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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TO PH.D. PROGRAMMES AT POLITECNICO DI TORINO (39th CYCLE)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

(not legally binding)¹

Art. 1 – Admissions to Ph.D. programmes

1. The Call for applications for admissions to the Ph.D. programmes of Politecnico di Torino is now open. Applications for the 39th cycle are invited for the following Ph.D. programmes:

- Architecture. History and Project, including the curriculum “Transnational Architectural Models in a Globalized World” in collaboration with the School of Architecture of Tsinghua University
- Bioengineering and Medical-Surgical Sciences in collaboration with the Università degli Studi di Torino
- Design and Technology. People, Systems and the Environment.
- Energetics
- Physics
- Aerospace Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering, including the “Electronics Devices” curriculum, in collaboration with the National Institute for Nuclear Physics
- Management and Production Engineering
- Computer and Systems Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Patrimonio architettonico / Architectural Heritage
- Materials Science and Technology
- Mathematical Sciences
- Urban and Regional Development in collaboration with the Università degli Studi di Torino

2. The beginning of the above-mentioned Ph.D. programmes of the 38th cycle is subject to prior accreditation by the Ministry of University and Research in compliance with current legislation.

The activation of the inter-university Ph.D. programmes (Bioengineering and Medical-Surgical Sciences; Urban and Regional Development) and the curriculum in “Electronic Devices” of the Ph.D. programme in “Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering”, the curriculum in “Transnational Architectural Models in a Globalised World” of the Ph.D. programmes in “Architecture. History and Design” are also subject to the renewal of the relevant agreements.

¹ The English translation of this document is provided as a support to the student community and has no legal effects. The Italian version shall constitute the sole authentic text and will be referred to for any legal matters.





A possible negative outcome of the accreditation procedure and/or of the renewal of the aforementioned agreements, which would hinder the activation of the course, will be promptly communicated to the applicants at the e-mail address indicated during the application phase.

3. All Ph.D. programmes will start at Politecnico di Torino on **1st November 2023** for successful applicants in the first and second session of the selection process, and on **1st March 2024** for successful applicants in the third session, as referred to in art. 5.

Art. 2 – Ph.D. positions

1. Politecnico di Torino **offers a minimum number of 105 Ph.D. scholarships, split between three sessions and various Ph.D. programmes**, as per the table below:

Ph.D. programmes	Scholarships
Architecture. History and Project	5
Bioengineering and Medical-Surgical Sciences	4
Design and Technology. People, Systems and the Environment	2
Energetics	9
Physics	4
Aerospace Engineering	4
Chemical Engineering	5
Civil and Environmental Engineering	11
Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering	16
Management and Production Engineering	5
Computer and Systems Engineering	9
Mechanical Engineering	9
Patrimonio Architettonico / Architectural Heritage	4
Materials Science and Technology	7
Mathematical Sciences	5
Urban And Regional Development	6
Totale	105

Possible additional Ph.D. positions may become available after the publication of this Call. In this case the table, which is an integral part of this Call, will be updated with the new positions and published on the website of Politecnico (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>). The updated table will be published exclusively on the above-mentioned website.

2. The Ph.D. positions offered by Politecnico di Torino are divided into the following categories:



ORDINARY Ph.D. POSITIONS

Fully-funded Ph.D. positions (with scholarship)² with own research topic	<p>These fully-funded positions are not associated to a specific research topic. The topic will be decided in agreement with the Coordinator and the Supervisor of the Ph.D. programme.</p> <p>Further information on scholarships with own research topic is available at https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications.</p> <p>All applicants compete for scholarships with own research topic, unless they explicitly renounce their right to receive them.</p>
Fully-funded Ph.D. positions (with scholarship)¹ with predefined research topic	<p>Applicants who receive an offer for this kind of Ph.D. position are required to compulsorily conduct their research on a predefined research topic. Detailed information about fully-funded Ph.D. positions with predefined research topics is available at https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications.</p> <p>Scholarships funded in compliance with Ministerial Decrees no. 117 and no. 118 of March 2nd 2023 fall into this category. Please read carefully the conditions and obligations for such scholarships as detailed in Annex 8 (M.D. 118/2023) and Annex 9 (M.D. 117/2023).</p> <p>Applicants interested to compete for this type of positions are required to select the research topics following the instructions and deadlines referred to in art. 4, par. 1.</p>
Ph.D. positions offered in apprenticeship format	<p>Applicants who receive an offer for this kind of Ph.D. position can undertake a Ph.D. programme to get a Ph.D. degree while being simultaneously employed by a company with an apprenticeship contract having the same duration of the Ph.D. programme.</p> <p>Applicants must be aged under 30 years when the company hires them.</p> <p>The apprenticeship contract (stipulated in accordance with Legislative decree no. 81/2015) is terminated upon completion of the Ph.D. programme and/or degree conferral.</p>

² For scholarships funded by an external institution, enrolment is subject to the subscription of a specific agreement between Politecnico di Torino and the financing institution.



	<p>Detailed information on the available positions with predefined research topics is available at https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications.</p> <p>Applicants interested to compete for this type of positions are required to follow the procedure referred to in art. 4, par. 1.</p>
Ph.D. positions without scholarships	<p>These positions are not associated to any scholarship.</p> <p>Detailed information on the available positions is available at https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications.</p> <p>Applicants who wish to undertake a Ph.D. programme without receiving any scholarship are required to follow the procedure referred to in art. 4, par. 2.</p>

RESERVED Ph.D. POSITIONS (ON TOP OF ORDINARY Ph.D. POSITIONS)

Ph.D. positions reserved to recipients of scholarships granted by Governments or by national or foreign public bodies	<p>These positions are offered to the applicants who are recipients of a scholarship funded by a Government or by a national/foreign public body and are declared eligible for admission at the end of the selection process based on the order of the ranking list (see art. 10 par. 8).</p> <p>Detailed information on the available positions is available at https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications.</p>
Ph.D. positions reserved to the POLITO-PHD-CHINA project	<p>These positions are reserved to Chinese citizens who are recipients of a scholarship funded by the China Scholarship Council or by the Southern University of Science and Technology.</p> <p>Applicants interested in these positions must follow the instructions referred to in Annex 1.</p>
Ph.D. positions reserved to the POLITO for REFUGEES project	<p>These positions are reserved to individuals with international protection.</p> <p>Applicants interested in these positions must follow the instructions referred to in Annex 2.</p>
Ph.D. positions reserved to research	<p>These positions are offered to the applicants who are declared eligible for admission at the end of the selection process following the order of the ranking</p>



fellows	<p>list (see art. 10 par. 8) and are already holders of a research grant (<i>assegno di ricerca</i>).</p> <p>The number of positions reserved to research fellows is equal to half of the number of ordinary positions for each Ph.D. programme, rounded up to the nearest unit.</p> <p>The topic of the research fellowship and the topic of the Ph.D. thesis must be the same. The Academic Board may give a binding opinion on the compatibility of the two activities.</p> <p>Research fellowships are not compatible with Ph.D. scholarships.</p> <p>Research fellows who are admitted to a Ph.D. programme with a scholarship have two options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) give up their research fellowship and enrol in the Ph.D. programme with a Ph.D. scholarshipor,b) keep their research fellowship and enrol in the Ph.D. programme without any Ph.D. scholarship.
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3. This Call for applications (39th cycle) is also open to possible applicants selected by special Boards within the framework of specific international mobility programmes in which Politecnico di Torino is involved.

Art. 3 – Ph.D. scholarships: nature and amount

1. Ph.D. scholarships last one year and are renewed from year to year provided that Ph.D. candidates have fulfilled the coursework requirements and have been admitted to the next year by the Academic Board. Scholarships are paid for a maximum of three years.
2. The gross annual amount of a Ph.D. scholarship for the A.Y. 2023/24 is **€ 18.854,52**, including social security contributions charged to the scholarship recipient. The net monthly rate is **€ 1.386** (unless welfare rates change). Scholarship recipients are exempted from paying the local income tax and the personal income tax (IRPEF). The scholarship amount is subject to the deductions of the INPS contributions (*Gestione Separata*), two thirds of which are charged to Politecnico di Torino and one third is borne by the recipient. The amount of the scholarship will be increased by 50% proportionally to any periods of study and research abroad in accordance with current legislation.
3. The following categories of applicants cannot receive any Ph.D. scholarship:
 - a) individuals who have already received a scholarship for a Ph.D. programme in Italy;
 - b) civil servants who are on special leave but still receive their salary and social security contributions.
 - c) research fellows/*assegnisti di ricerca* (see art.2, paragraph 2).
 - d) individuals who have a contract of “Alta Formazione e Ricerca” (art. 45 of Legislative Decree no. 81/2015).



