



Rector's Decree no. 471/23 – 15/06/2023

Announcement for the public selection

To the Ph.D. course in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures

XXXIX Cycle

- Given the Statute of the University of Gastronomic Sciences issued with Rector's Decree No. 438/23 - 9/01/2023 and published in the Official Gazette General Series No. 17 on 01/21/2023;
- According to article 19 of Law of 30 December 2010, n. 240 - Provisions concerning research doctorates;
- According to the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021 no. 226 - Regulations of the accreditation methods for Ph.D. programs, the location and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies;
- Given the Bill no. 2415/2022 - Provisions regarding simultaneous enrollment in two higher education courses;
- Given the agreement signed on 2/05/2022 between the University of Gastronomic Sciences and the University of Turin, for the activation of the Doctoral Course in "Eco-gastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures";
- Given the Regulations for the discipline of Research Doctorate Courses, in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree 14/12/2021, no. 226 " Regulations of the accreditation methods for Ph.D. programs, the location and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies";
- Considering the notes provided by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research (MUR) on 23 March 2022 - Guidelines for the accreditation of research doctorates pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulations referred to in Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, no. 226;
- Given the resolutions of the Faculty Council of 17/05/2023 and Executive Committee of 19/05/2023;
- Having acknowledged the start of the preparatory phase of the ministerial accreditation procedure of the Doctoral Course, in agreement with the University of Turin, in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures;



- Having evaluated the opportunity to start selection procedures under the conditions of accreditation and verification of the fulfillment of the requirements required by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research;

DECLARES

Article 1 – Foundation

- The University of Gastronomic Sciences (hereinafter UNISG), in agreement with the University of Turin (hereinafter UNITO), activates, for the academic year 2023/2024, the XXXIX cycle of the Ph.D. Program in Ecogastronomy, Food sciences, and cultures (hereinafter the program), having its administrative office at the campus of the university, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9, Pollenzo (CN), 12042, Italy.

Therefore, a public call for admission for the three-year doctoral program will be held at UNISG.

A total of 6 posts are available, of which:

- 5 are with scholarships
- 1 is without scholarship

The scholarships are distributed according to the conditions indicated in this announcement.

The post without scholarship is assigned to the applicant who has placed successfully in the final ranking. Director of the doctorate program: Professor Nicola Perullo

Article 2 – Admission requirements

The admission process is open to all students who are in possession of one specialist or single-cycle degree, according to the old system or a master's degree (hereinafter referred to as degrees) according to the new system, regardless of age or nationality, or with a similar academic qualification obtained abroad previously recognized by the Doctoral Evaluation Committee within the context of international agreements or treaties and/or inter-university collaboration and mobility agreements.

Conditional admission is granted to **final-year graduates**, provided they receive their degree by the deadline of 31/10/2023, on penalty of forfeiture of the post. Candidates who are admitted conditionally to the public admissions exam, if successful, must:



- if the qualification has been obtained in a European Union member country, present a degree with the list of exams taken and the indication of the marks obtained - Diploma Supplement, by the peremptory deadline of 15/11/2023;
 - if the qualification has been obtained in a non-European Union country, present the request for a certificate of equivalence of qualification to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the qualification was obtained, by the peremptory deadline of 29/12/2023.
- Candidates **in possession of a foreign academic qualification**:
 - already declared equivalent to an Italian specialist or master's degree by an Italian University, must attach the Declaration of equipollence;
 - not having been declared equivalent to an Italian specialist or master's degree must, solely for the purposes of admission to the chosen Doctoral Program to which they aspire, make an explicit request to the Evaluation Committee in the application for participation in the admissions procedure and complete the application itself of the following documents:
 1. if the academic qualification was obtained in a European Union country, it must be provided, along with the list of exams taken and marks obtained - Diploma Supplement;
 2. if the qualification has been obtained in a non-European Union country, a certificate of equivalence of qualification must be provided (to be requested from the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the title was obtained), along with the title of degree obtained and the list of exams taken, and grades obtained.

In the event of impossibility in obtaining a certificate of equivalence of qualification by the application deadline, the prospective candidate must in any case attach to the application the translation into Italian or English of the qualification obtained, along with the list of exams and the marks obtained (transcript). In this case, the Doctoral Admissions Committee reserves the right to decide on “provisional admission” of the prospective candidate, pending further evaluation. Prospective candidates with provisional status, if admission is confirmed, must, by 29/12/2023, under penalty of exclusion from participation in the program, complete matriculation, integrating their documentation with the Certificate of equivalence of qualification.



