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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN
LAW AND INNOVATION (EDITION XL – AA.AA. 2024/2027)
Scholarship financed by Ministerial Decree n. 630/2024**

Art. 1

Call for application

1. The University of Macerata has announced the following public competition for the selection of candidates for admission to the National Doctoral Programme in LAW AND INNOVATION (EDITION XL – AA.AA. 2024/2027), for **one subject-restricted scholarship, scholarship financed by Ministerial Decree n. 630/2024**.
2. The University of Macerata complies with the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, available on the university webpage: <https://www.unimc.it/it/ricerca/hrs4r/hrs4r-human-resources-strategy-for-researchers>.
3. According to Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14/12/2021, the activation of doctoral courses is subject to accreditation by the MUR. The winner, therefore, will be able to enroll only after the positive outcome of the accreditation process.
4. The details of the advertised fellowship position, given in the annex, form an integral part of this announcement and specify the Coordinator, the scientific disciplinary areas, the criteria envisaged for the preliminary evaluation and interview, and any requirements and obligations.
5. The doctoral programme will last three years, beginning on November 1st, 2024, and ending on October 31st, 2027.
6. Any changes, updates or additions will be published **exclusively** on the webpage: <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630>

Art. 2

Admission requirements

1. Applicants are invited before the submission deadline from those holding a three-year degree issued prior to the M.D. no. 509 of November 3rd, 1999, a Master's degree (single-cycle), or a second-level academic qualification issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM (Advanced Artistic and Musical Education) sector, or an equivalent foreign academic qualification (Master's degree) recognised as valid for participation by the Admission Committee. Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of gender, age, religion, or nationality.
2. All applicants must upload a copy of their academic degree qualification certificate and/or diploma as well as a list of the exams taken or a signed self-declaration of same. Candidates with a foreign certification must upload a copy of both Bachelor's and Master's degrees, along with the exams taken, and provide translations of these documents into Italian or English. In this case, candidates may provide further supporting documents to facilitate the assessment of the eligibility of the degree (e.g. Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value, etc.).
3. All candidates will be provisionally admitted to the selection process and will be excluded from the doctorate if, upon verification, it turns out that their qualifications do not meet the requirements for admission.
4. Applications may also be submitted by those who are awarded their degree in accordance with the provisions in paragraph 1, with the date of enrolment in the doctoral course, and in any case no later than September 20th, 2024. In this case, admission to the application process is conditional and enrolments are regulated by the provisions of Article 6.

Art. 3
Domanda di partecipazione

1. Applications may only be submitted, in Italian or in English, online at <https://pica.cineca.it/unimc/dott-2024-02/> , **no later than 23:59 p.m. (Italian time) of August 20th, 2024**. Candidates must enclose a copy of a valid identity document (identity card or passport) from which the expiry date of the document can be verified, and pay the non-refundable application fee of **€ 15**, in accordance with the telematic procedure. Eventuali domande presentate in modo difforme da quanto stabilito al comma 1 non saranno prese in considerazione.
2. Applications that do not follow the guidelines of the previous paragraph will not be considered. Applications that are not completed in full by the admission deadline (art. 3 par. 1), or that fail to include the statement of university degree records (art. 2 par. 1), ID (identity card or passport), or the payment of the application fee, will be excluded from the selection process.
3. **Application fees will not be reimbursed under any circumstances.**
4. Candidates may submit one application only. In the event of multiple applications, only the last submission in chronological order, will be considered valid.
5. Candidates intending to apply for a position with a scholarship must not have previously received a scholarship or partial scholarship for a doctoral programme. This condition must be self-certified in the application.
6. Candidates who have withdrawn scholarships financed by the PNRR as part of cycle XXXVIII and/or cycle XXXIX are not eligible to apply for a position with a restricted topic scholarship, as per M.D. No. 629 of April 24th, 2024 or M.D. No. 630 of April 24th, 2024. This condition must be self-certified in the application.
7. As part of the online application, applicants must submit a research proposal related to their chosen topic (maximum 13,000 characters including spaces).
8. Qualifications, publications and any other required documents must be submitted exclusively in electronic pdf format and attached to the online application.
9. Notwithstanding the application requirements set out in Art.2, all other documents presented must predate the deadline of this call.
10. The Interview Committee formulates the merit ranking based on the assigned scores, and it is approved by the decree of the Rector, through which the eligible candidates for the number of positions available in the competition are declared winners.
11. **No amendments or additions to the application can be made after it has been submitted.** Candidates may only withdraw it and submit a new one with all the necessary elements, by paying the application fee again, within the same deadline as the one indicated in paragraph 1 of this Article.
12. The validity of applications will be assessed by the University administration offices after the submission deadline specified in paragraph 1. The university reserves the right to request any additional information deemed necessary. Any false declarations will be subject to prosecution in accordance with current legislation.
13. Further communications concerning this call will be published on the webpage <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630>
14. L' The University does not assume any responsibility for any technical problems, internet issues or service interruptions. If a candidate provides an incorrect email address, the University will not be held liable for any failure to communicate with them. Furthermore, the University will not be held responsible for any problems or delays caused by third parties, unexpected events, or unforeseeable circumstances.