Art. 4 – How to accept or decline an offer of admission for a fully-funded Ph.D. position with predefined research topic or for a Ph.D. position offered in apprenticeship format

1. Applicants interested in competing for one or more Ph.D. scholarships with predefined research topic and/or in any Ph.D. positions offered in apprenticeship format (*apprendistato di Alta formazione e Ricerca*) with predefined research topic must carefully check the research topic and competencies required to carry out the specific research project, illustrated in the information sheet of each scholarship (they can call the Principal Investigator, if needed). They are required to follow the on-line procedure available on the online application **Apply@polito** platform **and select up to a maximum of 5 options starting from 5 days before the beginning of the interviews of the relevant Ph.D. programme and until 12.00 a.m. (noon, CET) of the day before the interview.**
2. Applicants who want to compete for a Ph.D. position but renounce any Ph.D. scholarship (either with predefined research topic or with own research topic) or applicants who do not wish to compete for any Ph.D. position offered in apprenticeship format must explicitly renounce their right to receive them. They are required to follow the on-line procedure available on the online application **Apply@polito** platform (see art. 7, paragraph 1) and select the scholarship-waiver option, starting from **5 days before the beginning of the interviews of the relevant Ph.D. programme and up to 12.00 pm (noon, CET) of the day before that the interviews begin. Choices cannot be modified.**

Art. 5 – Sessions of the Call

The Ph.D. selection process for admissions to the Ph.D. programmes of the 39th cycle is organized in three separate sessions, hereinafter referred to as the “**first session**”, the “**second session**” and the “**third session**”.

Art. 6 – Admission requirements

1. Foreign citizens must meet the following requirements on the deadline for application submission for each session (art. 7, par. 1) in order to apply for a Ph.D. programme:

- a) **Master’s degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) with minimum final grade: 95/110 or other academic qualification (2nd level) earned abroad and recognized as valid.**

Exclusively the following applicants are accepted to take part in the selection process:

- Applicants who earned a **Master’s degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) or *Laurea specialistica* or academic degree belonging to the university system pre-dating DM no. 509 of 3rd November 1999, as amended by DM no. 270 of 22nd October 2004 – with minimum final grade: 95/110**
or
- Applicants who earned **an academic qualification which is valid for admission to a Ph.D. programme in their country of origin** (see par. 2) with the **minimum average grade illustrated in Annex 3.**

Applicants who still do not have the required academic qualification on the deadlines of art. 7, par. 1 are allowed to apply as long as they get their degree by:

- 31st October 2023: for participation in the selection process of the first and second session
- 31st December 2023: for participation in the selection process of the third session



In these cases, applicants can participate in the selection process “with condition”. They are required to earn their degree before the above-mentioned deadlines or they will not be admitted to any Ph.D. programme.

These applicants must have an average grade of their Master’s exams (GPA) greater than 25/30. In any case they must graduate with a minimum final grade of 95/110.

b) **one of the following English language certificates** (certificates are valid regardless of the date of conferral):

- IELTS: minimum score 5.0;
- one of the language certificates accepted in substitution for IELTS 5.0 by Politecnico di Torino and listed in the table “Table of 04/12/2017 updated on 26/11/2021 (transitional period)” available at: <https://didattica.polito.it/cla/en/certificates>

or

be exempted from presenting an English language certificate in accordance with the terms of Annex 4.

Certificates which are not listed in the above-mentioned table will not be accepted as proof of knowledge of the English language.

Applicants who still do not have an English language certificate on the deadlines of art. 7, par. 1 are allowed to apply as long as they get their certificate by:

- 31st October 2023: for participation in the selection process of the first and second session
- 31st December 2023: for participation in the selection process of the third session

In these cases, applicants can participate in the selection process “with condition”. They are required to present one of the English language certificates listed in the “Table of 04/12/2017 updated on 26/11/2021 (transitional period)” at the moment of enrolment (see art. 12, par. 2.1). Applicants who fail to present their certificate will not be admitted to the Ph.D. programme.

Applicants who do not meet both admission requirements a) and b) before the deadlines will be excluded from the selection process.

2. Applicants with a non-Italian academic qualification can be admitted to a Ph.D. programme only if they have a second-level degree (as defined by the Bologna Process) or a Master’ degree awarded by an officially recognized academic institution which grants admission to Ph.D. programmes in the country of origin.

The University Board referred to in art. 8 decides on the eligibility of non-Italian academic qualifications for the sole purpose of admission to the selection process for Ph.D. programmes of the 39th cycle. The decision is based on the documents attached by the applicant to the application form (art. 7, par. 2).

This evaluation is possible only if the documents submitted by the applicant provide all the necessary information (type of degree, duration of the programme, official name of the university which awarded the degree, date of degree conferral, grade etc.). The Board may not admit an applicant to the selection process if the documents do not provide enough information for evaluation.



3. Politecnico di Torino, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the European Charter for Researchers and its Polito4Impact Strategic Plan, strongly encourages applications from women and minorities, as set out in the European Parliament Resolution of 13 November 2018 on minimum standards for minorities in the EU (2018/2036(INI)).

Art. 7 – Application submission

1. Application forms must be submitted no later than the deadlines indicated below:

Session	Application - opening date	Application – closing date	Ph.D. programmes start date
First	31/01/2023	02/03/2023 (at 12 PM – CET time)	01/11/2023
Second	01/06/2023	20/06/2023 (at 12 PM – CET time)	01/11/2023
Third	02/11/2023	20/11/2023 (at 12 PM – CET time)	01/03/2024

Applications must be submitted exclusively online through the Apply@polito platform available on the website of Politecnico di Torino. (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>).

Applicants who log into the Apply@polito platform for the first time and do not have a Politecnico student ID number (s-number) are required to register to the Apply@polito platform.

Graduates and graduands from Politecnico di Torino must log into the Apply@polito platform through the Teaching Portal (<https://login.didattica.polito.it/secure-studenti/ShibLogin.php> - <https://didattica.polito.it/login>) using their credentials (user: S+number – password: date of birth, in the format “ddggyyyy” or changed password).

Application deadlines are mandatory. Late applications or applications submitted using a procedure different from the one specified in this paragraph will be rejected.

Politecnico di Torino encourages all applicants to submit their online applications ahead of the deadline. It is the applicants' responsibility to verify that the application process has been completed correctly, including the payment mentioned in paragraph 4 of this article. The University will not accept any claims for malfunctions of the online system due to network overloading close to the deadline.

The dates of the selection process and the results will be published on the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/results-and-rankings>).

This publication is considered valid for all legal purposes as an official notification. Politecnico di Torino will not send any individual message to the applicants.

Possible further updates regarding the selection process will be sent to the applicants **exclusively** by e-mail using the e-mail address provided in the application form.



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2. Applicants are required to upload the following documents to their online application:

	MANDATORY DOCUMENTS	DETAILS
a)	A copy of a valid identification document	Both front and back side with picture and signature.
b)	<p>Certificate or self-declaration* (see Annex 6) with the information on the academic background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor's degree (first-level degree), with final grade, date and place of conferral; - Master's degree (<i>Laurea Magistrale</i> – second-level degree) or equivalent qualification, as specified in art. 6, par. 1), with final grade, date and place of conferral, if already awarded; - Transcript of records (list of the exams taken during the entire academic path, with grades, dates and places of the exams) **; - Diploma supplement of the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes attended by the applicant, if available. 	<p>In the event that applicants have two (or more) Master's degrees (2nd level) or equivalent degrees, they must state in their application form which qualification they want to use to compete for admission to the Ph.D. programme. The other degrees must be attached under the section "Ogni altro documento" (i.e. Any Other Document") as provided for by letter L) of this table.</p> <p>Graduates and graduands from Politecnico di Torino do not need to attach the above-mentioned certificates/self-declarations.</p> <p>These documents must be written in Italian, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish by the issuing University.</p> <p>* <u>EU and non-EU applicants</u> can provide self-declarations only concerning facts and information which can be verified by an Italian public administration and, in the case of non-EU applicants, only if they have a valid residence permit which must be attached to the self-declaration.</p> <p>** <u>Only the candidates who have attended a 1st or 2nd level degree course (totally or in part) at a non-European University</u> are required to include a short explanation on the evaluation system (minimum and maximum grade for passing each exam, final grade, medium average) and the credit system to which it refers. In the event that this information is not present in the document, it is necessary to provide and attach an official statement issued by University that includes the missing information.</p>
c)	English language certificate or self-declaration *	With score, date and place of examination, if



