

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DELL'AQUILA

Amministrazione centrale

Area Ricerca e Trasferimento Tecnologico

Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di Ricerca

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**PUBLIC COMPETITION, BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMS, RESERVED FOR PALESTINIAN CANDIDATES AS PART OF THE AICS INITIATIVE - 'Multi-disciplinary action aimed at supporting gender equality education in Palestine' – AID 012708/01/2, FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. COURSE IN MATHEMATICS AND MODELING – XLI CYCLE - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

**THE RECTOR  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF L'AQUILA**

**IN FORCE OF** law n. 476, August 13, 1984, establishing rules on university scholarships;

**IN FORCE OF** law n. 398, November 30, 1989, establishing rules on university scholarships;

**IN FORCE OF** article n. 4 of law n. 210, July 3, 1998, which provides that the universities, with their own regulation establish their Ph.D. schools;

**IN FORCE OF** article 19 of law n. 240, December 30, 2010;

**IN FORCE OF** D.P.C.M. of April 9, 2001 "Disposizioni per l'uniformità del trattamento sul diritto agli studi universitari" according to article n. 4 of law n. 390, December 2, 1991;

**IN FORCE OF** legislative decree n. 68, March 29, 2012;

**PURSUANT TO** DD. MM. 509/1999 e 270/2004 which provides rules about the didactic autonomy of Universities;

**PURSUANT TO** D.M. n. 226 of December 14, 2021 "*Regolamento recante modalità di accreditamento delle sedi e dei corsi di dottorato e criteri per la istituzione dei corsi di dottorato da parte degli enti accreditati*",

**PURSUANT TO** the rules for the admission of foreign students to the university course published on MIUR web site;

**PURSUANT TO** the Regulation of the Ph.D. Schools of the University of L'Aquila, renewed by Rectoral Decree n. 787/2022 of 2022, June 1<sup>st</sup> and subsequent amendments;

**HAVING REGARD TO** Ethical Code of University of L'Aquila issued by D.R. n. 1777/2022 of 2022, December 30<sup>th</sup> and subsequent amendments;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the AICS project "Multidisciplinary intervention in support of gender equality education in Palestine", with the University of Perugia as the lead university and a network of partner universities consisting of the Polytechnic University of Marche, the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa and the University of L'Aquila;

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**NOTING THAT** as part of the aforementioned project, two Ph.D. scholarships have been awarded to the University of L'Aquila;

**TAKEN NOTE that** the call for applications for 2 PhD positions – XLI Cycle – a.y. 2025/2026, funded by the AICS Project, was issued by Rectoral Decree rep. no. 814/2025 of 31/07/2025;

**TAKEN NOTE that** upon completion of the selection procedure, one position remained available due to the successful candidate failing to enrol;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the resolution of the Board of Professors of Ph.D. course in Mathematics and modeling of January 19, 2026 - acquired at prot. n. 10728 of 22/01/2026, concerning the request to issue the call for applications for admission to the Ph.D. programme, for this position;

**HAVING REGARD TO** note no. 12514 of 23/01/2026 by which the Rector of the University of L'Aquila communicated to the Rector of the University of Perugia, the implementing body of the AICS Project, the University's full availability to issue the Call for Applications;

**HAVING REGARD TO** the resolution of the Board of Administration of 28/01/2026 authorising the publication of a call for applications, exclusively for Palestinian candidates, for the award of n. 1 scholarship for a Ph.D. Course in Mathematics and modeling - XLI cycle - academic year 2025/2026;

**HEREBY DECREES**

**ART. 1**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC SELECTION PROCESS**

1. A public competition is announced for admission to Ph.D. Course in Mathematics and modeling – XLI cycle – academic year 2025/2026, with administrative headquarters at the University of L'Aquila, for 1 place funded under the AICS project “Multidisciplinary intervention in support of gender equality education in Palestine”.

2. The form attached to this call for applications, which form an integral part thereof, indicate the methods and criteria for selecting candidates and the examination schedule.

The duration of the doctoral course is three years. The Ph.D. activities will begin by May 1, 2026

**ART. 2**

**Requirements for Access**

1. Palestinian citizens who, at the deadline for submitting the application, hold one of the following qualifications are eligible to participate in the selection process, without age restrictions:

a) master's or specialist degree;

b) degree from the system prior to the Ministerial Decree n. 509/1999 (old system);

c) second level academic qualification issued by institutions belonging to the AFAM (Higher Artistic and Musical Education) sector;

d) qualification obtained abroad, recognized as equivalent to the aforementioned second level academic qualifications.

