

CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTIVE Ph.D. STUDENTS - XXXV EDITION

Code: 16167 - PhD program in Psychology and Social Neuroscience

Curriculum in Cognitive Social and Affective Neurosciences (CoSAN)

INSTITUTION: Department of Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome

Ph.D. COORDINATOR: Prof. Matteo Candidi

COSAN CURRICULUM COORDINATOR: Prof. Salvatore M. Aglioti

DURATION: 3 Years (November 1st, 2019 - October 31st, 2022)

At the end of each year students' work is evaluated prior to admission to the following year.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

*** 3 or 4 positions with full-time stipend granted by the Italian Ministry of Education (MIUR)**

*** 1 position with full-time stipend granted by the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT)**

*** 1 position with full-time stipend granted by University of Udine**

*** 1 position with no stipend**

STIPEND: Euro 15.343,82 per year; which includes I.N.P.S. - National Insurance Contributions which fellowship recipients are required to pay (11,41% in 2018). The amount of the scholarship can be increased by 50% for research periods spent abroad, previously authorized by the Ph.D. Coordinator.

SELF-FUNDED STUDENTS: A special track is reserved to self-funded non-Italian applicants. Candidates have to specify in the application form, as described below (APPLICATION PROCEDURE), the intention to be admitted as supernumerary students, by putting a flag in the relevant boxes (Foreign citizens with degrees from foreign universities). Please, do contact us in advance, if you decide to apply as supernumerary candidate.

RESEARCH FELLOWS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Research Fellows and public employees can apply to be admitted to the PhD program as supernumerary students. Candidates must specify that they are public employees or research fellows in their application form by putting a flag in the relevant boxes (Research grant holders or Public Servants). Research fellows must also provide full details about their research funds. Applications must be submitted as described below (APPLICATION PROCEDURE). Please, do contact us in advance, if you decide to apply as supernumerary candidate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Candidates, of all gender, age and nationality, must hold (or acquire within 31st of October 2019), an Italian “*diploma di laurea/laurea specialistica/laurea magistrale*”, or an equivalent second-level degree (generally equivalent to a Master’s Degree).

We seek highly-motivated applicants with a strong interest in cognitive social and affective neuroscience functions. We welcome expertise in disciplines related to the CoSAN PhD curriculum including but not limited to Psychology, Biology, Neuroscience, Engineering, Statistics, Computer Science.

Prospective Ph.D. students with experience in graphics and virtual environment programming or with electronic engineering related skills are encouraged to apply.

Additional Requirements for candidates with a non-Italian degree: Please see Section 4 (ART. 4) at https://www.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/field_file_allegati/call_for_prospective_phd_student_applications.pdf

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Candidates who wish to apply for the CoSAN Ph.D. curriculum must:

- 1) Register or log in (if you already have a Sapienza “matricola” number) at the University Information System (Infostud) at the following link: <http://www.uniroma1.it/didattica/sportelli/infostud> . During the registration, you will receive the “matricola” number;
- 2) Fill in the online application form;
- 3) Pay the application fee (non refundable) of € 35,00 strictly by **08:30 p.m. of July 18th, 2019.**
- 4) Once the above procedure has been completed, candidates must submit the application EXCLUSIVELY VIA WEB at <https://phd.uniroma1.it/application> completing the online registration and uploading the following documents:
 - Curriculum Vitae in English where your Skype contact is specified;
 - At least one letter of recommendations supporting the candidate. Letter(s) must be written in English and uploaded directly from the supervisor(s) or supporting researchers. During the registration, the candidate has to specify the correct email address of his/her supervisor signing the letter. The system will send an automatic e-mail to supervisors/ supporting researchers and the instructions to follow for uploading the letter;
 - Letter of Motivation in English (a brief statement);
 - Research proposal in English (max 5 pages). Please, consider that the aim of the Research Project is only to evaluate applicant’s research design skills, but it would not necessarily be PhD research topic;
 - List of publications (if any) and research activity;
 - Any additional qualification and information the candidate would like to be taken into account (if any).

Degree and academic transcripts will be inserted automatically by the system if the candidate has carried out his/her academic studies at Sapienza university.

In all other cases, the candidate is required to fill in manually the section concerning the academic career by indicating type of degree, degree mark and the list of exams.

Warning: in order to complete the application at <https://phd.uniroma1.it/application> it is compulsory that the applicant possesses the payment slip previously generated on Infostud.

Applications that do not meet the above-mentioned criteria will not be considered.

Any other information and the online application procedure is available at the web site https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSICOLOGIA-E-NEUROSCIENZE-SOCIALI_nD3533_IT.aspx

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted by July 18th, 2019- 11:59 pm CET

SELECTION PROCESS AND DUE DATES:

The whole selection procedure will be in English.

- 1) Complete the **APPLICATION PROCEDURE by July 18th, 2019**
- 2) **CV AND DEGREES EVALUATION** by 24th of July 2019

The evaluation committee will take into consideration the following criteria:

- CV and academic transcript (exams, grades, credits)
- Letter of Motivation
- Letter(s) of recommendation supporting the candidate

and will assign a score ranging from 0 to 50.

N.B. Only applicants obtaining a minimum score of 30/50 will be shortlisted for the on-site interview.

Results and time schedule of the on-site interviews (see point 3 below) will be available on https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSICOLOGIA-E-NEUROSCIENZE-SOCIALI_nD3533_IT.aspx **by 25th of July 2018.**

- 3) **ON-SITE INTERVIEWS** for selected participants only.
 - Where: **Department of Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome, via dei Marsi n. 78, Rome Meeting Room (Sala Riunioni), second floor.** (It is possible, following motivated requests, to conduct interview using video-conferencing facilities).
 - When: from **29th of July 2018**
 - **Interview topic:** On-site interview will be held in English and will include applicant's presentation (using computer presentations) of his/her research proposal (15 minutes), discussion and personal motivations for applying to the CoSAN Ph.D curriculum. The overall interview will last approximately 45 minutes.

Final selection results will be available on https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSICOLOGIA-E-NEUROSCIENZE-SOCIALI_nD3533_IT.aspx **by the 1st of August 2019.**

N.B. The evaluation committee will assign a score ranging from 0 to 70. **Only applicants obtaining a minimum score of 50/70 will be included in the final rating list of applicants.**

SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITY AND/OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES: Please see section 7 (ART. 7) of

https://www.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/field_file_allegati/call_for_prospective_phd_student_applications.pdf

INFO:

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<http://agliotilab.org/>

<http://www.uniroma1.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/dottorati>

COSAN PHD CONTACT INFO: Any additional information concerning the CoSAN Ph.D. curriculum and the application procedure can be obtained by contacting:

- Salvatore M. Aglioti - salvatoremaria.aglioti@uniroma1.it (COSAN curriculum Co-ordinator)
- Matteo Candidi - matteo.candidi@uniroma1.it (PhD coordinator)
- Michela La Padula (organizational manager) - michela.lapadula@uniroma1.it (administrative issues)

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