



Rector's Decree No. 2605

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE RESEARCH DOCTORATE COURSE IN
MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES - HISTORY, LAW & ECONOMICS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 (38th COURSE)**

THE RECTOR

HAVING REGARD TO Article 4 of Law No. 210 of 3 July 1998, as amended by Article 19, Paragraph 1, of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010;

HAVING REGARD TO the Statute of LUMSA (Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta);

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic No. 308 of 29 December 2021, entitled "Regulation on the procedures for accreditation of doctoral offices and courses and on criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies";

HAVING REGARD TO Ministerial Decree of 9 April 2022, No. 351, Investment 4.1, entitled "Extension of the number of research doctorates and innovative doctorates for the public administration and for cultural heritage", as part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP);

HAVING REGARD TO the "Regulations on research doctorate courses", issued by Rector's Decree No. 2546 of 7 March 2022;

HAVING REGARD TO the resolutions of the relevant academic bodies

Decrees:

ARTICLE 1 - ESTABLISHMENT

Henceforth is established the Research Doctorate Course in MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES - HISTORY, LAW & ECONOMICS - 38th COURSE, with its administrative office at LUMSA University (Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta, hereinafter, "LUMSA").

As per Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14 December 2021, research doctorate courses may be established only after accreditation by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), with the favourable opinion of the National Agency for the Assessment of the University



and Research System (ANVUR), and the fulfilment of ministerial accreditation requirements. In the event of an unfavourable opinion, the courses concerned shall be immediately suspended, and, therefore, the right to enrol successful candidates in the non-accredited courses shall expire.

Following below is an indication of the number of places available, the number of scholarships available, the duration, the responsible department, the admission procedures, and the person in charge of the procedure.

Course title: MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES - HISTORY, LAW & ECONOMICS

The doctorate proposes interdisciplinary research, considering legal, institutional, economic and managerial aspects, and advanced studies on historical and evolutionary processes in the Mediterranean area. The aim is to train researchers to develop innovative theoretical and empirical research, with high scientific value, in addition to effective policies for institutions and companies. The doctorate intersects with the following topic areas: cosmopolitanism; central/periphery processes; analysis of regional imbalances; paths of convergence and the role of institutions; corporate social responsibility, innovation and entrepreneurship; cultural differences and accounting; impacts of digital transformation on business management in diverse contexts; sustainable development and big data; climate change; water and food crises; loss of biodiversity; the blue economy; the impacts of multiculturalism on legal relationships; the legal status of foreigners, the protection of fundamental rights; the management of migration flows; integrated maritime policy and strategies; and peacekeeping. The didactic plan of the course offers doctorate students a common programme of interdisciplinary teaching, combined with specific activities regarding the various topic areas, favouring integrated study that strengthens the complementarity and interaction of specialized methodologies for the development of a common body of knowledge.

The doctorate, despite having a strong unitary nature, will be divided into 2 curricula:

1. Legal-Institutional: The legal-institutional curriculum offers a course of advanced studies in the development of new paradigms and tools for interpreting historical processes and the main geopolitical and legal dynamics of the Mediterranean area. The study programme will involve the acquisition of theoretical knowledge, research methodologies, applied skills, and the dissemination of results. Of particular interest are the following topics: cosmopolitanism; central/periphery processes; analysis of regional imbalances; paths of convergence and the role of institutions; the impacts of multiculturalism on legal relationships; the legal status of foreigners and the protection of fundamental rights; and the management of migration flows.



2. Economic-Managerial: The economic-managerial curriculum offers a course in developing new ideas and innovative studies that can help improve our understanding of macro-economic processes and the main entrepreneurial and managerial dynamics, with particular regard to the economies and businesses of the Mediterranean basin. The study programme will involve the acquisition of both theoretical knowledge and advanced research methodologies in designing qualitative, quantitative and theoretical research, as well as the ability to effectively disseminate the results of this research. Of particular interest are the following topics: analysis of regional imbalances; paths of convergence and the role of institutions; corporate social responsibility, innovation and entrepreneurship; cultural differences and accounting; the impact of digital transformation on business management in diverse contexts; and sustainable development and big data.