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The academic qualification obtained abroad by the candidate must refer to a course with a duration of at least 4 years and allow the access to a Ph.D. course in the country in which it was awarded.

Candidates holding a foreign Degree who have not as yet obtained certified equivalency required for the admission to the Ph.D. course, must include the following documents in their application (necessary for the Examination Commission to evaluate the Degree as conforming to requirements):

- a copy of the Degree certifications obtained (Bachelor e Master Degree), with a transcript of records of the exams taken and an Italian or English translation provided by the applicant under his/her responsibility;
- any other documentation deemed useful for the qualification assessment (Diploma Supplement, declarations etc...).

Eligibility of the qualification will be verified by the Course's Admission Committee and will only be granted for the sole purpose of admission to the chosen Ph.D. course.

2. Candidates who, on the expiry date of this announcement, do not possess the requisites referred to in paragraph 1, will be admitted to the selection with reserve. The qualification required for access to Ph.D. courses must be achieved by March 31, 2026.

3. Candidates enrolled in medical specialisation schools are not eligible to participate in the competition.

### ART. 3 Applications, terms and conditions

1. The application form may only be submitted using the dedicated online procedure, available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/aicsmatdott41>

Applications must be submitted no later than **March 09, 2026, at 1 p.m. (CEST)**.

The application must be signed. The absence of the signature, or the typed signature, implicates the exclusion from the public competition.

There are 3 methodologies to sign it and the candidate must select one of them and read carefully they directions.

- By digital signature using smart card, USB token or remote signature which allow the owner to sign general documents by means of a signature software or a Remote Signature web portal made available by the Auditor. Those who have a Digital Signature smart card or USB token shall verify that they are compatible with the Digital Signature system integrated in the system server. If so, the owner may sign the application directly in the system server (e.g. ConFirma);
- Those who do not have compatible digital signature devices and the Remote Digital Signature Owners who may access a web portal for signing general documents shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, digitally sign it in CAdES format. A .p7m file will be generated, which shall be saved and uploaded again in the system. Any editing to the file before signing with the Digital Signature shall interfere with the automatic check of correspondence between the content of such a document and the original, and this will bring to the application exclusion;

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- If none of the above-mentioned options can be used candidates shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, print and sign it with full original signature in the last page of the printed document (**applications with typed signatures will not be accepted**). A scanned .pdf copy of such a document shall be produced and the file thus obtained shall be uploaded to the system.

In case the access to the platform is via SPID, it is not necessary to sign the application with one of the aforementioned methods.

2. When filling the application, candidates must:

- select the Ph.D. course;
- select ordinary seat;
- indicate a valid contact address to complete the remote oral exam. (Skype and others);
- attach the qualifications required and indicated in the form of the chosen Ph.D. course and a copy of the identity document.

**All documentation must be attached in pdf format.**

**The lack of a copy of the identity document is cause for exclusion from the selection.**

For all legal purposes, the application is to be considered as a self-certification of the data included therein, in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000 and subsequent amendments.

3. The candidate can request reference letters. A notification will be sent automatically sent to the selected referee only when the application has been fully submitted. The referee must compile the reference letter scheme and submit it by the deadline of **March 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. CEST**.

**Reference letters attached by the candidate will not be taken into consideration.**

**4. The application is automatically sent to the University when the online procedure has finally been completed. Therefore, no paperwork needs to be delivered or sent to the University's offices.**

Candidates are invited to complete applications for the selection process well in advance of the closing date specified in this call. Candidates are responsible for verifying that the procedure is completed correctly.

No complaints will be accepted for any malfunctioning of the IT system due to overload experienced by candidates near the closing date.

After the deadline of the call it will no longer be possible to change the application for participation.

In force of Italian Law no. 104/92, as amended by Italian Law no. 17/99, disabled candidates may request an individual examination (with the use of aids, any additional time required, etc.) to complete the required entry examinations.

The request must be written in accordance with the instructions available as part of the online application procedure for the selection process.

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According to the art. 15 of Law 183/2011 and following the interpretation done by the Directive of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, signed by the Minister of Public Administration and Simplification, n. 61547 of 22/12/2011, the University can't accept certifications issued by other Public Administrations.