Art. 4

Admission Board

1. The Admission Board is appointed, upon designation of the Academic Board, by provision of the Rector, and is composed of university professors and/or researchers. The presidency of the admission Board will be held by the Coordinator of the PhD course or by his/her delegate.
2. The Admission Board may be supplemented by experts belonging to the entities and/or the company contributing to the funding of the scholarship, who participate without voting rights, with the exclusive task of supporting the Commission in identifying the profile most appropriate to the research topic inherent in the co-funded scholarship.
3. The composition of the PhD Admission Board will be made available publicly after the deadline of the call, on <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630>.

Art. 5

Procedura di selezione

1. L' Admission to the doctoral course will follow a selection procedure based on qualifications and examinations aimed at ascertaining the candidate's preparation, ability, and aptitude for research.
2. Each application will be subject to a preliminary assessment and will be declared eligible or ineligible for interview on the basis of the criteria established by the doctoral course Admission committee.
3. **Results of the aforementioned preliminary assessment will be exclusively published** on the webpage <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630> and this publication is considered an official notification.
4. Candidates who have been admitted to interview will be examined by the Admission Committee. The Committee will examine and assess the qualifications, skills profile, training, experience, and aptitude relative to the project proposal. The Committee will also ascertain the language proficiency levels indicated in the application form.
5. The interviews will be held in accordance with the schedule **posted, exclusively**, on the webpage on <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630>. It will specify the location of the in-person interview and the designated iperlink to the online interview.
6. **Applicants who are admitted to interview will be notified** through the publication of the interview schedule on the aforementioned webpage. The published schedule of interviews is considered an official notification. Therefore, the candidates must regularly check the aforementioned webpage.
7. Applicants residing or domiciled abroad who are admitted to the interview and have indicated in their application that they wish to be interviewed via video link are required to connect via the link provided on the website at <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630>.
8. If a candidate does not attend the interview, it will be assumed that they have withdrawn their application from the selection process.
9. At the end of the interview, the doctoral Admission Committee assigns each candidate a score on a scale from 1 to 10. Candidates who receive a score of 7 or higher will be considered to have successfully completed the interview. In the event of equal scores, priority will be given to the youngest candidate.

10. The Interview Committee formulates the merit ranking based on the assigned scores, and it is approved by the decree of the Rector, through which the eligible candidates for the number of positions available in the competition are declared winners. The final ranking list of successful candidates will be **exclusively** published on the webpage <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/ammissione-ai-corsi/ciclo-xl-bando-posto-dm-630-2024/dm630> thereby serving as official notification to candidates.
11. If there are no applications or no suitable candidates for the position advertised herein, the said position shall remain unassigned.
12. Since the restricted research topic scholarships have specific requirements and obligations, as detailed in the individual curriculum descriptions and as in the following art. 8, candidates who accept this type of scholarship must involve compliance with the above specific requirements and obligations.
13. Candidates wishing to decline a doctoral scholarship position will not be admitted to any position.
14. At the end of the selection process, all candidates will receive a copy of the evaluation of their candidacy made by the doctoral Admission Committee, including the results of the preliminary assessment and interviews, in compliance with the principles outlined in the [European Researchers' Charter](#).