Places: 6

LUMSA scholarships: 3

National Recovery and Resilience Plan scholarships (Ministerial Decree of 9 April 2022, No. 2022): 2

Places without scholarship: 1

Duration of the course: 3 years

It should be noted that 2 scholarships are funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan by the European Union Next GenerationEU fund, and are intended for specific projects concerning issues in line with strategic economic and social objectives of the Italian Government, specified as follows:

- No. 1 scholarship for carrying out a research project entitled “*Ecological transformation, between history and law*”, under the supervision of Prof. Giampaolo Frezza;
- No. 1 scholarship for carrying out a research project entitled “*Digital transformation, between history and economy*”, under the supervision of Prof. Anna Minà.

It should also be noted that additional scholarships may be allocated to specific projects in the event that specific funding is allocated by external bodies.

For such purpose, during the application process, candidates admitted to the oral exam must complete the documentation for self-certifying the requirements envisaged by such funding bodies.

Degrees required for access to the doctorate: Master’s level degree in Law (LMG/01), International Relations (LM-52), Economic Sciences (LM-56), Political Sciences (LM-62), Public Administration Sciences (LM-63), Economics and Business Sciences (LM-77), Philosophical Sciences (LM-78),



Development and Cooperation Sciences (LM-81), Statistical Sciences (LM-82), Statistical, Actuarial and Financial Sciences (LM-83), Historical Sciences (LM-84), Social Services and Social Policies (LM-87), or Sociology and Social Research (LM-88).

Venue for the course: Department of Law, Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo, Italy.

Admission assessments: relevant qualifications, the research project plan, the written exam set for 12/09/2022, and the oral exam set for 15/09/2022.

The exact scheduling of the exams, with an indication of the methods for carrying them out, will be made known before the oral exam by a notice published on LUMSA's website https://www.lumsa.it/ricerca_dottorati_prove.

By means of this notice, notification for all legal purposes shall be understood to have been fulfilled.

Venue for the exams: The Department of Law, Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo, Italy.

Person in charge of the procedure: Dr. Anna Rosa De Angelis - LUMSA - Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo - Tel. (+39) 091 6810761 - palermo@lumsa.it - segreteriapalermo.lumsa@pec.it.

ARTICLE 2 - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Those in possession of a Master's degree obtained in Italy or a similar academic qualification obtained abroad and previously recognized as suitable can submit an application to participate in the call for applications to the research doctorate, without any limitation of age or citizenship, if they have a class of degree as provided under Article 1, according to the methods specified in the following Article 3.

If the relevant academic qualification obtained abroad has not been recognized as suitable by the deadline for the call, the application for participation will not be considered admissible.

Those who will achieve the qualification required by the call by the date of enrolment in the doctorate course may also participate in the admission exams, under the condition of forfeiture of admission in case of not achieving the qualification by such time. In this case, the admission will be considered "conditional" and the candidate will be required to submit, under penalty of exclusion from admission, on enrolment in the course, certification or self-certification of the relevant degree obtained.

LUMSA may, at any time during the procedure, carry out checks on the veracity of provided statements. In the event of any false or untrue declarations, LUMSA may order the immediate exclusion of the candidate from the selection procedure, without prejudice to any resulting criminal liability.



ARTICLE 3 - APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

Applications to participate in the call must be submitted by 11.59 pm (Italian time zone) on 04/08/2022.

The application procedure is online and requires the payment of an admin fee of € 50.00 as a contribution to the expenses of the procedure. The methods for submitting an application are detailed in the “Guidelines for applying to the call”, made available at https://www.lumsa.it/ricerca_dottorati_bandi.

