



**Call for applications for admission to PhD programmes 31st cycle
academic year 2015/2016**

Article 1

(Available positions)

The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa, hereinafter referred to as the "School", hereby announces **64** positions for admission to the 31st cycle of PhD programmes.

This announcement specifies the number of positions available under the competition and the number of positions reserved for candidates who are citizens of Non-European Union Countries, where applicable, for each PhD Programme:

Programme	Coordinator	overall no. of positions	<i>no. of which reserved for NON-EU citizens</i>	<i>no. of which research fellowships</i>
The BioRobotics Institute				
PhD in BioRobotics	<i>Prof. Paolo Dario</i>	12		6
Institute of Law, Politics and Development				
PhD in Individual Person and Legal Protections	<i>Prof. Paolo Carrozza</i>	5	1	
PhD in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability	<i>Prof. Anna Loretoni</i>	5	2	
Institute of Economics				
International PhD in Economics	<i>Prof. Alessandro Nuvolari</i>	4		
Institute of Management				
International PhD in Management Innovation, Sustainability and Healthcare	<i>Prof. Andrea Piccaluga</i>	10	1	
Institute of Life Sciences – PhD school				
PhD in Agrobiosciences	<i>Prof. Luca Sebastiani</i>	6	1	
International PhD in Agrobiodiversity	<i>Prof. Paolo Barberi</i>	6		
PhD in Translational Medicine	<i>Prof. Fabio Recchia</i>	10	1	
Institute of Communication, Information and Perception Technologies				
International PhD in Emerging Digital Technologies	<i>Prof. Giorgio Buttazzo</i>	6		

If additional funding becomes available before the start of the Programmes, the number of positions may be increased.

Article 2

(Requirements for taking part in the competition)

Candidates with the academic qualifications set forth below may take part in the selection process, without citizenship restrictions:

- Master of Science (MSc) degree
- Similar academic qualification obtained abroad, declared to be equivalent by the Italian authorities or recognised as comparable to the Italian qualification in terms of duration and content and deemed suitable for the purposes of taking part in the competition.

Individuals who have not obtained their qualification by the announcement deadline but who will obtain it by 31 October may also take part in the selection process.

It being understood that the official start date of the School for the PhD courses is 1 October, as specified in article 5 below, which is the start date of the academic year, entry of scholarship winners obtaining their degree in October and related payment of the scholarship to the same, may be postponed to no later than 1 November. There may be no further exceptions to this time limit. In this case, the enrolment date on the PhD programme starts from the day after the one on which the qualification is obtained.

Candidates holding a qualification obtained in Italy

All candidates holding an academic qualification obtained at an Italian University, whether they be EU citizens or citizens of Non-European Union Countries, are required to self-certify their qualification and are eligible for the selection process subject to verification of the self-certified declarations.

Candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (EU and NON-EU Countries)

All candidates holding a qualification obtained abroad (EU and NON-EU Countries) are required to submit a copy of their original degree certificate along with a translation unless written in English/French/Spanish/German.

Admission to the Programme for candidates holding a foreign qualification obtained in a NON-EU Country is in any case conditional on verification of the qualification held, which is carried out on the basis of the *“Dichiarazione di valore in loco”* [“Statement of equivalence of qualification”] issued by the Italian diplomatic mission competent in that territory, or, alternatively, the Diploma Supplement.

The statement of equivalence should contain the following information:

- 1) legal status and nature of the issuing institution;
- 2) admission requirements for the study programme resulting in that qualification;
- 3) legal duration of the study programme and/or the overall commitment required of the student in credits (if available);
- 4) value of the qualification for academic and professional purposes in the system/Country which issued it.

Article 3

(Application to take part in the competition)

The application to take part in the competition, one for each PhD programme in which candidates wish to take part, should be written and sent by electronic means only, using the specific procedure which can be found in the dedicated section of the School website

<http://www.sssup.it/phdapplicationonlineEN> by the date specified in the individual PhD programme information sheets annexed to this announcement and an integral part of the same.

Candidates are required to declare the following in the application, on their responsibility:

- a) surname, name, place and date of birth, nationality;
- b) that they hold the academic qualification set forth in article 2 above, specifying the degree programme, its duration and the University or Institution of Higher Education where it was obtained;
- c) the mark received in the MSc degree examination, specifying the maximum possible mark and the date on which the said mark was obtained;
- d) the date on which they expect to obtain the qualification, for those not already holding it;
- e) the chosen curriculum, where the Programme envisages more than one;
- f) the domicile or contact details for receiving competition-related communications and the undertaking to inform of any further changes of address;
- g) Skype contact details for conducting the interview where applicable using electronic communication tools;
- h) email address, mandatory for competition-related correspondence.

The following may use the self-certification process:

- Italian and EU citizens;
- Citizens of Non-European Union Countries who are legal residents in Italy, only as regards personal qualities and facts which can be certified or attested by Italian public bodies.

People with disabilities should attach a note to the application for taking part in the competition, applying for the assistance they require throughout the competition in relation to their disability, as well as for any extra time needed.

The documents specified in the individual PhD Programme information sheets should be attached to the application form, on pain of exclusion.

