

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR ADMISSION TO XXXVIII CYCLE PhD PROGRAMMES
POLITECNICO DI BARI
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023**

Rectoral Decree no. 688

THE RECTOR

- IN VIEW OF** Law 764 (13 Aug 1984) on regulations governing scholarships and doctorate research programmes at Italian universities;
- GIVEN** Law 105 (5 Feb 1992), specifically art.20 and subsequent modifications and additions;
- GIVEN** Law 675 (31 December 1996) and subsequent modifications and additions;
- GIVEN** Law 210 (3 Jul 1998), as modified by Law 240 (30 Dec 2010);
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 224 (30 Apr 1999);
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 509 (3 Nov 1999) on didactic autonomy of universities;
- GIVEN** Presidential Decree 445 (28 Dec 2000), Consolidated Law on legislative measures and regulations for administrative records;
- GIVEN** Legislative Decree 82 (7 Mar 2005) and subsequent modifications and additions;
- GIVEN** Prime Ministerial Decree of 9 Apr 2001 on measures for equal treatment for rights to university studies;
- GIVEN** Legislative Decree 68 (29 Mar 2012), specifically art.18.8;
- GIVEN** Apulian Regional Law 45 (28 Dec 2012), specifically art.11;
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 270 (22 Oct 2004);
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 198 (23 Oct 2003), arts. 3 and 6, Ministerial Decree 263 (9 Aug 2004) and Ministerial Decree 492 (3 Nov 2005);
- GIVEN** current Ministerial and Rector's measures for the containment and management of the Covid-19 emergency;
- GIVEN** the "Protocol for Public Examination Procedures" published as part of the Ministry of Health decree of 25 May 2022;
- GIVEN** the Politecnico di Bari Statute;
- GIVEN** the Politecnico di Bari Ethical and Behavioural Code, issued as part of Rector's Decree 582 (28 Sept 2018);
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 226 (14 Dec 2021), "Regulations concerning accreditation procedures for institutes and doctorate programmes and criteria for establishment of doctorate programmes on the part of accredited institutes";
- GIVEN** the Politecnico di Bari Doctorate Research Programme Regulations, issued as part of Rectoral Decree 288 (11 Mar 2022);
- GIVEN** the regulations for the national doctorate research programme in Autonomous Systems;

- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 247 (23 Feb 2022), modifying the Ministerial Decree 40 (25 Jan 2019) regarding annual amount of PhD programme grants, which from 01/07/2022 increase from €15,343.28 to €16,243.00 (gross total before social security contributions made by the beneficiary);
- GIVEN** agreements with Bari University regarding inter-university doctorate programmes;
- GIVEN** agreements with University of Salento and the National Research Council's Institute for Construction Technology regarding joint doctorate programmes;
- GIVEN** agreements with other Italian universities and the National Research Council regarding the national doctorate programme in Autonomous Systems, for which Politecnico di Bari is the administrative centre;
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 351 (9 Apr 2022) regarding the allocation of National Recovery and Resilience Plan doctorate research grants (Mission 4, component 1), "Expansion of Educational Services: from Playschool to University" – Investment 3.4 "Didactics and advanced higher education skills" and Investment 4.1 "Increase in number of research and innovation PhDs for public administration and cultural heritage", under which Politecnico di Bari may assign funding for doctorate programme grants for the macro-areas "National Recovery and Resilience Plan", "Digital and Environmental Transition", "Public Administration" and "Cultural Heritage";
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 352 (9 Apr 2022), regarding the allocation of National Recovery and Resilience Plan doctorate research grants (Mission 4, component 2) "From Research to Company" – Investment 3.3 "Establishment of innovative doctorate research programmes to meet the needs of innovation in companies and promote company employment of researchers", under which Politecnico di Bari may co-assign funding for public doctorate grants for innovative programmes which meet the needs of innovation in companies;
- GIVEN** project identification codes (CUP – *Codici Unici di Progetto*) related to PhD programmes:

PHD PROGRAMMES	CUP (M4C1 - Inv. 3.4)	CUP (M4C1 - Inv. 4.1)	CUP (M4C2 - Inv. 3.3)
ELECTRICAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING	D93C22000490001	D93C22000510001	D93D22001320001
MECHANICAL AND MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING		D93C22000520001	D93D22001330001
RISK, ENVIRONMENTAL, TERRITORIAL AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT		D93C22000530001	D93D22001340001
HERITAGE PLANNING: KNOWLEDGE, TRADITION AND INNOVATION		D93C22000540001	D93D22001350001
ENGINEERING AND AEROSPACE SCIENCES		D93C22000550001	D93D22001360001
INDUSTRY 4.0		D93C22000560001	D93D22001370001
SUSTAINABILITY ENGINEERING AND CIVIL & INDUSTRIAL BUILDING		D93C22000570001	D93D22001380001
AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS (National PhD Programme)	D93C22000500001	D93C22000580001	D93D22001390001

- GIVEN** the deliberation of the Politecnico di Bari Doctorate School on 9 May 2022 and Rector's Decree no. 611 (27 May 2022), evaluating and selecting research topics to be funded by resources allocated to the Politecnico di Bari by the aforementioned Ministerial Decree 351/2022 for each PhD programme and macro-area;
- GIVEN** the deliberation of the Politecnico di Bari Doctorate School on 16 May 2022, selecting the research topics to be funded by resources allocated to the Politecnico di Bari by the aforementioned Ministerial Decree 351/2022;
- GIVEN** the deliberation of the Academic Senate during its meeting on 23/05/2022 and that of the Administrative Council during its meeting on 24/05/2022 on the establishment and commencement of Politecnico di Bari PhD programmes pertaining to the XXXVIII cycle;
- GIVEN** the letters of intent and agreements between Politecnico di Bari and private companies for the establishment and funding or co-funding for doctorate research grants for the XXXVIII programmes, as per Ministerial Decree D.M. 352/2022;
- HAVING ASCERTAINED** the availability of financial resources pertaining to study grants funded by the Politecnico di Bari;
- IN CONSIDERATION OF** the aforementioned Ministerial Decrees 351/2022 regarding the allocation of funding as subject to the results of Ministry and ANVUR eligibility inspections;
- GIVEN** Ministerial Decree 196 (15 Jun 22) regarding *"Public tenders for the allocation of resources on the part of local administrations to fund local doctorate research grants for the XXXVIII cycle on a trial basis, also in associate form"*;
- GIVEN** the 2022-23 Fees and Contributions Regulations;
- SUBJECT TO** Ministry of Universities and Research regulations, with the consent of ANVUR, regarding institute accreditation and/or establishment of PhD Programmes for the XXXVIII Cycle, for which the Politecnico is the administrative centre;

HEREBY DECREES

Art. 1: ESTABLISHMENT AND COMMENCEMENT

The XXXVIII Cycle of doctorate research programmes for the academic year 2022/23 has been established with its administrative centre as the Politecnico di Bari. The programmes will be as follows:

PhD Programmes	Department
1. Ph.D. IN MECHANICAL AND MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING (hereafter abbreviated to DRIMEG)	Department of Mechanics, Mathematics and Management
2. Ph.D. IN ELECTRICAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING (hereafter abbreviated to DRIEI)	Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
3. Ph.D. IN RISK, ENVIRONMENTAL, TERRITORIAL AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (hereafter abbreviated to DRSATE)	Department of Civil, Environmental, Land, Building Engineering and Chemistry

4. Ph.D. IN HERITAGE PLANNING: KNOWLEDGE, TRADITION AND INNOVATION (hereafter abbreviated to CTI)	Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture Sciences
5. INTER-UNIVERSITY Ph.D. (WITH UNIVERSITY OF BARI "ALDO MORO") IN ENGINEERING AND AEROSPACE SCIENCES (hereafter abbreviated to DRISA)	Department of Mechanics, Mathematics and Management
6. INTER-UNIVERSITY Ph.D. (WITH UNIVERSITY OF BARI "ALDO MORO") IN INDUSTRY 4.0 (hereafter abbreviated to DRI4.0)	Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
7. JOINT Ph.D. (WITH UNIVERSITY OF SALENTO AND NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S INSTITUTE OF CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY ITC-CNR) IN SUSTAINABILITY ENGINEERING AND CIVIL & INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (hereafter abbreviated to DRISS)	Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture Sciences
8. Ph.D. IN NATIONAL RESEARCH FOR AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS (hereafter abbreviated to DAUSY)	Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

The aforementioned PhD programmes form part of the Politecnico di Bari's Doctoral School (SCU.DO).