	(see Annex 6) to prove knowledge of the English language (art. 6, par. 1, letter b), if already obtained.	already obtained. * <u>EU and non-EU applicants</u> can provide self-declarations only concerning facts and information which can be verified by an Italian public administration and, in the case of non-EU applicants, only if they have a valid residence permit which must be attached to the self-declaration;
d)	Abstract of Master's thesis	A short but complete abstract of the Master's thesis project which must include the overall objectives, the methodologies, the major results and above all the individual contribution. The format is free and can include tables, graphs and/or images. Minimum 3000 characters, maximum 6000 characters. The document must be written in English and uploaded in PDF format.
e)	Short statement of purpose (SOP) on the applicant's research interests and motivations for undertaking a Ph.D. programme	The statement of purpose must be written in English – maximum 8000 characters. Applicants must highlight their scientific background in the topics that will be studied during the Ph.D. programme they are applying for. Applicants need to emphasize their ability to engage with one or more research topics and must clarify their motivations, objectives, aspirations and personal inclination for the research topics. Applicants must also highlight their capacity to develop a research project and declare its assumptions, objectives and methodology. Applicants who compete for more than one Ph.D. programme are allowed to submit a separate statement of purpose for each programme they are applying for.
f)	Name and e-mail address of two referees which can be contacted by the Admissions Committee to get useful information for the evaluation of the application	Preferably one faculty member from Politecnico di Torino and one faculty member on the staff of another university (Italian or international university)³.

³ POLITO-PH.D.-CHINA applicants shall refer to Annex 1.



		For Ph.D. programmes in cooperation with other institutions, the PoliTo faculty member can be replaced by a faculty member pertaining to the partner institution.
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3. Applicants can also upload to the Apply@polito platform the following optional documents (if available):

	OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS	DETAILS
g)	Recommendation letters written by academic teaching staff, researchers, staff members of institutions, employers.	The names of the individuals who sign the recommendation letters may also be different from the names of the referees (letter f).
h)	Valid GRE® General Test (5 years since the test date), obtained before the application deadline.	Applicants need to enter Politecnico di Torino as the “Recipient” of the GRE results by selecting code “6994” during the GRE Test examination. Or, if the GRE Test has already been taken, applicants need to add code 6994 via the ETS website. Politecnico is not responsible for any communication delays caused by ETS.
i)	publications	Information about publications (type of publication, author/s, date, etc.) must be entered in the specific section of the Appy@polito platform.
l)	Any other document which applicants deem useful for the purpose of evaluating their application	For instance: other Bachelor’s or Master’s degrees, prizes and awards, professional experience, any other document useful for the purpose of declaring an applicant suitable for admission to a Ph.D. programme, etc. All documents must be contained in a single PDF file that must be uploaded to the “Attachments” section of the Apply@polito platform.

Applications for the selection process must include all the above-mentioned attachments, of which they are integral part, and must be written in the form of a lawful self-declaration (in accordance with art. 46 and 46 of DPR no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments). The documents attached to the application form must be written in the form of self-certificates or “*dichiarazioni sostitutive di atto di notorietà*” as provided for by the law. The application must include all the necessary information for the evaluation of the academic qualification and the verification of its truthfulness. Failure to include even a single element entails that the qualification will not be evaluated.



Applicants are not allowed to upload any additional document **after submitting their application**. For this reason, for applicants admitted to the selection process “with condition”, Politecnico di Torino will consider the average grade of the exams taken during the Master’s degree programme instead of the final grade. Politecnico di Torino will not take into consideration any declaration, qualification, publication or request to modify submitted documents after the closing date of this Call. Politecnico di Torino will evaluate exclusively the qualifications already obtained by the applicant before the closing date of the Call and submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in this Call.

4. Applicants are required to pay a non-refundable fee (€ 30.00) for each application they intend to submit.

The payment must take place at the end of the online application process with the following payment methods:

- a. credit cards (or other payment methods available on the PagoPA platform) generating an **immediate payment**;
- b. pre-printed notice of payment (MAV on the PagoPA platform), generating a **deferred payment**.

Applicants who pay using the method illustrated under letter b must pay before the deadlines referred in art. 7, par. 1.

The application process is finalized and valid only after the payment of the above-mentioned fee. Applications cannot be modified after the payment takes place.

5. In their application forms, applicants must declare under their own responsibility:

- that they are aware that the originality of their publications and papers presented for admission to the programme or produced during a Ph.D. programme at Politecnico di Torino may be checked with an anti-plagiarism software;
- if they are currently working on the date of application submission and if they will be working on 1/11/2023 (for applicants competing for the first and second session) and on 1/3/2024 (for applicants competing for the third session).

Art. 8 – Assessment of the admission requirements for the selection process

1. After the closing date for application submission, a specific **University Board**, appointed by the Rector, verifies if the applicants meet the admission requirements for the selection process listed in art. 6. The result of this assessment will be published on the website of Politecnico (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/results-and-rankings>).

2. Politecnico di Torino reserves itself the right to make sample checks on the declarations and documents presented by the applicants. The University can therefore decide on the exclusion of an applicant from the selection process at any time due to unfulfilled admission requirements.

3. Politecnico di Torino also reserves itself the right to conduct controls in accordance with art. 71 and sub. of DPR no. 445 of 28. The University reserves itself the right to check the truthfulness of the documents and self-declarations submitted by the Ph.D. student at any time (including after enrolment). In the event of false



declarations, the University will adopt appropriate measures, without prejudice to penal liability deriving from such behaviour.

Art. 9 – Assessment criteria

1. Applicants will be assessed for admission to the Ph.D. programme they have chosen based on their motivations, academic background, competencies, expertise and research skills, which can be deduced from the documents attached to their application form and from the interview.

2. Applicants will be assessed by a **specific Admissions Committee for each Ph.D. programme**, appointed by the Rector and staffed by minimum 3 members chosen from among tenured faculty members and permanent researchers or other professionals with competencies in the specific research field for Ph.D. programmes organized in cooperation with other institutions (see list in art. 1). The Admissions Committee can also be composed of international and/or Italian research experts, chosen from among members of public or private academic or research institutions and centres, for the sole purpose of evaluating the eligibility of the applicants who compete for the scholarships offered by external donors.

The names of the members of the Admissions Committees will be available on the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/evaluation-of-candidates>).

3. The Admissions Committee can assign a maximum of 100 points to each applicant divided as follows:

Qualifications Items referred to in art. 7, par. 2 at letters “b, c, d” + art. 7, par. 3 at letters “h, i, l”. with the following specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- for letter i (publications): up to a maximum of 10 points;- for the master’s degree final grade and the average grade⁴ of the exams: up to a maximum of 10 points;- for letter h (GRE Test⁵): up to a maximum of 6 points;	Max. 40 points
Statement of purpose and recommendation letters Statement of purpose (SoP) on the applicant’s research interests and motivations for undertaking a Ph.D. programme (art. 7, par. 2, letter e) and recommendation letters (art. 7, par. 3, letter g).	Max. 20 points
Interview See par. 5 of the present article	Max. 40 points

4. Applicants must score at least 40 points summing the scores obtained for their qualifications and for the statement of purpose/recommendation letters in order to be admitted to the interview. The list of admitted applicants will be published on the website of Politecnico di Torino

⁴ Applicable in the event that the applicant has not earned his/her Master’s degree yet or if the Master’s degree was awarded by a foreign university (art. 6, par. 1, letter a).

⁵ Table of GRE Test scores (Annex 5).



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5. The interview aims to assess the applicant's professional and academic background, scientific and cultural interests, basic academic competencies required to undertake the Ph.D. programme and carry out the research project related to a Ph.D. scholarship with predefined research topic /Ph.D. position offered in apprenticeship format, chosen by the applicant on the Apply@polito platform (art. 4, par. 1). The Admissions Committee may also declare an applicant eligible for a Ph.D. scholarship with predefined research topic /Ph.D. position offered in apprenticeship format that was not chosen by the applicant during the application process.

The Admissions Committee is free to decide to conduct the interview in a specific way that will be illustrated in the interview timetable (see par. 8).

6. Applicants who cannot attend the oral interview in person at Politecnico di Torino can ask the Admissions Committee to have a remote interview (videoconference) in accordance with the terms which will be specified when the interview timetable is published. In this case, applicants must specify their contact details which are going to be used by the Committee for the video call. They must also ensure that they will make use of a webcam to be identified.

Applicants must be available on the day of the interview in accordance with the timetable. The Committee and the applicant may arrange a time for the beginning of the interview. Applicants are required to prove their identity before the interview starts by showing the same identification document they attached to their application form.

