

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

Technical guidelines for the assignment of further PhD scholarships admission to PhD courses for the XL cycle

(online application open till November 21st, 2024 at 1 pm CET)

Online form available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati40autunno/>

1. The application form must only be submitted online. No hard copy of the application has to be sent by mail.
2. Before filling in the application form, please read carefully the selection announcement, in particular the chosen PhD course table IN ORDER TO VERIFY the eligibility criteria and THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED.
3. WATCH OUT: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED IN PDF FORMAT AND, IN SOME CASES, THEY MUST BE PRINTED, SIGNED, AND UPLOADED. WE ADVISE APPLICANTS TO USE A PC CONNECTED WITH A PRINTER AND A SCANNER.
4. It is possible to fill in the application form by logging in at different times and saving the data. In order to access the application form that has been partly completed you must click on MODIFY to complete it.
5. Further information on the selection procedure can be requested by email at phd.application@unipd.it by contacting the addresses specified in the selection announcement. For technical problems click [here](#). Requests sent to other email addresses may not be read.
6. Applicants who want to apply for more than one PhD course must submit as many applications as the chosen courses.
7. Applicants with foreign qualifications that have not been legally recognized as equivalent to the Italian degree must read art. 3.3 of the selection announcement and upload the required documents in the relevant section of the online application.
8. Applicants with a disability or dyslexia may request special equipment and extra time to complete the admission examinations. Data will be treated in accordance with EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679 dated 27.04.2016. The documents submitted will not appear in the application form for the selection announcement and will be held by the Students Services Office. These applicants, after filling in and submitting the application form, must go back to the dashboard and complete the relevant section by uploading the required documents.
9. AFTER THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN CORRECTLY FILLED IN AND SUBMITTED, APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SUBMISSION AND A PASSWORD THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO CHECK THE FINAL RANKINGS.

DATA REGISTRATION

Go to the website <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati40autunno/>

At the first access applicants need to register by clicking on 'Register' and complete the necessary data (fig.1,2).

