



Rector's Decree No. 532/24 – 11/06/2024

**Call for the public selection
to the PhD program in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures
Cycle XL**

- Given the Statute of the University of Gastronomic Sciences issued with Rector's Decree No. 438/23 - 9/01/2023 and published in the Official Gazette General Series No. 17 on 01/21/2023;
- According to article 19 of Law of 30 December 2010, No. 240 - Provisions concerning research doctorates;
- Given the Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021 No. 226 - Regulations of the accreditation methods for PhD programs, the sites and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies;
- Given the Bill no. 2415/2022 - Provisions regarding simultaneous enrollment in two higher education courses;
- Given the agreement signed on 2/05/2022 between the University of Gastronomic Sciences and the University of Turin, for the activation of a PhD program in "Eco-gastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures";
- Given the Regulations for the discipline of Research Doctorate Courses, in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree 14/12/2021, No. 226 " Regulations of the accreditation methods for PhD programs, the sites and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited bodies";
- Considering the notes provided by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research (MUR) on 23 March 2022 - Guidelines for the accreditation of PhD program pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Regulations referred to in Ministerial Decree of 14 December 2021, No. 226;
- Given the resolutions of the Faculty Council on 22/05/2024 e and the Executive Committee on 23/05/2024;
- Taking note of the initiation of the preparatory phase of the ministerial accreditation procedure of the PhD program, in agreement with the University of Turin, in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures;



- Having evaluated the opportunity to start selection procedures under the conditions of accreditation and verification of the fulfillment of the requirements required by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research;

DECLARES

Article 1 – Foundation

The University of Gastronomic Sciences (hereinafter UNISG), in agreement with the University of Turin (hereinafter UNITO), activates, for the academic year 2024/2025 the cycle XL of the PhD Program in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and cultures (hereinafter the program), with its administrative office at the campus of the university, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, 9, Pollenzo (CN), 12042, Italy.

Therefore, a public call for admission to the three-year PhD program will be held at UNISG.

A total of 5 posts are available for selection, of which:

- 4 are with scholarships
- 1 is without a scholarship

The scholarships are distributed according to the conditions indicated in this call.

The post without scholarship is assigned to the applicant who ranks effectively in the final ranking.

Director of the doctorate program: Professor Nicola Perullo

Article 2 - Admission requirements

Candidates who hold a specialist undergraduate degree or a single-cycle degree, according to the old system, or a graduate degree (hereinafter referred to as degrees) according to the new system, or an equivalent academic title obtained abroad, which has been previously recognized by the Doctorate Evaluation Committee, can apply for admission to the Course without age or citizenship limitations. This recognition can also occur within the framework of international agreements or treaties and/or inter-university collaboration and mobility agreements.

Conditional admission is granted to **final-year graduates**, provided they receive their degree by the final deadline of 30/11/20, on penalty of forfeiture of the post. Candidates who are admitted conditionally to the public admissions exam, if successful, must:



- if the qualification has been obtained in a European Union member country, present a degree with the list of exams taken and the indication of the marks obtained - Diploma Supplement, by the mandatory deadline of 31/12/2024;
 - if the qualification has been obtained in a non-European Union country, present the request for a certificate of equivalence of qualification to the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the qualification was obtained, by the mandatory deadline of 31/12/2024.
- **Candidates in possession of a foreign academic qualification:**
 - already declared equivalent to an Italian specialist or graduate degree by an Italian University, must attach the Declaration of equivalence;
 - not having been declared equivalent to an Italian specialist or graduate degree must, solely for the purposes of admission to the chosen PhD Program to which they aspire, make an explicit request to the Evaluation Committee in the application for participation in the admissions procedure and complete the application itself of the following documents:
 1. in the case where the qualification has been obtained in a country of the European Union, the degree with the list of exams taken and the mark list - Diploma Supplement;"
 2. if the degree has been obtained in a country outside the European Union, a Declaration of Value, complete with the awarded degree, the list of exams taken, and the mark list, to be requested from the Italian representation (Embassy or Consulate) in the country where the degree was obtained.

If it becomes impossible to attach the Declaration of Value by the application deadline, the candidate must, however, attach to the application an Italian or English translation of the obtained degree with the list of exams taken and the grades achieved (*transcript*). In this case, the PhD Selection Committee has the authority to decide on the “*conditional admissibility*” of the candidate for evaluation. If such candidates with conditional status become the winners of the selection process, they must complete the enrollment process by supplementing the documentation with the Declaration of Value by 31/12/2024, under penalty of exclusion from participation in the program.

