

New Regulations for PhD Programmes

Art. 1 General rules

1. The present rules - issued in compliance with the regulations in force - govern the setting up and activation of PhD courses at the Luiss Guido Carli University. A PhD programme is the third level of university education, it is the highest degree of specialisation offered by the university and provides the skills needed to conduct highly qualified research for universities and public or private bodies, thus giving access to careers in public administration and to highly innovative professional experiences.
2. PhD programmes follow the principles and guidelines shared at European level thus making it possible to:
 - a. devise, design, conduct and adapt research and innovation programmes independently;
 - b. conduct critical analyses, evaluations and syntheses of new and complex ideas and processes in research institutions, in the production system, in public administration and the liberal professions;
 - c. contribute, through the acquisition of new scientific and transversal skills, to the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals identified by the United Nations General Assembly, of the targets indicated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to their interpretation in European policies;
 - d. contribute to the strengthening of transnational and international relations in the field of research, also by initiating joint PhDs and forms of co-tutorship, and ensure mobility periods abroad, of a duration consistent with the research project;
 - e. enable the acquisition of transversal skills in order to facilitate their transfer and development in scientific and professional fields.

PhD programmes shall take place within the framework of a quality assurance system, separate from that provided for the first and second cycles of university training, aimed at improving the quality of the research environment and defining transparent and responsible procedures for admission, supervision, awarding of the degree and for the professional development of PhD students.

Art. 2 Who may apply for accreditation of a PhD course

1. In compliance with European Standards and Guidelines, Luiss proposes the activation of PhD courses in order to develop specific, wide-ranging, original, qualified and continuous teaching and research activities, which must be adequately recognised at international level in the sectors relevant to said PhDs. The Minister shall grant accreditation to the PhD courses proposed by the University after obtaining the assent of ANVUR.
2. Luiss may also apply for the accreditation of the courses and the hosting bodies in associated form by entering into Conventions or setting up Consortia, which may host the administration of the courses. Luiss may establish a Consortium with one or more of the following bodies:
 - a. other Italian universities or foreign universities, with the possibility of awarding a multiple or joint final degree;
 - b. public or private research bodies, Italian or foreign, which meet the requirements of high cultural and scientific qualification and suitable scientific facilities and equipment;
 - c. institutions referred to in Article 2, paragraph 1, of Law no. 508 of 21 December 1999, accredited in accordance with Article 15 of DM (Ministerial Decree) 226 of 14 December 2021, with the possibility of awarding a multiple or joint final degree;
 - d. companies, including foreign ones, carrying out highly qualified research and development activities;
 - e. public administrations, cultural institutions and research infrastructures of European or international standing, for the implementation of specific research and development or innovation programmes.

Art. 3 Requirements for the accreditation of PhD courses and host bodies.

1. The requirements necessary for the accreditation of PhD courses and host bodies are the following:
 - a. Composition of the Board of Lecturers
 - a.1) taking into account, where possible, gender balance, the PhD Board shall consist of minimum twelve members belonging to scientific fields consistent with the educational objectives of the course. At least half of the members of the Board shall be university first or second rank professors, and the other half shall be researchers of universities or public research bodies; or, in the case of PhDs in association with public research bodies, they may also be researchers working as research managers, researchers or senior researchers of said bodies, without prejudice to the minimum number of professors. In all cases, researchers on the PhD Board must possess a scientific qualification certified on the basis of the necessary requirements laid down by the regulations in force for access to the post of second rank professors, while the professors must have a scientific qualification certified as being the necessary requirements laid down for access to the post they hold;

- a.2) members of Boards belonging to foreign Universities or Research Institutions must possess at least the minimum requirements laid down by the regulations in force for access to the post of second rank professors;
 - a.3) the Co-ordinator of the PhD must be highly qualified in scientific terms, as certified by the requirements laid down by the regulations in force for access to the functions of first rank Professors;
 - a.4) without prejudice to the provisions of points a.1, a.2 and a.3, up to a maximum of one third of the members of the PhD Board may be experts, who though not belonging to a University or public research institution, have high and proven scientific or professional qualifications in research areas consistent with the educational objectives of the PhD course;
 - b. Number of PhD scholarships:
The University must have:
 - b.1) for each cycle of PhDs to be activated, an average number of at least four scholarships per activated PhD course, excluding from the calculation scholarships assigned to PhDs activated jointly or in a consortium, it being understood that for each individual PhD course there must be at least three scholarships;
 - b.2) in the case of PhDs activated jointly by two bodies, through signed agreements or by setting up consortia, each body shall finance at least two scholarships; if there are more than two bodies, the body that is the administrative host of the course shall finance at least two scholarships and the others shall finance at least one each;
 - c. adequate and stable funding for the sustainability of the PhD course, with specific reference to the availability of scholarships and the support of PhD student activities;
 - d. operational and scientific facilities, specific and specialised for the study and research activities of PhD students, proportionate to the number of scholarships envisaged, including support facilities, scientific laboratories, an adequate library, databases and computer resources, according to the specificities of the course;
 - e. advanced research and training activities, possibly in the form of seminars, carried out in laboratories or research infrastructures of European level and interest;
 - f. interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary training activities, including those shared among several PhD courses, language and computer training, as well as activities in the field of teaching, research management and knowledge of European and international research systems, exploitation and dissemination of results, intellectual property and open access to data and research products, and the fundamental principles of ethics and integrity;
 - g. a quality assurance system for the design and management of PhD training that complies with the Standards for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), as indicated by ANVUR.
2. The requirements of article 3, paragraph 1, shall also apply to PhDs activated pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2. In these cases, the participating bodies shall guarantee the effective sharing of higher education and research structures and activities, and shall provide common training activities on a continuous basis, for all PhD candidates, possibly with rotation between the bodies hosting the courses.

Art. 4 Accreditation of courses and the host bodies

1. The accreditation system consists in an initial authorisation to start up PhD courses and in the accreditation of the host bodies, as well as the periodical verification of continued compliance with the requirements necessary for such purposes, according to the rules described in this regulation.
2. Application for accreditation must be submitted to the Ministry by the bodies mentioned in article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2, and must be accompanied by the documentation attesting compliance with the requirements as per article 3 and must specify the maximum number of posts for which accreditation is requested. Application for accreditation may also be requested for single curricula of already accredited PhD courses.
3. The Ministry transmits the application for accreditation to ANVUR within twenty days after its receipt. ANVUR gives its reasoned opinion on compliance with requirements for accreditation within sixty days after the date of receipt of the application, including a period of ten days within which the applicant may communicate comments or clarifications requested by ANVUR. ANVUR may, even for single accreditation applications, have recourse to external experts according to article 12, paragraph 4, letter d), of the regulation indicated in Decree of the President of the Republic no. 76 of 1st February 2010, and may order on-site visits; in this case, the deadline for the evaluation of the accreditation application may be extended for a maximum of thirty days. After obtaining ANVUR's assent, the Minister's decree decides on the application for accreditation. The accreditation decree is transmitted to the applicant and to the relevant evaluation body.
4. The accreditation of courses and host bodies lasts five years. Without prejudice to monitoring, to the periodic evaluation indicated in paragraph 5, and to the fulfilment of the requirements laid down in article 4 for each member of the Board, accreditation is evaluated for the purposes of its confirmation or withdrawal in the following cases
 - change in the name of a course

- change in the composition of the Board of Lecturers, of more than 25% compared to the initial composition for each given reference cycle
 - change of course Coordinator
5. The periodic monitoring and evaluation activities verify the continued compliance with the requirements for the accreditation of PhD courses referred to in article 3. These activities are carried out by ANVUR, which, to this end, on the basis of the results of the annual control activity carried out by the internal evaluation bodies of the accredited bodies, may also arrange for on-site visits by external experts, in order to ascertain the adequacy of the structural facilities of the courses. The periodic assessment activity may be carried out within the framework of the periodic accreditation of the body as per article 5, paragraph 3, of legislative decree no. 19 of 27 January 2012, taking into account the specificity of PhD training as compared to the first and second university cycle.
 6. If one or more of the requirements are no longer met, accreditation shall be withdrawn after discussion with the interested parties as per said terms of paragraph 3, on the basis of the opinion of ANVUR, also taking into account the provisions of article 4, paragraph 2, of the regulation as per Decree of the President of the Republic no. 76 of 1 February 2010. The recipient of the revocation shall immediately halt the activation of new cycles of PhD courses, without prejudice to the completion of the courses already activated.
 7. The Ministry, upon proposal of ANVUR, in compliance with the criteria of this regulation, as well as in consideration of the results of monitoring as per article 12, of the data contained in the Register as per article 11, and of the data collected in the accreditation procedures as per article 4, and taking into account in particular the general guidelines for the university system and the Quality Assurance Standards for the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), shall periodically update the indicators for accreditation and evaluation of PhD courses and the relevant guidelines.
 8. Accredited PhD courses are included in the public database managed by the Ministry which, in its capacity of national registry of PhDs, contains information useful for the promotion of courses at national and international level, for their accreditation, monitoring and evaluation, as well as information on professional opportunities and careers for PhD holders.

Art. 5 Establishment, duration and functioning of PhD courses

1. In order to coordinate the creation and the functioning of the PhD Programmes Luiss may establish a Doctoral School. The ownership of the courses and the accreditation of the courses and the host bodies shall remain with the University. The School is established by the Board of Directors, upon the proposal of the Academic Senate, pursuant to art. 7 letter i) of the University Statutes. The Dean of the School is the Pro-Rector for Research. The Doctoral School is governed by its own regulations aimed at defining coordination activities, joint teaching activities and related processes. After receiving the positive opinion of the quality control body, the Departments or the School propose the creation of the PhD courses, and the Academic Senate and the Executive Committee decide on their activation. PhD courses have a duration of no less than three years.
2. The names of the courses and the curricula, if any, as well as the composition of the PhD Board, shall correspond to the research topics, which are the focus of the PhD course, and shall refer to broad and clearly defined areas.
3. The bodies of the PhD course are the Board of Lecturers and the Coordinator. The members of the Board of Lecturers, the supervisors and co-supervisors of PhD students are an active and integral part of the PhD programme.
4. The Board of Lecturers is responsible for the design and the implementation of the PhD course. Each member of the Board may participate in only one Board at national level. It is possible to participate in a further Board only if it refers to a PhD course organised in association, pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, including the industrial PhD courses indicated in article 10 and the PhD courses of national interest indicated in article 11. The Board of Lecturers of the PhD programme is appointed by the Department to which the PhD programme belongs and carries out its functions for all the PhD programmes active in the academic year. The Board of Lecturers takes effect from the date of notification of the accreditation decree by the Ministry. The Board of Lecturers meets at least once every two months to deliberate on the conduction of PhD programmes, with particular reference to requests submitted by PhD students relating to the practical details of their research activities. These meetings of the Board of Lecturers may also be held by telematic means or by e-mail. If the meetings are held by the latter means, opinions not expressed within the deadline specifically indicated shall be considered assent.
5. The PhD Coordinators are appointed by the respective Department Councils. The Department Council shall choose the PhD Coordinator among the University lecturers who meet the requirements for the position of Coordinator, according to regulations in force. The Doctoral Office is responsible for verifying these requirements. The post of PhD Coordinator is assigned by Rector's Decree for 4 academic years; the Coordinator may be re-elected for several mandates, consecutive or not. The Coordination of the Board of Lecturers is entrusted to a full-time first rank professor or, in cases of motivated non-availability, to a full-time second rank professor who meets the requirements set forth in article 4, paragraph 1, letter a), number 3). The function of Coordinator may be exercised in only one Board at national level.
6. Each PhD student shall be assigned a supervisor and one or more co-supervisors. The assignment of the supervisor and co-supervisor(s) is decided by the Board of Lecturers at a dedicated meeting within the first year of the PhD student's course. The supervisor must be a member of the Board of Lecturers of the PhD to which the PhD student belongs, while the co-supervisor does not have to be a member of said Board, however she/he must meet the scientific requirements for members of the Board. In the case of more than one co-supervisor, at least one of them must belong

to academia and must meet the scientific requirements for members of the Board. Teaching, scientific or business tutoring and thesis supervision, certified and carried out by university professors and researchers within the framework of the PhD courses, contribute to the fulfilment of the institutional obligations indicated in article 6 of law n. 240 of 30 December 2010.

7. The participation of professors and researchers of Universities and public research bodies in the Board of Lecturers of a PhD course run by a Body other than the one to which they belong is subject to the authorisation of the structure to which they belong.

Art. 6 Access to PhD courses and obtaining a PhD degree

1. Admission to a PhD course is subject to public selection, organised at least once a year. Applications may be submitted by Italian or foreign citizens who, on the date of expiry of the call for applications, are in possession of a Master's degree or of appropriate qualifications obtained abroad. The application may also be submitted by those who obtain the qualifications defined in the competition notice by the date of enrolment in the PhD course, as defined in the competition notice, under penalty of admission to the course being revoked. Suitability of foreign qualifications is ascertained by the PhD Course Admissions Committee, in compliance with the regulations in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was awarded, as well as with international treaties and agreements on the recognition of qualifications for further studies.
2. The call, drawn up in Italian and English, is issued by the Rector, by decree. The call for applications is published for at least thirty days on the accredited body's website, on the European Euraxess website and on the Ministry's website. The notice indicates the criteria for admission and for the evaluation of qualifications, the presence of written tests if any, including internationally recognised tests, as well as details concerning interviews, which may also include the presentation and discussion of a research project. Interviews may also be conducted electronically. The Examination Committee for the admission and assessment of candidates is appointed by Rector's decree, after consultation with the Board of Lecturers, and is composed of at least three members, lecturers - including foreign ones - or experts of renown qualification in the specific field. The number of lecturers must always be greater than the number of experts on the Committee. At the end of the selection procedures, the list of candidates is drawn up and made public, including by electronic means. In the event of a PhD course activated in the form of curricula, the admission and assessment procedures, as well as the final ranking shall refer to the course, without single curricula details. The start date of PhD courses falls within the month of October of each calendar year, without prejudice to any agreements and/or conventions for the activation of specific programmes. If the notice reserves a quota of posts for graduates from foreign universities, pursuant to paragraph 4, or for scholarship holders from foreign countries or for specific international mobility programmes, it is possible to establish different rules for the admission procedure and, in this case, a separate ranking will be published. Non-allocated reserved posts may be made available for other selection procedures referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The call for applications shall indicate the number of PhD scholarships and any other forms of financial support.
4. The selection notices may provide for:
 - a) the admission of suitable candidates to the course in cases of winners renouncing or if further resources become available, within the deadlines set by University regulations;
 - b) the reservation of a share of the scholarships and other forms of financial support in favour of candidates who have obtained the qualifications required for admission to the PhD course at foreign universities.
5. In the case of national, European and international collaborative projects, there may be specific admission procedures and organisational arrangements, depending on the characteristics of the individual PhD projects activated within accredited PhD courses.
6. For proven reasons that do not allow the submission of the thesis within the deadline foreseen for a given course, the Board of Lecturers may grant an extension of maximum twelve months, without any further financial burden, upon request of the PhD student.
7. An extension of the duration of the PhD course for a period not exceeding twelve months may also be decided by the Board of Lecturers for justified scientific needs, ensuring in this case the corresponding extension of the duration of the scholarship with funds taken from the University budget. If the Board of Lecturers deems it necessary to extend the duration of the PhD course for justified scientific needs, said decision must be taken unanimously by all the members of the Board. In this specific circumstance, silence shall not be considered assent. In the event of such a decision, the PhD Coordinator shall duly submit a request to the Academic Senate and the University Executive Committee for approval.
8. PhD students may request the suspension of the course for a maximum of six months, for proven reasons provided by law. For the duration of the suspension no scholarship or other equivalent funding is paid.
9. The periods of extension and suspension referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 may not exceed a total of eighteen months, except in specific cases provided for by law.
10. The PhD title abbreviated as "Dott. Ric." or "Ph.D.", is awarded following the positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of research. PhD theses are written in Italian or English, or in another language, if authorised by the Board of Lecturers, and are accompanied by a synopsis in English. The rules for drafting the final thesis are established by the Board of Lecturers of the PhD programme and communicated to the PhD students concerned, by the Coordinator and/or supervisors.

11. The thesis, together with a report on the activities carried out during the PhD course and any publications, shall be examined by at least two assessors who do not belong to the body awarding the PhD and are in possession of highly qualified experience, one of whom at least shall be a university lecturer. The assessors may belong to foreign or international institutions. The assessors are chosen by the Board of Lecturers, on a proposal from the supervisor(s) of the PhD candidates involved in the degree awarding procedure. Within thirty days after receiving the thesis, the assessors shall express a written analytical judgement, proposing admission to public defence or postponement of the defence of the thesis for a period not exceeding six months. Once this period has elapsed, the thesis shall in any case be admitted for discussion and must be accompanied by a new written opinion, which shall form an integral part of the final report, rendered by the assessors in the light of any corrections or additions made by the candidate.
12. The defence shall take place in public before a Committee, at least two thirds of which shall be made up of persons not belonging to the administrative body of the course and no more than one third of which shall belong to a Faculty participating in the PhD programme as per article 3, paragraph 2, excluding the candidate's supervisors. The two assessors may be included in the Committee; however, at least two thirds of the members of the Committee shall belong to academia. The Committee is appointed by Rector's decree after consultation with the Board of Lecturers, respecting gender balance where possible. The members of the Committee may participate in the meeting remotely by telematic link. At the end of the defence, the Committee expresses a written and motivated judgement on the thesis, and, if the Committee unanimously deems the thesis of special scientific importance, it may award honours.
13. The training activities carried out by PhD students in one or more institutions are certified by a document attached to the final diploma (diploma supplement).

Art. 7 Scholarships

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph 3, PhD students may be offered a PhD post without a grant, up to a maximum of one such post for every three with a grant.
2. Scholarships, which may also be financed by a combination of funding sources, shall last for a total of at least three years and shall be renewed annually upon positive verification of the completion of the programme of activities planned for each year. If the scholarship is not renewed, or if the PhD candidate renounces the scholarship, the unused amount of the scholarship shall be reinvested in order to fund other PhDs.
3. The minimum scholarship amount is established by Ministerial Decree. Increases in grants are set at 50%, for a total period not exceeding twelve months, for research activities abroad authorised by the Board of Lecturers. This period may be extended up to a maximum total of eighteen months for PhDs in cooperation with foreign Faculties or activated pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2. This increase may not be used for stays of less than one continuous month and may be subject to further constraints, indicated in the relative notices of admission to PhDs linked to specific projects. Periods of research abroad by the PhD student must be approved in advance by the Board of Lecturers, which will assess their consistency with the research project and their added value, also on the basis of a letter of invitation from the host university (or research organisation) which the PhD student must present to the Board of Lecturers when applying. The increase in the grant may be activated following the Board of Lecturers' decision concerning the PhD student's period abroad. PhD students may send letters to the Office periodically confirming that the visit period has actually taken place, and on this basis the increase will be paid. At the end of all research periods, PhD students must submit a final letter confirming the effective completion of the entire period abroad.
4. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 12, paragraph 2, in order to carry out research activities in Italy and abroad, in addition to the grant, PhD students are guaranteed a budget adapted to the type of PhD course and in any case not less than ten percent of the amount of the grant itself, financed by resources available in the budgets of the accredited bodies.
5. For the maintenance of apprenticeship contracts and other forms of financial support, in the years following the first year of the course, the same principles for the maintenance of the scholarships referred to in paragraph 2 shall apply.
6. Without prejudice to the verification of the completion of the programme of annual activities foreseen by the PhD course, the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 shall not apply to PhD students from foreign countries who receive scholarships or financial support within specific mobility programmes.

Art. 8 Industrial PhDs

1. At the time of initial accreditation or subsequently, the Faculties referred to in article 2 may request recognition of the qualification "Industrial PhD" as part of the name, for PhD courses activated on the basis of agreements or consortia that also include bodies referred to in article 2, paragraph 2, letter d), that carry out research and development activities.
2. The agreements referred to in paragraph 1 shall regulate:
 - a. the terms for the coordination of the research activities among the parties;
 - b. the terms for the implementation of the research activities in the enterprise, as well as, with regard to the possible posts held as employee of the enterprise, the distribution of the overall commitment of the

- employee, the duration of the PhD course and the possible financial contribution from the enterprise to the University for conducting the PhD course;
 - c. the incentive mechanisms aimed at promoting technology transfer and encouraging the partner enterprises to develop the results of research activities.
3. The research topics focused on by Industrial PhD courses accord particular importance to the promotion of the production system and economic development and foster joint planning of research topics and PhD candidate activities.
 4. The calls for admission to Industrial PhD courses, in accordance with the guidelines defined at European level and with the development strategies of the national system, as well as in compliance with the principles set out in article 1, may:
 - a. indicate specific requirements for carrying out research activities, such as interdisciplinarity, membership of international networks and intersectorality, with particular reference to the business sector;
 - b. allocate a portion of the available posts to employees of partner companies or bodies engaged in highly qualified activities, who are admitted to the PhD after having passed the relevant selection.
 5. The possibility set out in Article 45 of Legislative Decree no. 81 of 15 June 2015 to activate apprenticeship contracts aimed at training for Industrial PhDs shall remain, however, the prevalence of research activities must be guaranteed. Such apprenticeship contracts shall be considered equivalent to PhD scholarships for the purposes of calculating the minimum number required for the activation of the course.

For the PhDs referred to in this article, it is possible to set a different deadline for the submission of applications for admission and for the start of courses, it is also possible to design dedicated training programmes and teaching activities for PhD students, organised in such a way as to enable the PhD to run smoothly.

Art. 9 PhDs of national interest

1. The Ministry encourages the setting up of PhDs of national interest and provides for their co-funding.
2. A PhD programme is defined as being of national interest if it meets the following requirements:
 - a. it is proven to contribute to the advancement of research, also through the achievement of specific objectives in the priority areas of intervention of the National Plan for Recovery and Resilience, including areas related to the enhancement of innovative PhD courses for Public Administration and cultural heritage, of the National Programme for Research and of the relevant National Plans;
 - b. it includes, in the accreditation phase already, the conclusion of agreements or the establishment of consortia among several Universities, as well as with highly qualified research institutions of renown international level including foreign ones, which provide for the effective sharing of training and research activities, the terms governing financial support, the exchange and mobility of teachers and PhD students and possible forms of co-tutorship;
 - c. it envisages, during the accreditation phase already, the coordination and joint planning of research activities between at least one university and at least four bodies referred to in article 2, paragraph 2, in order to realise highly qualified training courses and allow access to research infrastructures suitable for the realisation of PhD student research projects;
 - d. for each cycle of the PhD, it provides at least thirty scholarships, each of an amount determined in accordance with article 7, paragraph 3, it being understood that the share of support for PhD candidate research and training activities is increased up to 20% of the amount of the scholarship, to be covered by ministerial co-financing.
3. The Faculties referred to in Paragraph 2, letter c), shall award the scholarships for PhDs of national interest in accordance with the procedures referred to in Article 6, subject to assessment of the candidates by a Committee formed in such a way as to ensure the participation of members from abroad and not belonging to a body directly involved.

Art. 10 Rights and responsibilities of PhD students

1. Following a PhD programme requires exclusive and full-time commitment, without prejudice to the provisions of Art. 8(4) and (2)(b). The Board of Lecturers may authorise a PhD student to carry out remunerated activities that allow her/him to acquire skills related to the training area of the PhD, subject to an assessment of the compatibility of such activities with the profitable pursuit of the training, teaching and research activities of the PhD course. The annual maximum amount of income received by a PhD student, which is compatible with a scholarship, shall not exceed the minimum ministerial amount of said scholarship.
2. Each PhD student is normally expected to carry out research and training activities, consistent with the PhD project, at highly qualified institutions abroad.
3. PhD students may, as an integral part of their training project, with the prior authorisation of the Board of Lecturers and without increasing the amount of the scholarship, carry out tutoring activities, including remunerated tutoring, for students on bachelor and master degree courses, as well as supplementary teaching activities, within the limit of forty hours per academic year. For the activities referred to in this paragraph, PhD

students are paid the amounts referred to in Article 1, paragraph 1, letter b) of decree-law no. 105, of 9 May 2003, converted, with amendments, by law no. 170 of 11 July 2003.

4. PhD scholarships are subject to the payment of **gestione separata** INPS social security contributions as per article 2, paragraph 26, of law no. 335 of 8 August 1995, with two thirds to be paid by the administration and one third by the scholarship holder. PhD students shall benefit from the related protections and rights. When submitting their application for admission to the PhD, applicants must indicate whether they intend to apply for one or more of the types of financial support indicated in the call.
5. Civil servants admitted to a PhD course shall be entitled, for the normal duration of the course, to leave of absence as provided for by collective bargaining or, if they are employees under public law, to extraordinary leave for study purposes, compatible with the needs of the administration, pursuant to article 2 of law no. 476 of 13 August 1984, with or without pay and unless expressly waived, only if they are enrolled for the first time in a PhD course, regardless of the subject matter. The right to the budget for research activities carried out in Italy and abroad, as per article 7, paragraph 4, remains unchanged.
6. The right to study as per legislative decree no. 68 of 29 March 2012 is extended to PhD students, according to the modalities regulated therein.
7. Without prejudice to the application of the rules for the protection of parenthood referred to in decree of the Minister of Labour and Social Security no. 247 of 12 July 2007 published in the Official Journal of 23 October 2007, PhD students on leave shall maintain the right to a scholarship. At the end of the period of suspension, the scholarship shall be paid upon resumption of course attendance for the entire duration of said scholarship.
8. In order to deal with teaching and organisational problems, the representatives of the PhD students may participate in the meetings of the Board of Lecturers, each within the framework of their PhD.

Art. 11 Evaluation and funding of PhD courses

- 1 The University may finance PhD courses, subject to their accreditation, through:
 - a. its own funds
 - b. funds provided by the Ministry in accordance with the funding lines provided by current legislation;
 - c. funding provided within the framework of the types of association referred to in article 2, paragraph 2;
 - d. funds from other ministries or other public or private bodies;
 - e. competitive tenders at national, European and international level.
- 2 The funding referred to in paragraph 1, letter b), shall be allocated annually by Ministerial Decree on the basis of the following general criteria:
 - a. productivity and quality of the research activity carried out by Board lecturers, by PhD students and PhD graduates;
 - b. degree of internationalisation of the PhD, measured on the basis of the proportion of PhD students and lecturers from abroad and on the basis of the valorisation of the periods of attendance abroad;
 - c. attractiveness of the PhD, measured on the basis of the number of PhD students admitted to the course who did not obtain their Master's degree in the same institution or partner institutions or ones with an agreement pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2;
 - d. services, infrastructure and financial resources offered and available to the PhD and PhD candidates, also following mergers or federations between universities;
 - e. employment opportunities for PhD students;
 - f. research result valorisation activities carried out by members of the Board of Lecturers, PhD students and PhD graduates, adequately documented in a way that allows ANVUR to assess their impact;
 - g. number of scholarships funded by external bodies;
 - h. degree of PhD student satisfaction with the course attended, measured by means of dedicated anonymous questionnaires.
- 3 Within the framework of the annual allocations for training activities following completion of a Master's degree, the Ministry may allocate a portion of the available funds to one or more of the following purposes:
 - a. co-funding PhD scholarships, allocated to PhDs of national interest as per Article 9;
 - b. fostering PhD courses as per Article 3, paragraph 2.

Art. 11 The PhD Register and the PhD thesis database

1. For the purposes referred to in article 1-bis, paragraph 1, of decree-law no. 105 of 9 May 2003, converted, with amendments, by law no. 170 of 11 July 2003, the Ministry is responsible for updating and supplementing the national register of PhD students and PhD graduates, which, in addition to the data identified by the decree of the Minister for Education, Universities and Research of 30 April 2004, adopted pursuant to paragraph 2 of the same article 1-bis, shall also contain specific information on the scientific publications produced during PhD courses, including PhD theses as well as data on job opportunities, five years after the PhD is awarded. A further decree adopted pursuant to the same article 1-bis, paragraph 2, after hearing the opinion of the Guarantor for the protection of personal data, specifically identifies these data, which must be transmitted to the above-mentioned Register by the Universities, and the technical and organisational measures in compliance with current regulations.

2. Within thirty days after the defence and the approval of the thesis, the University shall deposit a copy of the same, in electronic format, in the Register referred to in Paragraph 1, in a specific open access section. Subject to the prior authorisation of the Board of Lecturers, parts of the thesis may be made unavailable in compliance with the use of protected data under current legislation. The thesis must be deposited in the central national libraries of Rome and Florence.

Art. 12 Implementation monitoring

The Ministry, also with the help of ANVUR, shall monitor the implementation of these regulations, with particular reference to the expansion of the range of PhD courses offered and to the impact of PhD training also for the purposes of access to careers in public administrations, and the inclusion of highly innovative professional experiences.

Art. 13 Access and attendance fees

Upon a proposal from the Academic Senate or the Doctoral School, the Executive Committee of the Luiss Guido Carli University sets the fees that PhD students may have to pay for access and attendance, for each PhD cycle. EU and non-EU students coming from Italian and state or foreign legally recognised universities and institutes may be admitted to attend one or more activated Luiss PhDs, upon payment of an enrolment fee. In order to enrol in single courses, non-EU students residing abroad are required to comply with current ministerial regulations. Enrolment in individual courses is completed by submitting the application form and paying the required fees.

Admission to single courses is open to holders of a Master's degree, a single-cycle Master's degree or a similar academic qualification obtained abroad, recognised by the academic authorities if not already declared equivalent.

The fee to be paid to enrol in one or more single courses is set annually by the Luiss Guido Carli Board of Directors.

Art. 14 PhDs with joint supervision

The University may sign specific agreements for the creation of joint research PhDs with universities in foreign countries, which provide for the co-tutoring of theses. The co-supervisory agreement generally provides for PhD students to carry out their research work under the guidance of two supervisors, one per university involved, who are committed to working together in a spirit of joint responsibility. The PhD student's course of study, the procedure for obtaining the degree and the composition of the relevant committee will be defined in a dedicated agreement, in compliance with the regulations in force in the countries in which the PhDs are activated.

Art. 15 Incoming visiting PhD students

The University offers PhD students enrolled in other Italian and foreign universities the possibility of visit periods in both locations.

Each aspiring visiting PhD student must identify a potential supervisor among the professors teaching at Luiss and ask for their willingness to accept this role.

Upon receipt of said request, the lecturer must submit it to the Doctoral Office for evaluation of the formal requirements that the PhD candidate must have in order to carry out the research period at the University.

Once the Doctoral Office has verified compliance with said requirements, it shall submit the request to the relevant Department Council, identified on the basis of the application received.