Applicants will be excluded from the selection process if they do not provide their contact details, do not connect to the video call, are unavailable on the date/time of the interview or do not show their identification document. These grounds for exclusion are void if the applicant comes to Politecnico di Torino to attend the oral interview in person and shows a valid identification document. Politecnico di Torino is not liable for any technical problem which may hinder the remote interview.

7. Applicants must attend the interview during the session for which they have applied. Interviews cannot be postponed because there are separate ranking lists for each session.

8. Oral interviews, including remote interviews, are public.

9. The date, time and interview modalities for each applicant will be published on the website of Politecnico (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/interview>) at least 5 days before the interview.

Applicants are required to check the above-mentioned website and attend the interview with a valid identification document without receiving any further personal invitation to the interview. Failure to attend the interview, both in person or remotely, entails the exclusion of the applicant from the selection process.

Art. 10 – Ranking lists

1. At the end of the selection process, each Admissions Committee will draft the final merit ranking list of all applicants based on their individual scores. In case of equal ranking, the younger applicant will be chosen.

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2. Only the applicants who score **60/100 points or above will be included in the ranking list.**
3. A conditional offer of admission will be made to eligible applicants who have not earned their Master's degree yet (see art. 6 par. 1 letter a), and/or have not submitted their English language certificate yet (see art. 6, par. 1 letter b).
4. The Admissions Committee offers the Ph.D. scholarships/positions in apprenticeship format to the applicants taking into consideration the number of scholarships/positions available, the applicants' position on the ranking list, their cultural-scientific interests and eligibility to receive a scholarship with predefined research topic based on:
 1. the position of the applicant on the ranking list;
 2. the number of fully-funded positions with predefined research topic, based on the order of the ranking list and on the assessment of the educational background of the applicant carried out by the Admissions Committee, until all places are full.

If the Admissions Committee does not offer some Ph.D. scholarships/positions in apprenticeship format with predefined research topic to any applicant, or in the event of subsequent withdrawal of a Ph.D. candidate from the programme, the number of Ph.D. positions provided for in this Call will be reduced.
5. The documents of the selection process and the final merit ranking lists for admissions to each Ph.D. programme (which include the final scores, positions on the ranking list, possible scholarship allocation to eligible applicants) must be approved by the Rector.
6. The final ranking lists with the names of the applicants who have been admitted to PoliTo Ph.D. programmes will be published at: <https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/results-and-rankings>, as well as on the Online news board of the website of Politecnico di Torino. No personal messages will be sent to successful applicants. The publication of the ranking lists must be considered as the official notification of results.
7. If an applicant is on more than one ranking list and can be admitted to more than one programme, he/she must choose one Ph.D. programme only. To make this choice, the applicant must accept his/her offer of admission (for applicants competing in the first session) or enrol in the programme (for applicants competing in the second and third session). This choice is irrevocable.
8. Applicants who scored at least 60/100 and wish to compete for the Ph.D. positions reserved to the recipients of scholarships granted by Governments or by national/foreign public bodies or wish to compete for the Ph.D. positions reserved to research fellows (art. 2, par. 2) must contact the PhD Unit (exclusively using the Ticketing Support System available at this link https://didattica.polito.it/segreteria/contatta/it/Dottorato_perfezion_specializz.html) by the deadlines of the following table. These applicants must also attach the documents that certify their right to compete for a reserved position.



Application session	Deadline
First	28/05/2023
Second	5/10/2023
Third	5/2/2024

Art. 11 – How to accept an offer of admission and a Ph.D. scholarship (for applicants admitted in the first session)⁶

1. Applicants who are admitted to a Ph.D. programme in the first session (including applicants admitted “with condition”) are required to accept their offer of admission online and pay a fee (**161. 00 euro**). This amount will not be refunded if the applicant finally decides not to enrol in the programme (see art. 12). This amount will be deducted from the tuition fees when the applicant enrolls in the programme in the event that the amount is increased after the publication of this Call (see art. 16). **Failure to pay the above-mentioned fee entails permanent exclusion from the admission process.** The deadlines for paying the fee are the following:

Admitted applicants – first session	Deadline for accepting the offer of admission
Ph.D. positions with scholarship or in apprenticeship format	28/05/2023
Ph.D. Positions without scholarship	30/05/2023

Scholarships that remain unassigned (including for implicit renunciation) at the end of the phase for online acceptance will be offered exclusively to Ph.D. candidates without any scholarship as long as they are included the same ranking list. For Ph.D. positions with predefined research topic or positions in apprenticeship format the assessment of the Admissions Committee will also be taken into consideration.

For the second and the third session, admitted applicants do not need to accept their offer of admission. They will directly enrol in the Ph.D. programme following the deadlines and instructions of art. 12.

2. Failure to accept an offer of admission by the deadlines and in accordance with the instructions provided in this Call implies that the applicant intends to declines his/her Ph.D. offer and will be excluded from the selection process of the programme for which he/she had applied.

Art. 12 – How to enrol in a Ph.D. programme

1. The enrolment process is divided into two phases and it is completed upon completion of both phases.

Applicants admitted to a Ph.D. programme in the first session who accepted their offer of admission (as indicated in art. 11) and applicants admitted to a Ph.D. programme in the second and third session are required to enrol at Politecnico di Torino before the deadlines illustrated below.

⁶ The provisions of Annex 1 apply to the applicants of the POLITO-PH.D.-CHINA project.



1.1 Applicants admitted to a Ph.D. programme in the first and second session

Deadlines for admitted applicants who meet all the admission requirements (see art. 6, par.1) on 30/9/2023:

Enrolment - phase 1 (online enrolment)	Enrolment - phase 2 (identification – in-person and remote)
From 2/10/2023 to 8/10/2023	From 9/10/2023 to 20/10/2023

Deadlines for admitted applicants who meet all the admission requirements (see art. 6, par.1) on 31/10/2023:

Enrolment - phase 1 (online enrolment)	Enrolment - phase 2 (identification – in-person and remote)
From 2/11/2023 to 8/11/2023	From 9/11/2023 to 15/11/2023

Applicants admitted to a Ph.D. programme with a scholarship pursuant to Ministerial Decree no. 117 and Ministerial Decree no. 118 are required to enrol according to the deadlines that will be communicated by the Ph.D. Unit directly to the interested, in order to fulfil the obligations provided by the above-mentioned Decrees.

1.2 Applicants admitted to a Ph.D. programme in the third session

Enrolment - phase 1 (online enrolment)	Enrolment - phase 2 (identification – in-person and remote)
From 2/2/2024 to 8/2/2024	From 9/2/2024 to 20/2/2024

Renunciation, including tacit renunciation, entails permanent exclusion from the admission process.

2. The phases of the enrolment process are illustrated below.

2.1 Phase 1: online enrolment to be completed strictly by the deadlines of paragraph 1 of the present article Applicants must enrol online on the Apply@polito platform and simultaneously pay the fee referred to in article 16.

Applicants who have been admitted to a Ph.D. programme **“with condition”** (art. 10, par. 3) are allowed to enrol online by the deadlines illustrated in par. 1 after completing the following steps:

- applicants who earn their Master’s degree⁷ after the deadlines for application submission (art. 7)

⁷ The degree awarded by Italian universities is considered valid only if obtained with a minimum grade of 95/110 (Article 6, par. 1), under penalty of permanent exclusion from the Ph.D. programme.



must enter ⁸ the data of their degree, clearly specifying the grade, date and place of degree conferral.

- applicants who earn their English language certificate after the deadlines for application submission (art. 7) must enter the data of their certificate, clearly specifying the grade, date and place of conferral.

Please note that the University reserves itself the right to check the declarations and documents presented by the applicants at any time (art. 8). In the event of false declarations, the University will adopt appropriate measures, without prejudice to penal liability deriving from such behaviour.

2.2 Phase 2: in-person enrolment at the Office of the PhD Unit by the deadlines of paragraph 1 of the present article

At the end of the online enrolment process, applicants need to book an appointment with the staff of the PhD Unit from the Teaching Portal (Booking tool) for the second phase of the enrolment process. The applicant must come to the PhD Unit and present:

- a) a photocopy of the identity card or passport;
- b) original English language certificate, as required by art. 6, par. 1 letter b;
- c) Bachelor's degree certificate + Master's degree certificate + transcript of records of the exams written in one of the languages specified in art. 7, par. 2, letter b⁹ (if the degree was awarded by a foreign university).

The enrolment process ends with the delivery of the Polito Smart Card to the Ph.D. candidate.

2.3 In the event that the Ph.D. candidate cannot be in Turin by the deadlines to complete the second phase of the enrolment process in person, he/she must promptly inform the PhD Unit and provide a duly justified request to complete the **second phase of the enrolment process from a remote location**. The remote completion of the second phase of the enrolment process, taking place through the Virtual Desk with prior appointment, must end by the deadlines set out in paragraph 1 of the present article. This procedure does not allow the delivery of the Smart Card.

