



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

Deadline for applications: 16th November 2017

Art. 1 - SCOPE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Pursuant the goal of making the Politecnico of Torino one of the best technical Universities in Europe and in the world, as well as making it a privileged place to attract qualified human capital and strategic industrial investments, the Politecnico of Torino is awarding up to 28 research scholarships to candidates holding a Master's Degree and willing to undertake a research activity at Doctoral level at the Politecnico of Torino. The scholarship will be a chance to deepen the research activity carried out at the Politecnico of Torino with the goal of increasing the attractiveness of international candidates. The awarding of the research scholarship does not give any right in accessing the PhD; candidates interested in continuing their studies at Doctoral level must be selected under the Call for application published each year and must comply with its eligibility criteria.

The research activity should be carried out in presence on a continuous basis at the Politecnico of Torino according to the chosen research project (published at the following link http://dottorato.polito.it/en/research_scholarships) for a period of 8 months, within the following dates 1st March 2018 – 31st October 2018, preceding the beginning of the XXXIV cycle PhD programmes (1st November 2018).

In occasion of the publication of the PhD Call for admission, the scientific responsible may issue a presentation letter about the scholarship holder's attitude towards research and he/she will declare his/her interest in being the candidate's supervisor upon admission to the PhD Programme.

Art. 2 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

The present call for applications is issued for the awarding of up to 28 full-time research scholarships addressed to post-graduate candidates.

Every scholarship is linked to a specific research project; the research projects are listed at the webpage http://dottorato.polito.it/en/research_scholarships

Candidates shall apply for at least one of said research projects after having carefully verified the required competences, as specified in the relevant descriptive sheet.



Art. 3 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications may be submitted by those who meet the following criteria on the expiry date of this call for applications. Applications submitted by those who do not meet the eligibility criteria shall be automatically excluded from the selection process.

3.1 Academic qualifications: MSc Degree awarded in foreign countries

Candidates with the title of Master's Degree (i.e. 2° level title, as defined by the Bologna Process), issued by a foreign, academic and accredited University, granting admission to PhD Programmes in the country of issuance.

Any application submitted by candidates with a Master Degree's issued by an Italian University or a Vocational Institution or a non-recognized University will NOT be accepted.

3.2 Age limit

Candidates shall be less than 30 years of age on 16th November 2017.

3.3 Motivation letter

Candidates should upload a motivation letter showing in particular their interest in carrying out the specific research activity they are applying to on a continuous basis from 1st March 2018 to 31st October 2018 and in continuing their studies at the Politecnico of Torino by applying to the Call for admission of the PhD programmes (starting on 1st November 2018).

3.4 Endorsement letter of the scientific responsible of the Project

Each scientific project has a project responsible.

Candidates should upload a commitment letter from the scientific responsible of the chosen project, stating his/her availability to collaborate with the candidate. It's candidate's responsibility to contact him/her by email to request it (the email address is indicated on the project descriptive sheet).

Art. 4 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications shall be submitted by 12.00 p.m. (CET) of 16th November 2017 via the on-line procedure Apply@polito that can be accessed at the from the homepage of Politecnico di Torino website http://apply.polito.it/index_en.html

If entering it for the first time, the online procedure Apply@polito requires users to register first. You will be required to fill in all the relevant menus. When opening the drop-up menu "Select your course" you should select "Research and academic scholarships" and then "Research scholarships international candidates" (when you will find all the available proposals listed). Any communication with the candidate will be sent to the email address given during the registration procedure.



The deadline for application submission is mandatory; late applications will be rejected. It is sole responsibility of the applicant to verify that the procedure was concluded correctly; no claims for any malfunctions of the online system will be accepted.

During the submission procedure, candidates should upload:

- Passport copy
- Master's Degree title with final score
- Transcript of records of the Master Degree's with scores
- Master's Degree thesis abstract
- CV
- Motivation letter
- Endorsement letter of the project scientific responsible
- A certificate of English language knowledge (IELTS 5.0 or one of the language certificates recognized equivalent to IELTS 5.0 by the Foreign Languages Centre and detailed in the table published at the webpage: <https://didattica.polito.it/cla/en/certificates/> or a declaration of having a Ba. and/or M.Sc. degree issued by a University in which courses are taught in English, i.e. "The medium of instruction was English" (if any)
- Publications (if any)
- Any other document proving the possession of the technical and scientific skills necessary for the chosen research project (if any).

All the above mentioned documents must be issued in one of the following languages: Italian, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish.

The Master's Degree and the Transcript of records of the Master Degree's with scores shall be issued by the relevant University in one of the following languages: Italian, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish. It must be stamped and signed.

Art. 5 SELECTION PROCEDURES AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

After the deadline for the applications submission has expired, a dedicated University Committee, named by the Rector, verifies the fulfillment of the candidates' eligibility criteria, listed in art. 3.

Candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria will be assessed on the basis of the submitted titles.

The Committee will contact all the scientific responsible to have their opinion about the candidates who applied to their specific project and to assess the relevance of the candidates' University career to the chosen research project.

The Committee can allocate to each candidate at maximum 100 points, only candidates who totalize a minimum of 60 points will be listed in the final ranking.

At the end of the selection procedure, ranking will be published at http://dottorato.polito.it/en/research_scholarships



Shortlisted candidates should send an email to scudo@polito.it within 10 days from the publication of the final ranking to accept the awarded scholarship. The Doctoral School will send to these candidates further instructions on how to proceed for the activation of the procedure in order for them to be in Torino on March 2018. Any communication with the candidate will be sent to the email address given during the registration procedure. The candidate shall provide the requested documents within the deadlines mentioned in the communications, under penalty of losing the awarded scholarship.

If the candidate does not comply with the above mentioned deadlines and the scholarship is not allocated, candidates in the waiting list will be considered, following their position in the ranking, provided that they can arrive in Italy and start their research activity by the 31st March 2018 at the latest.

Art. 6 - SCHOLARSHIPS

The amount of the scholarship is 1,000.00 € per month, not subject to taxation.

The scholarship will be paid in deferred monthly installments.

The scholarship starts upon signature of the scholarship activation and it will be paid monthly, upon successful completion the research activity. The scholarship holder are exempted from paying any tuition fee.

The candidate shall provide the requested documents within the deadlines mentioned in the communications received by SCUDO, under penalty of losing the awarded scholarship.

The research activity shall be carried out continuously and regularly at Politecnico di Torino.

The scholarship holder shall carry out his/her research activity on the assigned research project, strictly collaborating with the scientific responsible.

The scholarship may be revoked if the scientific responsible requests the withdrawal for justified reasons by written notice.

The scholarship interruption implies the suspension of the Research VISA.

The scholarships do not, in any way, represent an employment relationship nor give any right in accessing the roles of university staff and the PhD Programmes for which candidates will be selected according to the Call for admission of the XXXIV PhD cycle.

The scholarship cannot be combined with salary-related full time subordinate job or research grants or other scholarships.

For all the aspects not explicitly mentioned within the present Call, please refer to the regulation for research activity scholarships available at the following link: https://didattica.polito.it/tasse_borse_e_premi/pdf/Regolamento_per_attribuzione_di_borse_per_lo_svolgimento_di_attivita_di_ricerca.pdf



Art. 7- OWNERSHIP OF INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Unless otherwise provided in agreements with third parties, any industrial and intellectual property right arising from the research activities covered by the scholarship will be the exclusive property of Politecnico of Torino.

Politecnico of Torino is also the sole owner of the patrimonial rights deriving from the inventions gained under the scholarship; in the case of capital exploitation of the invention, a one-off payment is recognized to the scholarship holder, in relation to the contribution given for to the achievement of the inventive result during the period of the research scholarships available at the following link: https://didattica.polito.it/tasse_borse_e_premi/pdf/Regolamento_per_attribuzione_di_borse_per_lo_svolgimento_di_attivita_di_ricerca.pdf (Italian version).

Art. 8 - PROVISIONS RELATED TO INSURANCE, TAX AND SOCIAL SECURITY

The scholarship holder is covered by an insurance for civil liability and injuries occurred during the research and training activity connected with the scholarship for its entire duration.

The scholarships do not give rise to social security benefits or to automatic recognition of benefits for seniority and pension rights

Pursuant to the Personal Data Protection Code (Legislative Decree 30 June 2001, No 196), the processing of personal data of the candidates is carried out by the Politecnico of Torino exclusively for institutional and transparency purposes imposed by the law and will be carried out in accordance with principles of fairness, lawfulness, transparency and protection of confidentiality.

The Person Responsible for the selection procedure is Mrs Chiara Lauritano.

For further information about the present Call please contact: scudo@polito.it or visit the page http://dottorato.polito.it/en/research_scholarships

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