If the documentation presented makes it impossible to declare the foreign qualification useful, the winning candidate with provisional status will be considered ineligible and will therefore forfeit.

All candidates must have an excellent knowledge of the English language in order to participate in the call.

Article 3 – Application for the admission

To submit the application for participation in the selection, the candidate must follow the following procedure, illustrated in the “Summary guide to the application for admission to the Ph.D. Program”:

- register on the University portal <https://unisg.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do> by entering your details, personal data, and contact details, undertaking to promptly communicate any changes;
- fill in the application form (fillable pdf) and upload the mandatory documentation * in pdf format;
- pay the admissions fee of €50.00 via bank wire transfer:

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- **Branch: Piazza Paolo Ferrari 10 – 20121 Milano**
- **Iban: IT 05 K 03069 09606 100000101172**
- **Swift: BCITITMMUNITO**

Payment must be made before submitting the application. The fee paid for participation in the selection will not be refundable under any circumstances, even in the event of failure to finalize the application.

**MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION*

- Application for participation in the selection (fillable pdf);
- For candidates with a degree obtained in the EU:
 1. Scan of diploma in original parchment form, or provide relative self-certification form (Attachment A) if the degree was earned from an Italian institution,
 2. *Diploma Supplement* and *transcript* in the original language and translated into English;
- For candidates with a degree obtained in a non-EU country:
 1. Scan of diploma in original parchment form in the original language,
 2. certificate of the exams taken (*transcript*) in the original language and translated into English,
 3. Certificate of equivalence of qualification;



- Curriculum vitae, in Italian or English, indicating all qualifications (i.e. master's, advanced courses, other Ph.D.s, etc.); any research activity or professional experience, certification of knowledge of English and any other foreign languages;
- Identity document/Passport;
- Abstract, in Italian or English, of about 4,000 characters (about 700 words) of the specialist/master's degree thesis in pdf format (for candidates for whom the achievement of the specialist/master's degree required the performance of one or more several projects and not of the degree thesis, attach the 4,000-character abstract of the project or projects themselves in pdf format);
- Specialist/master's degree thesis in pdf format (candidates for whom the attainment of the specialist/master's degree title required the development of a project and not the degree thesis, attach the project or projects carried out in pdf format);
 - Proposal for a research project, in Italian or English, of about 8,000 characters (about 1,300 words) congruent with the training objectives and the subjects covered by the Ph.D. program, in pdf format;
- Motivation letter, in Italian or English, in pdf format, containing:
 - the reasons that led the applicant to apply to the Ph.D. course,
 - description of the applicant's study experiences,
 - the applicant's past and present research interests, including beyond those relating to the Ph.D. program;
- Bank transfer receipt certifying payment of €50.00 application fee

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTATION

- Potential supporting list of scientific publications and maximum 2 texts in their entirety from that list, in pdf format. Applicant publications are considered valid for the purposes of admissions evaluation even if presented in photocopy format, provided they contain information relative to the author, title of the work, place of publication, and, possibly, issue of the magazine, encyclopedia, treatise from which they are derived and be accompanied by a declaration of conformity to the original. In order to self-declare conformity to the original of the titles presented or their possession, the candidate must use the form attached to the announcement (Attachment B);



- Possible further qualifications: certifications related to the knowledge of foreign languages other than English, certifications of other qualifications held, and the marks obtained in the single exams, where these are present (for example; master's related to the Doctoral Program, European Doctorate, activities at institutions and public authorities relevant to the program subjects, etc.)

By filling out the application form for participation in the selection, the applicant is required to self-certify:

- enjoyment of civil and political rights;
- not to be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the same or other University;
- to have/have not previously received another scholarship (even for a single year) for a Ph.D. program;
- to be/not be employed by a public authority and to take a leave without pay for the duration of the program;
- the commitment to attend, if admitted to the Ph.D. program according to the conditions established in the Regulations and to participate in the activities for Ph.D. candidates at the university;
- to have/have not previously benefited from another scholarship in a Ph.D. program;
- To not combine the scholarship with any other for any reason whatsoever except if granted by national or foreign institutions for study abroad benefitting the Ph.D. candidate's research;
- to be aware that the administration, at any time during the process as well as even after the beginning of the doctoral program, can carry out checks regarding the veracity of the declarations provided and request the presentation of documents in their original form, deciding at any time, with justified deliberation, the exclusion of candidates from admission to or participation in the program due to lack of the requisites foreseen by the present announcement;
- to be aware of the legal sanctions to be incurred in the event of false declaration or inclusion of information that no longer corresponds to the truth, as foreseen by art. 76 of Presidential Decree of 28 December 2000, n. 445;

Candidates with disabilities or Specific Learning Disorders (DSA), according to the Law of 5 February 1992 n. 104, must, in the *online* registration procedure, make an explicit request, concerning their disability, necessary aids, as well as any additional time required in taking the exam specified in this announcement. It is also specified that candidates with a diagnosis of specific learning disorders, as per



Law n. 170/2010, must submit suitable certification issued no more than 3 years earlier from the health services authorities or from specialists and facilities accredited by the same.

