



Rectoral Decree No. 3042

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE RESEARCH DOCTORATE COURSE IN
MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES - HISTORY, LAW & ECONOMICS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025 (CYCLE XL)**

THE RECTOR

CONSIDERING Article 4 of Law of 3 July 1998 No. 210, modified by Article 19, Paragraph 1, of Law of 30 December 2010, No. 240;

CONSIDERING the Statute of LUMSA (Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta);

CONSIDERING Ministerial Decree 14 December 2021, No. 226, published in the Official Gazette 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 doctorate courses by accredited bodies”;

CONSIDERING Ministerial Decree of 24 April 2024, No. 630, relating to the allocation of funding amounting to € 480,000.00 for the year 2024-2025, with the co-financing of research costs by partner companies, of scholarships under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), M4C2 – Investment 3.3, “Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of businesses and promote the hiring of researchers by businesses”;

CONSIDERING the “Regulation on Research Doctorate Courses”, issued by Rector’s Decree No. 2546 of 7 March 2022;

CONSIDERING the resolutions of the relevant academic bodies;

Decreets:

ARTICLE 1 - ESTABLISHMENT

Henceforth is established the Research Doctorate Course in MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES - HISTORY, LAW & ECONOMICS - Cycle XL, 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, Universities 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 name: 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: 5 (five)

LUMSA scholarships: 3 (three)

National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) Scholarships - Ministerial Decree of 24 April 2024 No. 630: 1 (one)

Places without scholarship: no. 1 (one)

Course duration: 3 (three) years.

Note that 1 (one) scholarship is funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) as per Ministerial Decree of 24 April 2024 No. 630, by the European Union Next GenerationEU fund, and is intended for specific projects consistent with Investment 3.3 “Introduction of innovative doctorates that meet the innovation needs of businesses and promote the hiring of researchers by businesses”, with a mandatory in-company study and research period of a minimum of 6 months and study and research period abroad of a minimum of 6 months:

- No. 1 (one) scholarship for carrying out a research project entitled “*Succession in order to guarantee family business continuity: inter vivos and mortis causa perspectives*”, in collaboration with the company *UEM Srl*.

Note that additional scholarships may be allocated to specific projects in the event that specific funding is allocated by external bodies. Doctoral scholarships associated with the Regional Plan (PR) European Social Fund+ (ESF+) Sicily 2021 - 2027 will also be paid if the funding for the 2024-2025 academic year is allocated.

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 permitting access the doctorate: Classes of Master's degrees in law (LMG/01), International relations (LM-52), Economics sciences (LM-56), Sciences of public communication, business and advertising (LM-59), Sciences of politics (LM-62), Public administration sciences (LM-63), Economics and business sciences (LM-77), Philosophical sciences (LM-78), Development cooperation sciences (LM-81), Statistics sciences (LM-82), Actuarial and financial statistics sciences (LM-83), Historical sciences (LM -84), Social services and social policies (LM-87), Sociology and social research (LM-88).

Course venue: Department of Law, Economics and Communication - Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo.

Admission assessments: curriculum studiorum et vitae, any publications, the research project plan, and the oral exam.

Additional admission requirements:

For all candidates: good knowledge of English.

For foreign candidates: good knowledge of Italian.

Achievement of the admission requirements (see Article 2) within 7 (seven) prior to the deadline of this call.

Availability to carry out a period of mandatory mobility abroad of at least 6 months (also non-continuously) for the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) scholarship as per Ministerial Decrees 630, or of at least 3 months (also non-continuously) for the LUMSA scholarships.

The calendar of exams, and indications on how they will be carried out, will be published before the oral exam on the LUMSA website, <https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione>, under the Calls section.

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

Exam venue: Department of Law, Economics and Communication, Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo.

Person in charge of the procedure: Dr. Anna Rosa De Angelis - LUMSA - Via Filippo Parlatore, 65 - 90145 Palermo - Tel. (+39) 091 6810761 - E-mail address: concorsi.dottoratipa@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. The admission requirements must be obtained within 7 (seven) years prior to the deadline of this call.

