00). Late payment will result in a  $\in$  52.00 fine.

# ART. 13 Rights and Duties

- 1. Ph.D. students are obliged to attend lessons and carry out all prescribed activities regularly in accordance with the programs and schedules set by the Board of Professors;
- 2. The University provides insurance coverage for the entire duration of the Ph.D. course and for activities pertaining to the course, (but in the U.S.A. and in Canada);
- 3. Compatible employment activities shall be allowed for brief periods, following authorization from the Board of Professors as long as such commitments do not pose any sort of conflict with the activities required within the Ph.D. course;
- 4. Interruptions in attendance shall be allowed for:
  - a. Illness or injury for periods of 30 days or more;
  - b. Military or civil service;
  - c. Training courses for teacher certification.

Interruption may also be agreed for substantiated serious personal reasons after having received a positive opinion of the Board of Professors. Discontinuation does cannot be longer than one year according to the total course length Ph.D. students benefitting of interruption period must recover the entire time with consequent test delay for the move to following year and for the awarding of title.

- 5. Maternity/paternity leave and leave for adoption or foster care may also be authorized. Maternity-leave laws and regulations as indicated in Gazzetta Ufficiale n. 247 of 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2007 shall be applied only to scholarship holders.
- 6. A Ph.D. student's unexcused absence or non-fulfillment of obligations shall result in his/her exclusion from the course by the Board of Professors. In this case the expelled Ph.D. student shall be liable for the sum of the scholarship conferred or for tuition fees;



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- 7. Ph.D. students enrolled at the University of L'Aquila may carry out limited teaching or tutoring activities within the University's Bachelor and Master-level degree courses if so established and programmed by the Board of Professors in agreement with the University Department.
- 8. Ph.D. students must preserve the confidentiality in information, knowings and materials. They must not disclose beyond subject different by the ones that gave to them.

# ART. 14 Graduation

Students can write their Ph.D. thesis in Italian or in English, an abstract in Italian or English must also be provided. Students wishing to write their thesis in a language different form Italian or English must receive authorization from the Board of Professors.

The evaluation committee for Ph.D. thesis discussion will be appointed according to the Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

A Doctoral Degree title (Dott. Ric. or Ph.D.) will be awarded following a positive assessment of the Ph.D. thesis, taking into account the achieved results.

# ART. 15 Head of the Competition Procedure

According to art. 5 of law 07/08/1990, n. 241, the Head of the Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di ricerca of the University of L'Aquila (Piazza Santa Margherita, 2 – Palazzo Camponeschi - L'Aquila) shall be responsible for the competition procedure.

## ART. 16 Legal Reference

For all other matters not foreseen or included in this announcement we shall refer to Law n. 210 of 03/07/98, Law n. 240 of 30/12/2010, Ministerial Decree 45/2013 and to the "Regolamento dei corsi di Dottorato di Ricerca" (Ph.D. regulations) of this University.

This announcement is available at: <a href="https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en">https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2055&lang\_s=en</a>

Further information may be requested by contacting the competent Ph.D. office: Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di Ricerca – tel. 0862/432055/432062/432061/432032 e-mail: dot@strutture.univaq.it.

L'Aquila, 19th May 2021

The Rector of the University of L'Aquila Signed Prof. Edoardo Alesse