The online procedure for submitting the application to participate in the selection must be completed by the peremptory deadline of **28/07/2023**.

The Administration assumes no responsibility in the case of loss of information due to inaccurate address details provided by the applicant or failure or belated communication of the change of the same, nor for any electronic communication errors not attributable to the fault of the Administration itself.

Article 4 – Program Objectives

The Ph.D. course in "Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures" is a multi-faceted and interdisciplinary educational and research program around the themes of food, nutrition, and gastronomy which according to the popular definition of Brillat- Savarin: "is the intelligent knowledge of whatever concerns man's nourishment". It is aimed at candidates interested in carrying out a frontier, innovative, and transversal research activity, which can enrich the respective and specific specialized fields of knowledge and skills from different areas which, considered altogether, constitute the deep and complex nature inherent in the notion of food.

The University of Gastronomic Sciences and the University of Turin are committed to supporting research and training concerning the following topics:

- Food Policies, Social Systems and Food Sovereignty
- Food and perception, food culture, and languages
- Food Science, Biodiversity, and Sustainability
- Food, Health, and Human Nutrition

The Ph.D. program is developed according to the following objectives:

- to prepare young researchers to start academic careers, in research institutions and study centers both at the national and international level, concerning the multi-faceted and inter-disciplinary world of food and gastronomy, understood as a complex system;
- introduce young scholars with high aptitudes to research in the business world in areas that require innovation and superior preparation concerning the world of food.

In particular, the Ph.D. program will follow these objectives:

- a) mastering critically the various social and cultural systems to which gastronomic values are associated



- b) Learning of the main scientific and cultural reference systems aimed at the ecological and sustainable vision of food and gastronomy, respecting animal welfare and human health as well as the environment both concerning the wholesomeness of food and regarding proper nutrition.
- c) The development of a systemic and relational vision regarding food and nutrition, as a function of proposing virtuous models of food politics and diplomacy.
- d) The experimentation of creative and innovative formats that are introduced in the technological, social, and cultural processes of the production, processing, and consumption of food.

The program foresees

- advanced research and advanced training activities, including seminars;
- interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary training activities, linguistic and IT improvement activities, as well as activities in the field of teaching, research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, evaluation and dissemination of results, intellectual property, and open access to research data and products and the fundamental principles of ethics and integrity.

Compulsory attendance is required for all activities.

Article 5 - Admission Procedure to the Ph.D. Program

Admission to the course takes place after passing a comparative assessment divided into two phases identified in articles 5.1 and 5.2.

For the purposes of the final ranking, which is expressed in fractions of 100, up to a maximum of 100 points can be attributed to the titles presented, indicated in art. 5.1, letters a), b), c) of this announcement, and up to a maximum of 100 points for the second evaluation phase.

5.1. First Phase of Evaluation

The first phase, for which the presence of candidates is not required, is not public.

The first phase begins with the definition of the evaluation criteria by the Doctoral Admission Committee, based on which the qualifications and publications presented by the candidates will be evaluated. In particular, a specific score will be attributed to:

1. curriculum vitae and a motivational letter written in Italian or English;
2. specialist/master's / single-cycle degree, final graduation grade, and details of the exams taken;
3. *abstract* of the specialist/master's / single-cycle degree thesis, written in Italian or English, or *abstract* of the project carried out to replace the thesis;



4. any scientific publications relevant to the contents of the Doctorate (of which a maximum of two, to be produced in pdf format) or any other qualifications.
5. Proposal for the research project

The first phase continues with the evaluation by the Doctoral Admission Committee, based on the evaluation criteria defined for the qualifications and documents indicated in the first paragraph of this article, and with the subsequent preparation of the ranking of those admitted to the second phase.

Only candidates who have obtained a score greater than or equal to 60% of the maximum score attributable to the evaluation of the qualifications referred to in this art will be admitted to the second phase. 5.1 (60 points out of 100 attributable to qualifications).