Art. 6

Enrolment in the doctoral course

1. Successful candidates, as nominated in the final ranking, must complete their enrolment no later of September 20th, 2024.
2. The selected winners will not receive any further notice regarding the enrolment deadline.
3. Any failure to complete the enrolment by the deadline will be considered a withdrawal from the selection process.
4. **Failure to obtain the required degree within the terms established, implies non-admissibility to the doctoral programme and, as a result, the inability to proceed with the enrolment.**
5. Per effettuare l'iscrizione al corso di Dottorato è necessario:
 - a) logging at <http://studenti.unimc.it/Home.do> and complete the enrolment form within the deadline indicated in the approval decree;
 - b) proceed with the payment of the first instalment of the doctoral tuition fees and/or contributions ([Piano tasse](#));
6. uploading the following documents in the Attachments section of the enrolment form:
 - Dichiarazione del percipiente (all scholarship winners);
 - ISEEU 2024 declaration or ISEE for doctoral course 2024 declaration (for all scholarship winners who wish to benefit from the reduction of the second instalment of tuition fees);
 - Copy of residence permit or copy of the of the request receipt for obtaining a residence permit (non-EU citizens only);
 - Copy of a health insurance (private or Italian National Health Service) (non-Italian citizens only).

Il ricevimento da parte dell'Amministrazione della domanda di iscrizione e l'avvenuto pagamento delle tasse e/o dei contributi dovuti, entro il termine stabilito, sono necessari ai fini della conferma dell'accettazione del posto e del perfezionamento dell'iscrizione, pena l'esclusione.
7. Fees and/or registration contributions will not be refunded under any circumstances.
8. If a scholarship winner expressly or implicitly waives their entitlement, the scholarship will be awarded to the next successful candidate listed in the final ranking list.
9. The University of Macerata will notify those concerned of any change in the ranking list and the deadline for taking over via the contact e-mail address indicated in the application.

10. Registration in a doctoral programme is compatible with a simultaneous registration in other University courses pursuant to [Law n. 33 of December 4th, 2022](#).

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Art. 7

Further fulfilments for candidates with foreign qualifications and visa applicants

1. Winners with admission qualifications obtained in non-EU countries who have not already provided documents for assessing the authenticity and equivalence of the second level qualification obtained when submitting the application (e.g. Diploma Supplement, Declaration of Value issued by the Italian diplomatic authorities in the country where the qualification was obtained, certificate of authenticity and comparability issued by centres such as ENIC-NARIC), will have to provide these documents during the enrolment phase (online in the "Attachments" section) or within two months of the start date of the course.
2. The University reserves the right to request a declaration of authenticity and equivalence for qualifications obtained in EU countries, as well as the provision of the original documentation.
3. Candidates with foreign qualifications who do not present the required documentation at the time of submission of the application or enrolment process will be provisionally enrolled and will be subsequently excluded from the doctoral course if they fail to provide the requested documentation, or if, upon verification, they do not meet the requirements of art. 2. In such cases, any scholarship payments received must be returned.
4. After completing the enrolment, candidates who are required to obtain a visa to stay in Italy must register on the [University](#) portal, make a "pre-enrolment application" for the doctoral course and follow the procedure indicated therein for the purpose of issuing a visa.
5. Upon arrival in Italy, candidates are required to promptly send the following documents to scuola.dottorato@unimc.it, for the purposes of payment of the scholarship:
 - a) valid residence permit. Those who do not have a valid residence permit must request one within 8 days of arriving in Italy following the procedure indicated in the [University Portal](#) and send a copy of the proof of application the receipt issued by the Questura (local police);
 - b) tax code, issued by the Italian Revenue Agency. Those who are not in possession of this code must request one by following the instructions on the [University Portal](#).