PhD programmes have a 3-year duration. The starting date will be 1 Nov 2022. All teaching is carried out in English.

Admission to the above XXXVIII Cycle PhD programmes will be through a public selection procedure based on qualifications and interview which is open to Italians and foreign nationals. This will follow the specifications for the number of participants, the number of grants available and the selection criteria for qualifications as set out in attachments 1 to 8 for each PhD programme, which are a component of this application call. This call is published on the official Politecnico online notice board (*Albo Ufficiale*), on the Poliba website page (www.poliba.it) for PhD Research Programmes (*Dottorato di Ricerca*) and on the Ministry of Universities and Research and Euraxess websites.

The number of grants available as shown in attachments 1 to 8 may increase in line with future funding from public and research institutions and qualified private bodies who offer their availability after the publication of this call and as per the application deadline outlined in art. 3, notwithstanding the fixed number of places available without scholarships in the selection rankings.

Research grants which as part of agreements are funded or co-funded by external public or private research bodies or private companies will be granted to beneficiaries upon receipt of the funds by Politecnico di Bari.

The beneficiaries of these doctorate research grants may carry out part of their research activity at the premises of the funding body, in line with previously established research programmes agreed upon by both parties.

Doctorate research programmes are established on the condition that they meet the accreditation regulations stipulated under Ministerial Decree 226/2021. Where a PhD programme does not receive accreditation, the selection procedure will not take place and only in these circumstances will applicants be notified directly.

The current call is deemed official notification to all intents and purposes. No correspondence will be entered into with applicants, except in the circumstances outlined above.

Art. 2: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission applications, with no age limit or nationality restrictions, may be submitted by all candidates who:

- hold a degree awarded by an Italian university prior to Ministerial Decree 509 (1999) or a Specialist or Master's degree as required by the PhD course applied for on the deadline date of the current call;
- obtain the required qualifications for selection before the deadline date of 31 October 2022;
- hold a second-level degree awarded abroad (as per the Bologna Process) or a Master's degree which enables the holder to enrol on a PhD programme in their country of origin. These qualifications must be awarded by an officially recognized academic institute.

Only for those candidates due to graduate from Politecnico di Bari, Ph.D. programme applications may only be submitted after an online request for second level qualification conferment has been made, as per administrative regulations and deadlines issued by the Politecnico *Centro Servizi per la Didattica*.

Candidates whose degree has **already been recognised as equivalent** by an Italian university must attach self-certification indicating all relevant details of this to their application.

Where a qualification awarded by a foreign university has **not yet been declared equivalent** to an Italian university degree, the Selection Committee will decide upon the eligibility of the foreign qualification in line with current Italian regulations and those of the country of origin, as well as any international treaties or agreements on qualification recognition for further study. In order to facilitate the recognition process, candidates must attach all documents pertinent to eligibility evaluation to their online applications. The compilation of online applications entails an implicit request for the verification of all degrees awarded abroad.

The evaluation of qualification eligibility is only possible if the documentation provided clearly shows all required information, including **specific details** (degree type; typical length of degree course; official title of academic institute awarding the degree; date qualification obtained; mark or grade achieved in relation to the scale used in the higher education system in question).

Candidates are accepted provisionally until the validation of all admission requirements. Politecnico di Bari may ascertain the fulfilment of these requirements at any time, also after programmes have commenced, as per art. 43 of Consolidation Act 445/2000. Candidates may be excluded at any time by substantiated decision.

Art. 3: APPLICATIONS

Applications to Ph.D. programmes can be made exclusively online from **the day of call publication until 09:00 (Italian time) on 5 Sept 2022**, using the procedures available on the Politecnico di Bari's website Esse3 portal (poliba.esse3.cineca.it).

Instructions for obligatory attachments and specific requirements for each PhD programme can be found in Attachments 1-8 of this call document.