Therefore, if the titles declared by candidates and attached to the application for admission to the competition, have been issued by Italian public universities, they must only be self-certified. Following the rules on self-certification, the University will verify the veracity of the self-certification, pursuant to the Consolidated Law on Finance. 445/2000.

### ART. 4 Examinations

1. The assessment procedure consists of two phases: qualification assessment and oral exam, that will take place on the dates indicated in Article 1.2 of the above reported scheme.

This date is to be regarded as official legally binding calls.

Candidates will therefore not receive any other sort of call or summons by the University as to the exams prescribed for the Ph.D. Course they have applied for.

The candidate does not have to be present during qualification assessment procedures.

**ANY CHANGES IN DATES AND TIMES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC ON THE UNIVERSITY WEBSITE AND IT HAS TO BE  
REGARDED AS AN OFFICIAL LEGALLY BINDING CALL.**

**A candidate who is not present at the time for the examination will automatically excluded from the competition.**

The oral exam may be taken in English and will be conducted online, via web conference communication systems. Candidates must provide their contact details in their application form and ensure that they have access to a webcam so that they can be identified by the selection committee.

### ART. 5 Examination Committee and competition rules

1. The Examination Committee, designated by the Board of Professors, is appointed by the Rector through a specific decree and is composed by a minimum of three to a maximum of five members among professors and assistant professors. At least one of the members must be full or associate Professor.

Having regard to Italian Law about "Equal Opportunities for Men and Women" and specifically to Art. 57 of the Leg. Decree n. 165, 30 March 2001, at least one third of the Examining Board has to be women, except impossibility to be demonstrated when the Board proposal is made. In any case the

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gender balance must be respected: each gender must be represented at least by one third of components.

Having regard to Art. 35 bis of the Leg. Decree n. 165, 30 March 2001, Individuals condemned for crimes – even if not yet sentenced – in Book II of the Italian Penal Code (“crimes by civil servants against public administration”) cannot be nominated as members of the Examining Board.

**Teachers who have issued letters of reference to candidates cannot be part of the exam boards.**

2. The Commission can carry out the meeting electronically. Insofar as they are compatible, the rules of the University Regulations on the subject are guided (D.R. n. 319/2020 of March 17, 2020, and subsequent amendments).

3. The candidate's scores will be indicated out of a total of 100 points.

The results of the assessment of the qualifications will be published on the web site of the University [https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang\\_s=en](https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang_s=en) and on the web site of the concerned Department and/or the Ph.D. web site.

At the end of the session the Examination Committee draws up the list of the interviewed applicants with the obtained scores.

This list, signed by the President and by the secretary of the Examination Committee will be published, on the same day, on the web site of the Department and/or on the Ph.D. page.

### ART. 6 Rankings and assignment of scholarships

1. Once the assessment procedures have been completed the Examination Committee draws up the final ranking list according to the sums of the obtained scores.

In the case of having the same score, the younger candidate will prevail.

The University Administration makes this list public by publishing it on the official notice board of the University <https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=1391> and on the University web site [https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang\\_s=en](https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang_s=en) once the validity of the examination procedure has been checked.

The applicants will obtain a Ph.D. position according to their position on the ranking list.

### ART 7 Enrolment in Ph.D. Courses

1. Successful candidate must submit the enrolment through the University of L'Aquila official website [https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang\\_s=en](https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang_s=en) within 15 days from online publication of selection results.

No information will be sent to the candidate's home. Candidate granted admission to the Course is responsible for checking enrolment dates and procedures.

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**Failure to enroll by the deadlines set will be considered as drop out and the place will subsequently be assigned to the next candidate according to the ranking.**

Successful candidate, who is admitted to the competition conditionally, must also submit a self-certification attesting to the achievement of the degree, within 3 days of obtaining it.

The enrolment forms, available on the University website, duly signed, must be delivered to the “Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di Ricerca”, within the deadline foreseen for the enrolment. The documents can be delivered by mail addressed to [concorso.dottorati@univaq.it](mailto:concorso.dottorati@univaq.it).

