

University Decree no. 111 of 31/07/2023

**Notice of competition for admission to the course of
PhD in “Educative Processes in Heterogeneous and Multicultural Contexts” - XXXIX cycle**

Art. 1

Announcement

1. Public selection by application- through qualifications and interviews- for admission to a total of 8 (eight) places in the Course of a Research Doctorate in “Educative Processes in Heterogeneous and Multicultural Contexts”, code **DOT20KBHF7** (henceforth, abbreviated to the “Doctorate” or “Course”), Academic Year 2023/2024, XXXIX cycle, with headquarters in the *Università degli Studi di Enna “Kore”*. The Doctorate has a duration of three years.
2. They are eligible to present an application who, by the deadline established by the announcement and independently of citizenship, possess a *master's degree* or an equivalent title (such as an undergraduate degree) attained outside of Italy. The eligibility of any non-Italian degree will be ascertained by the committee for admission to the doctoral course, in compliance with the laws in force in Italy and in the country from which the degree is released, as well as international treaties or agreements in relation to recognising degrees for the completion of studies. Furthermore, they who attain their degree within the enrolment date of the Doctoral Course may apply for selection, but if these requirements are not met the application will not be considered valid.
3. For any question not satisfied by the present announcement, please refer to the provisions outlined in the University Rules Regarding a Doctor of Research, for which see D. P. 160/2022, published on the website www.unikore.it.
4. Communications regarding the present selection, if not outlined in the following articles, will be published, with the value of notification to the interested parties, on the University's official website www.unikore.it.

Art. 2

Study grants

1. The Doctorate comes with at least 6 (six) possible scholarships, financed *ex D. M. 118 of 02/03/2023*, as well as being potentially financed by the Region of Sicily.
2. The research scholarships financed *ex D. M. 118 of 02/03/2023* will be henceforth indicated as: no. 6 scholarships - M4C1-Inv.4.1.
3. Each research scholarship – of an amount fixed by D. M. no. 247 of 23 February 2022, equal to € 16.243,00 gross paid toward the duties undertaken by the recipient – has a year-long duration; the amount will be delivered in monthly instalments that can be deferred for a maximum of three years. Within the aforesaid maximum period, the scholarship is subject to renewal each year provided that the recipient has completed the program of activities established for the preceding year and has been admitted to the subsequent year of the Doctorate.
4. Any absences from the Course of a duration longer than thirty days will entail the corresponding suspension of payment of the scholarship.

5. The scholarship amount will be increased in a maximum measurement of 50% in proportion and in relation to the periods of training overseas established by the recipient's study plan and that are officially authorised. This increase will be able to be paid for a maximum period of twelve months. The periods of activities undertaken overseas will normally have a total duration of not less than six months.
6. Each student in the Course who receives a scholarship is guaranteed, in relation to the University's financial resources, a budget for research activities in Italy and overseas to a total amount not less than 10% of the value of the scholarship. The budget is made available to individual students and will be gradually paid according to the activities planned and approved by tutors and effectively liquidated in total or in part once a report has been produced and viewed by the Doctorate Coordinator. If the student is not judged to have merited a renewal of the scholarship, the amount not used will be reinvested in the University in subsequent cycles of the Research Doctorate.
7. The research scholarship will be exclusively delivered to those who are not restricted by an annual income superior to the annual amount of the scholarship.

Art. 3

Application to participate in the selection and annexes

1. The application to participate in the selection procedure can only be registered online **from the hours 9:00 of the day 07/08/2023 and within the hours 23:59 of 06/09/2023**- if not, the application will not be valid. Applications must be made through the relevant online procedure that can be accessed on the same publication page of the present Announcement on the University website www.unikore.it >>> Ricerca >>> Dottorati di ricerca, following the instructions there.
2. In addition to the application that must be submitted by every candidate to the Protocol Office of the University within the deadline outlined in the preceding paragraph 1, the following attachments must be uploaded:
 - A *curriculum vitae et studiorum*, with potential attachments, edited according to the instructions in **ATTACHMENT B**;
 - Graduation certificates or relevant substitute certificates that indicate the student's overall grade (or in cases in which graduation will occur within the date of enrolment in the Doctoral course, suitable university certification certifying the exams the student has completed with an indication of the grades achieved);
 - a maximum of 3 publications equipped with an ISBN or ISSN code, produced in electronic PDF format;
 - a proposal for a Research Project drawn up according to the model in **ATTACHMENT C**;
 - (when there is a need) a document or a declaration approving the potential attainment of eligibility in a previous admission procedure to a doctorate, indicating the university, the academic year, the date of publication of the list of alumni who graduated. Eligibility will be taken into consideration only the applicant has not already used it to enrol in the doctorate referred to;
 - Copy of the payment of the admission fee of € 100,00 (Euro one-hundred/00) through PagoPa;
 - a recognised document from a valid course;
 - a list of all the assessable degrees presented.