Art. 8

Fulfilments on the part of recipients of scholarships funded by M.D. 630/2024

1. Doctoral students who have been awarded scholarships funded by M.D. 630/2024 are required to comply with the ministerial obligations set forth in the [Reporting Guidelines intended for implementing entities of the PNRR Italy interventions of which the Ministry of University and Research is the titular administration](#).
2. The obligations established by the Ministry must be fulfilled and followed through the designated hyperlink: [ministerial platform dedicated to scholarship holders](#). In particular, the owners of scholarships must enter the Declaration of Acceptance of the Doctoral Scholarship (Attachment 1 to

the Guidelines), the Semi-annual Reports of the activities carried out (Attachment 2 to the Guidelines), as well as annual reports on their activities.

Art. 9

Scholarships

1. The scholarship for attending the doctoral course, set by the [M.D. no. 247 of February 23rd, 2022](#), is valued at a gross annual amount of € 16,243.00 for each recipient.
2. Scholarship recipients must sign up with INPS Separate Management Registration, pursuant to art. 2 par. 26 of the [Law n. 335 of August 8th, 1995](#), and the provisions of art. 4 of [Law no. 476 of August 13th, 1984](#).
3. Scholarship owners, who intend to carry out paid activities during the three-year PhD programme, must be authorised by the Academic Board. **The gross annual personal taxable income, compatible with the doctoral scholarship, should not exceed the amount of the scholarship defined by [M.D. no. 247 of February 23rd, 2022](#), stated in par. 1 of this article.**
4. **The compliance of the aforementioned limit will be assessed by the University administration offices from the first tax period following the start date of the course. If the gross annual personal taxable income exceeds the provided limit, the grant shall be suspended and the scholarship owner should be returned to the University unduly received monthly payments.**
5. The scholarship is not compatible with research grants, or any other scholarships, except in specific cases, such as those grants awarded by national or foreign institutions to enable scholars to spend time abroad for training and/or research activities.
6. The assignment of the scholarship is annual and is confirmed when the candidate has passed the verification tests for admission to the following year which are conducted by the Academic Board.
7. An increase of 50% to the scholarship is granted for research activities carried out abroad, with prior approval from the doctoral student's supervisor.
8. The fruition of the scholarship excludes the establishment of a subordinate employment relationship with the University.

Art. 10

Grants for research activities

1. In order to pursue research activities in Italy and abroad, **each doctoral student of the National Doctoral Programme** is granted an annual budget allowance of up to 10% of the amount of the scholarship, in accordance with Art. 9 co. 4 of [M.D. no. 226 of December 14th, 2021](#).

Art. 11

Regional grants for the right to study

1. Applicants to the competition for admission to PhD courses may apply for the allocation of benefits from the Regional Authority for the Right to University Education (Ente Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario ERDIS), according to the provisions set out in the website <https://erdis.it/>.

Art. 12

Taxes and university fees

1. Taxes (Regional Tax for Higher Education, public liability insurance and stamp duty) and annual university fee (Contributo Onnicomprensivo Annuale, COA) for the attendance of the doctoral programmes are indicated on the webpage: <https://www.unimc.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca/dottorandi/iscrizioni-e-tasse>.
2. The amount of the annual university fee (COA) depends on the student's ISEE for the doctoral course (Financial Revenue Status Index), in accordance with the Students' payments guidelines which can be consulted at <https://www.unimc.it/it/ateneo/normativa/regolamenti-di-ateneo/didattica-e-studenti>.
3. **In line with the Stability Law (Legge di Stabilità) of December 11th, 2016 par. 262**, PhD students who have not been granted any scholarship are exempt from paying enrolment fees. Nevertheless, they are required to pay Regional Tax for Higher Education, public liability insurance and stamp duty.
4. **Pursuant to art. 15 of the Regional Programme for the right to study - Academic year 2024/2025 (Art. 6, R.L. 20 February 2017, no. 4)** those who for the same academic year are enrolled at the same time in two higher education courses, pursuant to **Law no. 33 of April 22th, 2022**, based in the territory of the Marche Region are required to pay the Regional Tax for Higher Education only for the first of the two enrolments, proving proof of payment at the time of the second enrolment.
5. Taxes and annual university fees exemption, with the exception of public liability insurance and stamp duty, is granted to individuals who:
 - a) obtained or are eligible for ERDIS grants;**
 - b) have a disability, recognized by law, equal to or greater than 66%.**
6. Withdrawal after enrolment or during the doctoral course does not entitle the student to a refund of paid taxes and fees.