**All documentation must be attached in pdf format.**

The documents to submit compulsory are the followings:

- a) Enrolment form;
- b) Self-Declaration in substitution of certification and Self-Declaration in substitution of attested affidavit in accordance with articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree – 28th December, 2000, n. 445 (using the forms available on the University website <https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=684>);
- c) self-declaration to obtain the scholarship for the Ph.D. course they have earned admission to;
- d) Scholarship accreditation form;
- e) copy of their university degree, translated and certified by competent Italian Diplomatic Authorities, with “Declaration of Value” provided by the Italian Embassy/consulate operating in the student’s country of residence. Alternatively, the winner may present the certificate of comparability and the certificate of verification issued by CIMEA as part of the agreement stipulated with the University of L’Aquila (<https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-attestati-di-comparabilita-e-verifica-dei-titoli>). For the registration, please enter the service Diplome, via the following link <https://cimea.diplo-me.eu/univaq/#/auth/login>.

If the documentation at letter e) is not available at the time of enrolment, the candidate’s enrolment shall be deemed “subject to verification”. In this case all the above-mentioned compulsory documentation must be consigned **by and no later than June 30, 2026. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the course.**

The originals of the above documentation must be submitted by the applicant to the Ph.D. Office upon arrival in Italy.

**Failure to comply with this requirement will result in exclusion from the PhD programme.**

- f) Transcript of records of the exams given during the degree course and marks awarded, translated and certified by competent Italian Diplomatic Authorities;
- g) a copy of passport;
- h) a copy of the candidate’s fiscal-code number and a copy of the candidate’s “Italian-residency permit” (permesso di soggiorno) – only for non-EU citizens (to be handed in upon arrival in Italy).

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Winner must also declare that they meet the following requirements:

1. they enjoy civil and political rights in their country of origin or residence;
1. they meet all the requirements for citizens of the Italian Republic, with the exception of Italian citizenship.

**Within 15 days from the start of the Ph.D. Course**, the successful candidate must send by mail a photocopy of a receipt from the INPS (national social security service), certifying that they have been registered in *"posizione contributiva alla gestione separata"* (for information visit the INPS website at [www.inps.it](http://www.inps.it)).

False declarations shall lead to the candidate's expulsion from the Ph.D. course and to prescribed sanctions for such offenses, vacant position will be assigned to the candidate according to the ranking list.

2. Successful candidate who does not want to enroll in the course, must immediately send a signed letter of renouncement enclosing a photocopy (front-back) of a identity card.

When candidate, even if not winner of the competition, has right to be enrolled, the suitable candidate entitled to be enrolled will receive a communication to the e-mail address indicated on the application for participation in the competition. Candidate selected as replacement must write a letter of acceptance within three days of the aforementioned email. All other necessary documents indicated in this announcement must be consigned within, and no later than, ten days after receiving notification.

Failure to enroll by the deadline indicated is equivalent to tacit renunciation.

### ART. 8 Grants – Scholarships

1. The grant available indicated in this announcement is assigned according to the ranking list drawn up by the Examination Commission.

A Ph.D. gross grant consists of € 16.243,00 which includes health and social security taxes that, in 2025, amounts to 35,030%, but only 11,677% is paid by the beneficiary.

From the first year of each Ph.D. course, for each PhD student, a research budget, not less than 10% of the total sum of the grant conferred, will also be available for research activity in Italy or abroad.

2. Grants are yearly provided and are renewed on the condition that the Ph.D. student has completed all programmed activities for the course during the previous year.

A Ph.D. scholarship cannot be cumulated with other grants except for those provided by national or foreign institutions which are aimed at integrating the Ph.D. student's research activity with periods abroad.

The payment of the scholarship is made by monthly installment.

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Candidates who have already benefited from other Ph.D. study grants in Italy (even if only for one year) are not eligible to receive another grant.

If a Ph.D. student does not respect what is indicated in article 15 paragraph 6 of Ph.D. regulations, his/her scholarship will be stopped.

### ART. 9 Attendance Abroad

All Ph.D. students can carry out training periods abroad in qualified institutions. Such training or study periods abroad cannot be longer than 12 months and can be allowed in case they are foreseen by:

- a) The study program of the Ph.D. course;
- b) Upon advice of the course coordinator or board of teachers;
- c) Upon request made by the Ph.D. student.

The period of study abroad can be extended until 18 months at maximum only for the PhD in cotutelle with foreign bodies.

All the Ph.D. students are entitled to an increase in the scholarship up to a maximum of 50% for the aforementioned training periods abroad.

Before going abroad the following documents must be sent to the above-mentioned Ph.D. office by the Coordinator:

- Signed authorization by the course Coordinator for training/study periods abroad of 6 months or less
- or
- Board resolution allowing a period of over 6 months.

