



# *Università degli Studi di Messina*

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA RESEARCH DOCTORATE COURSE in “ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND STATISTICS – 30<sup>th</sup> CYCLE**

### **THE RECTOR**

- IN VIEW OF: law of 9<sup>th</sup> May 1989, no. 168;
- IN VIEW OF: law of 13<sup>th</sup> August 1984, n. 476, as integrated by art. 52, par. 57 of the law 28<sup>th</sup> December 2001, n. 448;
- IN VIEW OF: art. 4 of the law of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1998, n. 210, and subsequent amendments and integrations;
- IN VIEW OF: law of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1990, n. 241 that establishes: “Rules governing administrative procedures and the right to have access to administrative documents”, and subsequent amendments and integrations
- IN VIEW OF: the Legislative Decree 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003, no. 196 , “ Code concerning the protection of personal data” and subsequent amendments and integrations;
- IN VIEW OF: law of 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010, n. 240;
- IN VIEW OF: the Statute of the University Autonomy, issued with the Rector’s Decree (D.R.) no. 1244 of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (published in the Italian Government Official Gazette – General Series, n. 116 of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012);
- IN VIEW OF: the Ministerial Decree (D.M.) n. 45 of the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013;
- IN VIEW OF: the “Guidelines for the accreditation of Doctoral courses”, according to the Ministerial letter dated the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014;
- IN VIEW OF: the University regulation concerning Research Doctorate courses, issued with the Rector’s Decree n. 1605 of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013;
- IN VIEW OF: the urgent Rector’s decree n. 485 of the 26/06/14 relating to the activation of the Research Doctorate course in “**Economics, Management and Statistics**” – 30<sup>th</sup> cycle.

IT IS RESERVED the faculty to modify and integrate this Announcement by publicizing the changes on the University of Messina's website at the address:  
[http://www.unime.it/dottorati\\_di\\_ricerca/\\_bandi\\_dottorato](http://www.unime.it/dottorati_di_ricerca/_bandi_dottorato)

## DECREES

### Art. 1

#### Establishment of Research Doctorate (PhD) Course

The 30<sup>th</sup> cycle of Research Doctorate Course in “**Economics, Management and Statistics**” is established with its administrative headquarters at the University of Messina (here on denominated University).

The comparative selections for admission to the Doctoral course in “Economics, Management and Statistics” – 30th cycle, academic year 2014-2015, are announced, as indicated in the **attachment n.1**. The attachment n.1 is an integral part of this announcement where are indicated:

- The denomination of the Doctoral course;
- The type of degree required for admission;
- The conditions and selection criteria and the evaluation of candidates;
- The number of positions with and without a scholarship;
- Any other document required and/or different procedure, according to art. 6 of the University regulation concerning Research Doctorates, here on denominated Regulation.

The duration of the course is of three years with a predicted start on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014

The scholarships indicated in the **attachment n. 1** can be increased before the Course begins, in case financial support from other Universities and/or other private and public bodies will be available, and the relevant Agreements stipulated will have their juridical effects.

Information regarding these supplementary funds will be publicized on the University website at the address:  
[http://www.unime.it/dottorati\\_di\\_ricerca/\\_bandi\\_dottorato](http://www.unime.it/dottorati_di_ricerca/_bandi_dottorato)

### Art. 2

#### Admission Requirements

Candidates can apply, without limits to citizenship, who at the deadline for applications, are in possession of a Master degree (*laurea magistrale*) or any suitable foreign qualification, or rather, those who will obtain the qualification required by the day before the start of selection procedures; these candidates must send by email proof of the qualification obtained to the Research Doctorate Course Coordinator, penalty the exclusion.

The suitability of the foreign qualification will be ascertained by the Examining Committee of the Research Doctorate course according to the current laws in Italy and in the Country where the qualification was issued and in compliance with the treaties and international agreements concerning the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of higher education. Taking also into consideration what is specified at par. 5 of art. n. 11 of the Ministerial Decree (D.M.) n. 45/2013

All candidates are admitted to selections with reserve of verification of the declarations made, according to the President of the Republic decree (D.P.R) n. 445/2000 and subsequent modifications and integrations.

The University can in any moment during procedures and even after the start of courses make check-ups on the truthfulness of the declarations produced. In the case of false declarations the University can arrange in any moment, by provision of the Rector, the exclusion of candidates from selection procedures or from the doctoral course, not considering the penal responsibilities that thus derive.