3. A maximum of two letters may be attached to the application (as an upload) of recommendation in support of the applicant's candidacy. Only letters written and signed by full professors- including on leave, of Italian and non-Italian universities other than the Università Kore di Enna. They must not, however, belong to the College of Doctoral Teachers. They must expressly declare to know or have known the candidate.
4. During the production of the application for admission, the candidate must indicate if they are in possession of a suitable certificate of disability specifying, if so, what supports or organisational measures to be able to sit the interview for admission requires the attention of the University.
5. The admission to selection must be understood with reservation for all candidates. Indeed, the University reserves the right to ascertain the veracity of documentation produced and can make use, at any moment, of measures initiated by the Dean, the exclusion from the selective process and from the aforesaid Doctorate due to deficiencies in the required prerequisites, the presence of false declarations, or for other impeding reasons. The potential measure of exclusion will be sent to the interested party at the email address indicated in the application.
6. In relation to the University's operational and qualitative standards and the Regulation (EU) 2016/679, candidates that present an application according to the methods described in the present article, will receive, in the email address indicated in the relevant box in the application, an automatic code of identification of an alphanumeric nature. In the deeds made public by the Università Kore di Enna, in relation to the present selection process, the identification of each candidate will occur solely through this code, except for the general list of alumni graduating from the applicant's university in relation to eligible candidates.

Art. 4

Selection of candidates

1. The admission process is curated by a judging committee nominated by the Dean and constituted according to the University's Rules.
2. Selection for admission to the Doctorate course will take place through degrees and an interview. This is designed to ascertain the preparation, ability, and attitude towards research of the candidates.
3. The evaluation of documents is preliminary to admission to an interview. Only the following degrees will be considered – on the condition, however, that they are provided simultaneously to the application for participation and conform to the rules contained in the preceding article 3, paragraphs 2 and 3 – to be assessable:
 - a. Proof of completion of secondary schooling, in addition to the grades achieved in a *master's degree or equivalent* (or, in cases of more than one degree, degree with the highest grade). In cases of degrees that will be completed within the date of enrolment in the Enrolment Course, the weighted average mark of grades out of thirty only in exams undertaken will be assessed, recalculated in percentage out of one hundred;
 - b. the candidate's *curriculum vitae et studiorum*;
 - c. their publications;
 - d. their letters of support from full professors;
 - e. prior eligibility not used for admission to Doctors of research;
 - f. a proposal for a research Project.

4. The Committee will make use, for each candidate, of a maximum of 100 points, usable in also in fractions of a value each of 0.5, of which **65** will be used for assessable degrees, according to the following distribution referring to the corresponding letters of the preceding paragraph:

- g. up to **15** points from a *master's degree* (or equivalent degree), according to the table in **ATTACHMENT D**;
- h. up to **5** points from a *curriculum vitae et studiorum*: the maximum points correspond to the simultaneous presence of potential degrees in addition to the proof of completion of secondary school, of *post-graduate* degrees subsequent to *master's degree or equivalent*, of State *post-graduate* qualifications, of documented activities of collaboration in research projects at public or private bodies or other activities and skills considered significant by the Committee;
- i. up to **5** points from publications, even if unrelated to the thesis, with a limit of **2.5** points for a single publication, according to the assessment of the Committee;
- j. up to **5** points from letters of support, with a limit of **3** points for a single letter, according to the assessment of the Committee;
- k. **5** points, once-off, from eligibility to previous selections for admissions to Doctorate courses in the Università Kore di Enna or to other Italian or non-Italian universities, independently from the number of eligibility and from the cycle to which they refer, although they cannot be used for attendance of the relevant doctorate;
- l. up to **30** points from the proposal for a Research Project, according to the assessment of the Committee.