The authorization must include the source of financial coverage for the additional sum of the scholarship.

Upon returning to Italy, or each month, the Ph.D. Coordinator shall present the Certification about study periods abroad and shall request the payment of the scholarship increase.

### ART. 10 Tuition Fees

All Ph.D. students must only pay € 156,00: Regional tax (€ 140,00) and a duty stamp “marca da bollo” (€ 16,00).

The Ph.D. students must also pay the Annual All-Inclusive Contribution (COA), if provided for in the fee guide.

Late payment will result in a € 52,00 fine.

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**ART. 11**  
**Rights and Duties**

1. Ph.D. students are obliged to attend lessons and carry out all prescribed activities regularly in accordance with the programs and schedules set by the Board of Professors.
2. The University provides insurance coverage for the entire duration of the Ph.D. course and for activities pertaining to the course.
3. Compatible employment activities shall be allowed for brief periods, following authorization from the Board of Professors, after hearing the favorable opinion of the supervisor, as long as such commitments do not pose any sort of conflict with the activities required within the Ph.D. course.
4. Interruptions in attendance shall be allowed for:
  - a) Illness or injury for periods of 30 days or more;
  - b) Military or civil service;
  - c) Training courses for teacher certification.

Interruption may also be agreed for substantiated serious personal reasons after having received a positive opinion of the Board of Professors. Discontinuation does not exceed six months one year according to the total course length Ph.D. students benefitting of interruption period must recover the entire time with consequent test delay for the move to following year and for the awarding of title.

5. Maternity/paternity leave and leave for adoption or foster care may also be authorized. Maternity-leave laws and regulations as indicated in Gazzetta Ufficiale n. 247 of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 shall be applied only to scholarship holders.
6. A Ph.D. student's unexcused absence or non-fulfillment of obligations shall result in his/her exclusion from the course by the Board of Professors. In this case the expelled Ph.D. student shall be liable for the sum of the scholarship conferred or for tuition fees.
7. Ph.D. students enrolled at the University of L'Aquila may carry out limited teaching or tutoring activities within the University's Bachelor and Master-level degree courses if so established and programmed by the Board of Professors in agreement with the University Department.
8. Ph.D. students must preserve the confidentiality in information, knowing and materials that the organizations will make available for the study and research activities. They must not disclose beyond subject different by the ones that gave to them, in accordance with the Ph.D Course Regulation of this University.

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**ART. 12**  
**Graduation**

A Doctoral Degree title (Dott. Ric. or Ph.D.) will be awarded following the positive assessment of the Ph.D. thesis, considering the results achieved. The Ph.D. degree awarded to recipient of the above scholarship will include a reference to the AICS project “Multidisciplinary intervention in support of gender equality education in Palestine”.

Student can write the Ph.D. thesis in English, an abstract in English must also be provided. Student wishing to write the thesis in a language different must receive authorization from the Board of Professors.

The evaluation committee for Ph.D. thesis discussion will be appointed according to the Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

**ART. 13**  
**Head of the Competition Procedure**

According to art. 5 of law 07/08/1990, n. 241, the Head of the Settore Dottorati, Assegni e Borse di ricerca of the University of L'Aquila (Piazza Santa Margherita, 2 – Palazzo Camponeschi - L'Aquila) shall be responsible for the competition procedure.

**ART. 14**  
**Legal Reference**

For all other matters not foreseen or included in this announcement we shall refer to Law n. 210 of 03/07/98, Law n. 240 of 30/12/2010, Ministerial Decree 226/2021 and to the “Regolamento dei corsi di Dottorato di Ricerca” (Ph.D. regulations) of this University and the provisions of the AICS Project and the Partnership Agreement with the University of Perugia.

This announcement is available at: [https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang\\_s=en](https://www.univaq.it/en/section.php?id=2296&lang_s=en)

Further information may be requested through HELP POINT ONLINE, accessible from the website <https://help.univaq.it/>