Fig. 1 – Registration home page

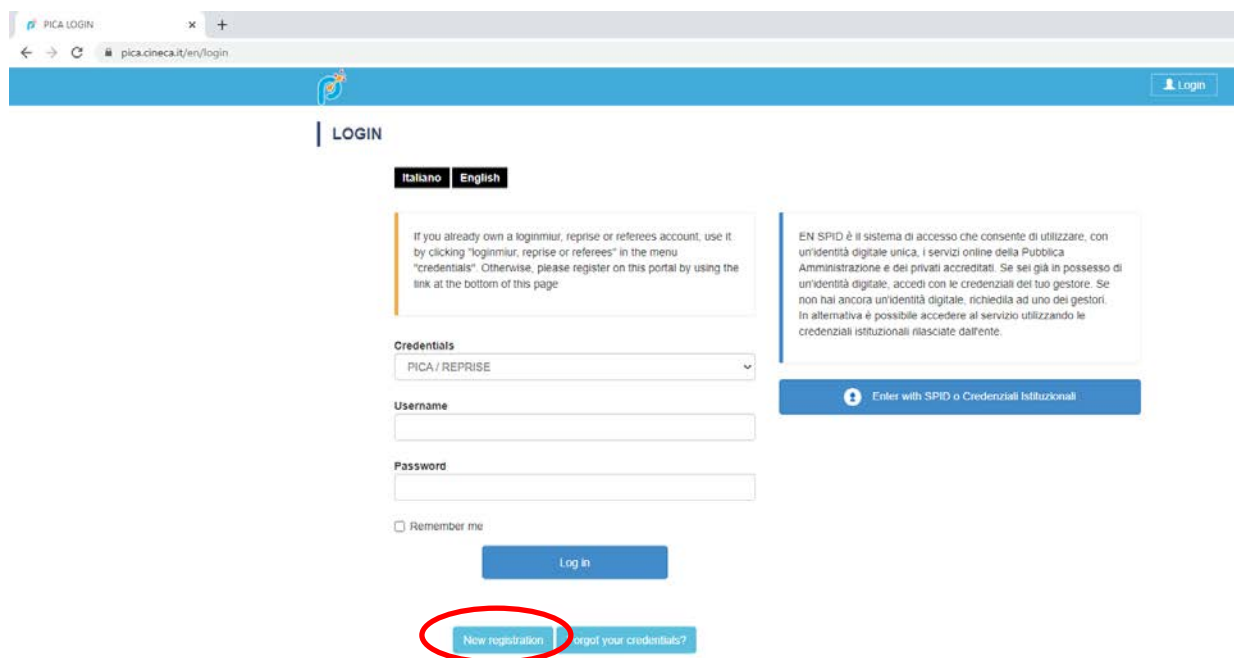
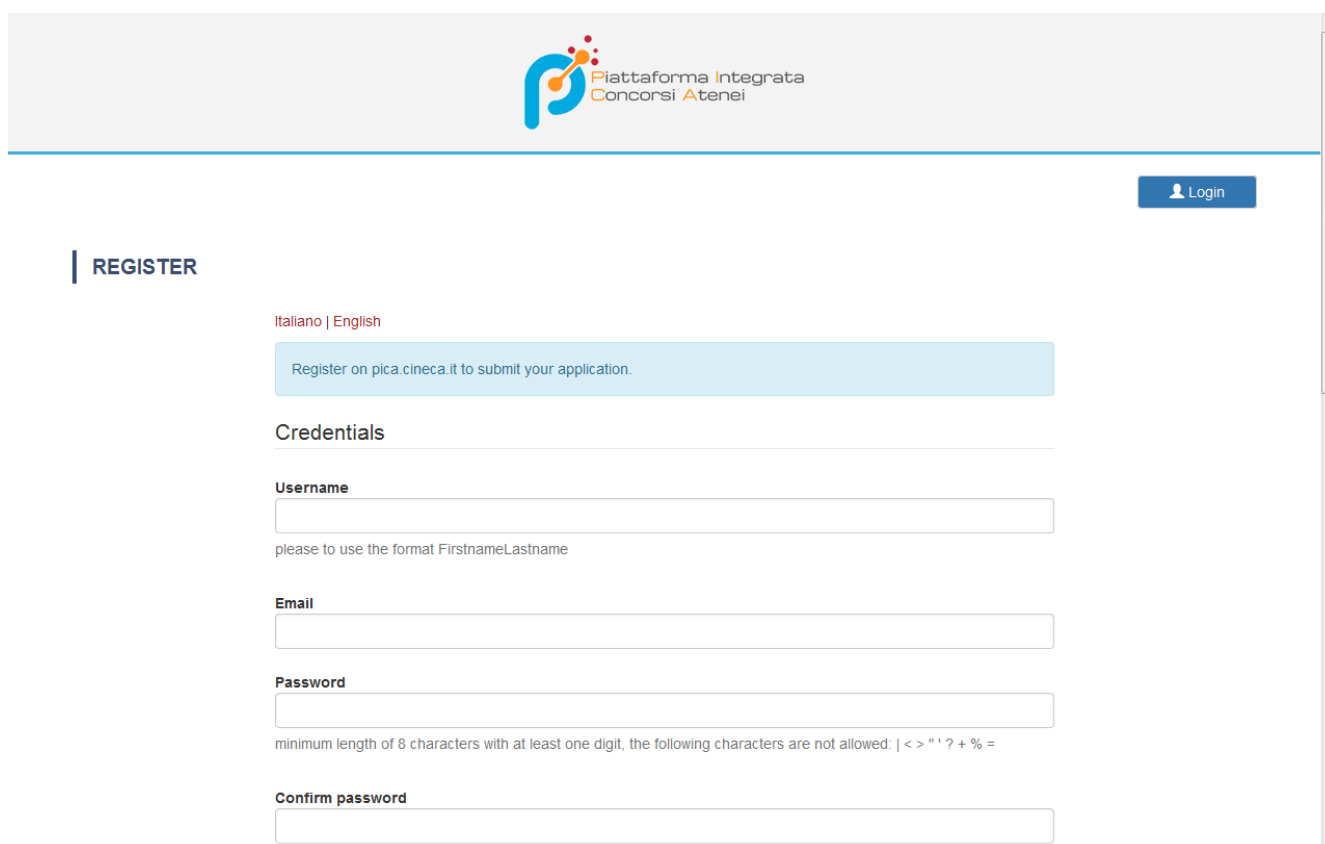


Fig. 2 – Registration data

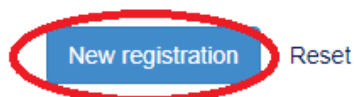


After completing the data, click on 'New registration'. Applicants will receive an email with the data to confirm their registration (fig.3). In case you don't receive or cannot find the email, please ask for assistance by clicking [here](#).

Fig. 3 – Registration fields

Mobile

- By entering my email address above, I agree to receive technical information messages concerning the portal and the services available on it.
- I declare to be aware of the [notice](#) about personal data protection, provided by the competent authority, as stated in art. 13 of the UE regulation 2016/679



If applicants already have LOGINMIUR credentials, they do not need to register again. They must access with their LOGINMIUR username and password in the relevant field LOGINMIUR.

In case you forget username and password, click on 'Forgot your credentials?'

The online procedure for submitting the application form can be also accessed through SPID (Public Digital Identity System – more information here: <https://www.spid.gov.it/>), by choosing the University of Padova from the list of institutions available (fig. 4, 5, 6) and following the instructions of the provider selected. In case of access via SPID, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

Fig. 4 – Registration home page via SPID

The screenshot shows the 'PICA LOGIN' page. At the top, there's a browser tab and address bar. Below is a blue header with the 'PICA' logo and a 'Login' button. The main content area has a 'LOGIN' title and language options for 'Italiano' and 'English'. A text box explains that existing users should use their credentials, while new users should register. Below this are input fields for 'Credentials' (a dropdown menu showing 'PICA / REPRISE'), 'Username', and 'Password'. There's a 'Remember me' checkbox and a 'Log in' button. At the bottom, there are links for 'New registration' and 'Forgot your credentials?'. On the right side, there's a box explaining SPID and a button labeled 'Enter with SPID o Credenziali Istituzionali', which is circled in red.

