

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA "LA SAPIENZA"

Ph.D. Schools of the University of Roma La Sapienza Call for Applications to fellowships and admission of Foreign Nationals Educated Abroad

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1. Announcement

The Università di Roma "La Sapienza" offers n. 14 Ph.D. fellowships for attaining the degree of "Dottore di Ricerca" (Ph.D.) in the Doctoral Schools listed in appendix.

Each fellowship amounts to 19.800,00 € per year; this amount includes national insurance (INPS) contributions that fellowship recipients are required to pay (8,57% for 2009).

The Ph.D. Programme lasts for three years and may be extended to a fourth year (without grant), subject to approval by the School authorities. At the end of the first and second year of attendance, students have to be evaluated as proficient according to the rules of the Schools.

Applications are opened to candidates who:

- are not Italian citizens;
- are not residents of Italy;
- have obtained an academic qualification abroad by a non-Italian institution which satisfies the entrance requirements for admission to the Doctoral Programme, *i.e.*, a degree equivalent to the Italian diploma di laurea/laurea specialistica/laurea magistrale, or expect to obtain it before 31 July 2009. The equivalence of each qualification to the relevant Italian degree will be ascertained (for the sole purpose of this competition) by the Academic Board of the Schools.

2. Selection and admissions

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of information required in 4.2.

The evaluation will be made by a selection Board consisting of the Committee for Ph.D. courses of the Università "La Sapienza" and the representatives of the Ph.D. Schools Coordinators.

Each selected candidate will be assigned to a Doctoral School. Each Doctoral School will decide in which Programme (within those belonging to each School, *see enclosure*) to enrol the candidate on the basis of both his/her preferences and interests.

3. Attainment of Ph.D.

Students must attend the courses and the seminars offered by their Programme, pass the related examinations, and prepare a Ph.D. dissertation, which must have original results.

The Ph.D. title is obtained at the end of the third year after the candidate dissertation and its positive evaluation made by an independent Jury appointed by the Rector. The discussion may be delayed with the approval of the School authorities, but not for more than one year.

4. Applications and deadline

To submit the application candidates must:

4.1 download the application form available on the website page:

<http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti/laureati/dottorati/default.php>

fill it and send it by e-mail, no later than 30 April 2009, to the address of the School of their choice (*see Schools Directors e-mail list, enclosed*)

4.2 The following information should be sent to the same address, also by e-mail:

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- *Curriculum vitae et studiorum* in English;
- a declaration of advanced knowledge of English language;
- a report on any research carried out by the candidate (if any);
- a list of publications (if any);
- any further qualification and information the candidate wishes to be taken into account;
- a brief statement explaining his/her Doctoral School choice;
- a description of the candidate's scientific interests;
- a very short research project (if any).

Furthermore, two letters of reference by university professors or eminent researchers/experts of equivalent status; such letters must be sent directly to the Directors of the Schools (*see e-mail addresses, enclosed*).

The deadline for submission of the applications and information required in 4.1 and 4.2 is 30 April 2009

The University may exclude at any time candidates lacking admission requirements.

5. General rules

Doctorate fellowships are incompatible with any other one granted by Italian or International subjects.

Fellowships cannot be awarded to candidates who have already (either entirely or partially) benefited from a similar grant to attend a Ph.D. Course provided by an Italian University or by an International Institution.

6. Operational indications

The list of winners, and of those who may be considered as eligible if places become free, will be published on the official web-site

<http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti/laureati/dottorati/default.php>

within **30 May 2009**.

Winners will find the indication of the deadline for accepting the fellowship and instruction how to complete the enrolment in the academic year 2009/2010 on the above mentioned web-site.

The annual entrance fee amounts to € 25,00.

Formal certificates of the declared academic qualifications and transcripts of the academic curriculum should be sent upon awarding of the fellowships **no later than 10 September 2009**.

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