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, admission will be considered "conditional" and the candidate will be required to submit, under penalty of exclusion from admission, on enrolment for 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 - ADMISSION APPLICATIONS

Applications to participate in the call must be submitted by 12.00 pm (Italian time) on 08/08/2024.

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 applications are detailed in the Guidelines for Call Applications, made available at <https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione>.

Candidates are required to submit the following documentation:

- a) Double-sided photocopy of a valid identification document;
- b) Photocopy of tax code/health card (for Italian citizens only);
- c) 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 for relevant exams, accompanied by self-certification of the presumed graduation date (to be achieved by 31 October 2024), for candidates who will obtain the qualification in Italy by 31 October 2024;

- 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;
- h) ANNEX 1: Self-certification for the call for applications to the PhD in Mediterranean Studies - History, Law & Economics – Cycle XL (annexed to this call);
- i) 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;
- j) certification or self-certification of any research grants received.

Note 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 2024 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 doctorate 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.

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 e-mail to the e-mail address indicated by the candidate.

Pursuant to 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 (concorsi.dottoratipa@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 the EU Reg. 2016/679, and specific provisions for the management of data relating to persons with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs). All the relevant documentation is available upon request by writing to privacy@lumsa.it.

ARTICLE 4 - EXAMINATIONS

The selection process for the doctorate will be carried out in two phases aimed at ascertaining the candidate's abilities and aptitudes for scientific research in the areas referred to in the curricula that make up the doctorate, as well as adequate knowledge of the English language.

The first selection phase consists in the evaluation of the following: a) the curriculum studiorum et vitae; b) any scientific publications; c) the research project plan.

Candidates will not be present during this first phase of evaluation of the applications.

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: a) relevance to the central topics of the doctorate, in one of the curricula indicated above; and for the scholarship funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) by the European Union Next GenerationEU fund, relevance to the project funded by the PNRR; b) the innovative potential for research; 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.

The second phase of the selection consists of an oral exam, aimed at: a) discussion of the presented

research project; b) assessment of knowledge of the English language, and, for foreign candidates, knowledge of the Italian language, considering that a good knowledge of the Italian language is required for admission to the PhD programme; c) assessment of knowledge of the topics of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) projects referred to in Article 1, in the event that the candidate declares an interest in competing for the assignment of a National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) scholarship. To sit the oral exam, 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 a photograph and official stamp or equivalent issued by a State Administration.

The oral exam is conducted publicly.

Candidates of foreign nationality may request to sit the oral exam in English, by indicating their desire to do so in Annex 1 of this call. During the interview, the Selection Board will also ascertain the level of knowledge of the Italian language of the candidate.

The absence of a candidate on the day and time of the oral exam 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 first selection phase (evaluation of relevant qualifications) 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 first selection phase will be admitted to the oral exam. Notice of the oral exam and how it will be carried out will be published on the LUMSA website at <https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione>.

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, the younger applicant will be selected, and, in the event of a further tie, the applicant with a Master's degree mark will be selected.

The Selection Board will make the results public through publication on the LUMSA website at <https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione> (under the Rankings section). For the purposes of respecting privacy, the system used will generate a unique identification code (Application Code) which will be used to identify the candidates admitted to the selection exam(s) and in the merit rankings, as per the Guidelines for Call Applications.

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 e-mail and/or to the candidate's physical address.

ARTICLE 6 - FINAL RANKING LIST & ADMISSION TO THE COURSE

Applicants who pass the admission tests and win one of the call places will be admitted to the doctorate courses according to the order of the general merit ranking, up to the number of places available.

In cases of equal merit, the younger applicant will be selected, and, in the event of a further tie, the applicant with a Master's degree mark will be selected.

ARTICLE 7 - COURSE ENROLMENT

The enrolment procedure for the PhD course is online and must be carried out by 31/10/2024.