If the submitted documentation makes it impossible to declare the foreign degree valid, the winning candidate with “conditional status” will be considered ineligible and therefore disqualified.



All candidates must have an excellent knowledge of the English language in order to participate in the admission process.

Article 3 - Application for the admission

To apply for participation in the selection, the candidate must follow the following procedure, outlined in the “Summary guide to the application for participation in the selection for the PhD Program”:

- register on the University portal <https://unisg.esse3.cineca.it/Start.do> by entering your personal details, address, and contact details. The candidate must promptly communicate any changes;
- fill in the application for participation in the selection (fillable pdf) and upload the mandatory documentation* in pdf format;

*MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION

- Application for participation in the selection (fillable pdf);
- For candidates with a degree obtained in the EU:
 1. Scan of diploma in original parchment form, or provide a relative self-certification form (Attachment A) if the degree was earned from an Italian institution,
 2. *Diploma Supplement* and exam certificate (*transcript*) in the original language and translated into English for All EU countries except for Italy;
- For candidates with a degree obtained in a non-EU country:
 1. Scan of diploma in original parchment form in the original language,
 2. certificate of the exams taken (*transcript*) in the original language and translated into English,
 3. Declaration of value;
- Curriculum vitae, in Italian or English, indicating all qualifications (i.e., graduate degree, advanced courses, and specializations, other PhDs, etc.); any research activity or professional experience, proficiency certificate of English and any other foreign languages;
- Identity card/passport;
- *Abstract*, in Italian or English, of approximately 2,000 characters (about 350 words) of the specialist/graduate degree thesis in PDF format (For candidates whose graduate/specialist degree required the completion of one or more projects instead of a thesis, attach the 2,000-character abstract of the project(s) in PDF format.
- Proposal for a research project, in Italian or English, of about 6,000 characters (about 1,000 words) congruent with the training objectives and the subjects covered by the PhD. program, in pdf format;



- Motivation letter, in Italian or English, in pdf format, containing:
 - the reasons that led the applicant to apply to the PhD program,
 - description of the applicant's study experiences,
 - description of the applicant's past and present research interests, including those beyond the scope of the PhD program.

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTATION

- List of any scientific publications and a maximum of 2 full texts of the same publications cited in the list, in PDF format. Publications are considered valid for evaluation purposes even if presented as simple photocopies, provided they include the author's information, the title of the work, the place of publication, and, if applicable, the volume of the journal, encyclopedia, or essay from which they are derived. They must also be accompanied by a declaration of conformity to the original. In order to self-declare conformity to the original of the titles presented or their possession, the candidate must use the attached specimen form (Annex B) attached to the call;
- Any additional qualifications: for example, certifications related to proficiency in foreign languages other than English, certifications of other completed qualifications including the grades obtained in individual exams where available (e.g., Graduate degrees in subjects relevant to the PhD program, European Doctorates, activities at Institutions and Public bodies relevant to the program topics, etc.).

By filling out the application form for participation in the selection, the applicant is required to self-certify:

- to be in possession of civil and political rights;
- not to be enrolled in a PhD program at the same or another University;
- to have/not to have previously received another scholarship (even for only one year) for a PhD program;
- to be /not to be an employee of Public Administrations and on leave without pay for the duration of the PhD program;
- the commitment to attend, if admitted to the PhD program according to the conditions established in the Regulations and to participate in the activities for PhD. candidates at the university;
- to have/not to have previously benefited from another scholarship in a PhD program;



- not to combine the scholarship with any other scholarship granted for any reason except those granted by national or foreign institutions with study abroad benefitting the PhD candidate's research activities;
- to be aware that the Administration, at any time during the procedure and even after the start of the PhD program, can carry out checks on the truthfulness of the statements made and request the presentation of the original documents, ordering at any time, with a reasoned decision, the exclusion of candidates from the selection or the program for lack of the requirements outlined in this call;
- to be aware of the legal sanctions to be incurred in the event of false declaration or inclusion of information that no longer corresponds to the truth, as foreseen by Article 76 of Presidential Decree of 28 December 2000, No. 445;

Disabled candidates or those with learning disabilities (DSA), pursuant to Law No.104, 5 February 1992, must, during the *online* registration procedure, explicitly request, in relation to their disability, the necessary aids, as well as any additional time needed to take the test specified in this call. It is also specified that candidates with a diagnosis of specific learning disabilities (DSA), as per Law No. 170/2010, must present suitable certification issued no more than 3 years ago by National Health Service (SSN) authority or by specialists and facilities accredited by the same.

