



**Scuola Superiore  
Sant'Anna**  
di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento

**INSTITUTE OF LIFE SCIENCES**

**Ph.D. School**

**Call for admission to the Ph.D. Programme**

**A. Y. 2014/2015**

**Art. 1**

*(Available Positions)*

1. The "Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna" of Pisa (hereinafter referred to as the "School"), pending the definition of the accreditation procedure foreseen as per Article. 3 of the Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013, announces for the Academic Year 2014–2015, **21 positions** for admission to the three-year Ph.D. Programmes of the Institute of Life Sciences listed below:

- **Ph.D. Programme in Agrobiosciences**
- **International Ph.D. in Agrobiodiversity**
- **Ph.D. Programme in Translational Medicine**

2. Specifics on the Call and the Programmes (number of positions, curricula, research areas, selection and evaluation criteria) are given in the attached Annexes.

3. Number of positions may increase should additional funds become available.

**Art. 2**

*(Requirements for participation)*

**1. EU citizens:**

a. Eligible applicants must have a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree or an equivalent academic qualification. For the purpose of the present competition, the Selection Committee determines the verifies the required equivalence. The age limit for applicants is set at 35 years on the online application deadline. Applicants exceeding this limit may be admitted by the Selection Committee under exceptional circumstances linked to the curriculum of the candidate.

b. Candidates without the final degree, but expecting to obtain it prior to **31 October 2014** may also apply. In this case applicants will be admitted conditionally, pending presentation of a certification for the degree within the due date. The application form must report the expected date for graduation and must also attach a summary of the thesis.

**2. NON EU citizens:**

a. Eligible applicants must have a Master of Science (MSc) degree or an equivalent academic qualification. For the purpose of the present competition, the Selection Committee verifies the required equivalence. The age limit for applicants is set at 35 years on the online application deadline. Applicants exceeding this limit may be admitted by the Selection Committee under exceptional circumstances linked to the curriculum of the candidate.

b. Non EU applicants are admitted pending verification of their diploma/degree by the Italian authorities in their country of origin. Once conditionally admitted to the Programme, applicants shall immediately apply for the required certificate from the local Italian Consulate.

**Art. 3**

*(Applications)*

1. Applications must be submitted online through the School's website (<http://www.sssup.it/ammissione-dottorati-perfezionamento>). If problems are encountered with the online submission, the candidate should contact the PhD Administration Office (telephone: +39 050 883 345 – 050 883 528, e-mail: [info-phdlifesciences@sssup.it](mailto:info-phdlifesciences@sssup.it)).

2. The application must include:

- a) family name, first name, place and date of birth, nationality;
- b) a declaration that the applicant holds an academic degree, as per Article 2 above. The application should also specify the title of the degree with the whole duration of the course and

the name of the university or institution that awarded the degree. For degrees obtained outside Italy, applicants are asked to declare the equivalence of such degrees to a degree awarded by Italian Universities;

- c) the academic year in which was started the undergraduate curriculum;
- d) the date of graduation and the final mark; applicants without degree, falling under the clause of Article 2 1b, must indicate the expected date of graduation;
- e) the Ph.D. Research Area selected;
- f) permanent address and mailing address for notices and documents. Applicants should immediately report any change of address;
- g) the skype contact;
- h) **an e-mail address, compulsory for any intervening communication.**

**3.** Applicants with disabilities are requested to specify the type of aid being required to take the examination, so that suitable arrangements can be made. Any requirement for additional time should also be reported.

**4.** The School does not take responsibility for missing or late notices resulting from a wrong address provided by the applicant, from any late notification of change of address, or for e-mail delivery problems that cannot be attributed to the School.

**5.** Once the online application is completed, candidates must sign a printed copy, scan and send it to the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Ph.D. Office info-phdlifesciences@sss.it. Alternatively, the document may be sent by fax to the following number: +39 050 883.586. Any communication, whether by e-mail or fax, should carry the title "Ph.D. Application – Scienze della Vita".

**6.** The documents required for the application are specified in the individual **Annexes**.

**7.** Candidates are responsible for the validity of any information and certification/self-certification being submitted. The School may make a verification and any discrepancy with what has been declared could result in forced dismissal, even after the start of the course.