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

Doctoral students without a scholarship must additionally pay a second instalment (equal to € 1,100) and a third instalment (equal to € 1,100) by the deadlines set at the beginning of the academic year and published on the web page <https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione> (under the Information and Forms section).

Candidates admitted to the PhD course must send their formal acceptance via e-mail (dottorati@lumsa.it) within 5 days of the publication of the final ranking. Beyond this deadline, the candidature will be considered withdrawn, and the corresponding doctoral places will be made available to the next suitable 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 et seq., of Law of 8 August 1995, No. 335, 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, equal to at least one continuous month.

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

On enrolling in the PhD course, doctoral students receiving a PNRR scholarship will be asked to sign a letter of commitment to carry out the research project admitted for funding and to comply with the obligations set by the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), under penalty of revocation and return of the scholarship.

Note 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 PhD course, PhD students receiving a scholarship funded or co-funded by external bodies will be asked to sign a letter of commitment to comply with the obligations set out in the respective agreements, under penalty of revocation of the scholarship and the return of the amounts already received at the time of withdrawal.

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 academic year 2024-25, published on the website www.ersupalermo.it. Applications must be submitted by the deadline indicated by the Sicilian Regional Body for the Right to University Study (ERSU), and before applying for the doctoral selection or the



outcome of the final ranking.

ARTICLE 9 - RIGHTS & DUTIES OF PHD 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. It is also under the discretion of the Academic Board to authorize any double enrolment of doctoral students in specialization schools, postgraduate courses, degree courses, etc.

To this end, a self-certification form concerning work activities and double enrolments will be provided to the candidates admitted to the oral exam.

The rights and duties of the doctoral students are governed by Article 15 of the Regulation on Research Doctorate Courses (<https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione>).

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 “Regulation on Research Doctorate Courses”.

ARTICLE 11 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

Pursuant to 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 - FINAL PROVISIONS

For matters not provided for in this call, reference shall be made to the “Regulation on Research



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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 “Regulation 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 – E-mail address: concorsi.dottoratipa@lumsa.it - segreteriapalermo.lumsa@pec.it.

This call for applications is published on the LUMSA website (<https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione>), on the European Euraxess website, and the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) website.

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, 10 June 2024

THE RECTOR
(Prof. Francesco Bonini)

ANNEX 1

Self-certification for the call for applications to the PhD in Mediterranean Studies - History, Law & Economics – Cycle XL

The undersigned _____

TAX ID CODE _____

Place and date of birth _____

Tel. _____

Certified e-mail address _____

DECLARES

- to:
 - be
 - not bein service at a public administration or other public body; specify which if applicable:
_____;
- to:
 - have
 - not havepreviously received a scholarship (even for just one year) for a PhD course;
- to:
 - have
 - not haverefused a scholarship funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) in Cycle XXXVIII or Cycle XXXIX;
- to:
 - be
 - not be



enrolled in _____ (specify the degree course/master's course/specialization school, etc.) at _____ from _____ for the duration of _____;

- To be interested in competing for the following announced place(s) (*multiple choices allowed*):

National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) scholarship, as per Ministerial Decree 630, entitled “*Succession in order to guarantee family business continuity: inter vivos and mortis causa perspectives*”, with mandatory study abroad for at least 6 months and a period of study and research of at least 6 months in the company *UAM Srl*;

LUMSA scholarship with mandatory study abroad for at least 3 months;

Place without a scholarship.

For candidates of foreign nationality only:

- To want to take the oral exam:

in English

in Italian

Finally, the undersigned declares to have read the Regulation on Research Doctorate Courses published on the university website (<https://lumsa.it/it/dottorati/iscrizione>) and to be informed, as per EU Regulation EU 2016/679 that the personal data entered by completing this form will be processed by Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta in accordance with the provisions (regarding the data controller, DPO, purpose, conservation, legal basis, transfer and rights) indicated in the Personal Data Processing Notice, as per Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679.

Date _____ (Signature) _____