



Appendix 3

Instructions for the assignment of 3 positions at the Galilean School of Higher Education reserved for PhD students enrolled in the first year of PhD courses at the University of Padua for A.Y. 2025/2026 – XLI Cycle

Art. 1

Available positions

The Galileiana School of Higher Education (SGSS) offers 3 doctoral student¹ positions starting from A.Y. 2025/26. Each of the three Areas of the SGSS (Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences) is allotted one of the three places and the participation of candidates in the corresponding selections will take place following the correspondences between PhD Courses and Areas of the SGSS described in Article 6 below. Admission to the SGSS requires enrollment in one of the PhD Courses offered by the University of Padua.

Art. 2

Submission of Applications

Applicants may apply to participate in the selection for SGSS doctoral student positions exclusively when applying for the Call for Admission to PhD Courses at the University of Padua for the XLI cycle.

Art. 3

Admission selection

For each PhD Course that has published the ranking list by July 4th 2025, the candidate with the highest score in the ranking list of the respective Course and who has applied to one of these doctoral student positions will be selected. In case there are separate rankings by curricula or separate selection procedures, however, only the candidate with the highest score in the Course will be selected. In the case of candidates with equal scores, the younger candidate will be given preference.

Each candidate will then be assigned to the respective Area according to the correspondences described in Art. 6. For the Natural Sciences Area only, the 8 candidates with the highest score in the respective ranking of the PhD Course will be admitted to the online oral exam.

The admission selection for the SGSS consists of an on line oral interview to discuss and evaluate the candidate's motivation for becoming a Galilean student, his doctoral research project, and his intended contribution to the life of the SGSS. The date of these interviews and the respective convocation will be published on <https://scuolagalileiana.unipd.it>

Art. 4

Selection committees and ranking list

The selection committees for the SGSS admission, one for each Area, are composed of at least 3 members and are appointed by SGSS Director, who chooses among professors of established experience and professionalism in the subject areas covered by the examinations.

The committees will assign up to 100 points to the oral exam of each candidate, considering the selection is

¹ Hence forth, terms relating to persons are given in the masculine form for the sole purpose of ensuring better readability of the text but refer indiscriminately to all genders.

passed with a score of at least 70 points. The committees will formulate the final ranking of winner and eligible candidates in order of merit: all candidates who score at least 70 points will be considered eligible. This ranking list will be available on the SGSS website. Such publication shall serve as notification for all legal purposes. In the event of a tie in the final score, the younger candidate shall take precedence in the ranking list. Winners must confirm their acceptance of the position according to the instructions and timing that will be communicated via email.

Enrollment in a PhD Course at the University of Padua is binding. If the winner rejects the Galilean doctoral student position or if he does not finalise the enrollment in a University of Padua PhD Course, the position will be offered to the next candidate on the ranking list.

Should one of the rankings run out of eligible candidates, the SGSS Board of Directors may, by special resolution, award the vacant position to the best-ranked candidate from one of the other Areas.

Art. 5 Rights and duties of students

SGSS doctoral students enjoy:

- free lodging and board at university residences and canteens, according to the relevant regulations in force, for the entire official duration of their PhD Program and for three months after the end of the programme, throughout the academic year, excluding vacation periods, the month of August and any additional periods that will be communicated in advance and justified;
- a one-time educational contribution of €4,000 for participation in off-site study and research activities;
- a one-time contribution of €5,000 in addition to their research activity budget provided for in DM 226/2021.

SGSS doctoral students will have to abide by all the rules stipulated in the regulations in force in SGSS and in the residences used by SGSS. In addition, doctoral students shall:

- reside, at least for the first year, in the residences of the SGSS;
- carry out 50 hours per year of mentoring activities towards the students of the five-year and master's degree curriculum of the SGSS;
- participate in the organization and implementation of residential orientation activities organized or co-organized by SGSS;
- cooperate in the organization of seminar activities of their Area;
- present once a year the results of their research with an internal seminar at SGSS;
- indicate in appropriate evidence their membership in the "Galilean School of Higher Education, University of Padua" in all academic or scientific publications of which they are authors or co-authors and in all research products.

Loss of status, withdrawal or exclusion from the PhD Program automatically entails exclusion from the SGSS and loss of related benefits.

Art. 6 Correspondence between Doctoral Courses and Galilean Areas

The correspondence between PhD Courses of the University of Padua and Areas of SGSS is established as follows:

Humanities Area

PhD courses in:

- Historical, geographical and anthropological studies
- History, criticism and conservation of cultural heritage
- Linguistic, philological and literary sciences
- Pedagogical, educational and instructional sciences

- Philosophy

Natural Sciences Area

PhD courses in:

- Animal and food science
- Astronomy
- Biomedical sciences
- Biosciences
- Brain, Mind and Computer Science
- Clinical and experimental sciences
- Crop Science
- Developmental medicine and health planning sciences
- Fusion science and engineering
- Geosciences
- Industrial engineering
- Information engineering
- Land, Environment, Resources, Health
- Materials science and technology
- Mathematical sciences
- Mechatronics and product innovation engineering
- Molecular medicine
- Molecular sciences
- Neuroscience
- Oncology and immunology
- Pharmacological sciences
- Physics
- Sciences of civil, environmental and architectural engineering
- Sciences, Technologies and Measurements for Space
- Statistical sciences
- Translational specialistic medicine "G.B. Morgagni"
- Veterinary sciences and food safety

Social Sciences Area

PhD courses in:

- Economics and management
- Human rights, society, and multi-level governance
- International law and private and labour law
- Law
- Management engineering and real estate economics
- Psychological Sciences
- Religion, culture and public life
- Social Sciences

Art. 7

Nomination of winners and admission to the Galilean School

SGSS Director approves the rankings and appoints the winners with his own provision. The winners must confirm acceptance of the place according to the instructions and timing that will be communicated to them via email; once acceptance is confirmed, they will receive further instructions regarding access to the SGSS.

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