3. Enrolment must be completed no later than the deadline for the second phase of enrolment as set out in paragraph 1 of the present article, under penalty of exclusion from the admission process.

4. Ph.D. candidates who have completed the second phase of the enrolment process through the Virtual Desk **are enrolled "with condition"** and must present themselves for the delivery of their documents at the offices of the PhD Unit **by 31st January 2024 (for candidates admitted in the first or second session) or by 31st May 2024 (for candidates admitted in the third session)**. **Failure to arrive in Turin and present the documents by the deadlines will be considered as renunciation of the Ph.D. position.**

These Ph.D. candidates can start their research activity remotely, subject to a prior declaration signed by the Supervisor and countersigned by the Coordinator of the Ph.D. programme. In the event of non-approval, the research project will be automatically suspended until the Ph.D. candidate arrives in Italy, which in any

⁸ For candidates with a Master's degree awarded by Politecnico di Torino, data are automatically updated.

⁹ EU candidates can use a self-certification (see Annex 6).



case must take place before 31st January 2024 (for candidates admitted in the first or second session) or before 31st May 2024 (for candidates admitted in the third session).

Art. 13 – Updates of the ranking list and new offers of admission

1. At the end of the enrolment period referred to in Article 12, and in any case by 30/11/2023 for the candidates admitted in the first and second sessions and by 29/02/2024 for the candidates admitted in the third session, there may be some available positions that remain unassigned (after the withdrawal/renunciation, even tacit, of candidates who received an offer of admission but declined it). These positions will be offered to the applicants with the highest scores following the order of the ranking list. In the event of available fully-funded Ph.D. positions with predefined research topic, the assessment of the Admissions Committee shall also be taken into account for the new round of offers of admission.

2. The list of eligible applicants who may receive an offer of admission in the second round and the instructions for enrolment will be published on the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/results-and-rankings>).

3. At the end of the second round of admissions for the first and second session (par. 1), if there are new withdrawals/renunciations on the positions assigned after 1/12/2023 and up to 31/01/2024, the Academic Board of the Ph.D. programme may consider whether to proceed with further updates of the ranking list and with new offers of admission. Similarly, at the conclusion of the second round of admissions for the third session (par.1), if there are new withdrawals/renunciations on the positions assigned after 1/03/2024 and up to 31/05/2024, the Academic Board of the Ph.D. programme involved may consider whether to proceed with further updates of the ranking list and with new offers of admission.

4. Successful candidates who receive an offer of admission after the updates of the ranking list but fail to enrol in the programme by the deadlines will be excluded from the Ph.D. programme.

Art. 14 – Payment of Ph.D. scholarships

1. Ph.D. scholarships are paid to the candidates exclusively when they complete the enrolment process and – as a general rule – when they actually arrive at Politecnico di Torino.

In any case, the scholarship can be paid only after the Ph.D. candidate:

- has received the approval of the Academic Board, if he/she has declared that he/she will be working while attending the Ph.D. programme (art. 15, par. 1);
- has received the approval of the Academic Board, if she/he has declared that she/he is enrolled in another Bachelor's degree programme, Master's degree programme or specialisation school at an Italian and/or foreign university or research institute (art. 15, par. 2);
- has received the approval of the Supervisor and of the Coordinator of the Ph.D. programme to start working on his/her research project remotely (art. 12, par. 4), if he/she requested to complete the second phase of the enrolment process through the Virtual Desk (art. 12, par. 2.3);



- has provided the details of a personal bank account or one of which he/she is a co-holder through the Teaching Portal (Online Services > Payment and Tuition Fees).

2. Ph.D. candidates enrolled with condition and enrolled candidates with deadline on 15/11/2023, could receive the first instalment of the scholarships at the end of the second month after the beginning of the programme in order to allow the office to carry out the necessary verifications.
3. Successful candidates who become such as a result of the updates of the ranking list as indicated in art. 13, par. 3 will receive the scholarship starting from the monthly instalment subsequent to the month they became successful.

Art. 15 – Limitations

1. Ph.D. candidates who have declared at the time of enrolment that they are currently working must submit a declaration on their work activity to the PhD Unit **by the deadline for the second phase of the enrolment process**. The declaration must be made using the form available on the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/enrolment/enrolling>).

These Ph.D. candidates are enrolled with condition, pending the approval of the Academic Board on the compatibility between the Ph.D. programme and their work activity.

2. Ph.D. candidates who have declared at the time of enrolment that they are also enrolled in a Bachelor's/Master's degree programme/Specializing School at another Italian/foreign university or research centre must submit a declaration to the PhD Unit **by the deadline for the second phase of the enrolment process**. The declaration must be made using the form available on the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/enrolment/enrolling>).

These Ph.D. candidates are enrolled with condition, pending the approval of the Academic Board on the compatibility between the Ph.D. programme and the other study course.

3. It is not possible to be enrolled in two Ph.D. programmes at the same time (except for co-tutelle programmes). It is also not possible to be simultaneously enrolled in a Ph.D. programme and in a first or second level Specializing Master's programme. Individuals who find themselves in this situation of incompatibility must choose only one programme.

4. Ph.D. candidates who are already enrolled in a Ph.D. programme without a scholarship may, following success in the relative selection process, be admitted to a different Ph.D. programme, provided they renounce their previous Ph.D. position and start again from the first year.

5. A Ph.D. candidate who has accepted a position in one session may not participate in the subsequent session(s) for the same doctoral cycle.



Art. 16 – Tuition fees

1. Ph.D. candidates must pay a fee, which includes the premium for accident insurance, revenue stamp and Regional tax for the Right to University Education – EDISU. This fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.
2. More details on the amount referred to in paragraph 1 will be available in the Tuition Fee Guide for A.Y. 2023/2024, which will be approved by the Academic Bodies of Politecnico di Torino and published at: (<https://www.polito.it/en/polito/about-us/statuto-e-regolamenti>).

Art. 17 – Rights and responsibilities of Ph.D. candidates

1. Attending a Ph.D. programme requires exclusive and full-time commitment. Ph.D. candidates are required to attend classes full-time and conduct their study and research activities in their Department and in compliance with the Call for applications, the Regulations for Ph.D. programmes and the terms established by the Academic Board of the programme.
2. Civil servants admitted to a Ph.D. programme are placed on unpaid special leave for study purposes from the beginning of the Ph.D. programme and for its entire duration, if this is compatible with the needs of the employer (Public Administration). During this period, they may receive a scholarship. In the event that civil servants are admitted to a Ph.D. programme without any scholarship – or if they renounce it – they are placed on special leave but keep their salary and social security contributions from the employer. In this case, if they resign from office within two years from the date of Ph.D. degree conferral, they must refund their salaries (received during the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme) to their employer. Civil servants who already hold a Ph.D. degree or have been enrolled in a Ph.D. programme with special leave from work for at least one academic year do not have the right to be placed on paid or unpaid special leave.
3. Non-EU nationals are required to comply with the norms on entry visa and residence permit.
4. Possible further responsibilities are specified in the thematic sheet of each Ph.D. programme.
5. Admitted applicants benefitting from a scholarship pursuant to Ministerial Decrees no. 117/2023 and no. 118/2023 are required to comply with the obligations detailed in Annex 8 and Annex 9.

Art. 18 – Processing of personal data

1. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679) and the “Code regarding the protection of personal data” (Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30th June 2003 and further amendments) personal data will be processed by Politecnico di Torino in pursuit of its institutional aims and in accordance with the transparency purposes imposed by the law. The processing of personal data



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is based on the principles of correctness, lawfulness and relevance of purposes. More information on the processing of personal data is available at: <https://www.polito.it/privacy>.

2. Access to all documents is allowed in the forms provided for by current legislation.

Art. 19 – Governing laws and final provisions

1. For all matters not expressly provided for in this Call, reference is made to the relevant governing laws and regulations available at (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/doctoral-school/legislation>), in particular:

- Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14th December 2021;
- Ministerial Decree No. 301 of 22th March 2022;
- Politecnico di Torino Regulations on Doctoral programmes.

2. The present Call is announced on:

- the website of the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR) (<https://bandi.miur.it/>);
- the Euraxies European website (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>);
- the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>) and on the online News Board of the university.

3. Politecnico reserves itself the right to adjust and/or modify both the present Call for applications and the Regulations on Doctoral programmes (in compliance with art. 17, par. 3 of DM no. 226/2021). Possible changes and amendments will be published on the website of Politecnico di Torino: <https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>).