The *online* procedure for submitting the application to participate in the selection must be completed by the mandatory deadline of **26/07/2024**.

The Administration assumes no responsibility in the case of loss of information due to inaccurate address details provided by the applicant or failure or belated communication of the change of the same, nor for any electronic communication errors not attributable to the fault of the Administration itself.

Article 4 – Course Objectives

The PhD program in "Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures" is a multi-faceted and interdisciplinary academic and research program around the themes of food, nutrition, and gastronomy in its complete sense which according to the popular definition of Brillat- Savarin: "is the intelligent knowledge of whatever concerns man's nourishment". It is aimed at candidates interested in carrying out a frontier, innovative, and transversal research activity, which can enrich the respective and specific specialized fields of knowledge and skills from different areas which, when considered together, constitute the profound and complex nature inherent in the notion of food.



The University of Gastronomic Sciences and the University of Turin are committed to supporting research and training concerning the following topics:

- Food policies, social systems, and food sovereignty (Society, Food Policies, and Food Sovereignty)
- Food and perception, languages, arts, and food cultures (Food perception, food, and art, cultures, and languages)
- Food science, biodiversity, and sustainability (Food Science, Biodiversity, and Sustainability)
- Food, health, and human nutrition (Food, Health and Human Nutrition)

The PhD program is developed according to the following objectives:

- to prepare young researchers to start academic careers, in research institutions and study centers both at the national and international level, concerning the multi-faceted and inter-disciplinary world of food and gastronomy, understood as a complex system;
- introduce young scholars with high aptitudes to research in the business world in areas that require innovation and superior preparation concerning the world of food.

In particular, the PhD program will follow these objectives:

- a) mastery of critical analysis of the various social, scientific, and cultural systems in which gastronomic values are inscribed.
- b) Learning of the main scientific and cultural reference systems aimed at an ecological and sustainable vision of food and gastronomy, respecting not only the environment but also animal welfare and human health, both regarding the wholesomeness of food and proper nutrition.
- c) The development of a systemic and relational vision regarding food and nutrition, as a function of proposing virtuous models of food politics and diplomacy.
- d) experimentation of creative and innovative formats that integrate into the technological, social, and cultural processes of the production, processing, and consumption of food.

The program includes

- advanced research and advanced training activities, including seminars;
- interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary training activities, linguistic and IT skill enhancement activities, as well as activities in the field of teaching, research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, enhancement and dissemination of



results, intellectual property, and open access to research data and products, along with the fundamental principles of ethics and integrity.

Compulsory attendance is required for all activities.

Article 5 - Admission Procedure to the PhD Program

Admission to the program occurs following the successful completion of a comparative evaluation articulated in two phases identified in Articles 5.1 and 5.2.

the purposes of the final ranking, which is expressed in percentage, up to a maximum of 100 points can be attributed to the qualifications presented, as indicated in Article 5.1, letters a), b), c) of this call, and up to a maximum of 100 points for the second phase of evaluation.

5.1. First phase of evaluation

The first phase, for which the presence of candidates is not required, is not public.

The first phase begins with the definition of the evaluation criteria by the Selection Committee, based on which the qualifications and publications presented by the candidates will be evaluated. In particular, a specific score will be attributed to:

1. curriculum vitae (including a maximum of two relevant scientific publications related to the content of the PhD);
2. motivational letter written in Italian or English;
3. research project proposal.

The first phase continues with the evaluation by the Selection Committee, based on the evaluation criteria defined for the qualifications and documents indicated in the first paragraph of this article, and with the subsequent preparation of the ranking of those admitted to the second phase.

Only candidates who have obtained a score greater than or equal to 60% of the maximum score attributable to the evaluation of the qualifications referred to in this Article 5.1 will be admitted to the second phase. (60 points out of 100 attributable to qualifications).