Art. 13 Personal Data Processing

1. In accordance with Art. 13 of **2016/679/UE - GDPR**, notice is hereby given that the University of Macerata is committed to respecting the confidential nature of the information provided by candidates: all personal data will be processed only for the purposes connected to and instrumental to this call, according to existing laws.
2. The Data Controller of personal data is the University of Macerata, with headquarters in Macerata, via Crescimbeni nn. 30-32, in the person of the Rector as Legal Representative. The Data Controller can be contacted at urp@unimc.it or at the PEC address ateneo@pec.unimc.it.
3. The Data Protection Officer, designed in pursuant to Article 37 of the GDPR, operates in conjunction with the Data Controller. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the following email address: dpo@unimc.it.
4. All selection process records are public. In accordance with **Law No. 241 dated 7th August 1990**, whoever has a legally relevant interest is entitled to legally exercise the right to access said records within 60 days of their approval.

Art. 14 Officer in Charge of the administrative procedure

1. Pursuant to [Law no. 241 of August 7th, 1990](#) and subsequent amendments, the officer in charge of the administrative procedure is Dr. Giovanni Gison, Scientific Research Area and Doctoral Office, via Don Minzoni, 17 – 62100 Macerata (e-mail: scuola.dottorato@unimc.it; PEC: ateneo@pec.unimc.it).

Art. 15

Final Provisions

1. Doctoral students are required to observe the provisions of the [Code of Ethics of the University of Macerata](#).
2. For all issues not provided for in this call for applications, please refer to the Regulations containing the procedures for accreditation of centres and doctoral programmes and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited institutions ([Ministerial Decree n. 226 of 12/14/2021](#)) as well as the University Doctoral Regulations ([R. D. No. 81 of 01/03/2023](#)).

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN
LAW AND INNOVATION
(CYCLE XL – AY.AY. 2024/2027)
Scholarship financed by Ministerial Decree n. 630/2024**

Coordinator: Prof. Fabrizio Marongiu Buonaiuti

PRE-ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	1. Consistency of the candidate's prior study with his/her chosen doctoral program.
	2. Consistency, quality and originality of the project presented, in view of his/her chosen research topic.
	3. Suitability of the candidate's scientific profile based on his/her project submission.
Topic	Details
SLM: A linguistic model for psychological support	<p><u>Description of activities</u></p> <p>The project is highly multidisciplinary, crossing aspects of constitutional law, applied economics and computer engineering.</p> <p>The research focuses on creating an SLM for emotional support in the field of psychology and develops a chatbot with a user-friendly user interface. The model must guarantee wide accessibility both to industry experts and to the public of end users.</p> <p>On the legal side, the research concerns the regulatory framework of AI in a transnational context.</p> <p>The emphasis is placed on the comparison between different regulatory approaches that are emerging at an international level regarding the control that can be placed between humans and machines.</p> <p><u>Obligations for fellows</u></p> <p>Periods of study and research at the operational headquarters of the Synapsia s.r.l. company. for at least six (6) months, even if not continuous, over the three-year period 01/11/2024 – 31/10/2027.</p> <p>Periods of study and research abroad at the headquarters of BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY (Beijing-China) for at least six (6) months, even non-continuously, over the three-year period 01/11/2024 – 31/10/2027.</p>
Subjects on which the INTERVIEW will focus	Presentation and critical discussion of the research project; assessment of knowledge relating to the indicated research topic; knowledge of foreign languages
EVALUATION CRITERIA for the INTERVIEW	1. Originality and articulation of the project in relation to the research topic chosen by the candidate
	2. Evaluation of the educational and working profile, including extra-university ones
	3. Presence of national and international mobility experiences consistent with the candidate's CV and the project presented
	4. Verification of competence in the foreign language(s) indicated
	5. Consistency of the previous studies with the chosen topic
Specific requirements for the application	Knowledge of at least one foreign language among: English, Spanish, French.