All communication from Politecnico di Bari regarding the selection procedure, including subsequent details on admission ranking and replacement admissions will be sent by email to the address provided by candidates on their online application.

Any applications that are presented in different formats will not be considered.

Candidates are responsible for correct adherence to online procedures.

Candidates are invited to apply for the selection procedure in advance of the final deadline date.

In order to access the application procedure, candidates must be **registered on the Esse3 platform**.

Applicants who have not yet registered can do so as follows:

- visit the webpage <https://poliba.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>;
- **select MENU followed by REGISTRAZIONE;**
- **insert the required data.**

On completing registration, **the system will provide access credentials. It will now be possible to continue with the application as below.**

Applicants who are already registered with Politecnico di Bari should:

- visit the webpage <https://poliba.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do>;
- **select MENU followed by LOGIN;**
- **access the restricted area (Area Riservata)** using the credentials provided. Applicants are required to **update** any personal data by selecting HOME, in particular their e-mail address to which all information on the selection procedure will be sent;
- **select SEGRETERIA from the menu on the right, followed by TEST DI AMMISSIONE - ISCRIZIONI CONCORSO and the PhD programme of interest.**

During the compilation of the application form, candidates must :

- **select the PhD programme** they wish to apply for and the **language** (Italian or English) in which they intend to take the examination;
- **communicate any assistance required** (for disabled candidates);
- **enter their education data and follow the instructions provided by the system;**
- **attach the following: all documents and self-certification following the model provided by Politecnico di Bari**, available on the *Dottorati di Ricerca* page of the Politecnico website. **Candidates must also upload a current identity document.** Each qualification certificate and document must be a .pdf file attachment no greater than **5 MB**. Each file attached must also be given a numerical code and document type, as indicated in the attachment (Attachments 1 to 8).
- **pay an administration fee of € 30** by the deadline of 09:00 on 05 September 2022, using only the PagoPA method as set out in the payment page (*Pagamenti*) for each Esse3 profile. Missing registration of payment details on Esse3 will result in exclusion from the subsequent selection phase, except where candidates can provide a receipt for payment as per the terms outlined in this decree document. Please consult the PagoPA page (<https://www.poliba.it/it/didattica/bacheca/pagopa>) for instructions on how to carry out payment.

The deadline for payment is irrevocably 09:00 on 05 September 2022. The PagoPA certified payment date prevails. Any later date of payment will result in exclusion from the selection procedure. Given the time limits for applications, it is strongly recommended that candidates make payment immediately after completing their Esse3 registration and well before the deadline date.

Only for candidates resident abroad: if it is not possible for candidates to pay using the PagoPA system, payment will also be accepted by bank transfer payable to: Politecnico di Bari - via G. Amendola, 126/B - 70126 Bari. The bank details are: IBAN: IT59X0306904067100000300001 BIC: BCITITMM - description: "Application for PhD Programme in _____". Only those candidates making payment in this way are required to send an e-mail to post-lauream@poliba.it, attaching a copy of the bank transfer payment and including a declaration of failed administration fee payment (*Dichiarazione di impossibilità al pagamento*

del contributo di partecipazione alla procedura concorsuale mediante PagoPA), to be compiled using the form available on the Politecnico website (www.poliba.it).

Under no circumstances can refunds be issued (i.e. exclusion, withdrawal, absence, etc.).

The sole fee payment of €30 does not in itself constitute an application in the absence of an online application form. All conditions of the application procedure are obligatory and candidates who fail to comply will be excluded from the selection procedure.

As part of the online application, **candidates with a disability** (as per Laws 104 (5 Feb 1992) and 17 (28 Jan 1999) or specific learning disabilities (SLD / ASD as per Law 170 (8 Oct 2010)) must clearly state any request for additional assistance or added time needed to complete the examination.

Applicants who intend to **apply for more than one PhD programme** must do so separately for each programme, providing the documents and qualification certificates required for each programme selection procedure. Each programme application requires a separate application procedure (including payment).

In accordance with Presidential Decree 445 (28 Dec 2000) and subsequent modifications and additions, Italian candidates may provide a self-declaration certificate attesting to the following criteria, as certified by public administrations:

- a) registration on official registers recognised by public administrations;
- b) memberships of professional associations;
- c) degrees held and examination results;
- d) professional titles held, specialisation qualifications, professional training, continuing education, technical certification;
- e) student status.