### Art. 3

#### Application to selection procedures

The application, together with the compulsory documents needed, as indicated in the **attachment n.1** must be filled in and then sent via email, penalty the exclusion, by the 23.59 hour of the expiry date of 30 (thirty) days from the day after the publication of this Announcement on the Official Italian Government Gazette - 4<sup>th</sup> special series by using exclusively the form available at the online address: <http://www.dottorati.unime.it>

All applications that will arrive after this deadline and/or sent in a different way or are incomplete will be excluded from selection procedures.

Integration of documents will not be admitted after the expiry date of the of the Announcement. Candidates must necessarily attach only in a PDF format:

1. the documents requested in **attachment n. 1**;
2. receipt of payment of the amount of € 50,00 (fifty) as the necessary contribution for the participation to selections, to be paid by money transfer on the bank account indicated in the application form; which will not be refunded for no reason at all;
3. a signed photocopy of a valid document of identity;
4. A self-certification according to the President of the Republic decree (D.P.R) n. 445/2000 on the truthfulness of personal data, of the academic qualifications and of examinations taken, signed and dated;

European Union and NON European Union citizens who are in possession of foreign qualification/s obtained in a European Union and/or Non European Union country must attach a copy of the certificate/s containing the duration of the Degree course, list of the examinations taken with the relevant mark, the name of the University who has issued the qualification, the date of the qualification and the final evaluation, with the relevant translation in the Italian or English language, care of and under the responsibility of the declarant, regularly dated and signed. In the case of the candidate's admission to the course, this documentation must be produced and/or integrated at the moment of enrolment, according to art. 7 of the present Announcement.

The candidates with disabilities must specify in the application, according to the laws in force the necessary aids and/or the necessity of additional time for the completion of examinations.

The insertion of untruthful information in the application form will mean the exclusion from the final list in order of merit and the automatic loss of the right to enrolment, apart from sanctions that are applied by the penal code and the related specific laws.

**Art. 4**  
**The Examining Committees**

The Examining Committees for admission to the Research Doctorate Courses will be appointed by Decree of the Rector, on proposal of the Teaching board of the Course according to art. 7 of the University of Messina regulation concerning the Research Doctorate courses (D.R. n. 1605/2013) which will be published after the expiry date for applications on the University's website at the link: [http://www.unime.it/dottorati\\_di\\_ricerca/\\_bandi\\_dottorato](http://www.unime.it/dottorati_di_ricerca/_bandi_dottorato)

The coordinator will then be informed of the publication and subsequently will take care of all consequential obligations and communications.

**Art. 5**  
**Examinations**

The examinations, designed to verify the abilities and the aptitudes of the candidate for scientific research, are indicated in the **attachment n. 1** of this Announcement.

The examinations will be held at the University of Messina which is the administrative center of the Doctoral course.

The examination timetable, with the indication of the place, the day, the month and the hour of the exams will be published after the Announcement's deadline on the website of the University of Messina, at the link: [http://www.unime.it/dottorati\\_di\\_ricerca/\\_bandi\\_dottorato](http://www.unime.it/dottorati_di_ricerca/_bandi_dottorato) and **will have the value of official notification for candidates.**

In order to do examinations candidates must exhibit a valid document of identity.

For all candidates that make the request and are resident in areas that are 300 km distant from the administrative centre can do examinations via video-conference by means specific software.

The evaluation of qualifications is carried out by the Examining Committee before examinations.

It is not required the presence of the candidates at the moment of that evaluation.

The Committee in charge of the comparative evaluation of the candidates' qualifications must follow the following criteria in awarding the overall 100/100 points:

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Up to a maximum of 30/100 points**

- final graduation mark, a maximum of 5 (five) points, thus distributed: (110 and cum laude – 5 points, 110 – 4 points; from 109 to 105 – 3 points; from 104 to 100 – 2 points; from 99 and below – 1 point)
- examinations taken during the Degree course that are related to the Doctoral Course, up to a maximum of 5 (five) points
- Degree thesis in subjects belonging to the scientific-disciplinary sector (SSD) specific to the type of Doctoral course chosen (the quality and the originality of the thesis will be taken into consideration), up to a maximum of 5 (five) points
- Other qualifications (publications, research project, Vocational Master qualification, two reference letters and GMAT or GRE certificates), up to a maximum of 15 (fifteen) points.

**EXAMINATIONS:**

The examination will be held in the English language

Oral examinations: up to a maximum of 70 (seventy) points

The final mark of selection procedures, expressed in one hundredths, is the result of the sum of the points given to the examination and to the qualifications submitted for evaluation (qualifications and exam).

The results of the single evaluations of each candidate will be publicized at the Department, administrative center of the Course, care of the President and the Secretary of the Examining Committee.