L'Aquila, February 6, 2026

The Rector of the University of L'Aquila  
Signed Prof. Fabio Graziosi

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Ph.D. Course in MATHEMATICS AND MODELING	
Place	1 place with scholarship
Grant Funding source	<p>AICS initiative “Multi-disciplinary action aimed at supporting gender equality education in Palestine” - AID 012708/01/2 - CUP J53C24000690005</p> <p>Funding amounts to €75,000.00 for the three-year period, including a budget of 10% of the scholarship amount and a 50% increase for periods of study abroad.</p>
Grant subjects	The scholarship is intended for research in the field of multidisciplinary interventions in support of gender-equality education in Palestine, with particular emphasis on studies in mathematics and modeling within the scientific areas covered by our Ph.D. program. The research activities will aim to provide students with a solid understanding of the theoretical foundations of a mathematical discipline and to equip them with the skills needed to rigorously analyze mathematical models across a wide range of scientific areas. The overarching goal is to foster broader and more inclusive access to research within these scientific domains.
Duration	3 years
Curricula	//
University Department Responsible for the Ph.D. Course	Department of Information engineering, computer science and mathematics
Ph.D. Course Website	<a href="http://people.disim.univaq.it/~dottorato_mate_mode/">http://people.disim.univaq.it/~dottorato_mate_mode/</a>
Ph.D. Course Coordinator	Prof. Debora AMADORI <a href="mailto:debora.amadori@univaq.it">debora.amadori@univaq.it</a>
Admission Requirements	<p>All Master-level Degrees or foreign degrees with certified equivalency or recognized as equivalent to the aforementioned qualifications.</p> <p>Within the deadline indicated in this call for applications, candidates who are expected to obtain the above-mentioned Degrees by March 31, 2026, may also apply.</p>
Admission Procedure	<p>Qualification assessment and oral exam.</p> <p>The oral exam can be taken entirely in English. The oral exam will be conducted online. In the application form each candidate must indicate a valid contact address. During the oral exam the committee will certify the identity of each candidate, to this end the candidate shall show a valid identification document with recent photo.</p>

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Examination topics	Presentation of the degree thesis and the research activities; discussion on general topics in mathematics.
How to apply	<p>The application must be submitted only via the online procedure available at: <a href="https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/aicsmatdott41">https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/aicsmatdott41</a></p> <p>The documents must be attached in pdf format.</p> <p>The application and the attached documents are submitted automatically by closing the online procedure. So, no hard copy of the application and of the documents must be sent to the office.</p>
Documents to be annexed to the Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CV</li> <li>2. Candidates holding a degree from an Italian University must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-certification concerning their bachelor's degree indicating final mark and list of exams taken and marks obtained;</li> <li>• Self-certification concerning their master's degree course indicating final mark and list of exams taken and marks obtained.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Candidates enrolled in an Italian Degree Course must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-certification of their bachelor's degree indicating final mark and list of exams taken and marks obtained;</li> <li>• Self-certification of the exams so far taken in their master's degree course indicating marks obtained.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Applicants with foreign Degrees must follow the directions explained in article n. 2 of this call.</li> <li>5. The candidate must indicate the name of two professors with their e-mail address. The referee will receive an e-mail with the instructions to write the recommendation letter directly online.</li> <li>6. Summary, max. 2 pages of the candidate's Degree thesis.</li> <li>7. Other qualifications deemed appropriate for evaluation.</li> </ol>
Language(s)	<p><b>Assessment of foreign language skills</b>  English language skills and competence shall be assessed during the oral exam.</p> <p><b>Admission</b>  The candidate may sit the exam in ENGLISH.</p>
Exam schedule	<p>Qualification assessment: <b>March 16, 2026 at 15.00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Oral Exam: <b>March 18, 2026 – via web, at 15.00 p.m.</b></p>
Assessment Criteria	The assessment procedure consists of two phases: qualification assessment and oral exam. Scores are indicated out of a total of 100 points, assigned as follows:

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	<p>1. Qualification assessment: Max. 50/100 points attributed through assessment of the candidate's CV, letters of recommendation, publications and other qualifications. The minimum score required for admission to sit the oral exam is 30/100.</p> <p>2. Oral exam: The oral exam consists of the presentation and discussion of the thesis and the research activity carried out by the candidate. Questions will also be asked on general mathematical topics and concepts. The aim is to evaluate the candidate's aptitude and his/her general competencies. The exam includes assessment of the candidate's English language skills.</p> <p>The minimum score needed to pass is 30 over a max. of 50 points for the oral exam.</p>
Title evaluation results publication	Title evaluation results shall be published on the University website <a href="https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=2296">https://www.univaq.it/section.php?id=2296</a> and on Department website <a href="http://people.disim.univaq.it/~dottorato_mate_mode/">http://people.disim.univaq.it/~dottorato_mate_mode/</a> .