The ranking of candidates admitted to the second phase of the selection will be published online on the UNISG website (<https://www.unisg.it/corsi-iscrizioni/corso-dottorato-ecogastronomia-scienze-e-cultura-del-cibo/>) no less than ten days before the date set for the second phase of the selection itself.

The publication on the site has the value of official communication in all respects.

5.2. Second phase of evaluation

Candidates must present themselves at the second phase exam bearing one of the following identification documents: identity card, driving license, passport, or any other legal document provided it bears a photograph and the stamp or other equivalent mark of the government entity from where it was issued. The second phase of evaluation consists of a written exam and a scientific and competence interview with the Doctoral Admissions Committee according to the procedures and evaluation criteria established preliminarily by the Commission itself.

The **written exam** consists of developing a short critical text based on a topic to be chosen at the beginning of the exam from a list of three established by the Doctoral Admissions Committee the day preceding the exam date. The exam, which may be written in Italian or English, aims to ascertain the applicant's writing skills and to synthesize and critically elaborate topics and problems inherent in the general scope of the Doctorate.

The **interview** concerns the applicants' general and specific preparation, discussion of their curriculum vitae and research project proposal, and may also involve discussion of any publications as well as their reasons for undertaking the doctorate program and subsequent professional research career path. The interview also includes a test of reading and comprehension in a language other than the applicant's first language (English for native speakers of Italian, Italian for applicants whose first language is not Italian).



At the end of the second phase of evaluation, the Doctoral Admissions Committee draws up a final ranking based on the comparative evaluation.

Candidates with a final score of less than 120 points out of 200 will be considered ineligible.

In case of equal merit, evaluation of the applicants' economic situation will be considered which is determined in accordance with the current legislation on the right to study and the relative ministerial decrees governing it. As for the assignment of the place without scholarships, younger applicants will get the priority.

Publication of the ranking on the university website is valid as official communication for all intents and purposes.

5.3. Assignment of candidates admitted with scholarships and the candidate without scholarship

The allocation of the 5 recipients of the scholarships is based on position in the final ranking list, drawn up at the end of the evaluation process.

Successful candidates with and without scholarship must confirm acceptance of the place within 2 working days following the date of publication of the ranking by sending a written communication via email to the Registrar's Office (dottorato@unisg.it);

Once the deadlines for enrollment have elapsed, candidates who have not complied with the enrollment request will be considered to forfeit their place and other candidates will be inserted into the ranking list from among those who have satisfied the eligibility requirements.

Candidates can also accept placement in the program position by giving up the scholarship. In this case, the first candidate in a valid position in the ranking will be indicated as the scholarship recipient.

For candidates with scholarships who have taken over such positions, the 2 working days to confirm acceptance will start from the date of publication of the updated ranking with the waivers.

Once the aforementioned deadlines have elapsed, other candidates will take over according to the ranking order, as described above, until all positions with scholarships have been assigned.

Once the assignment of positions with scholarships has been assigned, the final ranking is drawn up based on the assignments and waivers of the previous phase.

Once the deadlines mentioned in this article for enrollment have elapsed, successful candidates without scholarships who have not complied with the enrollment request will be considered to forfeit their



place and other candidates will be inserted in the ranking list from among those who have satisfied the eligibility requirements.

Article 6 – Evaluation Committee

The Rector, after hearing the opinion of the Course Director, appoints by decree the Committee in charge of the comparative evaluation of the applicants.

The Commission is composed of the Course Director and two members of the Faculty Committee.

Article 7 - Methods of obtaining the Ph.D. title

The Ph.D. candidate can take the final exam for achieving the title after the expiry of the doctoral program's established legal period, equal to 3 years.

The procedures for obtaining the degree are detailed in the Regulations for the Doctorate Program in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures

Article 8 - Obligations and rights of doctoral candidates

Program requirements include attending the courses indicated annually by the Ph.D. program, seminars, and meetings with members of the Doctoral College or with other teachers, and any practical training organized by research staff pertaining to specialist themes, which may be carried out according to the procedures decided by UNISG academic bodies.

Notwithstanding the rights of the doctoral candidates as indicated in the current rules, the doctoral program entails an exclusive and full-time commitment to the assigned research project, therefore Ph.D. candidates are required to attend courses, seminars, and workshops. Participation and attendance in these activities will be certified in the manner specified from time to time.