At the end of the assessments, the Examining Committee draws up the general ranking list in order of merit (Graduatoria di merito) on the basis of the points obtained by candidates in order to award the scholarships.

The final list in order of merit will be published on the University's website at the address: [http://www.unime.it/dottorati\\_di\\_ricerca/\\_bandi\\_dottorato](http://www.unime.it/dottorati_di_ricerca/_bandi_dottorato) , and it has at all effects a legal notifying value. Subsequently it will be approved by Decree of the Rector.

## **Art.6** **Admission to Courses**

The final list in order of merit for each Course is one and only

The candidates are admitted, on approval, to Courses according to their position in the final ranking list until all positions for the Doctoral Course are covered.

The candidate, on the basis of the final list in order of merit, who is admitted to the Course must express the acceptance of the position within 15 days from the publication of the final evaluations by sending an enrolment application according to what is specified in the following art. 7.

Not applying for enrolment will mean the loss of any right to admission to the Course. The unoccupied positions will be assigned on the basis of the order of candidates in the final ranking list. The same procedure will be applied if anyone admitted to Courses declines within two months from the start of lessons.

In case of equal points between two or more candidates for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships, preference will be given on the basis of the economic situation of the candidates according to the general University regulations regarding the payment of students fees and contributions. For positions without scholarship, preference will be given to candidates with the lowest age.

Candidates who have already been admitted, on approval, to examinations according to art. 2 of this announcement, and in possession of suitable foreign qualifications, or those who will obtain the required qualification by the day before the start of admission procedures, in the case of suitable placement in the ranking list, can have access to the Course respectively after:

- a) favorable approval of the foreign degree;
- b) the actual attainment of the qualification needed for selection before the announcement deadline, penalty the exclusion.

The candidates who are already in possession of a qualification of Research Doctorate or have already attended the same or other Doctoral courses abandoned because of certified unexpected reasons can be admitted after passing selection procedures and without benefiting of a scholarship.

In the case of candidates, already in possession of the qualification of research doctorate obtained within the sphere of this University's Doctoral courses that are now part of the curricula of more wider Courses, will be admitted only to curricula that are different from the one which was attended and which was obtained the qualification. The determination of the single Doctoral Course no longer independently active is based on the consistency of the Teaching Board.

The holders of Research funds, according to the law n. 449/97 and subsequent modifications and integrations) will be admitted to Courses after passing the selection procedures and without benefiting of a scholarship

All public service employees, will be admitted to Courses after passing the selection procedures according to art. 12, par. 10 of the Regulation.

## **Art. 7**

### **Enrolment to Courses**

Candidates admitted to courses, with or without scholarship, must enroll definitely within 15 days from the date of publication on the University's website of the relevant final lists in order of merit.

The enrolment application to the Course, *together with the attachments required*, must be written and sent electronically, penalty the exclusion, by using the form prepared by the University administration and available on the website: <http://www.dottorati.unime.it>.

The enrolment application will be effective once all bureaucratic obligations necessary for the start of the doctoral activities are satisfied.

The candidates in possession of a foreign academic qualification obtained in a European Union country must attach to the enrolment application:

- certificate/s of the qualification/s possessed with attached a translation, in Italian or in English declared identical to the original text by the competent diplomatic or consular authorities abroad.

The candidates in possession of a foreign academic qualification obtained in a NON European Union country must attach to the enrolment application:

- certificate/s of the qualification/s possessed with attached a translation, in Italian or in English declared identical to the original text by the competent diplomatic or consular authorities abroad;
- a *Dichiarazione di valore in loco* issued by the competent diplomatic or consular authorities abroad, that certifies the duration of the degree course along with a list of the examinations taken and the relevant marks and also the academic value of the qualification in the Country that has issued it;

The citizens of NON European Union countries must also hand in a copy of their current *Residence permit* in Italy within 10 days after the start of all Doctoral course activities.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Course, the enrolment application, with stamp duty, must be submitted by the **30th of September of each year**, on forms prepared by the University and will be available on the website at the address: [http://www.unime.it/dottorati\\_di\\_ricerca/\\_bandi\\_dottorato](http://www.unime.it/dottorati_di_ricerca/_bandi_dottorato)

The false declarations in the enrolment application will mean the exclusion from the final list in order of merit, as well as, the sanctions that apply according to the penal code and the relevant special laws (President of the Republic Decree n. 445/2000, articles 75 and 76) and the immediate loss of any rights. In the above case, the University administration will retrieve any benefits conceded to the candidate and all fees already paid will not be reimbursed. False declarations will bring to a legal action by the interested counterparts for compensation.

