

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF A COMPETITION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D RESEARCH PROGRAM ENTITLED
"EUROPEAN PH.D IN COGNITIVE PLASTICITY AND REHABILITATION"**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

CHANCELLOR

In view of law no. 476 of 13/8/84 and subsequent modifications: law no. 168 of 9/5/89; law no. 39830/11/89; D.P.C.M. of 9/4/2001; article 4 of law 210/98; D.M. no. 224 of 30/4/1999; D.M. no. 509 of 3/11/1999;

In view of the university regulation concerning the Ph.D in Research

In view of the resolutions of the Academic Senate of 15/5/2007 and considering the opinion expressed by the NVA on 10/5/2007

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ARTICLE 1 – INSTITUTION

With regard to the XXII program of the Ph.D in Research, on the basis of international cooperative agreements with:

- University College of London (Great Britain)
- University of Oxford (Great Britain)
- University of Lyons and Institute of Cognitive Sciences CNRS (France)
- University of Costanza (Germany)
- Aristotele University of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- University of Algarve (Portugal)
- and coordinated by the University of Rome, "La Sapienza" (Italy)

'European Ph.D. in Cognitive NeuroPlasticity and Rehabilitation

Likewise concerning the related public competition by examination for admission to the above-mentioned Ph.D Program with the following specific modalities:

Code 11136 - EUROPEAN Ph.D. IN COGNITIVE NEUROPLASTICITY AND REHABILITATION

Structures involved: *Faculty of Psychology* 1 -duration 3 years – positions 3 – grants 2

Admissions tests:

Written test: November 12, 2007 –9:00 a.m. - Psychology Department, Department Meeting Room (first floor), University “La Sapienza” – via dei Marsi, 78 -Rome
Oral test: November 13, 2007 –9:00 a.m. -: Psychology Department, Department Meeting Room (first floor), University “La Sapienza” – via dei Marsi, 78 – Rome

For additional foreign students, the number of positions is increased by one unit and the same, by one unit, for each additional holder of a research grant, who passes the admissions tests. The results of the competition and all other pertinent information regarding the competition will be posted on the notice board of the Department of Psychology 1. – <http://w3.uniroma1.it/aglioti>

ART. 2 - ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Ph.D in research is open, without limits of age and citizenship, to those who, on October 31, 2007, possess a university degree (old order), a specialized degree (new order) or an analogous academic degree (even if obtained abroad), which the academic staff recognizes as equivalent for admission to the Ph.D program and/or in inter-university cooperative agreements. Applicants who obtain their degree between the date on which they presented their application and **October 31 2007** will be admitted "**with reservation**". To avoid forfeiting their chances, they must quickly communicate having obtained their degree. Winners of positions without grants, enrolled in previous years, cannot be admitted to the competitive tests for the same Ph.D program they are already enrolled in.

ART. 3 – ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

To present an application for admission, which also serves as self-certification according to D.P.R. 445/2001, by **September 14, 2007**, candidates must pay the participation tax of 30,00 euros at any branch office of the Banca di ROMA - *Istituto Cassiere* of the university, and present the payment form printed from the following internet site www.infostud.uniroma1.it. Information about obtaining a printed copy of this form and a copy of the application for participation/self-certification (which is kept by the candidate) are described in the WEB SERVICES section, attachment A of this announcement.

NOTE that the application for admission must include an e-mail address.

Applications presented using modalities different from those indicated here will not be accepted.

ART. 4 ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES WITH FOREIGN ACADEMIC DEGREES .

To present the application for admission, which is also self-certification according to D.P.R. 445/2001, candidates with degrees obtained abroad must:

1. pay the participation tax of 30,00 euros using the modalities indicated in the preceding Article 3;
 2. before the expiration date of **September 14, 2007**, present documentation including degrees that have been translated and legalized by competent diplomatic representatives or Italian consuls abroad, declaration by competent diplomatic representatives or foreign consuls of the value of the degree obtained abroad
- Applications for admission that lack any of the above documentation will not be considered valid.** Documentation must be presented by **September 14 2007** using one of the following modalities:
- by hand at the window of the Ph.D Research Office located in the University City, Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5, on the

following days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; - Tuesday and Thursday from 14:30 p.m. to 16:30 p.m.

- by means of the state postal service or authorized delivery agencies.

Materials delivered after September 14 2007 will not be accepted. Candidates who choose this method risk late delivery of materials.

In the case of documents sent by mail, the date stamped at their arrival in the administrative offices is considered valid, not the date they were sent.

Documentation sent by mail must be in an envelope addressed to: Magnifico Rettore dell'Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" P.le Aldo Moro, 5 00185 - ROMA; for inclusion in the competition the following title must also be written on the envelope: "**DOCUMENTAZIONE CONCORSO EUROPEAN PH.D. IN COGNITIVE NEUROPLASTICITY AND REHABILITATION-Code 11136**"

Applications presented with modalities that are different from those indicated here will not be considered

ART. 5 - ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS OF ADDITIONAL FOREIGN STUDENTS

For foreign students one additional position is possible. Therefore, foreign students who do not intend to compete for the study grant can request evaluation on the basis of study degrees and, possibly, an interview.