Fig. 5 – Registration home page via SPID – choose the institution

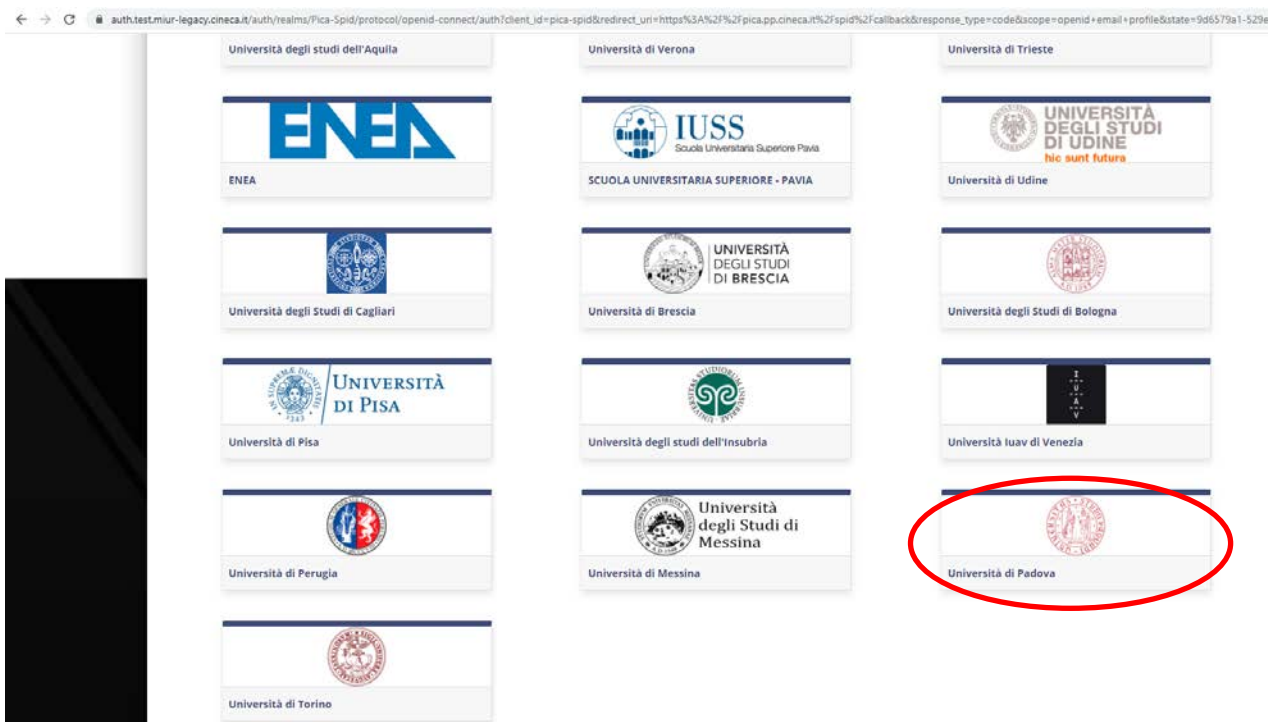
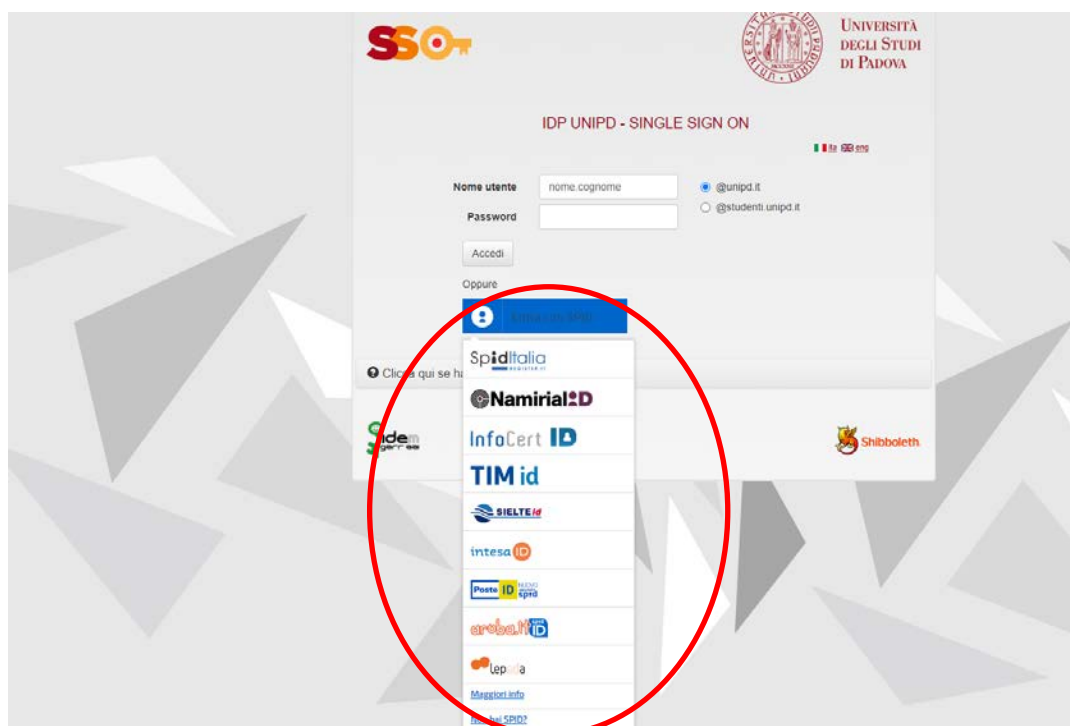