5. The evaluation of degrees- for which, refer to letters b), c), d), f)- is undertaken by the Committee regarding the specific research topics of the Doctorate, outlined in **ATTACHMENT A**. The determination of points related to degrees, for which refer to letters a) and e), is, instead, determined by the office and subsequently validated by the Committee, except in cases of non-Italian degrees, for which assessment is exclusively the responsibility of the Committee according to appropriate scales that they have identified. The assessment of the Research Project neither restricts the candidate nor the University to the purposes of the subsequent project to be followed in the course of the Doctorate in case of admission.

6. Candidates who have achieved a grade of no less than 21/30 in the assessment of the proposal for the Research Project alone will be admitted to interviews. Candidates admitted to the interview are required to undertake it, accompanied by a suitable document of recognition, on the day **21/09/2023 at the hours 10:00** at the headquarters that will be made known on the University's website simultaneous to the list of admitted candidates.

7. The interview will focus on the research topics of the Doctorate, outlined in **ATTACHMENT A**, and on the documents provided by the candidate. For the assessment of the interview, the Committee will assign **35** points.

8. During the interview, independently of the potential presentation of linguistic certification, the Committee will ascertain the suitable level of competence in the Italian language for candidates whose native language is not Italian, and in the English language for candidates whose native language is Italian, in both cases with reference to the scientific topics that are the object of the interview. The Committee will take into consideration this specific competence when attributing the total points related to the interview.

9. At the end of the processes for assessing linguistic competence, the Committee will draft the general competition shortlist, including only candidates who received a grade from the interview not less than a 24 out of 30.

10. Upon ascertainment of the compliance of documents on the part of the University President, the shortlist of eligible candidates will be approved by the Dean with his own decree, which has the value of a definitive measure. This will be made public exclusively through publication on the University website. Appeal is admitted within 5 days to the sole purposes of rectifying material errors. Candidates who are not eligible will be advised via email, as their names will not be made public.

11. Candidates placed, in capacity as winners of the admission process, within the first eight places of the final shortlist will be admitted. In cases of an equal amount of points between candidates, the candidate of a younger age will take priority. Rights of financially disadvantaged candidates are exempt for the purposes of attributing scholarships. In cases of renouncing rights on the part of those who are eligible, candidates in a similar position will enter into consideration according to the order of the shortlist. Candidates' ranking on the shortlist subsequently to the beginning of the Competition, although still within the conclusion of the first trimester, is subject to the positive opinion of the College of Teachers.

Art. 5

Fees and contributions

1. The annual contribution for access to and attendance of the **Doctorate Course** is 2.000,00 Euros, to be paid within the last term of enrolment; in subsequent years, within 30 October of every year.
2. The amounts owed must be paid according to the instructions that will be made available on the University website. The annual contribution is owed in part by all enrollees, including the winners of scholarships, except in cases in which the total or partial burden is expressly specified.

Art. 6

Enrolment application

1. Candidates who are declared winners will have to provide towards enrolment in the Doctorate and towards payment of the enrolment fee 2,000.00 euros, through PagoPa, within **the deadline that will be made known on the University's website**, following the methods outlined on the same page of the University website, or the right to study the doctorate will expire.
2. Every recipient of a research scholarship, in the enrolment phase, will have to furthermore declare:
 - a) to not have previously made use of another scholarship (even for a year only or less) for a doctoral course;
 - b) To not accumulate the said scholarship with other research scholarships in any degree conferred to them apart from those granted by national or non-Italian institutions to integrate, through a stay abroad, research activity;
 - c) to be aware that the research scholarship is paid exclusively to those who do not possess, in the period of payment of the scholarship, an annual income greater than the amount of a year of the scholarship, and to dedicate themselves to communicating any potential increase in income greater than the established limit;
 - d) to dedicate themselves to restituting any monthly instalments of the research scholarship received in the year in which any potential increase in income greater than the established is verified;

- e) to be available to undertake stays abroad for study and research, for a period established by the Doctor of Research study plan, and to be aware that failure to undertake a stay abroad entails the revoking of the entire research scholarship.