The online application is only considered complete when, at the end of the procedure, the candidate can print off a .pdf file of their application as generated by the system.

After all data has been confirmed and the application submitted online, no further changes will be allowed to the application form. Applicants may add, delete or modify document attachments provided this is before the deadline date, after which no further amendments will be permitted.

Verification of application validity, including receipt of all required documentation and compliance with self-certification requirements, will be carried out by the Administration Department after the deadline date.

Art. 4: GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION

The following are grounds for exclusion from the PhD programme selection procedure:

- a. any application which does not comply with the format set out under article 3 of this call document;
- b. incomplete applications or those containing errors or missing documents which are obligatory for the selection procedure, as set out in Attachments 1-8, relative to each individual PhD programme;
- c. false or mendacious self-declaration statements.
- d. missing application fee payment by the deadline date, as set out in the terms under art. 3.

Any candidates excluded from the selection procedure will be notified by Post-Lauream Office by email at the address provided on the Esse3 website.

Art. 5: PUBLIC EXAM PROCEDURE

Admission to the PhD programmes is subject to a selection procedure designed to ascertain candidate preparation on general programme topics and their research aptitude and is aimed toward ensuring an accurate comparative evaluation of candidates.

Selection examinations will start on 12 September 2022 and conclude on 23 September 2022. Any changes will be published immediately as an official notification on the Politecnico di Bari notice board, as well as on the *Dottorati di Ricerca* page of the Politecnico website.

Oral exams will be held in line with instructions provided to candidates prior to the test, published in the *Dottorati di Ricerca* page of the Politecnico di Bari website (www.poliba.it). Candidates will be excluded from the selection procedure if they are unable to provide identification or do not attend on the day of the selection examination.

All candidates must demonstrate a good knowledge of English. This can be certified with a recognised language qualification from an accredited examination board showing B2-level knowledge of the language, in line with the Common European Framework for the Knowledge of Languages. In the absence of certification, the candidate's English language level will be assessed during the oral examination.

Non-Italian candidates must demonstrate a satisfactory knowledge of Italian. On submission of the application form, this can be certified with a qualification showing B1-level knowledge of Italian, in line with the Common European Framework for the Knowledge of Languages. In the absence of certification, the candidate's Italian language level will be assessed during the oral examination.

Examinations can be taken either in Italian or in English for those candidates who request this option in the online application.

Any changes relating to the aforementioned dates or times **will be published** as an official notification on the *Albo Ufficiale* page, as well as on the Politecnico website.

No other form of notification regarding oral examinations will be sent to candidates.

Candidates who do not attend the examination will be considered as having withdrawn from the selection procedure.

Attachments 1-8 of this call document provide specific guidelines for the examination procedure for each PhD programme.

Candidates will not receive individual notification regarding the results of selection procedures. These will be made available in the restricted area of the Esse3 web page.

Art. 6: SELECTION BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS

The Rector will appoint a Selection Board with a Rector's decree in line with:

- Politecnico di Bari Doctorate Research Programme Regulations (available on the Politecnico website);
- DAUSy Regulations (doctorate programme for National Research for Autonomous Systems, available on the Politecnico website).

The Selection Board will draft an examination report which will then be submitted to Post-lauream Office to provide admission rankings lists for each of the PhD programmes.

ART. 7: ADMISSION RANKINGS AND COURSE ELIGIBILITY

The Rector will issue a decree confirming his approval of the acts (*Decreto di Approvazione Atti*) and publish the names of successful candidates by confirming the ranking lists for admission to the XXXVIII Cycle PhD programmes for Academic Year 2022/2023.

Candidates are admitted to the courses in the order of admission rankings until all available positions have been assigned for each programme.

Grants for successful candidates with a foreign university degree will be assigned to eligible participants in each of the PhD programmes following the order of the admissions ranking list.

In the absence of eligible candidates, these grants will be added to the grant funding allocated to each PhD programme.

The allocation of different grants will be overseen by the Board of Professors for each PhD programme.

