Education and Social Sciences

2023/24
Application and Admission

You can find key information to apply and gain admission to this PhD Programme. **For detailed information browse the general and specific calls below.**

In order to gain admission to the PhD programme, you will need to have obtained 300 ECTS credit points (Master degree): Master degree (all disciplines); Master degrees according to Italian law previous to the introduction of D.M. 509/1999; Master of Science/Arts or equivalent degrees obtained outside of Italy.

Deadlines

1st call
Application deadline: 11/07/2024 (by noon, local time)
Admission interviews: 19/07/2024, beginning at 9:00 am, in presence at the Faculty of Education in Brixen-Bressanone, room A2.01 or via MS Teams. Candidates who make a motivated request by 11/07/2024 can participate in the admission interview online via MS Teams.
Publication of ranking lists: by 05/08/2024

Confirmation of the position
Applicants with scholarship: by 20/08/2024 by noon local time;
Applicants without scholarship: starting from 21/08/2024 until 30/08/2024 by noon local time.
Enrolment: Starting from 21/08/2024 until 31/10/2024

Total positions: 7

1st Call
Positions with university scholarships: 4
Positions co-funded by DM 629/2024 under PNRR: 1
Positions without scholarship: 1
Positions for Research Assistant: 1

1st Call
The Research Areas propose various topics that could find a direct connection to ongoing

research at the Faculty. Candidates for the programme may model a project based on one of the following topics, but they are also welcome to present their own proposals on unrelated topics, but nonetheless coherent with the Faculty Research Areas.

At this link you can find a list of potential research projects and a short description.

All citizen may apply to be admitted to a PhD:

- Applicants holding a postgraduate degree as per Italian Ministerial Decree no. 509/1999, a postgraduate degree as per Italian Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004, a degree of the former Italian university system, or an equivalent degree obtained abroad;
- Applicants achieving one of the above mentioned titles within the enrolment deadline. In this case applicants will be admitted conditionally to the selection procedure and they must produce the degree certificate within the enrolment's deadline. If not, their application is considered null and void.

If the required document is not uploaded by the time of enrolment, the applicant will be enrolled with reservation.

All candidates have to be proficient in at least two of the three languages of the programme: Italian, German, English. Language certification at B2 level (CEFR) in two of the three languages of the PhD programme (Italian, German, English) is a prerequisite for participating in the selection process according to the table of the unibz recognized language certificates.

Knowledge of the language may also be demonstrated by qualifications (secondary school/bachelor/master) related to a programme held entirely in the language to certificate. In this case, Italian and EU candidates must declare this on the pre-enrolment portal, both in the section related to the general application and in the one related to the language certificates. Also non-EU citizens must upload a copy of their diploma and any additional documentation indicating the language of instruction related to the foreign qualification in both sections. Candidates demonstrate their language proficiency in the application portal (in the section "upload language certificates") after they have created an application in the section "create/manage applications".

Applicants, who are not able to certify the language level with a certificate referred to in the previous paragraph, can take the language exams offered by the Language Centre at unibz, (in order to meet the minimum language requirements for admission to the degree course you are interested in), information at this link.

Candidates without the certification of language proficiency are excluded from the admission procedure.

Online Application

Applications to the selection procedure can be submitted from the date of the announcement of the public competition.

Each application is subject to a payment for administrative expenses (30 €). This registration fee cannot be reimbursed under any circumstances.

In order to apply, you need to follow these steps:

1. Create an account at Application Portal and upload in electronic format a passport-size colour photo and a valid ID (passport or identity card, front/back);
2. In the application portal, select the PhD programme and pay the registration fee of 30 € (see instructions in the portal);
3. Fill in the online form in the same portal and upload the additional required documents (see the specific attachments to the call for each PhD programme).

Completing the application online is the only way to submit the application. Applications will not be considered if:

- incomplete or without compulsory entry qualifications/requirements;
- sent by e-mail.

It is necessary to upload the required documentation for each PhD programme chosen in the portal. A traffic light system indicates complete/incomplete documentation (missing documents will be marked in red).

Only documents uploaded by the deadline will be evaluated. It is advisable to apply online well in advance and to check the portal regularly to take note of any notes concerning missing and/or incorrect documents.

After the deadline, it will no longer be possible to complete/correct incomplete applications. The University is not liable if the portal is overcharged, due to the net or to the software itself.

To apply to the PhD programme, applicants must include the documentation listed below. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the competition.
Diploma supplement or the Master degree diploma together with the transcript of records of all passed exams (=certificate with exams list of Master degree):

- if graduated in Italy:
  diploma supplement or self-declaration (following the Italian D.P.R. no. 445/2000) of the degree awarded with the exams passed (if graduated) or just with the exams passed (if not graduated yet);
- if graduated abroad:
  diploma supplement or final degree certificate with exams passed (if graduated) or transcript of records (if not graduated yet) in Italian, German or English.
  For qualifications obtained abroad, also: scale of grades awarded by the home university (with a minimum final grade to obtain the qualification and a maximum final grade achievable).

The above must contain the following information: final grade, exams passed with grade and date of passing, credit points, scientific fields (the latter only for Italian titles), university where the degree was or will be awarded and date of graduation. unibz reserves the right to request a description of the contents of the single courses and/or teaching hours where necessary.

- Language certification at B2 level (CEFR) attesting proficiency in two of the official languages of the programme – Italian, German, English – according to the table of the unibz recognised language certificates (in the case of Italian public institutions, the

certificates MUST be replaced by a self-declaration).
- Curriculum vitae (CV) in English or in Italian or in German (possibly following the EU format that can be downloaded here). The CV must be updated with all data and information of the current year 2024.
- Research proposal: Research project (PDF/A file) written in Italian or German or English (max. 3 pages, 10,000 characters using this template, Times New Roman 11 font) to be uploaded to the portal and containing the following information at the top of the first page:
    - The main research area, classified among the research areas mentioned in the table "Research areas" above,
    - The topic, which is either freely proposed by the candidate or is coherent with one of the above-mentioned research topics (see the field "Project description").

Only one research project can be submitted per application.

For the scholarships funded by PNRR separate ranking lists will be established containing candidates who are also eligible according to the general ranking and who in addition indicated a preference for such scholarships and have a scientific profile that is particularly suited to the specific topics associated to the scholarship.
The project preferences indicated by the candidate are not binding for the purposes of the assignment of the position. It will be the competence of the Selection Commission to assign to the successful candidate the project considered most suitable.

Admission is based on the successful outcome of the selection procedure. The selection procedure consists of the assessment of a research project, which applicants upload to the application portal, and a personal interview.
Those candidates whose project receives a minimum score of **40/60 points** will be admitted to the oral examination.

The research project to be submitted/uploaded to the portal contains the following information at the top of the first page:

- the main research area, classified among the research areas mentioned in the table "Research areas" above,
- the topic, which is either freely proposed by the candidate or is coherent with one of the above-mentioned research topics (see the table "Research areas"). Only one research project can be submitted per application.

The research project can be completed in Italian, German or English, according to the free choice of the applicant, and it must respect the maximum length of 10,000 characters using this template, font Times New Roman 11.

Evaluation criteria for the research project

- Formal register and terminological accuracy;
- Task completed according to the title indicated, which is coherent with the research topics of the doctoral programme;
- Clear and logical argumentative structure;
- Demonstrated knowledge of scientific debates in the field;
- Originality of the proposed research project;

- Clear methodological approach for the proposed research project.

The evaluation criteria of the oral test take into consideration the following criteria:

- The quality of discussion on the subject of the research project submitted and on personal research interests;
- The ability to present an argument for one's own research project with reference to the theoretical and methodological assumptions of the research field;

To be successful in the oral examination, candidates must receive a minimum mark of 40/60.

Date and time of the interview are indicated in the "Deadlines" section of this page. Candidates who make a motivated request by 11/07/2024 can participate in the admission interview online via MS Teams. Requests must be submitted via mail phd_education@unibz.it

Composition of the Selection Commission:
Prof. Dorothy L. Zinn chair, Prof. Demis Basso, Prof. Jeanette Hoffmann.
Substitute members: Prof. Vanessa Macchia, Prof. Elisabeth Tauber, Prof. Robert P. Wagensommer.

Tuition Fees

Fees amount to € 189

In order to confirm your study place, you need to log on to the application portal and pay the tuition fees (€ 189) which includes the provincial tax for the right to study of € 173 and a revenue stamp of € 16. by one of the methods indicated on the portal by the deadline indicated above.

If you do not respect this deadline, you will automatically lose your study place. If, by paying the instalment you have confirmed the study place, there will be no refund of the tuition fees unless you are a non-EU applicant resident abroad and you do not receive the necessary documents from the Italian authorities in your country.

1st Call
Publication of the call: from 10/06/2024
Application deadline: 11/07/2024 (by noon, local time)

CALL GENERAL PART (PDF): EN – IT – DE
CALL SPECIFIC PART (PDF): EN – IT – DE

Contact us by phone at +39 0471 012800 or send us an e-mail: phd@unibz.it

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Thu: 14:00-16:00
Tue, Fri: online only, 10:00 - 12:00

Alternatively, you may call us throughout the week or book an online appointment