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***Technical guidelines for the submission of the application form for Ph.D. Course in  
Mathematics and modeling - XLI cycle***

**ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS UNTIL MARCH 9, 2026, AT 13.00 CEST**

Online form available at: <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/aicsmatdott41>

1. The application form must only be submitted online. No hard copy of the application must be sent by post.
2. Before filling in the application form, please read carefully the selection announcement, in particular the table in order to verify the eligibility criteria and the documents to be submitted.
3. WATCH OUT: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED IN PDF FORMAT AND, IN SOME CASES, THEY MUST BE PRINTED, SIGNED AND UPLOADED. WE ADVISE APPLICANTS TO USE A PC CONNECTED WITH A PRINTER AND A SCANNER.
4. It is possible to fill in the application form by logging in at different times and saving the data. In order to access the application form that has been partly completed you must click on Modify to complete it.
5. Further information may be requested through HELP POINT ONLINE, accessible from the website <https://help.univaq.it/>
6. For technical problems contact support via the link at the bottom of the page <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq>.
7. Applicants with foreign qualifications that have not been legally recognized as equivalent to Italian degrees must read art. 2 of the selection announcement and upload the required documents in the relevant section of the online application.
8. After the application has been correctly filled in and submitted, applicants will receive an email with the confirmation of the submission.

## 1. DATA REGISTRATION

To start the registration, go to the website <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/aicsmatdott41>. Access can be done via SPID. In the absence of SPID, at the first access applicants need to register by clicking on 'Register' and fill in the required data. If applicants already have LOGINMIUR credentials, they don't need to register again. They must access with their LOGINMIUR username and password in the relevant field LOGINMIUR.

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In case you forgot username and password, click on ‘Forgot your credentials?’.

After completing the data, click on ‘New Registration’. Applicants will receive an email with the data to confirm their registration. In case you don’t receive or cannot read the email, contact support via the link at the bottom of the page <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq>.

## 2. APPLICATION FORM ACCESS

Once registered it is possible to access the website <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq/aicsmatdott41>. and login with username and password to fill in the application form by clicking on ‘New Submission’. Before filling in the application form, applicants can modify their personal data by clicking on the top right button (User Profile) and select what to modify.

The first section to be filled in is “PH.D. COURSE”: the applicant must select the Ph.D. course, ordinary place and he/she must indicate a valid contact address to take the oral exam via web (Skype and others).

**WATCH OUT:** after completing each section of the form, the applicant must click on the button “SAVE AND PROCEED”. Only if the data have been correctly filled in, the applicant can go to the next section. Otherwise, error messages will display and will be compulsory to correct the data.

The section named “DECLARATIONS” displays a list of declarations concerning the veracity of data inserted and the treatment of the personal data inserted in the application form.

The third section to be filled is “PERSONAL DATA”. This section is partially filled by transferring data from the registration procedure thus the candidate must complete the missing items. In case of mistakes in personal data, applicants can modify them by clicking on the top right button (User Profile).

In the following section “ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS” applicants must select one out of the four options proposed. After that applicants must specify the qualification awarded or to be awarded by March 31, 2026.

In the following section “FURTHER DECLARATIONS” the applicants must compulsorily declare the level of knowledge of English language and if they are in situations preventing the receiving of the scholarship and/or of special needs.

In the section named “ATTACHMENTS” the applicant can upload the identity card (or passport) and all the qualifications and certifications required in order to participate to the selection of the chosen Ph.D. course. The references letters cannot be uploaded in this section: for these letters the applicant must follow a different procedures written above.

The applicant can write a self-declaration about the degree obtained and about all the exams passed. The self-declaration concerning the degrees obtained, can be written in a simple paper according to

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the scheme available below, or downloading the concerned form if it is available on the website of the home University.

The applicant must read carefully the list of documents required for the Ph.D. course chosen, in order to speed up the procedure.

**In this section you must upload the documents requested for the recognition of the foreign academic degree (art. 2 of the selection announcement - Admission of applicants with foreign (non-Italian) qualifications).** The files must be in pdf format and readable. For each file a brief description is needed.

Now, the candidate who has completed the application must return to the "Dashboard" and perform "Verify"

If the system detects errors it is necessary to edit the application and proceed with "Verify" again.

After completing this section applicants will be redirected to the dashboard where they can see the draft of their application form.

By pressing the bottom "Sign and submit" the process is finalised. By clicking on "Sign" bottom the process is finalised and the PDF file of application is generated.