In order to assign grants awarded by external public or private institutions, the Board of Professors of the PhD programme in question may also, where deemed necessary, nominate a referee from the funding institution in an advisory role.

In cases where candidates have an identical result, gender balance will be considered, with preference given to the minority gender with higher ranked positions in the same list. If candidates are still level, the younger of the candidates will be selected as the beneficiary.

The general admission rankings list for successful candidates (*Decreto di Approvazione Atti*) will be published online as an official notification on the *Albo Ufficiale* page of the Politecnico di Bari website, as well as on the Politecnico website, www.poliba.it

No direct notification will be sent to successful candidates.

ART. 8: ENROLMENT

Candidates admitted to PhD programmes must enrol online on the Esse3 platform with the same credentials used for the application procedure.

The terms and regulations for enrolment will be published as an official notification on the *Albo Ufficiale* page of the Politecnico di Bari website, as well as on the *Dottorati di Ricerca* page of www.poliba.it.

Candidates who fail to enrol as set out under the regulations for successful applicants will be considered as having waived their status as a successful candidate. This waiver will affect any subsequent entries on the admission ranking list and rulings which may arise as a result.

An explanatory attachment included on the general admission rankings list will outline the terms and conditions for subsequent entries and their rulings.

Please note that candidates will be given a deadline to implement these procedures, after which failure to reply or comply with the terms will be considered as withdrawal from the rankings list.

Successful applicants for grants who are unable to accept funding due to ineligible status as per article 10 of the present document, but who still intend to accept a research doctorate position, are also required to enrol. They must declare their waiver of the grant as per procedures outlined in the enrolment notification document.

If a successful candidate waives their position or loses their right to admission before the beginning of the PhD programme, a replacement participant will be admitted according to their position on the admission rankings list. If a candidate is deemed eligible for more than one programme, they must opt for only one of these.

Replacement admissions are allowed up to two months after the commencement of the programme.

ART. 9: OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF DOCTORATE RESEARCH STUDENTS

Participation in the PhD programme is a full-time commitment subject to a specific discipline, in accordance with art. 10 of the Doctorate Research Programme Regulations issued as part of Politecnico di Bari Rector's Decree no. 288 (11 Mar 2022).

Doctorate Research students are hereby notified of their obligation to respect:

- the rules and conditions set out in the Doctorate Research Programme Regulations, issued as part of Rector's Decree no. 288 (11 Mar 2022);
- the Politecnico di Bari's Ethical and Behavioural Code, issued as part of Rector's Decree no. 582 (28 Sept 2018);
- all applicable rules and Politecnico di Bari regulations, including those pertaining to student fees as stipulated by the Politecnico di Bari;
- all applicable rules pertaining to specific grant types (Ministerial Decrees nos. 351 and 352, 9 Apr 2022).

ART. 10: GRANTS

Grants are annual and are renewable on the provision that the student has completed the programme of activities for the previous study year. This is verified in accordance with procedures set out in the Regulations document, on the understanding that grants must be issued once verification has been successfully carried out. The full amount of the scholarship, paid in monthly instalments, is initially determined as no less than the figure of €16,243 outlined in Ministerial Decree no. 247 (23 Feb 2022), published in Official Gazette no. 80 (5 Apr 2022). This figure is gross and subject to social security contributions, which are to be paid by the beneficiary. This amount may be increased by up to 50%, allocated monthly for a period of 12 months; this also holds for doctorate students without a grant, if authorisation has been given by the programme Coordinator to carry out research activity abroad. This period may be extended to a maximum of 18 months for PhD students in joint co-ordination with external bodies or those established according to the Politecnico di Bari Regulations for Doctorate Research Programmes.

All participating PhD students, with or without grant status, are ensured (as part of the financial resources of the Politecnico budget) a fund for research activity in Italy or abroad which is appropriate to their programme. This funding is no less than 10% of a total grant amount.

Students on the PhD programme for National Research for Autonomous Systems are ensured a fund for research activity in Italy or abroad of 20% of a total grant amount.

If a doctorate student loses or waives this funding, the unused amount remains available within the institution for the purposes mentioned above.

The conditions above do not apply to non-Italian PhD students with grant funding or beneficiaries of financial support from specific mobility programmes, as these provide their own regulations.