Fig. 6 – Registration home page via SPID – choose the provider



APPLICATION FORM ACCESS

Once registered, it is possible to access the website <https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati40/> and login with username and password to fill in the application form by clicking on 'New Submission'. Before filling in the application form applicants can modify their personal data by clicking on the top right button (User Profile) and choose what to modify (fig.7, 8).

Fig. 7 – New submission

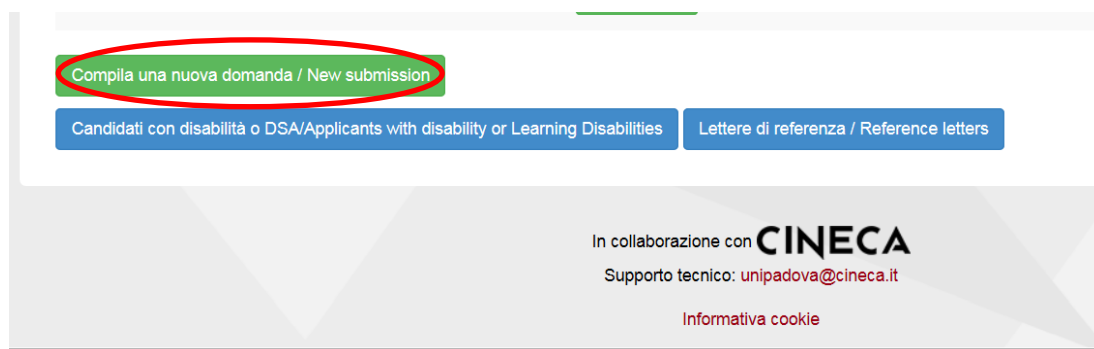
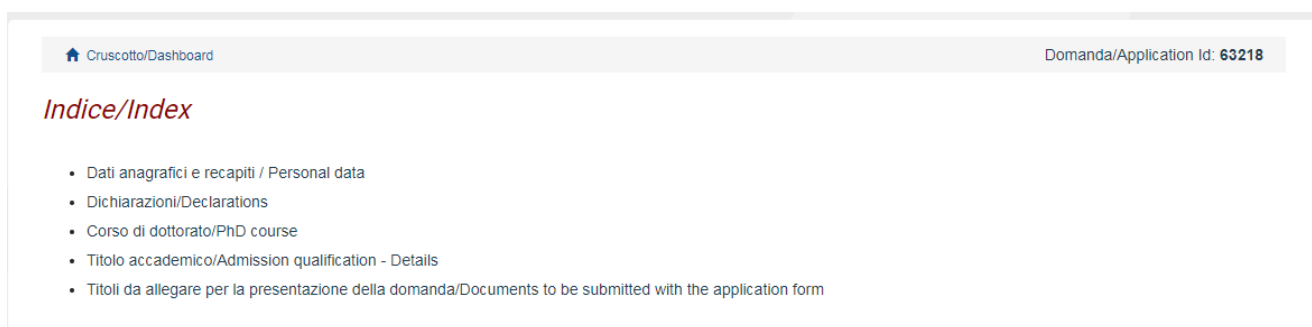