4. The person responsible for the admissions process to the Ph.D. programmes of Politecnico di Torino is Mrs. Silvia Vacca, Head of the Ph.D. Unit of Politecnico di Torino (within the meaning of art. 5 of Law no. 241 of 7/08/1990).

5. Any requests for information may be sent using the Ticketing Support System that is accessible following the procedure illustrated at (<https://didattica.polito.it/segreteria/contatta/en/index.html>) where the answers to the most frequently asked questions (FAQ) are also available.



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Annex 1

Project POLITICO-PH.D.-CHINA **Reserved for Chinese citizenship candidates**

In order to attract a higher number of Chinese applicants with scholarships funded by third parties and to foster the existing cooperation with Chinese universities, Politecnico di Torino reserves up to 20 Ph.D. positions to Chinese citizens, as detailed below:

In the first session of the call 20 Ph.D. positions will be reserved to Chinese citizens benefitting from a scholarship funded by the China Scholarship Council (CSC).

Applicants who are considered eligible for admission to Politecnico at the end of the selection process will receive a pre-admission letter that they need to attach to their application for the CSC. They will be admitted to the Ph.D. programme at Politecnico di Torino only if they are recipients of a CSC scholarship.

The deadline for application submission, exclusively on the online Apply@polito platform, is 2nd March 2023 at 12:00 (noon - CET).

Interested applicants must present the required documents (listed in art. 6 of the Call) and follow the instructions of the Call.

Please note that:

- During the online application process, applicants are required to select the “Project POLITICO - PH.D. - CHINA” and must choose one or two Ph.D. programmes they are interested in (maximum 2 options). In the motivation letter, applicants can also rank in order of preference one of the new Ph.D. programmes

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(“Patrimonio Architettonico / Architectural Heritage”; “Design and Technology. People, Systems and the Environment”; “Management and Production Engineering”; “Mathematical Sciences”)

- Applicants must obtain their Master’s degree by 31st October 2023;
- Applicants must specify the contact details of a Politecnico faculty member who has accepted to be their Ph.D. Supervisor in case of admission.

A specific University Board selected by the Rector will evaluate the POLITO-PHD-CHINA applicants taking into consideration their motivations, academic background, skills, experience and research ability, which can be deduced from the documents attached to their application form and from the mandatory interview (art. 9). The Board will also decide which Ph.D. programme the applicant will be admitted to.





Annex 2

Project POLITO for REFUGEES

In order to promote solidarity and support actions in favour of students with international protection (with refugee status or beneficiaries of subsidiary protection), Politecnico di Torino reserves up to 2 Ph.D. positions to candidates with international protection (with refugee status or beneficiaries of subsidiary protection) who have second-level academic degree earned in Italy or abroad valid for admission to a Ph.D. programme and 1 Ph.D. positions to candidates with international protection (with refugee status or beneficiaries of subsidiary protection) with Afghan nationality who have second-level academic degree earned in Italy or abroad valid for admission to a Ph.D. programme.

For application submission within the Project “POLITO FOR REFUGEES” applicants must submit the following documents exclusively on the Apply platform by 20th June 2023 at 12:00 (noon - CET):

- Bachelor's degree (first-level degree), with grade, date and place of degree conferral and with a local declaration of value, or CIMEA certificate, issued free of charge to individuals with international protection.
- Master's degree (second-level degree), with grade, date and place of degree conferral and with local declaration of value, or CIMEA certificate, issued free of charge to individuals with international protection.
- Transcript of records of the exams taken during the entire university path, with grade, date and place.

Applicants who do have any document certifying their academic degree need to submit the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees, as proof of their qualifications. For more information, visit the CIMEA website at: <http://www.cimea.it/it/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/riconoscimento-titoli-dei-rifugiati.aspx>

- Number and date of the document attesting to the status of beneficiary of international protection, as well as the authority that issued it;
- Number and date of issuance of the residence permit and the *Questor* that issued it;
- A brief report (in English) on the scientific interests and motivations to carry out the Ph.D. programme related to the research topics of the Ph.D. programme chosen by the applicant.
- Indicate the names of 2 referees, one of whom should preferably be a professor at Politecnico di Torino.

Please note that:

- you can select up to a maximum of n. 2 Ph.D. programmes;



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- the GRE® general test is not mandatory for the “POLITO FOR REFUGEES” project;
- the IELTS test with a minimum score of 5.0 or equivalent is not mandatory for the “POLITO FOR REFUGEES” project;
- applicants must earn their Master’s degree or equivalent degree no later than 31st October 2023

Selection process

A specific University Committee appointed by the Rector will evaluate the applications based on the applicants’ motivations, academic background, skills, experience and research ability, which can be deduced from the documents attached to the application and from a mandatory interview.

The Committee will also ascertain the applicants’ knowledge of the English language and decide on the Ph.D. programme which will be assigned to the applicants.





Annex 3

MINIMUM AVERAGE GRADE OF THE EXAMS (GPA) FOR APPLICANTS WITH A FOREIGN DEGREE

COUNTRY	MINIMUM AVERAGE GRADE OF THE EXAMS (GPA)
BANGLADESH	3,3/4
CHINA	70/100
COLOMBIA	3,5/5
EU CONTRIES (ECTS grading system)	C+
EGYPT	65/100
ETHIOPIA	$\frac{3}{4}$
GHANA	65/100
INDIA	70/100
INDONESIA	2,8/4
IRAN	14,5/20
NIGERIA	3/5
PAKISTAN	3,3/4,0
SERBIA	7,5/10
TURKEY	$\frac{3}{4}$
VIETNAM	7/10

Other countries not included in this table: the University Committee will evaluate the degree and decide on the minimum GPA required for admission based on the documents submitted by the applicant.

(*) Average grade of the exams refers to:

- for countries that use the ECTS grading system: it is the weighted average grade calculated on the credits of the exams passed by the applicant;
- for countries that use the Grade Point Average (GPA) certificate: it is the final GPA.



- For all other countries: it is the arithmetic average.

Annex 4

Applicants with Italian or non-Italian degree who are exempted from presenting an English language certificate

1. Applicants who have an IB Diploma (International Baccalaureate <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>) exclusively if they have attended the entire learning path in English, except for the foreign languages;
2. Applicants with a high school diploma awarded by one of the European Schools referred in Annex 2 to the “*Procedures for entry, stay and enrolment in higher education programmes of students requiring visa*”, exclusively if the first language of the learning path (L1) is English;
3. Educational qualification, recognized by the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research (as equivalent to an Italian high school diploma (*diploma di maturità*) or higher academic qualification, awarded by the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, regardless of the country where the school/university is located.
4. Educational qualification, recognized by the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research as equivalent to an Italian high school diploma (*diploma di maturità*) or higher academic qualification, awarded after attending a learning path in English at a school or university located in one of the following countries:

Africa	Asia	Caribbean and Americas	Europe	Pacific	USA Ireland
Botswana	Bangladesh	Antigua and Barbuda	Cyprus	Australia	
Cameroon	Brunei Darussalam	Bahamas, The	Malta	Fiji	
Gambia, The	India	Barbados	United Kingdom	Kiribati	
Ghana	Malaysia	Belize	Ireland	Nauru	
Kenya	Maldives	Canada		New Zealand	
Kingdom of Eswatini	Pakistan	Dominica		Papua New Guinea	
Lesotho	Singapore	Grenada		Samoa	
Malawi	Sri Lanka	Guyana		Solomon Islands	
Mauritius		Jamaica		Tonga	
Mozambique		Saint Lucia		Tuvalu	
Namibia		St Kitts and Nevis		Vanuatu	
Nigeria		St Vincent and The Grenadines			



Rwanda		Trinidad and Tobago			
Seychelles		United States			
Sierra Leone					
South Africa					

Annex 5

Evaluation of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)

How points are assigned based on the score (percentage) obtained by applicants in the GRE Test:

Percentile	Points
More than 75%	6
between 65% and 74%	5
Between 50% and 64%	4
Between 35% and 49%	3
Between 20% and 34%	2
Between 0% and 19%	1
NS	0

GRE Test weighing formula for each test section:

$$\text{GRE} = a1 * \text{ind1} + a2 * \text{ind2} + a3 * \text{ind3}$$

where “a1, a2, a3” are the weights indicated in the table below and “ind1, ind2, ind3” are the points assigned to the three indicators, according to the percentage obtained by the applicant.