For this purpose the candidates must:

1. Indicate in the participation request, presented according to the modalities described in the preceding art. 3, that they are asking to be admitted as an additional student according to the present article (with the modalities described in the section WEB SERVICES, attachment A of the present competition).
2. Pay the participation tax of 30,00 euros using the modalities indicated in the preceding article 3.
3. **Send the following documentation before the expiration date of September 14, 2007:**
 - curriculum vitae
 - documentation indicating sources of financial support for at least one year or, alternatively documentation indicating they have other study grants for the entire duration of the Ph.D program,
 - degrees translated and legalized by competent diplomatic representatives or Italian consuls abroad
 - declaration by competent representatives of the value of the degree obtained abroad

The application for admission as an additional student will be submitted to the Coordinator of the Ph.D program, who will accept or not the application according to the decision of the College.

Applications for admission that lack the above-described documentation will not be considered as valid.

This documentation must be sent by **September 14, 2007** using one of the following modalities:

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- Using the state postal service or authorized delivery agencies. **Materials sent after September 14, 2007 will not be accepted.** Applicants who choose this method must be aware that they risk late delivery of materials.

If materials are mailed, the stamp of arrival at the administrative offices will be considered, not the date the document was mailed.

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Applications presented with modalities different from those indicated here will not be considered

Foreigners admitted as additional students without a grant are still obliged to pay the fees for access to

and attendance of Ph.D courses.

ART. 6 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL HOLDERS OF RESEARCH ALLOWANCES

According to D.P.R. 449/97, if holders of research allowances pass the admissions tests they can attend the Ph.D research courses, **even if the number of positions established for each course has already been filled. Only one position is available for additional students.**

To be accepted as an additional student, candidates who hold research allowances must indicate this in their application for participation, presented with the modalities indicated in the preceding art. 3, and must also specify the duration of the research allowance.

If candidates are awarded research allowances after the application has already been presented, they must communicate this to the Ph.D Office with a written note presented at the window or sent by fax. Holders of research allowances, admitted as additional students, are still obliged to pay the fees in order to have access to and attend the Ph.D courses.

ART. 7 - TESTS

The admissions examination consists of two tests, one written and one oral, to guarantee a fair comparative evaluation of candidates.

Examinations are in English.

Candidates must be present on the day and at the hour and place indicated in the 1 art., without any further notification. To be admitted to the tests all candidates must exhibit a valid identification document.

ART. 8 - COMMISSION OF JUDGES

The commission of judges for admission to the Ph.D research program is nominated according to art. 9 of the Regulations concerning the Ph.D in research published on the following website:

www.uniroma1.it/studenti/laureati/dottorati

To evaluate each candidate, the Commission has 60 points for each of the two tests. Candidates are admitted to the interview if they pass the written test with a grade of not less than 40/60. The interview is passed if the candidate obtains a grade of at least 40/60. When the tests are completed the Commission compiles the general merit list on the basis of the sum of each candidate's grades on the individual tests. To discriminate between candidates with the same grades, the following criteria are adopted:

- in the case of the same grades for a position covered by a grant, the economic situation is decisive, and is determined according to the D.P.C.M. of 9/4/2001.
- in the case of the same grades for a position without a grant, candidates will be chosen who:
 1. graduated with the highest grade point.
 2. with the same grade point at graduation, had higher average scores on exams;
 3. with the same grades at graduation and grade averages on exams, graduated in less time considering the legal duration of the degree program;
 4. With the exact same elements in points 1,2 and 3, younger candidates are preferred.

ART. 9 - ADMISSION TO COURSES

Candidates will be admitted to the courses according to the order of the final list until the number of positions is filled.

In the case of failure to accept or of late acceptance by those who win the competition prior to the beginning of the course, the next candidate on the list will enter. In the case in which candidates are on more than one list, they will have to choose between Ph.D courses. If they pass the selection tests, those who already hold a Ph.D may be admitted to attend the course without grant coverage.

ART. 10 - COURSE REGISTRATION AND FEES FOR ACCESS AND ATTENDANCE

After the regularity of the acts of the competition has been ascertained, the list will be announced exclusively on the following website.

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

The published list will also report the modalities and dates for completing registration. Candidates who do not comply with the former will be considered to have renounced their position and the next candidate on the list will be offered their place. Simultaneously with the publication of the list, candidates will also be notified via the e-mail address on their application. Not receiving this e-mail notification cannot be used to justify late or incomplete registration.

Ph.D students who hold a grant from the university, or a grant for the entire duration of the program from a private or public organization, also abroad, are exonerated from paying fees for access and attendance and need only pay 25,00 euros as reimbursement of registration fees. Those who have no study grant must pay the fee to have access and to attend the Ph.D courses.

The first payment must be made at the time of registration as part of the regional tax

The second payment, the amount of which varies in relation to the indicator of Equal Economic Situation, must be made by 31/3/08.