Fig. 8 – Application Sections

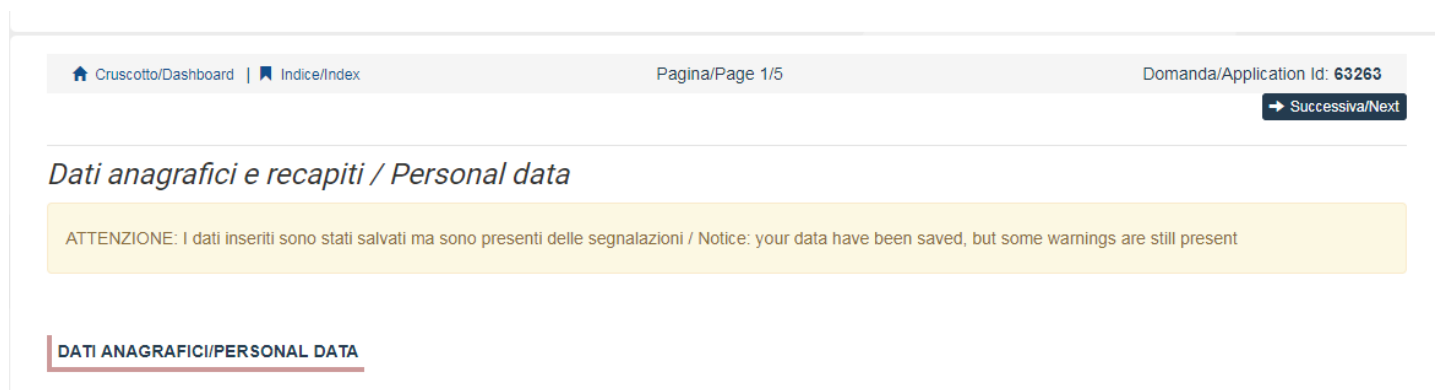


The first section is Personal Data. The data have partially been transferred from the registration procedure. There are some more data to be filled in (fig. 9). In case there are mistakes in the personal data applicants can modify them by clicking on the top right button (User Profile).

WATCH OUT: after filling in you always need to click on the button "SAVE AND PROCEED".

If the data have been correctly filled in you will directly go to the next section. Otherwise error messages will display and you will have to correct the data (fig. 9).

Fig. 9 – PERSONAL DATA SECTION



In the Section DECLARATIONS, you must read a list of declarations and upload an identity document (Identity card, Passport or Driving licence).

In the following section applicants must choose the PhD Course (fig. 10), the order of the curricula (if any), the places, and the scholarships with priority research topic (if any) they want to apply for.

Fig. 10 – PhD COURSE Section

The screenshot shows the 'PhD COURSE Section' of the application system. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Cruscotto/Dashboard | Indice/Index', 'Pagina/Page 3/5', and 'Domanda/Application Id: 63218'. Below the navigation bar are two buttons: '← Precedente/Previous' and '→ Successiva/Next'. The main heading is 'Corso di dottorato/PhD course'. Below this is a sub-heading 'CORSO DI DOTTORATO/PHD COURSE'. The form contains a label 'Corso / Phd Course' and a dropdown menu with the text '-- selezionare un corso / select a course --'. Below the dropdown is a blue button labeled 'Salva e prosegui / Save and proceed'.

In the following section (ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – RELEVANT OPTIONS) applicants must choose one out of the four options proposed (fig. 11).

Fig. 11 – ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – RELEVANT OPTIONS

The screenshot shows the 'ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – RELEVANT OPTIONS' section. The heading is 'Titolo accademico/Admission qualification - Details'. Below this is a sub-heading 'TITOLI DI STUDIO/QUALIFICATIONS'. The form contains a label 'Tipo / Type' and a dropdown menu with the text 'Selezionare una tipologia / Select a type'. The dropdown menu is open, showing four options: 'Titolo di studio italiano - Laureato / Italian degree', 'Titolo di studio italiano - Laureando / Italian degree', 'Titolo di studio straniero - Laureato / Foreign degree', and 'Titolo di studio straniero - Laureando / Foreign degree'.

In the following section applicants must fill in the data of their admission qualification, either already awarded or to be awarded by December 31st, 2024 (fig. 12).

Fig. 12 – ADMISSION QUALIFICATION – DETAILS

Cruscotto/Dashboard | [Indice/Index](#) Pagina/Page 4/5 Domanda/Application Id: 647641

[← Precedente/Previous](#) [→ Successiva/Next](#)

Titolo accademico/Admission qualification - Details

Titoli di studio / Academic qualifications

Tipo / Type
---- Selezionare una tipologia / Select a type ▼

Tipo laurea / Second cycle degree (e.g. M.Sc. , M.Phil, etc)

Università / University

Titolo di Studio / Type of second cycle degree (e.g. M.Sc. in Economics)

Data effettiva o prevista di conseguimento titolo / Real or presumed graduation date

Voto / Grade
 / **con lode / with honors**

[← Precedente/Previous](#) [→ Successiva/Next](#)

In the section “DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM” you must upload all the documents specified for the selection for each PhD course, with the exclusion of reference letters which must be submitted via a specific procedure (see par. 3). **Therefore we advise applicants to pay special attention to the documents to be submitted listed in the PhD course table in order to upload them all correctly.**

WATCH OUT: In this section you must upload the documents requested for the recognition of the foreign academic degree (art. 3.3 of the selection announcement - Admission of applicants with foreign (non-Italian) qualifications).

The files must be in pdf format and readable. For each file a brief description is needed (fig. 13).

Fig. 13 – DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM

The screenshot shows a search interface at the top with radio buttons for 'Cerca in LoginMiur/Search into LoginMiur' (selected) and 'Inserisci manualmente/Insert manually'. Below is a search input field with the placeholder 'Cerca/Search' and a 'Cancella / Delete' button. A green 'Aggiungi / Add' button is positioned below the search area.