Grants are awarded after a comparative evaluation of merit and according to admission rankings list order. In cases where candidates have an identical result, gender balance will be considered as per art. 7 of this call document.

Doctorate Research grants may not be added to other types of funding (including research scholarships), except those granted by Italian or non-Italian institutes to provide support to PhD students abroad (with the exception of grants for further training abroad, as per Law 398/89).

Please note that the annual personal income established by Politecnico di Bari as compatible with grant

allocation is €20,036.23. This includes property income as well as any other source of recurring income, with the exception of occasional work. Should this limit be surpassed, the candidate will be obliged to refund any instalments already paid for the fiscal year in which the amount of € 20,036.23 was exceeded.

Beneficiaries of Doctorate Research grants financed by external public or private bodies must adhere to the rules stipulated in the specific agreements made between such bodies and Politecnico di Bari.

ART. 11: FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Upon enrolment on the programme, PhD students are subject to the current Student Fees and Contributions Regulations. These are available for consultation on the Politecnico website www.poliba.it.

PhD students are exempt from the all-inclusive contribution and are required to pay only the electronic revenue stamp and the ADISU Right to Higher Education fee, as well as adhering to the conditions set out in the Politecnico di Bari Fee Regulations.

Politecnico di Bari automatically acquires Equivalent Financial Situation Index certification (ISEE) from the National Social Insurance Agency (INPS) relative to subsidised benefits for higher education study in order to determine the total amount of Regional ADISU fees payable. All declarations should be completed in full on the INPS website by 31 December of the calendar year of enrolment (for Academic Year 2022/23 the deadline will be 31 Dec 2022).

Failure to provide declarations by the deadline date will result in the application of the full fee rate.

The enrolment fee is €136, based on a stamp duty of €16 and the first instalment of Regional Tax (€120). ADISU fees are divided into three bands according to income, which are respectively €120, €140 and €160. Accordingly, based on the aforementioned ISEE figure, contributions will be invoiced in the private area of each PhD student.

All payments must be made using the PagoPA electronic payment system. Payments made this way will be automatically recognised by the EssE3 system

The up-to-date financial contributions of Doctorate Research students are an obligatory condition in order to access Politecnico services and maintain PhD student status.

ART. 12: TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA

In accordance with Law 675/96, the private nature of information provided by candidates will be guaranteed. All data provided will be used only for purposes connected with selection procedures. For successful candidates, this data will also be used for purposes related to the PhD programme. For students completing the programme, data supplied will be used for purposes of employment opportunities. All data treatment is in compliance with current regulations as per European General Data Protection Regulations EU2016/679.

Under arts.15-18 of the abovementioned Regulations, candidates have the right to access their personal data as well as request modifications, additions and cancellations. Candidates may also request limits for their data treatment by contacting the Politecnico di Bari at rpd@poliba.it.

In all cases, by participating in the selection process applicants give their implied consent for the publication of their data, including examination results, on the Politecnico di Bari website, as per the abovementioned Law.

In accordance with Law 241 (7 Aug 1990) and Presidential Decree 184 (12 Apr 2006) and subsequent modifications and additions, any party with a related legal interest may have access to the selection procedure documentation, in line with guidelines set out under current legal rules. Accordingly, any documentation provided by applicants may be made available to other candidates.

ART. 13: PROCEDURAL SUPERVISOR

The Procedural Supervisor for selection proceedings is Simona Del Vecchio, Politecnico di Bari Research, International Relationships and Postgraduate Office. The office contact details are; post-lauream@poliba.it, telephone (+39) 080 596 2229 / 2201 / 2525.

ART. 14: REGULATIONS

For any conditions not specified in this document, please refer to current regulations as well as those outlined in the Politecnico di Bari's Regulations for Doctorate Research programmes, issued as part of Rector's Decree no. 288 (11 Mar 2022).

This application call is published on the website of the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research and that of Euraxess, as well as the *Albo Ufficiale* page of the Politecnico di Bari's website (www.poliba.it) and its *Dottorati di ricerca* section.

Bari, June 22nd 2022

The Rector
Professor Francesco CUPERTINO