



Admission period III: Document "Available positions and Examination procedures"

Call for Applications for the admission to the PhD programmes of the University of Udine in the Academic Year 2025/2026, 41st cycle (Rector's Decree n. 299 of May 5, 2025 and subsequent amendments and additions, art. 3 p. 5)

Third Session	Opening date	Closing date	PhD study programme start
	November 1, 2025 (14.00 h p.m. Italian time)	November 30, 2025 (14.00 p.m. Italian time)	January 1, 2026

DISCLAIMER:

The official and legally binding "Available positions and Examination procedures" is in Italian only.

This document cannot be used for legal purposes and it is only meant to provide information in English on the procedure (University Chancellor's Decree n. 299 of May 5, 2025).

Please refer to the official document "Available positions and Examination procedures" published on the official register (<https://www.uniud.it/it/albo-ufficiale>) and on the PhD website of the University of Udine.

Any changes and integrations will be made available on the mentioned above web pages. Therefore, no personal written communication shall be provided to applicants about examinations dates, competition results and deadlines regarding the enrollment.

ART. 1 – POSITIONS AVAILABLE AND EXAMS

1. This document "Available positions and exams" shows for each doctoral programme: the number of available positions, with details (with and without scholarships and possible reserves for specific candidates' categories); the type and amount of the scholarships, with the source of funding and any reference programs and regulations; the period spent abroad (mandatory or optional); the timetable for the exams, the date of publication of the list of admitted applicants to the exams and the final ranking(s).

2. The Annex "Available positions and exams" is referred to the PhD programme in Agricultural Sciences and Biotechnology.

ART. 2 – SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR ESF SCHOLARSHIP

1. The PhD positions funded by the European Social Fund are managed by the University of Udine in accordance with the provisions of the Notice referred to in the Specific Programme 20/24 "Support for the training of the regional university system of Friuli Venezia Giulia" of the ESF+ Regional Programme 2021/2027 of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, within the framework of the accredited PhD programmes of the University of Udine (Decree no. 9526/GRFVG of 28 February 2025 and subsequent amendments and additions) - CUP G23C25000620008. In derogation from the provisions of art. 24, paragraph 5 of the Regulations for PhD Programmes, for positions funded by the ESF, the renunciation of the scholarship shall automatically imply the withdrawal from the PhD programme.



2. In addition to the rights and duties provided by the relevant regulations for the PhD programmes (Rector's Decree n. 299 of May 5, 2025 art. 18), in accordance with the provisions mentioned in art. 1, the successful candidate for a position with scholarship from the European Social Fund Specific Program 20/24) by accepting the grant:

- undertakes to submit the reports of the activity carried out according to the modalities and terms that will be communicated by the University of Udine and in compliance with the regulatory provisions mentioned in art. 1;
- undertakes to ensure compliance with the communication and information obligations provided for in article 18 "Information and Publicity" of the Decree cited in art. 1;
- is aware that:
 - the modification of activities, project objectives and expected results, where not previously authorized, will result in the revocation of the scholarship;
 - any negative judgment of the Teaching Board and the consequent non-admission to the next year of the doctoral programme, failure to obtain the degree and withdrawal from the course entails the revocation of the scholarship;
 - must comply with the principle of "do no significant harm" to environmental objectives (DNSH);
 - the doctoral programme may be legitimately suspended for maternity leave, parental leave, serious health reasons and other causes beyond the doctoral student's control and causes of such gravity as to prevent the performance of the doctoral activity subject to the judgment of the Teaching Board and to the competent bodies of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region;
 - the University may also recourse for the repayment of the amounts received in the following cases of scholarship renunciation:
 - at least 40% of the planned duration of the training program has not been completed if the interruption is due to the doctoral student having a new job or a new academic position;
 - regardless of the period completed, if the interruption is not attributable to the causes of suspension indicated in the preceding paragraph.

3. PhD research programmes funded by the European Social Fund will ensure compliance with the horizontal priorities and the principle of DNSH (Do No Significant Harm) set out in paragraph 12 of the Call referred to in paragraph 1.

ART. 3 – FINAL PROVISIONS

1. For all matters not governed by this document, the provisions of the Rector's Decree n. 299 of May 5, 2025 "Call of application for admission to PhD programmes at the University of Udine a.y. 2025/2026, 41st cycle and subsequent amendments and additions" shall apply.



POSITIONS and EXAMS – PhD Programme AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

GENERAL COMPETITION

Date for the publication of admitted applicants to the oral examination	Within December 3, 2025
Date for the publication of the final ranking list	Within December 12, 2025

Examination schedule

Oral examination	Date	December 5, 2025
	Time	11:30:00 AM (Italian time)
	Place	Department of Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Animal Sciences (DI4A) – via delle Scienze n. 206, 33100 Udine, ITALY
	Based on the number of applicants, the oral examination may take place in more than one day. To attend the examination tests, the candidates must exhibit a valid identity document or other personal identification document (possibly the same document attached to the application), under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure. Citizens of non-EU states must mandatorily exhibit their passport.	

Available positions: 1

Detailed description	N.	Type	Funding	Annual gross amount	Period abroad	Research program
Positions WITH SCHOLARSHIP: 1	1	DR 299/2025 art. 11 p. 2 lett. a)	External funding: Regional Programme (PR) ESF+ 2021/2027 of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia (Decreto n. 9526/GRFVG of 28 February 2025 and subsequently amended and supplemented) - CUP G23C25000620008*	€ 17,805.00	max 6 months optional	Area B
Positions WITHOUT SCHOLARSHIP: 0	0	-	-	-	-	-

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Area B – Funder: Specific Programme 20/24 ESF+ 2021/2027 Region FVG

Research Topic	Specialization Area S4 and Trajectory/ies of reference	Organisation, methods, results and innovativeness of the project	Integration with networks and partnerships, spin-offs and contribution to strategic supply chains and the development of the regional production system
Bio-based solutions to improve crop nutrition and resilience to climate change <i>Biology and Plant Production Curriculum</i> Prof. Laura Zanin	Specialization Area S4: Health, Quality of Life, Agribusiness and Bioeconomy Trajectory of reference: Trajectory 6.	The project concerns the development of bio-based solutions through the combined use of various biostimulant compounds (algae extract, humic substances, beneficial microorganisms, biofertilisers) that will be applied as seed/pellet bio-coating in order to support and promote the resilience of selected crop varieties to water and nutrient limitations. This solution will be tested on different species and crop varieties (such as leguminous and grapevine); the plant response to the treatment will be assessed through changes in hyperspectral reflectance using phenotyping techniques.	The student will benefit from the facilities developed within the AGRITECH project (PhenoSPACE facility). The scientific lecturer will introduce the PhD student into an active and dynamic research group, where projects with national and international (academic and private) groups (HORIZON BIO2, PRIN2022PNRR, INTERREG ITA-AUS CEDRIC, CMI-Roullier Group, AGRITECH National Research Centre) are ongoing. Furthermore, the main ongoing collaborations concern the University of Verona, Uni. Vienna BOKU, CNR, Uni. Ljubljana, Uni. Innsbruck and ICGEB.