3. Winners who are not Italian citizens will have to possess the following requisites at the date of the deadline of applications for enrolment:

- (a) the enjoyment of civil and political rights also in the State from which they come or were born in except in cases of different status;
- (b) to possess, except in cases of entitlement to Italian citizenship, all other rights established for Italian citizens.

Art. 7

Attendance, rights and obligations of doctoral students

1. Admission to the Doctorate entails an exclusive, full-time commitment. For details related to attendance, rights, and responsibilities of doctoral students, refer to the relevant University Rule.
2. Doctoral students are obliged to observe the provisions of the Code of Ethics of the Università degli Studi di Enna "Kore," that can be consulted on this website: www.unikore.it

Art. 8

Final Exam and title achievement

1. The PhD thesis, written in Italian or English, or in another language with the prior authorization of the Academic Board, must be accompanied by an abstract in Italian if the thesis is produced in English or in another foreign language, in English if the thesis is produced in Italian. The thesis, after evaluation, is publicly discussed before a Commission appointed by the Rector on the proposal of the Dean of the Faculty.
2. There is a fee for admission to the final exam of €400.00, inclusive of statutory taxes.
3. The title of research doctor (abbreviated as "Dott. Ric." or "Ph.D.") is obtained, following the positive evaluation of the research thesis, upon passing the final exam at conclusion of the legal duration of the Course, and is conferred by the Rector.

Art. 9

Treatment of personal data and Responsible Official for the process

1. The data requested are necessary for the purposes of managing this selection and for any enrollment, according to the minimization principle imposed by the R.G.P.D. 679/2016.
2. Pursuant to Law 7 August 1990, n. 241 and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the procedure referred to in this notice is the Director of the Area of Services for Education and Research of the Free University of Enna "Kore", dr. John Lavallo.

Art. 10

Final rules

1. The submission of the application for admission to the selection pursuant to art. 3 implies acceptance by candidates of the rules contained in this announcement and of the University Regulations to which it refers. Failure to comply with the rules will result in exclusion from the admission competition or exclusion from the Doctorate.
2. For anything not explicitly specified in this notice and in the University Regulations, reference is made to the laws and regulations on the subject of research doctorates in force, within the limits of applicability to non-state universities.
3. An English language edition of the essential contents of this Call is produced. In the event of any disputes, only the present text in Italian will prevail.
4. The following attachments mentioned in the text form integral parts of this notice:
 - ANNEX A** – Overall factsheet regarding the Doctoral Course;
 - ANNEX B** – Model for drafting the curriculum *vitae et studiorum*;
 - ANNEX C** – Instructions for writing the proposal for the Research Project;
 - ANNEX D** – Table for assessing *master's degrees or equivalent*.

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ATTACHMENT A

PhD IN EDUCATIVE PROCESSES IN HETEROGENEOUS AND MULTICULTURAL PROCESSES

Requirements for admission

Completion of all *master's degrees*

Other requirements

The knowledge of the English language is required

Course objectives

The Course's general objective is that of advancing research in the field of psychology and education through empirical and experimental studies, research aimed at the collection, study, analysis, and problematisation of best practices, including linguistic-literary and multimedia products, and including, too, in a national and transnational comparativist perspective. Dal punto di vista formativo, gli obiettivi specifici sono:

- The acquisition of theoretical knowledge relating to psychological, pedagogical, and linguistic-literary sciences;
- The increase and consolidation of methodological knowledge of research;
- Increased capacity to design and autonomously implement research projects;
- Increasing the ability to plan and implement educational interventions in heterogeneous and multicultural contexts aimed at promoting the well-being of children and adolescents;
- The development of communication skills of research results and writing of scientific articles.