TITOLI E DOCUMENTI/ ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE ATTACH HERE ALL THE DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM)

In questa sezione vanno caricati i titoli richiesti per il corso di dottorato selezionato e che il candidato intende sottoporre alla valutazione della Commissione (Consultare la scheda del corso selezionato) / In this section you should upload the documents to submit for the chosen PhD Course and any further documents that the candidate thinks relevant for the committee evaluation (PLEASE check the relevant course table)

Attenzione*: inserire qui i documenti richiesti per il riconoscimento dell'eventuale titolo straniero, come previsto dall'avviso alla selezione Art. 3.3
Attention*: please attach here the documents useful for the evaluation of the foreign qualification as indicated in the Selection announcement at the Art.3.3

Below the text is a table with one row. The first column is labeled '1'. The second column is labeled 'Descrizione/Description' and contains a text input field. Below the table is a 'Carica/Upload' button.

PAYMENT OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION CONTRIBUTION

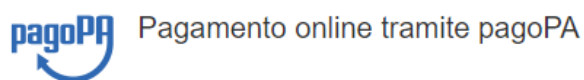
After verifying the application form, applicants must go back to the dashboard and proceed with the payment of € 30,00 (fig.14)

Fig. 14 – Payment

The screenshot shows a horizontal status bar with the following elements from left to right: the number '67379', the status 'in bozza/draft', the timestamp '2020-06-16 10:00:58', and four buttons: 'Modifica/Edit' (blue), 'Verifica/Verify' (orange), 'Pagamento/Payment' (blue), and 'Firma e Presenta/Sign and Submit' (green). A red arrow points to the 'Pagamento/Payment' button.

On the next page click on the button "Paga tramite PagoPA" and then "Accetta" (fig. 15.1 e 15.2)

Fig. 15.1 – PagoPA



Pagamento contributo ammissione ai Corsi di Dottorato di ricerca XL ciclo / Contribution payment for admission to Phd Courses for XL cycle

Versante

Ragione sociale cognome e nome

Codice fiscale il sistema può averlo calcolato automaticamente

Indirizzo

Civico

CAP

Località

Provincia

Nazione

Telefono

Cellulare

FAX

Email

[Modifica versante](#)

Pagamento

Da pagare entro il 13/05/2024 13:00:00.

Causale Pagamento contributo ammissione ai Corsi di Dottorato di ricerca XL ciclo / Contribution payment for admission to Phd Courses for XL cycle

Codice fiscale creditore 80006480281

Importo 30

Scadenza 13/05/2024 13:00

IUV (non assegnato)

[Torna al cruscotto PICA](#) [Paga tramite pagoPA](#)

Fig. 15.2 – PagoPA

Attenzione!

Grazie all'integrazione con la piattaforma pagoPA, puoi completare i tuoi pagamenti verso la Pubblica Amministrazione in modo semplice e immediato. Potrai inoltre scegliere il gestore della transazione (PSP) a te più conveniente.

Il PSP può applicare un **costo aggiuntivo**.

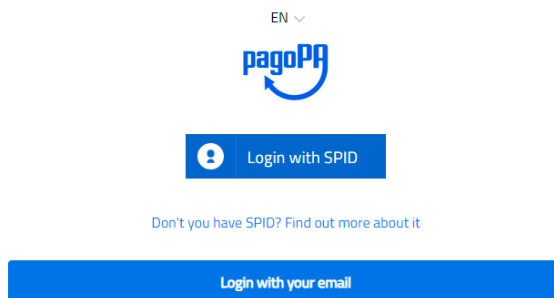
Premendo "Accetta", si procederà sulla piattaforma pagoPA e i dati del versante non saranno più modificabili!

Controllare attentamente la correttezza dei dati del versante!

[Annulla](#) [Accetta](#)

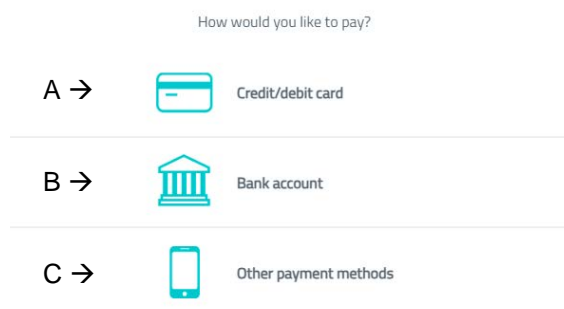
It is possible to pay through the “PagoPA”, it will be required an email address where you will receive the payment confirmation. Choose one of the TWO ways to enter the PagoPA portal (fig. 15).

Fig. 15 – PagoPa



Select one of the following payment options (fig. 16):

Figura 16 – Payment method



A. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

If you choose this option, a list of authorised banking institutions will be displayed. Select any of the listed institutions and make the payment by entering the required details of your credit / debit card (pay attention to the conditions applied by the institution).

Once the payment procedure has been successfully completed, a confirmation email will be sent to your email address.

pagoPA accetta queste carte di credito/debito



nome e cognome

nome e cognome non validi, non si devono essere caratteri speciali

0000 0000 0000 0000

numero della carta di credito

MM / AA

scadenza (mm/aa)

CVC

codice di verifica

Continua

B. BANK ACCOUNT

If you chose this option, the available PSPs (payment service providers) will be displayed. By selecting one of the PSPs you will be redirected to the web page of the chosen bank, which allows you to select the home-banking service provided by your bank.