## **Art. 8**

### **Incompatibility**

Enrolment at Research Doctorate Courses is incompatible with the contemporary enrolment at any degree, specialization, *vocational master* or any other Doctoral course in Italy or abroad.

Candidates who are enrolled at 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle degree courses, who are entitled to enroll to a research Doctorate course, are obliged to temporarily suspend their studies. Candidates who are enrolled at a School of specialization must also suspend their studies.

## **Art.9**

### **Fees and Scholarships**

The Research Doctorate scholarships have the duration of one year and are renewed after a specific verification by the Teaching Board of completion of the previous year's Course programme together with an

evaluation of the Research activities developed. The above mentioned rules apply to the academic years after the first one, for the renewal of apprenticeship contracts and of any other form of financial support.

The rules in this article do not apply to holders of foreign scholarships or the recipients of financial support obtained within specific mobility programmes regulated by specific norms.

The whole annual amount of the scholarship, granted in monthly instalments, is equal to € 13.638, 47 gross, before social security contributions that the Doctoral student must pay. In order to benefit of the scholarship the Doctoral student must not have a personal annual income above € 15.000,00 gross, according to the Academic Senate deliberation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2002

The value of the scholarship can be increased up to 50 % of the amount for an overall period not longer than 18 months and not less than 15 days if the Doctoral student is authorized by the Teaching Board to carry out research activity abroad.

The requests for study activity abroad, duly authorized by the Teaching Board together with information regarding the place, the period of stay and the motivation, must be sent by the Doctoral Course Coordinator to the Research Doctorate Management's Office at least *thirty days* before leaving in order to draw up the relevant Rector's decree.

From the second year, each Doctoral student, in addition to his scholarship and subordinated to the financial resources of the University, is assured a budget for research activity in Italy and abroad, according to the type of Course, and in any case for an amount not less than 10% of the whole scholarship as established by the Board of Governors deliberation of the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013. If the Doctoral student does not have a positive evaluation for the renewal of his scholarship or doesn't accept it, the amount not used will remain on the University budget for the same aims.

In the case of withdrawal or loss of rights of the Doctoral student who has a scholarship, the student is not entitled to the sum that remains of his scholarship.

The Doctoral student, when admitted to the Course, can decline the scholarship grant by sending an official communication to the Rector of the University. In this case, though maintaining his status, he/she loses all rights to the scholarship and the whole or partial amount can be attributed under the same conditions and terms to the first entitled Doctoral student without a scholarship.

The Scholarship is not combinable with any other scholarship apart from those grants given to integrate Research activity conducted abroad.

The Research Doctorate scholarship is subject to separate INPS social security contributions (*Gestione separata INPS*) that are paid for 2/3 of the amount by the University and 1/3 by the Doctoral student, according to the laws in force.

Candidates admitted to Research Doctorate Courses are obliged when they enroll each year to pay University fees and contributions for attendance to Courses, as deliberated by the Academic Organs.

The Candidates admitted with a scholarship must pay for each year, university fees, the regional tax for study rights and the virtual stamp duty of the total amount of € **197,59**, not taking into account any new recalculation of the amount needed for university fees as determined by the competent Academic organs.

The candidates admitted without a scholarship must pay the first instalment (deposit) of the enrolment fee of € **395,98**, which comprises the regional tax for study rights, not taking into account any new recalculation of the amount needed for university fees as determined by the competent Academic organs, and the second instalment (balance) by the date of 31<sup>st</sup> of July of each year.

Any further information can be requested directly at the Higher Education Sector of the University of Messina at the following telephone numbers: 090/6768502 – 090/6768575

## **Art.10**

### **Attendance, withdrawal and renunciation**

The attendance of doctoral students is compulsory and requires an exclusive full-time commitment.

It is the task of the Coordinator of the course to report the candidates that do not abide to attendance obligations to the Administrative Offices in charge. The Teaching Board, can withdraw candidates from the Doctoral Course in case of:

- a) Negative evaluation of the annual activity
- b) Unjustified and prolonged absences
- c) Serious non-observance of the rules that discipline the Research Doctorate course
- d) Infringement of the rules concerning incompatibility

In the case of withdrawal from the Course, the doctoral student is obliged to give notice at least one month before to the course Coordinator and to the Rector. to the sum that remains of his scholarship. Scholarships will be granted up to the date of withdrawal from the Course.

## **Art. 11**

### **Rights and obligations of Doctoral students**

The doctoral student is obliged to follow all the activities of his/her syllabus and to be dedicated on a full-time basis at the individual and guided study programmes and at the development of the research activity assigned.