#### Art. 4

##### *(Selection Committee and exams)*

- 1.** Selection Committee will be nominated with a decree by the Rector.
- 2.** Rules for the selection and modalities for the evaluation of the admission tests are given in the Annexes for individual courses.

#### Art. 5

##### *(Start of the Ph.D. Programme)*

- 1.** The Ph.D. Programme will start on November, 2014, pending a successful outcome of the accreditation procedure (see Article 1).
- 2.** Should any admitted student withdraw from the course, the School may assign the vacant position to the next person in the ranking list.
- 3.** To enter into Italy, NON EU citizens need to obtain a study visa from the Italian Embassy/Consulate in their country of residence. Within eight (8) working days after their first entry into Italy they need to apply to the Police Central Station (Questura) in Pisa to obtain the "Permesso di soggiorno" (i.e. a Certificate for Temporary Stay).
- 4.** The School reserves the right to assess the validity of the submitted documentation and to obtain from a competent authority of the country of origin a judicial certificate.
- 5.** Candidates admitted to the course are required to pay a regional tax for the Right to Education in the yearly amount of €140.00, unless they are deemed eligible for exemption.  
For more information on the regional tax: [www.dsu.toscana.it](http://www.dsu.toscana.it)

#### Art. 6

##### *(PhD Student Status)*

- 1.** PhD students will receive a scholarship amounting to a total of € 14,000 (Euro fourteen thousand) per year (gross amount inclusive of the national insurance "gestione separata INPS"), being disbursed in monthly instalments.
- 2.** Ph.D. Students are entitled to one free meal (lunch or dinner) per day at the School's canteen from Monday to Saturday, according to the schedule of service. Students also have access to the library and laboratories, according to the rules specified in the Regulation of Ph.D. Programmes.
- 3.** The Programme's Advisory Board may authorize PhD students to participate in study and

research activities in research institutions outside the School.

4. The allowance defined above is subject for fiscal purposes to the laws governing fellowships allocated by the University or the Regional Government.

5. The School provides to the Ph.D. students full insurance coverage for accident and civil liability. The School is also responsible for safety in the workplace and the safe use of equipment and instrumentation.

Art. 7

*(Ph.D. Student Obligations)*

1. Ph.D. Students must attend research and academic activities set in the Programme.

2. Students must also comply with the rules of the School Statute and the Regulations.

3. The Advisory Board of the Programme will appoint a Research Supervisor for each Ph.D. student. The Research Supervisor is entrusted with the responsibility of verifying the student's participation in academic, scientific and cultural activities of the School, as well as the progress of the research programme.

4. At the end of the first and the second year of the Programme, academic performance and research activities of each Ph.D. student will be reviewed by the Advisory Board, whose positive assessment is a condition for admission to the second and to the third year.

5. At the end of the three-year Programme, the Ph.D. students will take a final examination to obtain the Ph.D. Degree. At that time, the student will be asked to defend the thesis originating from the research programme in front of a Board of Experts appointed by the Rector.

Art. 8

*(Person in charge of the Procedure, Treatment of Personal Data and measures of prevention of corruption)*

1. The person responsible for the competition procedure, as outlined in this Call, is Dr. Silvia Marcacci, U.O. Ph.D. - Lauree Magistrali – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – Via Santa Cecilia 3 – 56127 Pisa (Italy) – tel. +39 050 883 528, fax +39 050 883 586, e-mail: [infophd@sssup.it](mailto:infophd@sssup.it).

2. The personal data supplied by applicants will be mainly processed automatically by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and in accordance with Art. 11 of the Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 ("Code Concerning the Protection of Personal Data") for the management of the competition procedure. The data may also be used in an anonymous form for statistical purposes. Anyone interested can, at any time, exercise the rights provided by Art. 7 of the above-mentioned Legislative Decree, by writing to the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, U.O. Ph.D. - Lauree Magistrali, Via Santa Cecilia, 3, 56127 Pisa (Italy).

3. The Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna operates in compliance with Law n. 190/2012 concerning the prevention of corruption by implementing measures identified in the Three-year anti corruption plan published in the section "Transparency in Administration" of the Scuola website at: <http://www.sssup.it/amministrazione-trasparente/altri-contenuti/corruzione>.