The First and Second payments must be made at one of the branches of the "Banca di Roma", *Istituto Cassiere* of the Sapienza.

Taxes will be the same as those for all students of the University of Rome "La Sapienza".

Before making payments please consult the following internet site:

<http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti/laureati/dottorati/iscrizioni/tasse.htm>

which explains the modalities for making payments.

The brochure containing the criteria to use for calculating the ISEE and the taxes corresponding to the various income brackets can be obtained from the Ph.D Research Office (*Ufficio Dottorato di Ricerca*), at the Bursar's Office (*Economato*) a shortened form is also available on line at the following address :

<http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti/laureati/dottorati/iscrizioni/tasse.htm>

After the first year of the program, the Scientific Committee can exempt from paying taxes students who are particularly deserving. Criteria for the exemption must be pre-established by the same Scientific Committee.

ART. 11 STUDY GRANTS

The Committee of Judges assigns the positions by making a comparative evaluation based on the results of the

admissions tests and the order of the list. In the case in which there are fewer grants than positions, grants will be awarded to candidates according to the list. The annual amount of the study grant, established by art. 1, comma 1, letter a) of law 3/8/1998 no. 315 and subsequent modifications, is equal to 10.561,54 euros, subject to INPS social security deductions, which must be paid separately by grant holders. The grant will be disbursed monthly for the entire period of the course.

In the case of documented illness, a retributive suspension will be allowed for a maximum of one month.

During any periods of stay abroad the amount is increased by 50%. Study grants cannot be accumulated.

In order to make use of a study grant, a candidate cannot have an income of more than 16.000,00 euros gross for year.

Cases of total or partial ineligibility for using the study grant are established by the current norms. In the case of unexpected ineligibility, the amount of the study grant relative to the period for which it was unduly received must be repaid. Repayment refers to the academic year in which the grant was received.

ART. 12 - OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF Ph.D STUDENTS

Students enrolled in the Ph.D courses are obliged to attend courses and to pursue study and research activities, according to the scientific program which can be consulted on the following website:

[-http://w3.uniroma1.it/aglioti](http://w3.uniroma1.it/aglioti)

They can also engage in limited, additional or integrated teaching that must not interfere with their research training activity. This activity must be authorized by the Scientific Committee, which establishes the modalities. It is expected that each Ph.D student will study abroad for at least two semesters, divided between at least two partner universities. If the above-mentioned obligations are not observed, the Ph.D student will be excluded from the course. The Scientific Committee will make the decision to exclude a student based on verification of results obtained, except in cases of suspension for maternity, military service or serious illness. Suspensions are deliberated by the Scientific Committee upon the request of students who are part of the Ph.D course in cases in which study or work opportunities intervene that, according to the Committee, are not incompatible with the

subsequent resumption of activities related to the Ph.D program; in giving its approval the Committee can establish deadlines, conditions or verifications. Ph.D students working in public administrations can take advantage of the study grant only if they are on leave of absence, without pay, for the duration of the course. In the case of admission to the Ph.D research course without a study grant, or if the latter is renounced, students on leave of absence can continue to receive a salary, social security and pension contributions from the public administration they work for. However, if students decide to terminate their employment with the public administration before two years have elapsed since they obtained the Ph.D, they are obliged to repay the corresponding amounts, according to the above

ART. 13 - OBTAINING THE DEGREE

In conformity with Art. 14 "Internationalization" of the current University Regulation concerning the Ph.D in Research, authorization to present the doctoral dissertation is based on the judgment expressed by the student's tutor at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" (institution member) and by supervisors at the two partner institutions he/she has frequented. The Ph.D degree in Research (Doctor Europaeus) will be assigned by the University of Rome "La Sapienza", respecting the formal requirements specified by the Conference of Rectors of the universities of the

European Union. The final exam can be repeated only once. The final dissertation must be written in English. Also, a brief version in a format appropriate for presentation to an international scientific journal must be prepared in English.

If the candidate requests deferral of the final exam, the Scientific Committee can evaluate whether the scientific and general motivations are valid. If the candidate wishes to take advantage of the deferral he/she must present a request to the Coordinator of the doctoral program before December 15. After the Scientific Committee has made its decision, this must be communicated quickly to the Ph.D Research Office. Refusal of the deferral by the College must be motivated; one possible motivation is excessive time taken to write the dissertation that is not justified by research progress or by the quality of the results expected. These criteria are also applicable in the case of candidates who re-present themselves without having passed the final exam.

ART. 14 - COMMISSIONS FOR ATTAINMENT OF DEGREE

The Committee of Judges that confers the degree of Ph.D in Research (*Doctor Europaeus*) is nominated according to the Chancellor's Decree and is comprised of five professors: two from the "Sapienza", two from two partner universities and an international expert outside the network. Italian members are chosen from regular university professors in scientific areas related to the Ph.D.

ART. 15 – REFERENCE NORMS

For any information not provided in this announcement, see current norms.

The goals of training and the program of the European Ph.D course and other information regarding the announcement can be found on the following websites:

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

<http://w3.uniroma1.it/aglioti>

The Chancellor

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