At the end of each year of the Course, the doctoral student must submit to the Teaching Board a report on the research activity and the results that have been achieved, on the basis of this the Teaching Board decides the admission to the following years or to the final examination, or the exclusion from the Course and loss of the scholarship, if granted.

The Teaching Board can decide that the report submitted must be integrated with an oral presentation and/or interview, according to the rules established when the Research Doctorate course was activated.

The Doctoral students, as part of their educational project, can, after being authorized by the Teaching Board and without an increase in their scholarship, conduct tutorship activity to students of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle Degree courses in the relevant scientific-disciplinary field of the Doctoral course, as well as, any integrated didactic activity for the same degree courses within the limit of 40 hours in one academic year.

Public service employees that are admitted to Doctoral courses can benefit, for the normal duration of the Course, of leave according to the National Collective Contracts regulations. All employees, under public law, with or without financial support, can benefit of leave for study purposes compatible with the Administration's needs and according to Art. 2 of the law 13<sup>th</sup> august 1984, n. 476 and subsequent integrations, only if they have enrolled for the first time at a Doctoral Course of any scientific area. To all female Doctoral students the laws that concern maternity leave apply; according to the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare Decree of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (published in the Official Italian Government Gazette n. 247 of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007).

The University of Messina ensures all insurance coverage against accidents and civil liabilities for the whole duration of the course.

## **Art. 12**

### **The treatment of personal data**

According to the Legislative Decree n. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments and integrations, the University is obliged to respect the private nature of the information submitted by the candidate. By abiding



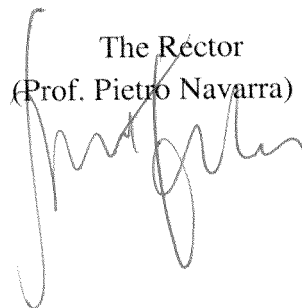
to the relevant laws in force, all data submitted will be treated for the purpose of selection procedures and for the management of the Doctoral student's career.

**Art. 13**  
**Final norms**

For anything not stated in this Announcement, the regulations contained in art. 4 of the law n. 210/1998 and art. 19 of the law n. 240/2010, the Ministerial Decree (D.M.) n. 45/2013, the University of Messina's regulation concerning Research Doctorates and other laws in force apply.

This Decree, written both in Italian and in English, will be given notice on the Official Italian Government Gazette – 4<sup>th</sup> special series, on the on-line notice board of the University, on the EU websites of Euraxess, the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) and on the University's website.

The Rector  
(Prof. Pietro Navarra)



The person in charge of Administrative procedures

(Dott.ssa Maria Pia Mangano)







# *Università degli Studi di Messina*

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA  
RESEARCH DOCTORATE COURSE in “ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND STATISTICS –  
30<sup>th</sup> CYCLE**

**ATTACHMENT n.1**

Research Doctorate course in “**ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT AND STATISTICS**”

**Curricula:** Economics  
Management  
Statistics

**Course Coordinator: Prof. Valentino Dardanoni, email: [valentino.dardanoni@unipa.it](mailto:valentino.dardanoni@unipa.it)**

**Degree required:**

**ALL** Master, specialistic or four-year degrees, or rather similar academic qualifications obtained abroad, already declared equivalent by the Italian authorities or rather, recognized as suitable for the participation to the public announcement for admission to the research Doctorate course by the Examining Committee. The Teaching Board can request Doctoral students who have obtained a Degree in fields with limited number of subjects in the economic area to integrate their curriculum with specific courses among those offered by the Master degrees

**Foreign students:** an equivalent qualification to Master, specialistic or four-year degrees or rather, the possession of a 1<sup>st</sup> level three-year degree and a *master* for those who have obtained a degree in a foreign University where there are not master, specialistic or four-year degree courses

**Selection criteria:**

**Evaluation of qualifications:**

Degree mark,

Final Thesis of Degree and/or Master Degree;

Evaluation of degree course examinations

Publications

Two Reference Letters from University professors

Research project of maximum 1000 words length on the subject on which the candidate wishes to concentrate during his studies.

The project will be a brief presentation of the scientific problems that the candidate wishes to deal with, a synthetic *review* of results already existent in literature, a description of the methodology that one wants to apply and a summary of the possible expected results

**Oral examination:** The oral examination will be held in the English language. For those candidates who live more than 300 km away from the administrative center it is possible to take the oral examination via video-conference with specific software by send a communication to the Doctoral course Coordinator by the day before the start of selection procedures.

***Positions***

***with Scholarship:***

**n. 6** (financed by the University of Messina) + **n. 9** in convention with UNIPA, UNICT and UNICZ.

***Positions***

***without scholarships:*** **n. 3**

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