Candidates are required to submit the following documentation:

- a) a front and back photocopy of a valid identification document;
- b) a photocopy of the candidate’s fiscal code / health card (for residents in Italy only);
- c) a “curriculum studiorum et vitae”;
- d) a degree certificate with an indication of the exams taken or self-certification of graduation with an indication of the exams taken, for candidates who have obtained their qualification in Italy;
- e) a certificate or self-certification of enrolment in relevant exams, accompanied by self-certification of the presumed graduation date (to be achieved by 31 October 2022), for candidates who will obtain the qualification in Italy by 31 October 2022;
- f) proof of the academic qualification obtained abroad and recognized as suitable;
- g) a plan of the research project, written in Italian or in English, which must not exceed 12 (twelve) pages, including its title, and any short bibliography. In particular, when competing for one of the scholarships funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, the title must correspond with the relevant title for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan as defined in Article 1;
- h) certification or self-certification of any scientific qualifications, such as publications, active participation in national and international conferences, periods of study and/or post-graduate research at Italian or foreign universities or research entities;
- i) certification or self-certification of any research grants.

It should be noted that the admission qualification for the doctorate course must correspond to the class of degree classes as provided for above, under penalty of non-admission of the application. In the case of candidates enrolled in degree courses in Italy whose qualification has not yet been achieved, self-certification of the presumed graduation date must be submitted. It is understood that this qualification must be obtained without exception by 31 October 2022 and duly transmitted to the Doctoral Office by that date, under penalty of non-enrolment in the doctorate course.

International candidates or candidates in possession of a qualification obtained abroad, in addition to their degree certificate, which must be translated and legalized by the competent Italian diplomatic or consular representatives abroad, must also present the Declaration of Value and Apostille, issued by the competent



Italian diplomatic or consular representative abroad, under penalty of non-admission of the application. Alternatively, the foreign qualification may be accompanied by the Certificate of Comparability, instead of the Declaration of Value, and the Certificate of Verification, instead of the Apostille, from the credential evaluation service of Cimea (www.cimea.it). For European candidates, the Declaration of Value and the Certificate of Comparability may be replaced by the Diploma Supplement issued by the university at which the degree was awarded. Documents presented in languages other than French, English, German or Spanish must be accompanied by translations legalized by the competent authorities. Foreign candidates or those in possession of a qualification obtained abroad who, as per the call's procedure, may be admitted to the doctoral course must also register on the University portal (www.universitaly.it) in order to formalize their application. In case of the denial of a visa by the competent authorities, admission shall be forfeited and the university will automatically proceed with the exclusion of the student from the course.

It should also be noted that it will be possible to attach to the application a valid Equivalent Financial Situation Indicator (ISEE) certification issued for the purpose of enrolling in a PhD course, so that it may be used by the Selection Board in cases of equal merit. In the absence of an ISEE certification, the candidate will be attributed the highest ISEE value with respect to other candidates with the same merit score.

LUMSA reserves the right at any time to request additional documentation or to carry out checks on statements made.

It is not possible to supplement the submitted application documentation after the deadline for the call.

Candidates, whose application has been declared inadmissible, will be notified of their exclusion from the call by email to the email address indicated by the candidate.

As per Article 20 of Law No. 104/92, and Article 16 of Law No. 68/1999, in order to benefit from any additional aids and time in the admission exams, eligible candidates with relevant disabilities or impairments must apply via the dedicated online procedure when applying for the call. Before accessing the online procedure, such candidates are advised, in any case, to notify the person in charge of the procedure (palermo@lumsa.it - segreteriapalermo.lumsa@pec.it). The data collected in this regard will be kept and treated with the confidentiality required by current applicable legislation on the protection of personal data. For any further information, please refer to the Privacy Policy annexed to this call, drawn up as per Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679, and specific provisions for the management of data relating to persons with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs). All the relevant documentation is always available upon request by writing to privacy@lumsa.it.



ARTICLE 4 - ADMISSION EXAMS

The selection procedure includes two exams, one written and one oral, aimed at guaranteeing an appropriate comparative evaluation of the candidates, ascertaining their abilities and aptitudes for scientific research in the scientific disciplines and topics pertaining to the doctorate, as well as adequate knowledge of the English language.

The written exam is set for 12/09/2022 and consists of a written essay on the indicated topics relating to the doctorate. The essay may be written in Italian or English.

In this phase, the Selection Board, in addition to evaluating the essay, will evaluate the qualifications presented by the candidate in the call application, including: a) the curriculum studiorum et vitae; b) any scientific publications; and c) the research project that the candidate intends to carry out in the three-year period.

The oral exam is set for 15/09/2022 and consists of an interview which will have the goal of: a) evaluating the research project presented by the candidate; b) ascertaining the degree of knowledge of the English language of the candidate.

The research project plan may be submitted in Italian or in English and must not exceed 12 (twelve) pages, including its title, and any short bibliography. For each research project, the Selection Board will evaluate: for scholarships funded by LUMSA: a) the relevance to the central topics of the doctorate, and to one of the two aforementioned curricula; and for the scholarship funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan by the European Union Next GenerationEU fund: a) the relevance to the funded project and to the central topics of the doctorate; b) the innovative potential for research; and c) the methodology applied in the research design.

Interdisciplinary research projects are positively evaluated in particular. After enrolment in the course, the final research project, which in any case may evolve over the course of the three-year period, will be approved by the Academic Board on the basis of the objectives of the doctorate. In this regard, the definitive research project may not necessarily coincide with the one presented by the candidate during the selection phase.

To sit the written and oral exams, the candidates must present one of the following valid identification documents: a national identity card, a passport, a driving licence, an identification card or document with photograph and official stamp or equivalent issued by a State Administration.

During the written exam, candidates who are not resident in the Sicily region may ask to take the oral exam via electronic means. The Selection Board reserves the right to ask the candidate for documentation proving the residence indicated.



Candidates of foreign nationality may request to sit the oral exam in the English language. Any candidate who intends to make use of this possibility must request it during the exam. During the interview, the Selection Board will also ascertain the level of knowledge of the Italian language of the candidate.

The oral exam, even at a distance, shall be public.

The absence of a candidate on the day and time of the exams, both written and oral (also by video-conferencing), shall be considered as a waiver of the exam itself, whatever the cause.

ARTICLE 5 - SELECTION BOARD

The Selection Board of the call, appointed by the Rector under guidance from the Academic Board, will be made up of three (3) effective members and three (3) alternate members chosen from among professors and full-time university researchers of LUMSA or of other Italian or foreign universities who are experts in the topics pertaining to the macro-sectors consistent with the objectives of the course, and may be supplemented by another two (2) experts, chosen from public or private research institutions or entities.

The Selection Board will evaluate each candidate out of 40 (forty) points for the written exam and 60 (sixty) points for the oral exam, of which 10 (ten) points will be reserved for the assessment of competence in the English language.

Only candidates who have achieved a score of at least 27 out of 40 points in the written exam will be admitted to the oral exam. Notice of the oral exam and the procedures for carrying it out will be published on the University website https://www.lumsa.it/ricerca_dottorati_prove.

The oral exam (interview) will be considered as passed if the candidate obtains a score of no less than 40 out of 60 points, of which at least 6 out of 10 points pertaining to the candidate's competence in the English language. Once the call procedures have been completed, the Selection Board will compile a general merit ranking based on the scores obtained by the candidates in the individual exams. Eligibility for the selection will be considered over a minimum score of 67 out of 100 points.

In cases of equal merit, an evaluation will be made of the financial situation of the candidates, determined as per Italian Prime Ministerial Decree of 9 April 2001, as amended. In the event of any further equality of merit, the younger student shall prevail.

The Selection Board will make the results public through publication on LUMSA's website http://www.lumsa.it/ricerca_dottorati_graduatorie.

By means of this notice, public notification for all legal purposes shall be understood to have been fulfilled. Therefore, no communications will be sent by email and/or to the candidate's physical address.

ARTICLE 6 - ADMISSION TO THE COURSE



Candidates will be admitted to the course according to the order established in the final merit ranking, up to the number of places available.

If any candidate decides not to enrol, the place will be offered to the next candidate in the ranking, until all the places are allocated.

As per Article 51, Paragraph 6 of Law No. 449/97, the course may be attended, also exempting the set number of places, by holders of research grants who have passed the admission exams.

ARTICLE 7 - ENROLMENT IN THE COURSE

Enrolment in the doctorate course shall be online, to be completed by 31/10/2022.

All the doctoral students will be required to pay the Annual Regional Tax (€ 140) and the associated Stamp Duty (€ 16), to be paid online.