**The application must be signed. The absence of the signature, or the typed signature, implicates the exclusion from public competition.**

There are 3 methodologies to sign it and the candidate must select one of them and read carefully they directions.

According to article 3 of the call the possible methodologies are the following:

- By digital signature using smart card, USB token or remote signature which allow the owner to sign general documents by means of a signature software or a Remote Signature web portal made available by the Auditor. Those who have a Digital Signature smart card or USB token shall verify that they are compatible with the Digital Signature system integrated in the system server. If so, the owner may sign the application directly in the system server (e.g. ConFirma);

- Those who do not have compatible digital signature devices and the Remote Digital Signature Owners who may access a web portal for signing general documents shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, digitally sign it in CAdES format. A .p7m file will be generated, which shall be saved and uploaded again in the system. Any editing to the file before signing with the Digital Signature shall interfere with the automatic check of correspondence between the content of such a document and the original, and this will bring to the application exclusion;

- If none of the above-mentioned options can be used candidates shall save in their own PC the .pdf file generated by the system and, without modifying it, print and sign it with full original signature in the last page of the printed document (**Applications with typed signatures will not be accepted**). A scanned .pdf copy of such a document shall be produced and the file thus obtained shall be uploaded to the system.

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**In case the access to the platform is via SPID, it is not necessary to sign the application with one of the afore-mentioned methods.**

**In case the applicant decides to hand sign the PDF file he/she must verify that the file that is going to be uploaded is complete because the system accepts only one PDF file.**

After the submission applicants will receive an email with the confirmation of the submission. Applicants will always be able to login to their account, personal data and application form.

### 3. REFERENCE LETTERS

The applicant must indicate the names and addresses of two referees. The applicant must write on the form the official email address of the referee. **A private email address is not allowed.**

The referee will be informed of the candidate's requirement and receive a reference letter form that he/she must submit by **March 11, 2026, at 1 o'clock p.m. CEST.**

We advise applicants to inform referees that they will receive the request. When the referee fills in the letter and submits it, the applicant will receive an email specifying that the letter has been upload. Applicants, however, can always check the status of the request. Reference letters uploaded by applicants or sent by the referent directly to the university, will not be taken into consideration. If applicants wish to change the referee they must contact support via the link at the bottom of the page <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq>.

### 4. APPLICATION FORM MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL

Modifications of the application form after the pdf has been created are possible:

- If they have submitted the application form and received the email of confirmation applicants cannot modify the application form but they will be able to withdraw it following the relevant procedure available on the dashboard and submit a new application form.
- If they have created the pdf file but they have not completed the submission (the pdf file has not been uploaded yet and so they haven't received the email of confirmation) then they must contact support via the link at the bottom of the page <https://pica.cineca.it/univaq> and ask to have the application re-opened. In the email they must specify the reason of their request, the ID of their application form and attach copy of their identity document.

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**Self-Declaration in substitution of certification**  
(art. 46 D.P.R – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2000, n.445)

and/or

**Self-Declaration in substitution of attested affidavit**  
(art. 47 D.P.R 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 n.445)

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ born in (place of birth) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date of birth) \_\_\_\_\_

residing in (city/State/Country) \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ at (address) \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARES:**

1) in compliance to art(s). 46,47 and 38, D.P.R 28/12/2000, n.445 that he/she has been conferred the following Degree:

Bachelor-level Degree in (title) \_\_\_\_\_ at (name of University or College issuing the Degree) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date issued) \_\_\_\_\_, mark \_\_\_\_\_

and that he/she passed the following exams:

EXAM (title of the exam/course)	MARK	DATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2) in compliance to art(s). 46,47 and 38, D.P.R 28/12/2000, n.445 that he/she will be confer the following Degree:

Master-level Degree in (title) \_\_\_\_\_ at (name of University or College issuing the Degree) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date issued) \_\_\_\_\_,

and that he/she passed at today the following exams:

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EXAM (title of the exam/course)	MARK	DATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The undersigned declares that he/she is aware of the sanctions applied in case of false statements established in art.76 D.P.R. 28/12/2014, n.445 and of the consequent loss of any benefits obtained by making false statements as established in art. 75 D.P.R. 28/12/2014, n.445.

**The undersigned, under penalty of nullity of the application, shall enclose a photocopy of a valid ID.**

Date, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature)