Subject: University of Camerino (UNICAM). SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION TO PhD PROGRAMME “Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience” (XXXIX CYCLE, academic year 2023/2024) under Rectoral Decree 211/2023, reg.n. 47966 dated 5/07/2023 – Launch of the Second phase of the selection procedure

The Rector

Having regard to

Decree of the Rector No. 211/2023, reg.n. 47966 dated 5/07/2023, by which the call for admission to UNICAM phd Programme “Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience” was issued, concerning the launch of the first phase of the selection procedure, the premises contained therein and acts connected to it;

Decree of the Rector No. 268/2023, reg.n. 58099 dated 4/08/2023, with which the extension of the deadlines for submitting applications for the first phase of the selection and the remodulation of the timeline were decreed;

Decree of the Rector No. 290/2023, Prot. n. 61611 del 30/08/2023, by which the appointment of the Evaluation Commission for the Research Doctorate of the aforementioned Call was made, in relation to the first step of the selection procedure;

The minutes of the aforementioned Commission;

The need to further postpone the launch times of the second selection phase, for organizational reasons, further reshaping the timeline;

Considering, now, the need to open the second phase of the selection procedure to the candidates who have been deemed eligible in the short list approved by the Selection Committee for the first phase of the procedure;

DECREES

Art. 1 – CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

The candidates admitted to the second phase of the selection procedure are exclusively those listed in Annex 1, with the corresponding userID assigned to each application.

Art. 2 – PHD PROGRAMMES – SECOND PHASE OF THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

Without prejudice to all other provisions contained in the Rector’s Decree No. 211/2023, reg.n. 47966 dated 5/07/2023 and related documents, UNICAM launches, with an updated TIMELINE, the second phase of the selection procedure for admission to the XXXIX cycle of UNICAM phd Programme “Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience” activated by the School of Advanced Studies – International School of Doctoral Studies of the University of Camerino (hereinafter referred to as SAS), open to both European and non-European citizens.

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UNICAM (University of Camerino) PhD Programme “Theoretical and applied Neuroscience”
Call for applications 2023 – second phase of the selection procedure
XXXIX cycle - academic year 2023-24

The second phase of selection for admission to UNICAM PhD Programme “Theoretical and applied Neuroscience” is now open!

*Your application for the second phase of the selection process must be submitted by September 14, 2023, by 3:00 p.m. (Italian time).*

**TIMELINE**

The second phase of the selection process includes the following main steps (the timeline is indicative and subject to changes):

3 – (September 12 – September 14) The **second phase** of the selection process is opened: candidates admitted /admitted “subject to confirmation” to the second phase of the selection procedure submit their application through the dedicated weblink by September 14, 2023, within 3 p.m. Italian time. In particular, they have to choose up to three research topics among those definitively proposed by UNICAM in the second phase. In the meantime, further eligibility checks will be conducted, if necessary.

4 – (14 September – 19 September) Calendar of interviews is established within 15 September, 2023. Between 18 and 20 September: distance interviews and evaluation of the candidates by Scientific Panels appointed by UNICAM Doctoral Board (“Consiglio SAS”) take place. Candidates’ linguistic (english), transversal skills, and know-how are assessed.

5 - (21 September – 22 September) For each Research Topic, a final merit-based ranking list is determined. The procedure of acceptance of the position/grant is activated.

6 - (1 December - 31 December 2023) Provisional Starting date of the Phd Programs: 1 December, 2023 (in any case, no later than 31st December, 2023).

**RESEARCH TOPICS**

In relation to the thematic areas related to PhD Programme and curricula, the specific topics for the three-year research projects that the doctoral students will carry out are definitively defined in Annex 2 to this document.
A detailed description of each topic is available in Annex 2 to this Call for Applications.

**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION – SECOND PHASE**

Only the candidates admitted to the second phase of the selection procedure, whose userID is listed in Annex 1, are eligible to submit their application for the second phase of selection. This latter phase consists of choosing a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 research topics of potential interest.

The application for the second phase of selection must be completed (otherwise, it will result in exclusion) exclusively through the link [https://vele.unicam.it/CallforApplication/?st=6](https://vele.unicam.it/CallforApplication/?st=6), by September 14, 2023, within 3:00 P.M. (Italian Time).
The admitted candidates must access the dedicated link mentioned above, using the same login credentials used for the first phase of the selection procedures. Candidates will be able to view the application submitted during the first phase of the selection but will not be able to modify any data previously entered. In any case, any modifications made to the data entered during the first phase of the selection procedure will not be taken into consideration during the second phase of the procedure and for evaluation purposes.

Candidates must indicate from 1 to 3 research topics of interest, entering the corresponding code in order of preference (in the case of multiple topics). The codes for the definitive topics can be found in Annex 2 of this document. The topics should be consistent with the Thematic Area for which a choice was made in the first phase of selection; any inconsistencies may be evaluated by the Scientific Committees during the assessment carried out in the second phase of selection. The order of preference, if expressed regarding the topics in this second phase of the selection procedure, will not be binding for the Committees that will evaluate the candidates in the second phase of the procedure.

Candidates will compete for the ranking in the selection lists only for the topics they have chosen. If admitted to a PhD program for one of the selected topics, the candidates will engage in the three-year activities related to the topics. In the event that candidates are ranked as winners in more than one selection list, they can only accept one of the positions available to them, following the terms and conditions described in DR 211/2023.

The candidates’ selection of topics though the application link in the second phase of the selection must occur on or before the aforementioned deadline, that is, September 14, 2023, at 3:00 PM (Italian Time).

Only completed applications with at least one chosen topic will be considered. Candidates are encouraged to complete the application with the topic selection well in advance of the application deadline. Candidates are responsible for verifying the correct completion of the online procedure. Complaints will not be accepted for any malfunctions of the online system caused by overload experienced by candidates close to the deadline. The University administration disclaims any responsibility for the failure to receive requested information due to third-party responsibilities or technical reasons.

The guidelines for using the online portal are available at the link https://www.unicam.it/bandi/2023/bando-47966-del-5-luglio-2023 and on the website https://isas.unicam.it/.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES – SECOND PHASE**

During the second phase of the selection procedure, remote interviews are conducted, and the candidates are evaluated by the Scientific Committees appointed for this purpose. Language and transversal skills, as well as the candidates’ relevant expertise and know-how, are assessed.

The judging Scientific Committees are appointed in accordance with the current laws, regulations by UNICAM on PhD Programmes and the specific regulation of the PhD Programme indicated in the subject. The UNICAM Regulation is available at https://isas.unicam.it/school/unicam-regulations.
The eligible candidates listed in the shortlist who have completed the application correctly in the second phase of the selection process will be invited to one or more interviews to establish the final ranking for each topic. The interviews will preferably be conducted in English via remote means by Scientific Committees designated by the Faculty of each PhD Course, and they will be appointed by Rector’s Decree following the approval of the Consiglio SAS. The schedule for the interviews will be established by September 14, 2023.

The evaluation process will be based on the principles and guidelines outlined in the European Framework for Research Careers, specifically focusing on the R1 profile for first-stage researchers. This framework provides a standardized approach to evaluating the research potential and capabilities of the candidates.

**Scientific qualifications:** max 20 points
**Project proposal:** max 20 points
**Admission to oral exam:** Minimal score 20/40
**Oral exam:** 60 points
**Total score:** 100 points
**Admission:** Minimum of 70 points

All other instructions and provisions indicated in the Rector’s Decree n° 211/2023, and subsequent amendments, referred to in the introduction to this Rectoral Decree, remain unchanged.

**PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

The University, implementing the “Code regarding the protection of personal data” (Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, and subsequent amendments), “Consolidated Law on privacy and the use of information systems” (Legislative Decree No. 271/2009, and subsequent amendments), and the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679), as data controller, undertakes to process the personal data and contacts provided by the candidate for the completion of the selection procedures, and for the pursuit of its institutional purposes.

The University of Camerino, in the context of managing the PhD Programmes and carrying out the relevant reporting activities, collects and processes the personal data of candidates, as well as data related to the courses and scholarships/fellowships; furthermore, University of Camerino collects and processes data concerning: the research and training activity carried out in Italy and abroad, payments (research budget; scholarship) and relevant supporting documents, training outcomes and outputs, graduation, mobilities. Certain data of the scholarship holders, non-scholarship holders and reserve list candidates are shared with possible partners of Projects/Agreements the scholarships/positions are funded and managed in the framework of, as well as with Agencies and Institutions responsible for the Funding Programmes (where relevant).

Participation in the selection procedure implies the expression of tacit consent, so that:
- the names of the candidates and the results of the selection procedure tests are published on the UNICAM website, and the SAS website, at http://isas.unicam.it;
- data will be treated for management and reporting activities mentioned above.
RULES FOR REFERENCE

For matters not covered by this Call for Applications, reference is made to the current regulations regarding the PhD program and to the Rector’s Decree that issued the Call and launched the first phase of the selection procedure in particular:

- Ministerial Decree No. 226/2021
- Regulations on PhD Programmes of the University of Camerino issued with Rector’s Decree No. 169/2022
- Regulations of the School of Advanced Studies of the University of Camerino, issued with Rector’s Decree No. 168/2022;
- Rector’s Decree reg.n. 47966 dated 5/07/2023, by which the call for admission to UNICAM phd Programme “Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience” was issued, concerning the launch of the first phase of the selection procedure, the premises contained therein, subsequent documents and acts connected to it.

This call for admission is advertised on the institutional website of the University, and on the SAS website.

FINAL INFORMATION

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