Weights assigned to each section of the GRE Test:

Ph.D. Programme	Verbal Reasoning (VR) a1	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) a2	Analytical Writing (AW) a3
Architecture. History and Project	0,39	0,22	0,39
Bioengineering and Medical-Surgical Sciences	0,45	0,45	0,1
Design and Technology. People, Systems and the Environment	0,2	0,6	0,2
Energetics	0,25	0,5	0,25
Physics	0,4	0,4	0,2
Aerospace Engineering	0,25	0,5	0,25
Chemical Engineering	0,5	0,5	0
Civil and Environmental Engineering	0,33	0,33	0,33
Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering	0,33	0,33	0,33
Management and Production Engineering	0,2	0,6	0,2
Computer and Systems Engineering	0,33	0,33	0,33



Mechanical Engineering	0,2	0,6	0,2
Patrimonio architettonico / Architectural Heritage	0,33	0,33	0,33
Materials Science and Technology	0,33	0,33	0,33
Mathematical Sciences	0,4	0,4	0,2
Urban and Regional Development	0,33	0,33	0,33

Annex 6

SELF-DECLARATION (*)

(art. 46 of Presidential Decree No. 445 of December 28, 2000)

I, the undersigned, _____ fiscal code _____
born in _____ (____) on ____/____/____,
residing in _____ (____) street/road/square _____ n° _____

AM AWARE OF

the criminal sanctions arising from false or misleading declarations and/or documents (in compliance with art. 76 of the Presidential Decree No. 445 of 28th December 2000), as well as the loss of benefits which may result from possible resolutions issued due to false declarations in the event of untruthful statements resulting from the verification of the information I have provided (art. 75 of Presidential Decree no. 445/00)

DECLARE under my own responsibility



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Date and place, _____

Signature
(Legible signature in full)

(*) Please note:

- EU and non-EU applicants can provide self-declarations only concerning facts and information which can be verified by an Italian public administration and, in the case of non-EU applicants, only if they have a valid residence permit which must be attached to this self-declaration;
- This self-declaration must include all the information required, in particular, the information concerning the admission requirements and the grade, date and place of conferral of the degree and/or the English Language certificate;
- This self-declaration must be duly signed and dated.

Annex 7

Summary of deadlines

First session

Activity	Deadline
Applications opening date – first session	31/1/2023
Applications closing date – first session	2/03/2023 (12 noon – CET time)
Admissions to reserved Ph.D. positions - art. 10 par. 8 (first session)	28/5/2023
Deadline for accepting the offer of admission (fully-funded Ph.D. positions / positions in apprenticeship format)	28/5/2023
Deadline for accepting the offer of admission (Ph.D. positions without scholarship)	30/5/2023
Enrolment phase 1 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 30/9/2023	From 2/10/2023 to 8/10/2023
Enrolment phase 2 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 30/9/2023	From 9/10/2023 to 20/10/2023
Enrolment phase 1 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 31/10/2023	From 2/11/2023 to 8/11/2023
Enrolment phase 2 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 31/10/2023	From 9/11/2023 to 15/11/2023
Deadline for completing the in-person identification phase at Politecnico (for individuals who have enrolled through the Virtual Desk)	Before 31/1/2024
New offers of admissions following the updates of the ranking lists	30/11/2023
Selection of fully-funded positions with predefined research topic / positions in apprenticeship format	From 5 days before the date of the first interviews until 12.00 (noon – CET time) of the day before the beginning of the interviews.



Second session

Activity	Deadline
Applications opening date – second session	1/6/2023
Applications closing date – second session	20/6/2023 (12.00 noon – CET time)
Admissions to reserved Ph.D. positions - art. 10 par. 8	5/10/2023
Enrolment phase 1 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 30/9/2023	From 2/10/2023 to 8/10/2023
Enrolment phase 2 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 30/9/2023	From 9/10/2023 to 20/10/2023
Enrolment phase 1 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 31/10/2023	From 2/11/2023 to 8/11/2023
Enrolment phase 2 – successful Ph.D. candidates who meet the requirements on 31/10/2023	From 9/11/2023 to 15/11/2023
Deadline for completing the in-person identification phase at Politecnico (for individuals who have enrolled through the Virtual Desk)	Before 31/1/2024
New offers of admissions following the updates of the ranking lists – last calls on	30/11/2023
Selection of fully-funded positions with predefined research topic / positions in apprenticeship format	From 5 days before the date of the first interviews until 12.00 (noon – CET time) of the day before the beginning of the interviews.

Third session

Activity	Deadline
Applications opening date – third session	2/11/2023
Applications closing date – third session	20/11/2023 (12 noon – CET time)
Admissions to reserved Ph.D. positions - art. 10 par. 8	5/2/2024
Enrolment phase 1 – successful Ph.D. candidates	From 2/2/24 to 8/2/2024
Enrolment phase 2 – successful Ph.D. candidates	From 9/2/2024 to 20/2/2024
Deadline for completing the in-person identification phase at Politecnico (Virtual Desk)	Before 31/5/2024
Deadline for completing the in-person identification phase at Politecnico (for individuals who have enrolled through the Virtual Desk)	29/2/2024
Selection of fully-funded positions with predefined research topic / positions in apprenticeship format	From 5 days before the date of the first interviews until 12.00 (noon – CET time) of the day before the beginning of the interviews.

Please note: this table is provided with the sole purpose of summarizing the deadlines included in the Call. It does not replace the contents, requirements and provisions of the Call itself.



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Annex 8

Ph.D. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROGRAMMES IN PROGRAMMES SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED AND DEVELOPED - M.D. no. 118/2023 –

EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SECOND SESSION

The National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), in the frame of Mission 4 Component 1 Investment 3.4 and Mission 4 Component 1 Investment 4.1 has allocated resources to support the promotion and reinforcement of higher education and postgraduate qualification at a doctoral level, as well as to increase the human resources engaged in research-oriented activities, in Public Administrations and in cultural heritage.

Politecnico di Torino has assigned **54 Ph.D. scholarships** with a three-year duration to doctoral programmes of the University as follows:

- **scholarships for researches on digital and environmental transitions;**
- **scholarships for researches on NRRP topics;**
- **scholarships for researches in the frame of Public Administration;**
- **scholarships for researches in the frame of cultural heritage.**

Politecnico di Torino has selected the research projects to be activated within the University's Ph.D. courses accredited and to be accredited for the 39th cycle. These projects, pursuant to the afore-mentioned Ministerial Decree 118/2023, are:

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- a) consistent with the goals of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, with the overall strategy and the Detail Sheet of the RRP Component;
- b) oriented to achieve the results measured through milestones and targets that may be assigned to the investment within the terms set in the Plan;
- c) in accordance with the principle “do no significant harm” (DNSH) pursuant to art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 consistent with the technical guidelines provided by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01);
- d) suitable for addressing and overcoming gender inequalities;
- e) in support of the participation of women and young people, also in accordance with the provisions of Decree Law No. 77 of 31 May 2021 (also known as Simplification Decree), as amended by the Conversion Law No. 108 of 29 July 2021, concerning the management of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

The selected projects should also aim at:

- a) focusing on disciplinary and thematic fields consistent with the provisions of articles 7, 8, 9 and 10 of M.D. 118/2023;
- b) providing for the implementation of the entire Ph.D. Programme, education, research and evaluation, at the administrative and operating headquarters of the University, with the exception of the planned periods of study and research at the company and abroad;
- c) ensuring that the Ph.D. candidate benefits from qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities to perform study and research activities, scientific laboratories, libraries, database, etc.;
- d) providing for the implementation of educational activities for linguistic and IT improvement, for research management and knowledge of the European and international research systems, for the enhancement of research results and intellectual property rights;
- e) promoting, with due respect for intellectual property, the enhancement of research results through an adequate circulation of the results pursued, according to the principles "Open science" and "FAIR Data".

As indicated in the table below, Ph.D. Programmes include:

- **mandatory periods of study and research at the company from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, also non-continuous, over the three-year period;**
- **mandatory periods of study and research abroad, also non-continuous, from a minimum of six (6) months to the maximum limit provided for in article 9, paragraph 3 of M.D. 226/2021, over the three-year period.**

	Periods abroad	Periods at the company
Research on digital and environmental transitions	mandatory	mandatory in companies or research centres
Research on RRP topics	mandatory	elective
Research in the frame of Public Administration	mandatory	mandatory in companies, research centres or Public Administration



Research in the frame of the cultural heritage	mandatory	mandatory in companies, research centres or Public Administration including museums, institutes of the Ministry of Culture, archives and libraries
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Ph.D. Scholarships

Scholarships under this initiative are listed in the table published at <https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-phd-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>.

The table is an integral part of this Call.

The table may be updated after the publication of this Call, in order to increase the number of scholarships. Variations will be made public exclusively at the aforementioned website.

