



Guide for Application

International Doctoral Program "Urban Regeneration and Economic Development (URED)"

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http://www.unirc.it/documentazione/allegati_news/all_2015092550449_15023.pdf

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General information

Duration: 3 years

Funding Amount: Full course fees plus **EUR 68.142,52** (3 years)

Level of Study: Postgraduate Research

Vacancies: 6

Regions: EU citizens and No EU citizens

Deadline for application: October 19, 2014

The awards will provide funding for the three years of a PhD, and assumes that the applicant will already have had research training from an MSc degree. The awards are available for EU citizens and No European citizens.

Establishment

It is launched the public competition for 6 positions for European citizens and for not European citizens, - for admission to the International Doctorate in "Urban Regeneration and Economic Development" with administrative headquarters at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria. The official language is English due to the international characterization of the doctorate. The International Doctorate has effect from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2017.



The International Doctorate lasts three years. During the second year, it is mandatory to take courses at the Northeastern University of Boston (USA), according with the cooperative agreement among the international network of the CLUDs project. During the first year, it is mandatory to take courses at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria as well. The public competition is equivalent to a notification to all intents and purposes . Any changes, updates or additions to the content will be made available , exclusively , with the publication on the website at the following link: http://www.unirc.it/ricerca/scuola_dottorato.php . The submission of the application constitutes acceptance by the candidate of the rules contained in this public competition. The failure of observing these rules will imply the exclusion from the competition.

General requirements for the admission

Application for participation in the competition, with no restrictions with respect to age and nationality, is open to candidates holding a Master's degree, or a university degree obtained under the education system prior to Ministerial Decree no. 509 of November 3, 1999, or an equivalent university qualification obtained abroad and recognised as eligible. EU and non-EU candidates who obtained a qualification abroad that is not declared eligible yet, for the sole purpose of admission to the international doctorate will have to request recognition of its eligibility in the application form. To this end, the application shall be accompanied by appropriate documentation to enable the Admission Board to rule on the request for eligibility in accordance with the current legislation in Italy and in the country where the title was issued and with treaties or international agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications to attend further studies. It is not allowed to participate to admission if the candidate has already a scholarship within a different Doctorate course. If the candidate is attending a different Doctorate course but without scholarship, he/she can participate to the admission only by giving up the participation at the course of the previous Doctorate and by starting from the first year the International Doctorate course. If the candidate already holds a Doctorate degree, he/she can be admitted to the international doctorate but without scholarship, after the admission approval. Further requirements may be demanded for those scholarships funded by different public bodies or private organizations only if the scholarships are included in specific agreements with the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria. All candidates are admitted to the public competition under the condition to verify the statements provided by them following the Presidential Decree no. 445/2000. If the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria finds, on the basis of appropriate verifications, that the statements made by the candidate are not truthful, the University could, in any moment with a Rector Decree, exclude the candidate from the public competition or from the International Doctorate course.



Application for admission

The application for admission (Application form) to the public competition must be filled online **from the day after the publication of the competition on University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria web site.**

The deadline for application is October 19, 2015 h.12.00 (Local Time)

In order to fill the application, the candidates must:

- connect to the student portal:

<https://gomp.unirc.it/WorkFlow2011/Logon/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f;ù>

- register by including all requested information. The username and the password shall be kept for each following procedure;
- fill in the application form also by following the requirements of the public competition;
- pay the participation fee to the competition **of € 62,92** in the following way:
- accessing to the link
<https://gomp.unirc.it/WorkFlow2011/Logon/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>, printing the MAV payment format.

In order to access to the above portal, it is necessary to use the username and the password already generated (letter B). The MAV payment format can be paid at any bank without any further fee. Payment made by bank transfer money or by post office is not allowed. Payment made by bank transfer money is allowed only for those candidates residents abroad of Italian territory. They can pay the participation fee **of € 62,92** by using the following bank account information:

Name: Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria

Bank account number: 401086229

Bank: Agenzia Unicredit S.p.A. - Via degli Arconti n. 6 - 89125 Reggio Calabria

IBAN: IT36R0200816304000401086229

BIC/SWIFT: UNCRITM1F84

With the following motivation: "contributo partecipazione concorso dottorato" di ricerca internazionale in "Urban Regeneration and Economic Development"



- send by recorded delivery (the postage stamp will ensure the respect of the deadline) or, alternatively, hand in within the deadline (from Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 12.00 am), at the following address: **Ufficio Protocollo Generale di Ateneo – Cittadella Universitaria Torre 2 Via Melissari Feo di Vito 89124 Reggio Calabria Italy**

The following documents:

- Application form original printed and signed;
- Evidence of the participation fee payment as much indicated in the call;
- Photocopy or self declaration of the degree certificate, according to Decree of President December 28, 2000 no. 445;
- Photocopy of a valid ID with the signature of the candidate;

Further documents required:

- Covering Letter.
- At least 2 Reference Letters.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- A Research Proposal (no more than 2500 words including an abstract of no more than 150 words) – the proposal should provide details of the academic rationale for the research and the proposed research strategy. It is suggested to use use the following four headings in the research proposal:
 1. Aims and purpose of the research,
 2. Overview of the academic literature relevant to own field,
 3. Proposed Methodology;
 4. Expected results