The School may perform checks on the truthfulness of the declarations and documents submitted, at any time during the procedure, including after the start of the Programmes, and may request that the original documents be produced. In the event of false declarations, the School may order the exclusion of candidates from the selection procedure or from the Programme at any time, by the substantiated decision of the Rector, without prejudice to the criminal liability deriving from the same.

Article 4

(Selection Board and test examinations)

The Examining Boards for admission to the PhD Programmes are appointed by decree of the Rector and their composition is available for consultation on the School website.

The candidate selection and assessment methods and criteria for drawing up the ranking lists are specified in the information sheets annexed here to.

Article 5

(Admission to the PhD Programme and entrance of students)

Successful candidates are admitted to the PhD programme according to the ranking list and subject to availability of the positions subject to the competition.

The general merit ranking lists, approved by decree of the Rector, are published on the School website. Publication constitutes an official communication.

In case of equal ranking in the assessment phase, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The School reserves the right to assign any positions which become available as a result of candidates renouncing or dropping out, to suitable candidates on the ranking list.

The start date of the PhD Programmes is 1 October 2015.

NON-EU citizen students should apply for a specific study visa to enter Italy, which is issued by the Italian embassies or consulates in the Country of origin. Students are required to apply for a residence permit for study purposes within eight (8) days of arriving in Italy.

For further information, please go to: http://www.sssup.it/iro/welcome_support

In special, justified cases, entrance of students may generally be postponed, to no more than 30 days after the official Programme start date.

On the Programme start date, students should turn up with the following documents at the offices of the School:

- competition application form, printed when registering online and signed;
- valid identity document;
- only for students with a qualification obtained in a NON-EU country: Declaration of equivalence (or a copy of the application for the same made to the competent authorities) or the Diploma Supplement;
- receipt of payment of the regional tax for Right to University Study (DSU) of €140.00 or receipt of the application to the DSU for exemption from payment (for more information on the regional tax, please go to: <http://www.dsu.toscana.it>)

Article 6

(Scholarship and other grants)

The scholarships have the duration of the PhD Course of interest and are confirmed on a yearly basis for admission to the subsequent year subject to the decision by the Teaching Board of the individual Programmes.

The scholarships are awarded according to the general merit ranking lists, without prejudice to the scholarships reserved for specific research topics which may be awarded to the first suitable candidate identified by the Selection Board based on the profile/CV.

The yearly scholarship amount is shown for each PhD Programme in the individual information sheets annexed hereto and is paid in deferred monthly instalments.

The scholarships may not be cumulated with other scholarships granted for any reason, with the exception of those granted by national or foreign institutions to enhance the student's research activity with periods of stay abroad.

Those who have taken advantage, even partly, of a PhD scholarship in the past, may not benefit from the scholarship.

Students can access the library and the laboratories of the School in the ways provided for by the respective regulations; students may also make use of the canteen for the entire duration of the Programme (one meal per day from Monday to Saturday, in accordance with the service opening timetable).

The scholarship may be increased as provided for by the Training Activity Regulations for periods of stay abroad authorised by the Teaching Board.

The School will also make an annual budget available to all PhD students pursuant to article 9 of Italian Ministerial Decree 45/2013, starting from the second year of the programme, to cover research activity-related expenses.

The scholarship and grants referred to in this article are subject to the current legislation applicable to scholarships paid by Universities and the Regions for tax and social security purposes.

The School shall insure the students against accidents and civil liability for the entire duration of the programme and undertakes to meet the safety conditions with respect to the rooms, systems, instruments and equipment used within the Programme.

Article 7

(Obligations of the PhD student)

Students are required to attend the teaching and research activities provided by the School within the Programmes and to fulfil the obligations provided for in the Training Activity Regulations – Book III.

Students also undertake to comply with the rules in the Statute, in the Regulations and Codes of Conduct of the School.

For the protection of health and safety purposes, students shall also:

- fill in the intended occupation form;
- undergo health checks as part of the health monitoring carried out by the Medical Officer of the School;
- take part in scheduled educational and training courses.

Penalties shall be applied in case of failure to fulfil these obligations. These may include prohibition of access to the rooms of the School.

The Rector
signed Prof. Pierdomenico Perata
(digitally signed document)

Procedure Supervisor:

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Data handling:

Personal data provided by candidates shall mainly be handled automatically by the School and in compliance with article 11 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/2003 ("Personal Data Protection Code") for management of the competition procedures. The data, which is made anonymous, may also be used for statistical purposes. Data must be provided in order to take part in the Competition. Interested parties may exercise their rights under article 7 of the aforesaid Legislative Decree, at any time, by writing to the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, U.O. Ph.D. – Lauree Magistrali, Via Santa Cecilia, 3, 56127 Pisa (Italy).

Transparent administration:

The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (Italian Law 190/2012), by applying the measures identified in the Three-year Plan on the prevention of public corruption in the "Transparent Administration" section of the institution website at: <http://www.sssup.it/amministrazione-trasparente/altri-contenuti/corruzione>

References to the legislation:

Equivalence and recognition of foreign qualifications: article 2, Italian Law 148/2002; article 6, Italian Ministerial Decree 270/2004

Self-certificates: Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments and additions

People with disabilities: Italian Law no. 104/92

Occupational Safety Consolidation Act: Italian Legislative Decree no. 81/2008