



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NON-EU CITIZENS FOR ADMISSION TO THE

**PH.D. PROGRAMME IN
POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

Art. 1

(Available Positions)

1. The "Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna" (Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies) of Pisa, hereinafter referred to as the "School", announces **3 positions** for NON - EU citizens for admission to the three-year Ph.D. Programme in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability for the Academic Year 2011–2012.
2. The School may also admit **1 (one)** eligible candidate without a grant. He/She will take part in the Programme at their own expense but he/she will not pay any tuition fees. Admission is decided by a Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the School.
3. If additional funds are available before the beginning of the Programme, the number of positions supported by grants may be increased by the School.
4. The Ph.D. Programme in "**Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability**" provides an interdisciplinary approach to the subjects and emphasises current problems by defining the protection and promotion of human rights.

The Programme consists in the following Research Areas (Curricula):

- Identity, rights and conflicts in political theory;
- Conflict and political systems in international relations;
- International and European political economy;
- Institutions and mechanisms for protecting human rights: outlines of International Law;
- Rights and social capital in the regional development policies;
- Agrarian Law, Environmental Law and Sustainable Development of the Land.

Art. 2

(Participation Requirements)

1. Eligible applicants must have a **Master of Science (MSc) degree or the equivalent**. Applicants should not be older than 35 on **October 10, 2011**.
2. Candidates older than 35 may be admitted by the Examination Committee after evaluating the experience gained.
3. The candidates whose native language is not English should have an internationally acknowledged certificate specifying their intermediate-level knowledge of English. (Cambridge First Certificate in English or TOEFL with at least 220 computer-based or 500 points paper-based, or equivalent certificates).
4. The Examination Committee, as per Article 3, paragraph 3, letter c), declares the degree equivalence only for competition purposes.

Art. 3

(Applications)

1. Candidates are requested to apply online **by October 10, 2011**. If there is a problem with the online application, please contact the PhD Administration Office (telephone: +39-050-883.220/383/336, email: infophd@sssup.it).

2. Once they have submitted their application online, applicants should **also sign and send a hardcopy of the application** together with the **enclosures as per Art. 4** and a copy of a valid identity document, to "Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Servizi di Supporto alla Formazione, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 – 56127 Pisa" **no later than October 19, 2011**. The line "PhD Application in Politics, Human rights and Sustainability" must be written on the envelope.

3. The candidate's application must include:

- a) family name, first name, place and date of birth, and nationality;
- b) a declaration that the candidate has never been convicted for a criminal offence or that she/he has no pending criminal proceedings;
- c) a declaration that the candidate is in possession of an academic degree, as per Article 2 above. The application should also specify the degree title, years of course study and the name of the University or University Institute which awarded the degree. For degrees obtained out of Italy, candidates are asked to declare that the degree is equivalent to a degree awarded by Italian Universities and provide details. The Examination Committee establishes the equivalency only for competition purposes;
- d) the academic year in which the candidate started his/her undergraduate studies;
- e) the date of graduation and the mark;
- f) the curriculum selected among the six available;
- g) their native and school education language and their level of knowledge of English;
- h) their permanent address and the mailing address where applicants for notices and documents. Applicants should immediately contact the School if these addresses change;
- i) **their email address, which is compulsory for competition purposes.**

4. Applicants with disabilities are requested to specify the type of aid required to take the examination in order to set up suitable arrangements. They should also specify if they need any additional time.

5. The School will not accept incomplete applications: the paper documents required must be received within the terms and according to the procedure set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

6. The School's Administration does not assume any responsibility either for missing or late notices resulting either from wrong addresses provided by the applicant or from late notification of the change of address specified in the application, or for mail delivery problems that cannot be attributed to the School Administration.

Art. 4

(Application Enclosures)

1. Applicants must attach:

- a) a copy of their passport;
- b) two copies of their *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*;
- c) a photocopy of the candidate's university Master of Science Degree or equivalent. University degrees and study certificates must be translated into Italian or English (except those written in English, French, German, or Spanish)
- d) two copies of the abstract of their degree thesis OR a copy of any other original piece of scientific research the applicant has produced;
- e) a detailed list of academic courses taken (written either in English, Italian, French, German, or Spanish). This list must contain information regarding credits and/or units (or the equivalent) and the mark and date of each course taken;
- f) the certificates of knowledge of the English language (compulsory, as per article 2, paragraph 3) and any certificate related to this Call that they deem suitable;
- g) two copies of the research project, of no more than 3,000 words, which describes the research activities that the applicants would like to perform during their PhD course. The research project will include:
 - a title;
 - the scientific premises and relevant bibliography;
 - the aim and expectations of the research project;
 - the experimental methods and data analysis methods which will be used, where required;
- h) at least two reference letters written by faculty members who have supervised the applicant's work during his/her university studies;
- i) a numbered list of documents attached.