The ranking of candidates admitted to the second phase of the selection will be published *online* on the UNISG website (<https://www.unisg.it/corsi-iscrizioni/corso-dottorato-ecogastronomia-scienze-e-culture-del-cibo/>) no less than ten days before the date set for the second phase of the selection itself.

The publication on the website is considered an official communication in all respects.



5.2. Second phase of evaluation

Candidates must present themselves at the second phase of the exam equipped with one of the following identification documents: identity card, driver's license, passport, or any other legal document required by law, provided they have a photograph and the stamp or an equivalent signature, issued by a government administration.

The second phase of evaluation consists of a written exam and a scientific and attitudinal interview with the Selection Committee according to the procedures and evaluation criteria established preliminarily by the Committee itself.

The **written test** consists of drafting a brief critical text based on a prompt drawn at the beginning of the test, selected from a pool of three prompts established by the Selection Committee the day before the test date. The text, which may be written in either Italian or English, aims to assess candidates' writing, synthesis, and critical thinking abilities on topics and issues related to the general scope of the PhD.

The **interview** concerns the applicants' general and specific preparation, discussion of their curriculum vitae and research project proposal, and may also involve discussion of any publications as well as their reasons for undertaking the doctorate program and subsequent professional research career path. The interview also includes a test of reading and comprehension in a language other than the applicant's first language (English for native speakers of Italian, Italian for applicants whose first language is not Italian). At the end of the second phase of evaluation, the Selection Committee compiles a final ranking based on the comparative evaluation.

Candidates with a final score lower than 120 points out of 200 will be considered ineligible.

In case of equal merit for the allocation of the scholarship, the evaluation of the economic situation of the candidate which is determined in accordance with the current regulations on the right to education and the related ministerial decrees that govern it prevails. As for the allocation of the place without a scholarship, the youngest candidate on the list will be eligible for admission.

The publication of the ranking on the website constitutes official communication in all respects.

5.3. Allocation of positions with scholarship and positions without scholarship

The allocation of the 5 positions with a scholarship is based on the position in the final ranking, compiled at the end of the evaluation.



Winning candidates with and without scholarships must confirm acceptance of the place within 2 working days following the date of publication of the ranking by sending a written communication via email to the Registrar's Office (dottorato@unisg.it).

After the aforementioned deadline, candidates who have not complied with the enrollment request will be considered as renouncing their place and other candidates will be inserted into the ranking list from among those who have satisfied the eligibility requirements.

Candidates may also accept the position while renouncing the scholarship. In this case, the first eligible candidate in the ranking list will take over the place with a scholarship.

For candidates with scholarships who have taken over such positions, the 2 working days to confirm acceptance will start from the date of publication of the updated ranking after the waivers.

After the aforementioned deadline, other candidates will take over according to the ranking order, as described above, until all positions with scholarships have been assigned.

Once the allocation of positions with scholarships has been assigned, the final ranking is drawn up based on the assignments and waivers of the previous phase.

Once the deadlines mentioned in this article for enrollment have elapsed, winning candidates without scholarships who have not complied with the enrollment request will be considered as renouncing their place and other candidates will be inserted into the ranking list from among those who have satisfied the eligibility requirements.

Article 6 - Evaluation Committee

The Rector, having heard the opinion of the PhD Program Coordinator, appoints, by his decree, the Committee responsible for the comparative evaluation of candidates.

The Committee is composed of the PhD Program Coordinator and two members of the Faculty Committee.

Article 7 - Methods of obtaining the PhD

The PhD student can take the final examination to obtain the PhD title after the expiration of the legal duration of the PhD program, which is 3 years.

The procedures for obtaining the degree are detailed in the Regulations for the PhD Program in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures - cycle XL.



Article 8 - Obligations and rights of PhD candidates

The program requires attending the courses annually indicated by the PhD program, seminars, and meetings with members of the PhD Council or other faculty members, as well as any practical training organized by research staff related to specialized topics, which may take place according to the methods determined by the academic bodies of UNISG.

Notwithstanding the rights of PhD students as provided by current regulations, the PhD program entails an exclusive and full-time commitment to the assigned research project. Therefore, PhD candidates are required to attend courses, seminars, and workshops. Participation and attendance in these activities will be certified in the manner specified from time to time.

PhD students may engage in additional tutoring activities as an integral part of the training project with prior authorization from the faculty council without an increase in the amount of the scholarship. Such tutoring activities can even be paid activities meant for undergraduate and graduate students which should not exceed the maximum of forty hours of supplementary teaching activities meant for each academic year.