Ph.D. students may exercise additional tutoring activities as an integral part of the training project with prior authorization from the faculty council and with this having no incremental effects on the scholarship amount. Such tutoring activities can even be paid activities meant for undergraduate and graduate students which should not exceed the maximum of forty hours for each academic year.

The Faculty Council, in accordance with the provisions of the University Regulations, may authorize the student to carry out paid activities that allow them to acquire skills relating to the educational environment of the doctorate, after evaluating the compatibility of the same activities with the successful performance of the training, teaching, and research of the Ph.D. course.



Every year, all doctoral students are subjected to a check, according to the methods and procedures stipulated in the Regulations of the Doctoral Course of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures, to certify that they have completed the program of activities planned for the previous year.

As indicated in the Regulations of the Ph.D. Program of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures, the renewal of the scholarships is subject to the passing of this verification.

In addition to what is foreseen in the event of a negative outcome of the annual verifications, the Faculty Board, after obtaining the opinion of the Course Director, may also propose to the Rector the suspension of the candidate from the program, with consequent loss of the scholarship privileges, as established by the Regulations of the Ph.D. Program of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures. With the prior authorization of the Ph.D. Faculty Council, candidates are given the opportunity to carry out periods of training and/or research activities at universities, scientific institutes, research institutions, or international laboratories, according to the procedures and duration approved by the Course Director, for a period of no more than 12 months during the three years of the program.

Article 9 - Scholarships

The annual amount of the scholarship is € 17,500 gross, subject to national insurance and pension contributions to be managed separately according to current legislation.

The scholarship is renewed annually for the duration of the three-year program, provided that the candidate has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year and has successfully passed the evaluations, according to the procedures established by the Regulations of the Ph.D. Program of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures.

Each Ph.D. candidate with a scholarship is guaranteed, in addition to the scholarship and within the financial resources of the budget,

- a budget of 10% of the total grant for financing the costs associated with the conduct of research activities in Italy and abroad starting from the first year of the course;
- 50% increase in the Ph.D. scholarship for periods of stay abroad for a maximum duration of 12 months, awarded to the student in the final balance for the periods of activities carried out abroad.

Scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any purpose except those granted by national or foreign institutions intended for complementing, with study abroad, the research activities of the candidate.

The scholarship is paid in monthly-deferred installments.

Anyone who has benefited from a scholarship for a Ph.D. program cannot apply for a second time.



Those who are already enrolled in a Ph.D. course without a scholarship can access a different Ph.D. course after passing the relative competition, provided that they renounce the previous Ph.D. and start again from the first year.

The scholarships are exempt from personal income tax (IRPEF), as required by art. 4 of Law 476 of 13 August 1984.

Article 10 – Personal Data Processing

According to EU Regulation 2016/679, the University undertakes to respect the confidential nature of the information provided by the candidates: all personal data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to the program and to the management of the candidate's eventual relationship with the University, in compliance with the applicable regulations.

The data will be kept until the end of the legal prescription for the purposes of defense or to assert a right in court, after the purpose (purpose of the processing) for which the data was collected has been exhausted.

Personal data will not be transferred to a recipient in a third country or any international organization outside the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA)

At any time the interested party may: exercise his/her rights (access, rectification, cancellation, limitation, portability, opposition, absence of automated decision-making processes) when envisaged towards the data controller, according to art. from 15 to 22 of the GDPR; to propose a claim to the Guarantor (www.garanteprivacy.it); in the event that the treatment is based on consent, revoke the consent given, taking into account that the withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of the treatment based on consent prior its revocation.

Article 11 –Regulations

For anything that is not provided for in this announcement, reference must be made to the Ministerial Decree n. 14/12/2021, n. 226 - Regulation stipulating the accreditation methods of locations and Ph.D. courses and criteria for the establishment of Ph.D. programs by accredited bodies, the current UNISG Regulations for Ph.D. Programs as well as the applicable legislation and regulations in force on the subject of the Ph.D.

This announcement, drawn up in Italian and English, is published on the Ministry website, on the UNISG website (<https://www.unisg.it/corsi-iscrizioni/corso-dottorato-ecogastronomia-scienze-e-culture-del-food/>) and the Euraxess website.



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It should be noted that the Italian version of this announcement is the only means of legal communication of the relative contents and, therefore, in the event of a dispute, the Italian version will prevail.

Article 12 - Process director

The Head of the Comparative Evaluation procedure of this announcement is the General Director of the University of Gastronomic Sciences - e-mail director@unisg.it - tel. 0172/458535/511.

Pollenzo, 15/06/2023

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