Disciplinary and interdisciplinary teaching activities

Ad hoc lectures provided in the training course:

No. of lectures: 17,

Of which final verification is planned: 17

Lectures borrowed from master's degree programs	NO
Lectures borrowed from undergraduate courses (first level)	NO
Other educational activities	YES
Seminar cycles	YES
Research stays	YES
ITALY - outside the institutions involved	Expected average period: 3 months
FOREIGN - within the institutions involved.	Expected average period: 3 months
FOREIGN - outside the institutions involved.	Expected average period: 6 months

ATTACHMENT B

Model for writing the curriculum vitae et studiorum

The advised model is that of the **Europass dell'Unione Europea**. The languages accepted are English and Italian.

To draw up the curriculum in a suitable and free way, it is advisable to avoid models variously present on the web and to:

1) go directly to the Europass website at this address:

<https://europa.eu/europass/eportfolio/screen/cv-editor?lang=it>

2) select the language for completing the curriculum at the top left;

3) insert the photo by uploading it from your computer;

4) fill in the compulsory sections and those deemed necessary (click on the "i" symbol - when present - to obtain clarifications);

5) record the entered data at the end of each page by clicking on "Save" (ATTENTION: clicking on "Next" will already generate the curriculum. In case of error you can always go back);

6) add the sections you want to fill in one by one, selecting them from the drop-down list that appears after saving each page. For example, add the "Publications" section if you have them, add the "Language skills" section to indicate what you have, etc;

7) when you feel you no longer need to add sections, click on "Next", check that the inserted texts are the ones you wanted;

8) choose one of the available models indicated on the left of the page;

9) then download the resulting curriculum in PDF format to your computer

10) upload the PDF file from your computer to the University website on the page dedicated to the application for admission to the doctorate at the time of drafting the application.

ATTACHMENT C

Instructions for writing the proposal for a Research Project

Candidate (Surname, Name) _____

Doctorate Code _____ **Optional Curriculum** _____

(Verify in ATTACHMENT A if the Doctorate requires curricula and potentially indicate one of them)

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT

Key words (*indicate at least 3*) _____

PROJECT ABSTRACT (*of a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1000 characters, including spaces* *)

Within the widest freedom of articulation of the text within the space limits indicated, clearly identify the problem and indicate its significance in the context of the theme or the PhD curriculum; synthetically describe the state of the art of research on the issue, with reference to what appears to be consolidated in existing studies and to what today is instead deserving of further investigations; declare on what, among what has not yet been investigated or resolved, you want to direct the research project, synthetically indicating the expected results.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (*of a minimum of 4.500 to a maximum of 6.500 characters, including spaces**)

Within the broadest freedom of articulation of the text within the space limits indicated, the following elements must in any case be present:

- Detailed description of the state of the art on the problem, with indication of the main authors (or of the main scientific schools) who have so far distinguished themselves in the research and the most relevant results achieved by them.
- Indication of the fundamental reference bibliography (volumes and/or scientific articles).
- Explanatory deepening of the research project, including the specification of the specific objectives to be



pursued and the motivated highlighting of the aspects relating to the usefulness, originality, scientific relevance, feasibility of the project.

- Design of the research path, with an indication of the approach to be adopted and of the methodologies on which reliance will be placed, as well as the maximum timeline declined over the three years of development of the Doctorate.
- A clear definition of the expected results (evidently not yet ensured by the state of the art of research) and their relevance both in the disciplinary fields involved in the Doctorate and possibly in fields external to them, with relative indication of their contribution to scientific research in terms of cognitive, methodological, interpretative innovation.

** The potential failure to respect the limits indicated will be considered among negative factors in assessment and could determine a lack of admission to the subsequent phase of selection..*



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ATTACHMENT D

Table of evaluation of master's degree or equivalent

Grading grade	POINTS
Up to 89/110	0
90	0,5
91	1
92	1,5
93	2
94	2,5
95	3
96	3,5
97	4
98	4,5
99	5
100	5,5
101	6
102	6,5
103	7
104	7,5
105	8
106	9
107	10
108	11
109	12
110	13
110 con Lode	15

In the absence of a degree, the value of the weighted average of the marks expressed in one hundred and tenths is taken into consideration, considering each "30 cum laude" equal to 30.33. Any decimal values present in the final result must be rounded to the nearest integer (conventionally, up to 0.49 = 0; from 0.50 = 1).