Scholarships require to conduct the implementation of a predefined research topic detailed at <https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-phd-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>. **Applicants interested to compete for these scholarships must comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated in art. 4, paragraph 1 about scholarships with a predefined research topic.**

The amount and characteristics of the scholarships are detailed in art. 3 of the present Call for application.

Assignment of scholarships

The **admission and application requirements** are detailed in articles 6 and 7 of the present Call.

Application forms must be submitted, exclusively in the second session, **from June 1st 2023 and by 12:00 p.m. (noon – CET) of June 20th 2023** only via the Apply@polito online procedure.

Assessment criteria and the selection of candidates are described in the articles 7, 8 and 9 of the present Call.

At the end of the selection process, applicants who have been offered a scholarship under the present project will be required to enrol in the Ph.D. programme according to the deadlines indicated in article 12.

Further to the enrolment, the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR) will verify the eligibility of the projects and the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) will verify the compliance with the requirements of Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023. Whether these checks are positively completed, MUR allocates the funding to the University.

The assignment of scholarships referred to in this project is therefore to be considered “with condition” of the positive evaluation of both consistency and eligibility and the allocation of ministerial funds.

Ph.D. activities funded under Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023 will start by 30th December 2023.

The **revocation of the scholarship** applies in the following cases:

- a) the Ph.D. programme is realised in a different way from the project admitted to funding, if the necessary authorisation from the MUR has not been requested beforehand and subsequently



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granted;

- b) failure to complete the Ph.D. course (three-year duration) with reference to the minimum period of study and research at the company or abroad.

Specific obligations of Ph.D. candidates

In addition to the requirements established in the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Politecnico di Torino applicable to all Ph.D. candidates, and in compliance with the rules of Ministerial Decree no. 118/2023, Ph.D. candidates who receive a scholarship in the framework of the present Call must also undertake to:

- submit a report on a six-month basis with the timesheet of their activities (organized by month spent at the company, the research centre, at a Public Administration, abroad) and a summary of the most important tasks, also stating that these tasks are in compliance with the principle of “Do no significant harm”. The reporting will be performed through an online platform using the template provided by MUR;
complete the **required mandatory periods of study and research at the company** (from a minimum of six months to a maximum of twelve months, also non-continuous, over the three-year period) **and abroad** (from a minimum of six months to the maximum limit provided for in article 9, paragraph 3 of M.D. 226/2021, also non-continuous, over the three-year period).
- guarantee the respect of the obligations in terms of communication and information as provided by the art. 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all the documents that the Programme is funded in the frame of the RRP, with explicit reference to the funding by the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, including in the papers the EU logo, and also suitably share and promote the Programme – online and on social media – in line with what provided by the Communication Strategy of the RRP.
- respect the principle of not doing significant harm (DNSH) to environment, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Annex 9

Ph.D. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROGRAMMES DEDICATED TO INNOVATIVE DOCTORATES RESPONDING TO THE INNOVATION NEEDS OF COMPANIES - M.D. 117/2023 -

EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SECOND SESSION

The National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), in the frame of Mission 4 Component 2 Investment 3.3, has allocated resources to activate **dedicated doctoral programmes with the contribution and involvement of companies**.

The Ministerial Decree No. 117 of March 2nd 2023 has assigned to Politecnico di Torino resources for the activation of up to **283 Ph.D. scholarships, of a three-year duration, co-funded at 50 per cent by companies** interested in meeting their research and innovation needs.





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Politecnico di Torino will identify the companies that will co-fund the scholarships and will also select the research projects to be activated within the Ph.D. courses accredited and to be accredited for the 39th cycle. These projects, pursuant to the aforementioned Ministerial Decree no. 117/2023, are:

- a) consistent with the goals of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, with the overall strategy and the Detail Sheet of the RRP Component;
- b) oriented to achieve the results measured through milestones and targets that may be assigned to the investment within the terms set in the Plan;
- c) in accordance with the principle "do no significant harm" (DNSH) pursuant to art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 consistent with the technical guidelines provided by the European Commission (Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01);
- d) suitable for addressing and overcoming gender inequalities;
- e) in support of the participation of women and young people, also in accordance with the provisions of Decree Law No. 77 of 31 May 2021 (also known as Simplification Decree), as amended by the Conversion Law No. 108 of 29 July 2021, concerning the management of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

The selected projects should also aim at:

- a) focusing on disciplinary and thematic fields consistent with the needs of the country, as well as of the regional territories interested by the programme, in terms of highly qualified human resources oriented to the innovation needs of the companies;
- b) providing for the implementation of the entire Ph.D. Programme, education, research and evaluation, at the administrative and operating headquarters of the University, with the exception of the planned periods of study and research at the company and abroad;
- c) ensuring that the Ph.D. candidate benefits from qualified and specific operational and scientific facilities to perform study and research activities, scientific laboratories, libraries, database, etc.;
- d) providing for the implementation of educational activities for linguistic and IT improvement, for research management and knowledge of the European and international research systems, for the enhancement of research results and intellectual property rights;
- e) promoting, with due respect for intellectual property, the enhancement of research results through an adequate circulation of the results pursued, according to the principles "Open science" and "FAIR Data".
- f) ensuring the respect of the horizontal principles of the RRP (environmental sustainability; sustainable development; equal opportunities and non-discrimination; accessibility for people with disabilities).

All Ph.D. projects include mandatory periods of study and research at the company from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, also non-continuous, over the three-year period, and mandatory periods of study and research abroad from a minimum of six (6) months to the maximum limit provided for in article 9, paragraph 3 of M.D. 226/2021, over the three-year period.

Ph.D. Scholarships

Scholarships under this initiative are listed in the table published at <https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-phd-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>.

The table is an integral part of this Call.

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The table may be updated after the publication of this Call, in order to increase the number of scholarships. Variations will be made public exclusively at the aforementioned website.

Scholarships require to conduct the implementation of a predefined research topic detailed at <https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-phd-programmes/admissions/call-for-applications>. **Applicants interested to compete for these scholarships must comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated in art. 4, paragraph 1 about scholarships with a predefined research topic.**

The amount and characteristics of the scholarships are detailed in art. 3 of the present Call for application.

Assignment of scholarships

The **admission and application requirements** are detailed in articles 6 and 7 of the present Call.

Application forms must be submitted, exclusively in the second session, **from June 1st 2023 and by 12:00 p.m. (noon – CET) of June 20th 2023** only via the Apply@polito online procedure.

Assessment criteria and the selection of candidates are described in the articles 7, 8 and 9 of the present Call.

At the end of the selection process, applicants who have been offered a scholarship under the present project will be required to enrol in the Ph.D. programme according to the deadlines indicated in article 12.

Further to the enrolment, the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MUR) will verify the eligibility of the projects and the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR) will verify the compliance with the requirements of Ministerial Decree no. 117/2023. Whether these checks are positively completed, MUR allocates the funding to the University.

The assignment of scholarships referred to in this project is therefore to be considered “with condition” of the positive evaluation of both consistency and eligibility and the allocation of ministerial funds.

Ph.D. activities funded under Ministerial Decree no. 117/2023 will start by 30th December 2023.

The **revocation of the scholarship** applies in the following cases:

- a) the Ph.D. programme is realised in a different way from the project admitted to funding, if the necessary authorisation from the MUR has not been requested beforehand and subsequently granted;
- b) failure to complete the Ph.D. course (three-year duration) with reference to the minimum period of study and research at the company or abroad.

Specific obligations of Ph.D. candidates

In addition to the requirements established in the Regulations of the Doctoral School of Politecnico di Torino applicable to all Ph.D. candidates, and in compliance with the rules of Ministerial Decree no. 117/2023, Ph.D. candidates who receive a scholarship in the framework of the present Call must also undertake to:

- submit a report on a six-month basis with the timesheet of their activities (organized by month spent at the company, the research centre, at a Public Administration, abroad) and a summary of the most

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important tasks, also stating that these tasks are in compliance with the principle of “Do no significant harm”. The reporting will be performed through an online platform using the template provided by MUR;

- complete the required **mandatory periods of study and research at the company** from a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months, also non-continuous, over the three-year period, and **mandatory periods of study and research abroad** from a minimum of six (6) months to the maximum limit provided for in article 9, paragraph 3 of M.D. 226/2021, over the three-year period.
- guarantee the respect of the obligations in terms of communication and information as provided by the art. 34 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, indicating in all the documents that the Programme is funded in the frame of the RRP, with explicit reference to the funding by the European Union and the NextGenerationEU initiative, including in the papers the EU logo, and also suitably share and promote the Programme – online and on social media – in line with what provided by the Communication Strategy of the RRP.
- respect the principle of not doing significant harm (DNSH) to environment, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852.