According to the provisions of the University Regulations, the Faculty Council may authorize the PhD students to engage in paid activities that allow for the acquisition of skills related to the PhD program, after evaluating the compatibility of the same activities with the successful performance of the training, teaching, and research of the PhD program.

Every year, all PhD students are subjected to a check, according to the methods and procedures stipulated in the Regulations of the PhD program of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures, to certify that they have completed the program of activities planned for the previous year.

As indicated in the Regulations of the PhD. Program of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures, the renewal of the scholarships is subject to passing this verification.

In addition to what is foreseen in case of a negative outcome of the annual verifications, the Faculty Council, having obtained the opinion of the Course Coordinator, may also propose during the academic year the exclusion of the PhD candidate from the Program, resulting in the loss of any scholarship privileges, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation of the PhD Program in Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures.

With prior authorization from the PhD Faculty Council, PhD students are allowed to undertake periods of attendance for training and/or research activities at Universities, Scientific Institutes, research institutions, or international laboratories, according to the methods and timeliness approved by the Course Coordinator, for a period not exceeding 12 months in total over the three years of the Course.



Article 9 - Scholarships

The annual amount of the scholarship is €17,500 gross, subject to INPS social security contributions to the separate management of INPS, according to current regulations.

The scholarship is renewed annually for the duration of the three-year program, provided that the candidate has completed the program of activities planned for the previous year and has successfully passed the evaluations, according to the procedures established by the Regulations of the PhD program of Ecogastronomy, Food Sciences, and Cultures.

In addition to the scholarship and within the existing financial resources in the budget, each PhD student with a scholarship is guaranteed,

- a budget of 10% allocated for funding the costs associated with the conduct of research activities in Italy and abroad for PhD students starting from the first year of the program.
- a 50% increase in the PhD scholarship granted for periods of stay abroad of up to 12 months, recognized to the PhD student retrospectively for the periods actually spent abroad.

Scholarships cannot be combined with other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions to supplement the PhD student's research activities with stays abroad.

The scholarship is paid in monthly deferred installments.

Anyone who has benefited from a scholarship for a PhD program cannot apply for a second time.

Those who are already enrolled in a PhD Program without a scholarship can access a different PhD program, provided they pass its respective competition, as long as they renounce their previous doctoral enrollment and start again from the first year.

The scholarships are exempt from personal income tax (IRPEF), as required by Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984.

Article 10 – Personal Data Processing

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the information provided by the candidates: all personal data provided will be processed strictly for purposes related to and instrumental to the program and the management of the candidate's eventual relationship with the University, in compliance with the applicable regulations.

The data will be kept until the end of the legal limitation period for the purposes of defense or to assert a right in court, after the purpose (purpose of the processing) for which the data was collected has been exhausted.



Personal data will not be transferred to a recipient in a third country or any international organization outside the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA)

At any time, the data subject may: exercise their rights (access, rectification, erasure, restriction, portability, objection, absence of automated decision-making processes) as provided for in relation to the data controller, pursuant to Articles 15 to 22 of the GDPR; file a complaint with the Data Protection Authority (www.garanteprivacy.it); and, if the processing is based on consent, revoke that consent, noting that the withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of the processing based on the consent before its revocation.

Article 11 - Reference Regulations

For all matters not explicitly covered in this call, reference is made to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021- Regulation on the accreditation procedures for PhD programs and facilities, and criteria for the establishment of PhD courses by accredited institutions, to the current Regulations of PhD Programs of UNISG, as well as the applicable legislation and regulations in force about the PhD Programs in general.

This call, drawn up in Italian and English, is published on the Ministry website, on the UNISG website (<https://www.unisg.it/corsi-iscrizioni/corso-dottorato-ecogastronomia-scienze-e-culture-del-cibo/>) and the Euraxess website.

It should be noted that the Italian version of this call is the only legally binding version of its contents and, therefore, in the event of a dispute, the Italian version of the text will prevail.

Article 12 – Process in-charge

The person in charge of the Comparative Evaluation procedure of this call is the General Director of the University of Gastronomic Sciences - email: direttore@unisg.it - phone: 0172/458535/511.

Pollenzo, 11/06/2024

The Rector
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