The University Administration has no responsibility in the event of loss of communications, due to errors in the address or e-mail by the applicant, by failure or late notification of change of address, or for any postal, wire or telecommunication errors are not attributable to the University Administration. The candidate shall declare in the application form under the own responsibility and according to the Article 76 of the Decree of President December 28, 2000 no. 445: a. personal



information: surname, first name, fiscal code (for Italian nationals only), date and place of birth, citizenship, residence and domicile elected for the purposes of the competition. For non EU citizens, it is suggested to put an Italian address or to indicate their Embassy in Italy as domicile

elected for the purposes of the competition. b. the exact title of the Doctorate course at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria which intends to participate c. to be unoccupied, unemployed or employed d. graduate qualification, when it was obtained and name of the University, or foreign degree; e. to ensure to attend full time the International Doctorate programme of classes. f. to inform in real time any change of address and phone number; g. a signed photocopy of a valid identification document shall be attached to the application form. h. TOEFL with a score of 79-80 is required. The candidate who has not this certification must commit himself to acquire it within the first year of attendance.

The citizen from third countries shall attach to the application form the qualification document legally translated by Italian representatives under the rules of current laws about the admission of citizen from third countries to attend courses at Italian Universities.

Candidates with disabilities, in accordance with Law February 5, 1992 no. 104, must explicitly request, in relation to their handicap, what they need in order to attend the International Doctorate classes. In this respect, all information will be kept confidential in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03. Unsigned and/or uncompleted applications will not be considered.

Selection

The selection procedure intends to ensure by appropriate benchmarking, basic training experience, the skills and the aptitude of the candidate for scientific research.

Two selection procedures are applied:

- Titles evaluation:
 - Qualifications evaluation (at least 42/60 to access to the research skill evaluation) by submitting the following documents:
- Covering Letter.
- At least 2 Reference Letters.
- Curriculum Vitae



- Research Proposal (no more than 2500 words including an abstract of no more than 150 words) – the proposal should provide details of the academic rationale for the research and the proposed research strategy. It is suggested to use the following four headings in the research proposal:

1. Aims and purpose of the research,
2. Overview of the academic literature relevant to own field,
3. Proposed Methodology;
4. Academic contributions of your research to the discipline .

The candidates who are resident or domiciled outside the Italian territory and those who reside more than 700 km away from the venue of the selection, may conduct Video interviews (video skype, thereby), provided it is possible to identify with certainty the identity of the candidate. The identity of the candidate will be also verified later upon successful completion of competition. The candidate who intends to use this mode should be indicated in the application for participation. The skype connection is “URED PhD Programme”

The Examination Board has sixty points for each examination. Only those candidates who have obtained a minimum score of 42/60 points in the first examination “title evaluation” are allowed to take the interview also via skype. At the end of each session the Board makes public the results of the second examination. The second session of examination is passed by achieving a minimum score of 40/60 points. At the end of the evidence, the Board will compile a ranking list on the basis of the sum of the scores obtained by the candidates in each examination. The candidates are admitted to the International Doctorate course according to their ranking, until coverage of the number of vacancies has been completed. Should any renunciations of the rights holders before the start of the course, an equal number of candidates according to the ranking will take over the left vacancies.

Admission timetable

- **Application deadline: October 19 2015**
- **Evaluation of Titles: October 27 2015**
- **Interview October 28 2015, 9:00am (Central European Time UTC+ 01:00)**
- **Location:PAU Department, Mediterranea University**

Scholarships

Scholarships are allocated to suitable candidates based upon the ranking position. In cases of equal merit, the level of income of the candidate is the prevalent criterion, under Prime Ministerial Decree of 30 April 1997, published in the G.U. n. 116 of 9 June 1997. The scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any purpose, except those awarded by



national or foreign institutions, integrating with foreign travel, training or research by the participants. It is forbidden for who receives the scholarship join the amount with other sources of income that makes false the condition of unemployed, as defined at the article 4 section a) of Law Decree no. 181 of 21/04/2000 modified by Law Decree no. 297 of 19/12/2002 with respect the current level of income that has to be kept during the international doctorate programme, penalty the refund of the received amount of the scholarship. Scholarships are not legally compatible with (penalty the refund of the received amount of the scholarship) with:

- job, including temporary, except for the possibility that the employer keeps his/her job on leave without pay;
- activities of industry and commerce;
- any kind of contracts with the Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria;
- any other activity that requires the opening of a VAT.

The amount of the scholarship is € 13,638.47 per year gross of social security payable by the Scholar. The scholarship is exempt from local income tax and personal income tax. The scholarship is paid in monthly instalments. The amount of the scholarship is increased for 50%, during the second year to the Northeastern University of Boston. The amount of the scholarship is increased of a further 10%, for the second and the third year. The scholarship lasts one year and shall be renewed for each year of the course, provided that the student pass verification for moving on to the next year. Scholarships will last one year and shall be renewed provided that the student has completed the program of activities for the previous year, verified in accordance with the procedures established by the Academic Board. The scholarship allocation depends on the attendance of the classes programme and on the research activities. Who has already received a scholarship for a different Doctorate course , even for a single year or part of it, is not eligible for a second time. The student who is not a beneficiary of a scholarship for each year of attendance is required to pay tuition fees as determined by the Manifesto degli Studi . The first installment and the regional tax for the right to study must be paid at the time of enrollment in each year of attendance within November 30 of each year. The second installment, determined annually according to income groups as indicated by the Manifesto degli Studi, must be paid no later than 30 June of each year .