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Paga con il tuo conto corrente

cerca la tua banca

Ordina per: Alfabetico Tipo: Crescente

Banca Popolare di Sondrio
SCRIGNO Internet Banking
Commissione max 0,90 €

ICONTO
Pagamento diretto/Bonifico SCT

C. OTHER PAYMENT METHODS

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cerca la tua banca

Ordina per: Alfabetico Tipo: Crescente

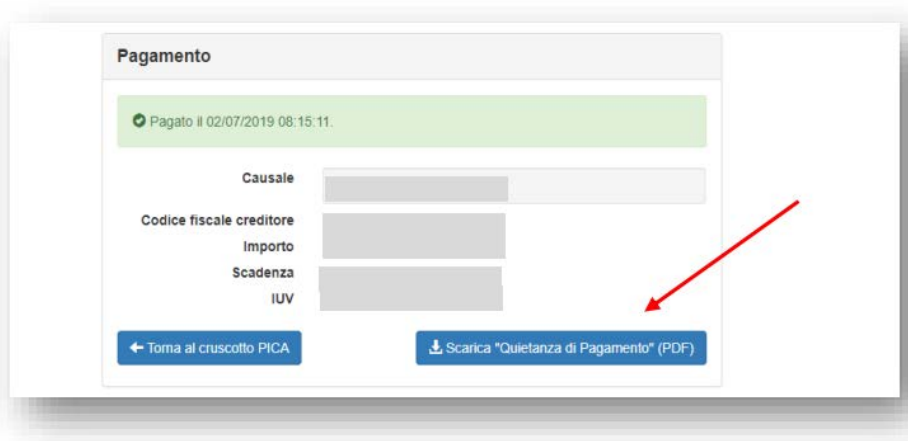
satispay
Satispay
Commissione max 0,00 €

ICONTO
Carte Pagamento
Commissione max 0,95 €

INTESA SINDIACO
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Once the payment has been made, it will be possible to download the relative receipt (fig. 17).

Figura 17 – Download receipt



SIGNATURE AND SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

After filling in this section, applicants will be redirected to the dashboard where the draft of their application form is available. In order to submit it applicants must click on submit (fig. 18).

Fig. 18 – Submission of the application

167	in bozza/draft	2015-05-28 11:35:14	Modifica/Modify	Verifica/Verify	Presenta/Submit
177	in bozza/draft	2015-05-28 12:47:44	Modifica/Modify	Verifica/Verify	Presenta/Submit
195	da firmare/unsigned	2015-05-28 16:31:34	Modifica/Modify	Visualizza/View	Presenta/Submit

Registra una nuova domanda / New submission

Domanda di prove di ammissione con modalità individualizzate per candidati con disabilità o dislessia

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If the application has been filled in correctly, applicants will see the pdf file of the application. In case there are mistakes applicants would receive an error message and the application must be corrected. When the application has been corrected, applicants will be directed to the following section, where they must click on 'Submit' (fig. 19). In case of access via SPID, no signature will be required when submitting the application.

Fig. 19 – Submission of the application

The screenshot shows a web form for submitting an application. It includes the following sections:

- Descrizione/Description:** A text input field containing a placeholder string: "fhgjhkjjklkjhtdghnfgb bvjurstjhnxd gfhntg etgdhbnfd d teh".
- Dettagli sul file allegato/Attachment details:** A button labeled "STATUTO_con_modifica_art46c9.pdf".
- Dimensione/Size (byte):** A text input field containing the value "582816".
- Checksum:** A text input field containing a long alphanumeric string: "46794f3385d9631ae8d5bc367eb05caf9f1a91e8cade830ba9007ce0d90a5c04".
- Tipo di checksum/Checksum type:** A text input field containing the value "SHA256".
- Sostituisci/Change file:** A button labeled "Scegli file" and the text "Nessun file selezionato".

Below the form, there is a section for the candidate's signature:

Firma del candidato
Candidate's signature
.....

At the bottom of the form, there is a green button labeled "Presenta/Submit", which is circled in red in the image.

After the submission applicants will see three possibilities to sign the application. Choose one and follow the instructions (fig. 20).

Fig. 20 – Signature

The screenshot shows the "FIRMA DIGITALE / DIGITAL SIGNATURE" section of the application form. It includes the following elements:

- Header:** "FIRMA DIGITALE / DIGITAL SIGNATURE".
- Navigation:** "Cruscotto/Dashboard" and "Domanda/Application id: 63262".
- Text:** "Il sistema supporta le seguenti modalità / The following options are available:".
- Option 1:** "Firma il documento manualmente / Sign the application (no digital signature)".
Description: "Per firmare manualmente il documento è necessario scaricare il PDF del documento sul proprio computer, stamparlo, firmarlo manualmente, effettuare la scansione in un file PDF e caricare quest'ultimo sul sito. / If you can't sign the document digitally as specified in the other sections you need to download the pdf file of the application, print it, sign it in original, scan it in a pdf file and upload it again on the website."
ATTENZIONE: la scansione, oltre alle pagine della domanda, dovrà contenere nell'ultima pagina la copia di un documento di identità in corso di validità (questo passaggio non è necessario se la copia del documento di identità è stata inserita tra gli allegati alla domanda) / WATCH OUT: the copy of a valid identity document must be included as the last page of the scanned pdf, after the application form pages (this step can be dispensed with if a copy of the document was uploaded as an attachment of the application form)
- Option 2:** "Firma il documento sul server ConFirma / Sign the application on the server using ConFirma service".
Description: "Per firmare digitalmente il documento è necessario avere una dotazione hardware (ad esempio smart card o dispositivo USB con certificato digitale di sottoscrizione rilasciato da un Certificatore accreditato) compatibile con il servizio ConFirma. Dopo la firma sarà possibile scaricare il PDF firmato / In order to sign digitally the application it is necessary to have a hardware (e.g. smart card or USB with digital signature certificate issued by an approved certification body) compatible with ConFirma service. After signing, applicants can download the signed pdf application"
- Option 3:** "Firma digitalmente il documento sul tuo personal computer / Sign the application digitally on your pc".
Description: "Per firmare digitalmente il documento è necessario avere una dotazione hardware (ad esempio smart card o dispositivo USB con certificato digitale di sottoscrizione rilasciato da un Certificatore accreditato) e software di firma digitale con cui generare, a partire dal file PDF del documento scaricato da questo sito, il file firmato in formato pdf.p7m da ricaricare sul sito stesso / In order to sign digitally the application it is necessary to have an hardware (e.g. smart card or USB with digital signature certificate issued by an approved certification body) and a software for digital signatures in order to create a pdf.p7m file from the pdf file downloaded from this site. The pdf.p7m file must be uploaded in the website again"

WATCH OUT: Applicants who, during registration selected "NO" in the "Italian Citizenship" field and did not indicate a "tax code", will be only allowed to add their original signature to the application, i.e. they will only see the "no digital signature" option during the signature process.

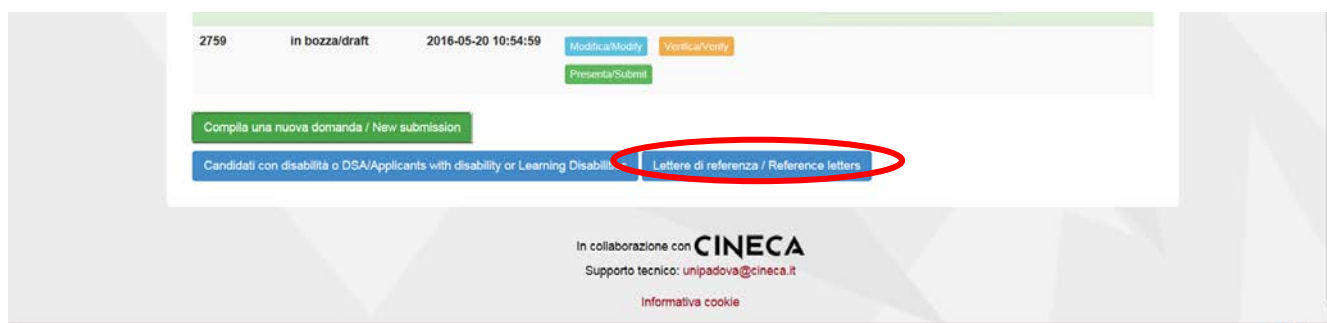
If you choose to sign with no digital signature **you must print the pdf application, sign it, scan it, and upload it. If applicants have not done so before, they must upload an identity document in the Personal Data section. We advise to check that the uploaded file is complete. Applicants can upload only one file, so if they must also upload the identity document, the application form and the identity document must be scanned together.**

After the submission, applicants will receive an email with the confirmation of the submission and a password that will allow them to check the final rankings. Applicants will always be able to login to their account, personal data and application form.

REFERENCE LETTERS

If applicants want to submit reference letters among the documents for the PhD course, after the submission of the application form they will find the button 'Reference letters' in the dashboard (fig 21). Applicant must click on it and fill in the relevant information in order to send to the chosen referees the request for the letter. Applicants must specify the institutional email address of the referee, not a personal email address.

Fig. 21 – Reference letters



The referee specified will receive the request to fill in the reference letter and can submit it by November 26th, 2024 at 1 pm CET. We advise applicants to inform referees that they will receive the request. If the referee fills in and submits the letter, the applicant will receive an email specifying that the letter has been submitted. Applicants, however, can always check the status of the request. Reference letters uploaded by applicants will not be taken into consideration.

If applicants wish to change the referee they must ask for technical assistance by clicking [here](#), specifying the ID of the application.

APPLICATION FORM MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL

If applicants need to modify the application form after the pdf has been created:

- if they have submitted the application form and received the email of confirmation, they cannot modify the application form but they will be able to withdraw it following the relevant procedure available on the dashboard and submit a new application form;
- if they have created the pdf file but they have not completed the submission (the pdf file has not been uploaded yet and so they haven't received the email of confirmation), then they must contact for technical assistance by clicking [here](#) and ask to have the application re-opened. In the email they must specify the reason of their request and the ID of their application form, and attach copy of their identity document.