2. Failure to submit the above-listed documents within the deadline of **October 19, 2011**, as specified in Art. 3, paragraph 2 above, will result in a candidate's non-admission to the competition.

Art. 5

(Selection of Applicants)

1. The selection of the applicants will be based upon the assessment of all the submitted documents and publications. The assessment will be on a scale of 1 to 100 points. Applicants should obtain **at least 70/100 points** in order to be included in the ranking list.

2. The Examination Committee, appointed by the Director, will assign a score based on the CV and the submitted publications, as well as the research project (both in terms of quality and relevance with the Ph.D. research areas).
3. The Examination Committee reserves the right to interview the candidates, by telephone or via Skype.
4. The ranking list will be published on the website, www.sssup.it no later than **December 15, 2011**.
5. The decision of the Committee is final;
6. The admitted candidates will be informed by email of the results of the competition and will be asked to confirm acceptance of the scholarship by replying to infophd@sssup.it within 15 days. In the case where there is no confirmed reply by that date, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate on the ranking list.

Art. 6
(Beginning of the PhD Programme)

1. The PhD Programme will start on **January 19, 2012**. In the event of problems or delays concerning the issue of a visa for study purposes, the School may postpone the start date, but, in any case, no later than **February 29, 2012**.
2. A late start could be allowed to those students who can prove that they have to fulfil their military obligations or to pregnant women and students on maternity leave, as provided by Italian Law No. 53/2000.
3. Awardees who are doing their military service must have a certificate issued by the military authority, with the expected date of completion.
4. Awardees who will be in the conditions provided for by Law No. 53/2000, need to produce a suitable medical certificate, where the presumed period of absence provided for by the above-mentioned Law is specified.
5. In both the aforementioned cases, participation to the course will start within ten (10) days after their discharge or after their maternity leave.
6. To enter Italy, the awardees must obtain a *visa for study purposes*, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country of residence. The awardees must go to the Police Office (Questura) of Pisa to apply for a residence permit for study purposes within eight (8) days after they have entered Italy.
7. Should an awardee forfeit or relinquish his/her award, the School can assign the vacant position to the next suitable candidate according to the ranking list.
8. The School reserves the right to verify the data submitted and to ask the competent authority of the country, where the awardee resides, a judicial and criminal record certificate.

Art. 7
(PhD Student Obligations)

1. PhD Students must attend the research and education activities of the School within the Programme.
2. They also must comply with the rules of the Statute and the Regulations of the School.
3. The Advisory Board of the course will appoint a tutor to each PhD student. The task of the tutor will be to verify the student's attendance at the training, cultural and scientific activities of the School, and to support and verify the progress of his/her research.
4. At the end of the three-year course, the PhD students will take a final examination to obtain their PhD Degree. During the PhD Degree examination, the students will be asked to defend a written dissertation before a Board of Experts appointed by the Director.

Art. 8
(PhD Student Status)

1. The School provides **PhD students supported by a grant** with full board and allows them to use the library and laboratories, according to the rules specified in its Regulations.
2. PhD students will also receive a monthly scholarship amounting to a total of **€14,500.00** per year.
3. The PhD Programme Advisory Board may allow PhD students to participate in study and research activities outside the School's premises.
4. The allowance, as per this Article, are subject, for fiscal purposes, to the laws in force in matters of fellowships allocated by Italian Universities and Regions.
5. **PhD students without a grant** will take part in the Programme at their own expense but they will not pay any tuition fees and they will be allowed to use the library and laboratories.

Art. 9
(Retrieval of Submitted Publications)

1. All applicants, if interested, may collect the documents sent to the School, at their own expense, **within two (2) months** from the date of publication of the relevant ranking list on the website of the School. Once this two-month period has elapsed, the School's Administration cannot be held, in any way, responsible for the above-mentioned publications.

Art. 10
(Person in charge of the Procedure)

1. The person in charge of the competition procedure, as per this Announcement, is the Head of Students Affairs – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – Piazza Martiri della Libertà n.33 – 56127 Pisa – tel. 050/883273, fax 050/883250, e-mail: infophd@sssup.it.

Art. 11
(Treatment of Personal Data)

1. The personal data supplied by the applicants will be mainly processed automatically by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and in accordance with Art. 11 of the Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 ("Code Concerning the Protection of Personal Data") for the management of the competition procedure. The data may also be used anonymously for statistical processing purposes. To participate in the Competition, the data have to be disclosed to the School.

2. Anyone interested can, at any time, exercise the rights provided by Art. 7 of the above-mentioned Legislative Decree, in writing to the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Servizi di Supporto alla Formazione, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 Pisa.