For doctoral students without a scholarship, payment of a 2nd and a 3rd instalment (each of € 1,100) must be paid by the deadlines that will be set and announced at the beginning of the academic year on the doctorate web page (https://www.lumsa.it/ricerca_dottorati_modulistica).

Candidates admitted to the doctorate whose application is not be submitted according to the indicated procedures, and who do not accept the place within 7 days of the publication of the final ranking, will be considered to have withdrawn their candidacy, and the corresponding places will be made available to other eligible candidates, according to the order of the ranking.

ARTICLE 8 - SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships, the number of which is indicated in the above Article 1, are assigned after a comparative evaluation of merit based on the exams set by the Selection Board, and according to the order of the final ranking.

The annual scholarship, determined as per Article 1, Paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree No. 247 of 23 February 2022, is equal to € 16,243.00 (sixteen thousand, two hundred, and forty-three / 00), subject to the separately managed INPS social security contribution, as per Article 2, Paragraphs 26 and following, of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as amended and supplemented.

The scholarship covers the entire duration of the course, however the effective disbursement must be confirmed by the Academic Board as valid at the end of each year of enrolment in the course subject to the passing of assessments to verify the work carried out.



The frequency of payment of the scholarship will be monthly starting from the beginning of the course. The amount of the scholarship will be increased by 50% for any authorized period of study abroad of the doctorate student.

The granting of the scholarship categorically excludes the establishment of any subordinate employment relationship with the University.

It should be noted that any additional scholarships destined for specific research projects will be disbursed only after the granting of the funding by the granting bodies. Any doctorate student receiving a scholarship funded by an external body must carry out the research project for which the funding is granted according to the project's technical file.

When enrolling in the doctorate programme, any doctorate student receiving a scholarship from an external body will be asked to sign a letter of commitment to comply with the obligations set out in the respective agreements, under penalty of exclusion from the scholarship.

Any student not awarded one of the aforementioned scholarships can apply for the scholarship provided by the Sicilian Regional Body for the Right to University Study (ERSU) and assigned through the relevant call for scholarship applications for the 2022-23 academic year, as published on the website: www.ersupalermo.it.

ARTICLE 9 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE DOCTORATE STUDENTS

Admission to the doctorate course implies an exclusive, full-time commitment to the course. The Academic Board must authorize any paid work by PhD students, verifying its compatibility with the teaching, study and research activities of the course.

The rights and duties of the doctoral students are governed by Article 15 of the “Regulations on research doctorate courses”.

ARTICLE 10 - AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF THE RESEARCH DOCTORATE

At the end of the course, doctoral students are required to pass a final exam by submitting a written thesis, in order to demonstrate that they have obtained results of significant scientific value. These results are assessed by a specific Assessment Board.

The Assessment Board for the final exam is formed and appointed in accordance with the “Regulations on research doctorate courses”.



ARTICLE 11 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

As per EU Regulation No. 2016/679, the personal data provided by the candidates will be collected and processed at LUMSA for the purposes of managing the selection process, as well as for statistical purposes. The provision of such data is mandatory for the purposes of assessing the admission requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the call for applications.

The relevant comprehensive privacy policy is annexed to this call for applications (Annex A).

ARTICLE 12 - OTHER PROVISIONS

For matters not provided for in this call, reference shall be made to the “Regulations on research doctorate courses”, and to current applicable legislation on doctorate programmes.

The submission of an application for participation in the selection process implies acceptance by the candidate of the rules and regulations contained in this call and in the “Regulations on research doctorate courses”.

The person in charge of the procedure for applications to the doctorate in MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES - HISTORY, LAW & ECONOMICS, as referred to in this call, is Dr. Anna Rosa De Angelis - LUMSA - Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo - Tel. (+39) 091 6810761 - palermo@lumsa.it - segreteriapalermo.lumsa@pec.it.

This call for applications is published on the LUMSA website (https://www.lumsa.it/ricerca_dottorati_bandi), on the European website of Euraxess, and on the website of the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR).

Notice of the publication of the call on the LUMSA website will be published in the Special Series “Concorsi ed esami” (trans. “Calls and exams”) of the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic.

Rome, 08/06/2022

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Francesco Bonini)