

PUBLIC CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN HISTORY, PRACTICE, AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MUSIC 40TH CYCLE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

The Director

Having considered Law no. 210 of July 3, 1998, and in particular Article 4, as amended by Article 19, paragraph 1, of Law no. 240 of December 30, 2010;

Having considered Law no. 508 of December 21, 1999, regarding the "Reform of the Academies of Fine Arts, the National Academy of Dance, the National Academy of Dramatic Art, the Higher Institutes for Artistic Industries, the Conservatories of Music, and the Recognized Music Institutes";

Having considered the Presidential Decree no. 132 of February 28, 2003, "Regulation establishing criteria for statutory, regulatory, and organizational autonomy of artistic and musical institutions, pursuant to Law no. 508 of December 21, 1999";

Having considered Ministerial Decree no. 226 of December 14, 2021, "Regulation establishing the modalities for the accreditation of doctoral programs and criteria for the establishment of doctoral courses by accredited entities";

Having considered Ministerial Decree no. 470 of February 21, 2024, which governs the Doctoral Programs of AFAM Institutions;

Having considered Ministerial Decree no. 544 of March 27, 2024, regarding the "Decree determining the annual amount of the scholarship for attending the Doctoral Programs of the Institutions of Higher Artistic, Musical and Coreutic Education (AFAM)";

Having considered Ministerial Decree no. 629 of April 24, 2024, concerning the allocation of three-year doctoral scholarships for attending specifically dedicated and delineated doctoral programs;

Having considered Ministerial Decree no. 630 of April 24, 2024, concerning the allocation of three-year doctoral scholarships for attending innovative doctoral programs that meet the innovation needs of businesses and promote the hiring of researchers by companies;

Having considered the Note MUR Prot. no. 9166 of May 13, 2024, "D.M. 21/02/2024 no. 470 - AFAM Doctoral Programs - Modifications to the academic regulations of the Institutions";

Having considered the Note MUR Prot. no. 11649 of June 18, 2024, "Operational instructions for AFAM Institutions as an integration of note Prot. 8614 of 02/05/2024";

Having considered the Guidelines for the accreditation of Doctoral Programs of AFAM Institutions approved with D.M. no. 778 of June 12, 2024;

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Article 1 - Establishment

Selections are announced at the "Nicola Sala" Conservatory of Benevento for admission to the Doctoral Research Program activated at the Conservatory for the academic year 2024/2025 - 40th cycle - as detailed in Annex A, which is an integral part of this call. Annex A specifies:

1. The course coordinator
2. The total number of available positions
3. The number of positions with and without scholarships
4. The research topics
5. The documentation to be attached to the application
6. The selection procedures
7. The evaluation criteria
8. The examination dates
9. The course website

The activation of the doctoral program is subject to verification by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) of the accreditation requirements, as provided by Ministerial Decree 470/2024. The actual activation of the positions funded under the PNRR is subject to the concurrent allocation of resources by the MUR and the completion of agreements with the companies. Candidates will be promptly informed of any negative outcome of the accreditation procedure that would prevent the activation of the course and the assignment of the positions specified in this call.

The number of positions covered by scholarships may be increased following the issuance of this decree due to the reallocation of additional PNRR resources to the conservatories as determined by the MUR with a specific provision. Any such increase will be communicated exclusively on the Conservatory's dedicated competition webpage.

Article 2 - Admission Requirements

Applications for participation in the competition are open to candidates of any age and nationality who, by the deadline, possess one of the following qualifications:

- A degree obtained under the system prior to Ministerial Decree 509/99;
- A specialist or master's degree or an equivalent second-level academic qualification issued by institutions part of the AFAM (Higher Artistic and Musical Education) sector;
- An academic qualification obtained abroad, previously recognized by the Italian academic authorities, also within the framework of inter-university cooperation and mobility agreements.

The suitability of an academic qualification obtained abroad may be assessed solely for the purpose of admission to the competition by the examining commission, in accordance with the legislation in force in Italy and the country where the qualification was issued, as well as any treaties or international agreements on the recognition of qualifications for the continuation of studies. In such cases, the candidate must attach to the application the documents deemed useful for the assessment of the qualification's suitability (degree certificate; certificate of exams taken; type of qualification; normal

course duration; name of the academic institution issuing the qualification; date of award; grade/assessment). All documents must be translated into Italian if written in a language other than English.

Candidates who have yet to obtain the qualification may apply for admission on the condition that they obtain it, under penalty of forfeiture, by October 31, 2024.

Article 3 - Application

Candidates must submit their application for participation in the competition, together with the required documentation, under penalty of exclusion, no later than 12:00 Italian time on September 5, 2024, following the online procedure available at <https://www.conservatorio.bn.it/dottorati/>. Once the application form has been completed, it is required, by the deadline for the submission of applications, the payment of a mandatory fee for admission to the selection, equal to € 60 non-refundable to be made by bank transfer to the following coordinates: IBAN IT1900899715000000000063410 BCC di San Marco dei Cavoti e del Sannio – Calvi, appartenente al gruppo bancario operativo ICCREA operating banking group based in Benevento, in the name of the Conservatory of Music of Benevento Reason: Admission to PhD in **STORIA, PRASSI E TECNOLOGIE DELLA MUSICA**

The application must be accompanied by a copy of a valid identification document. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure the correct uploading of the required documentation, as only the correctly attached titles will be evaluated. The administration assumes no responsibility if the electronic documentation cannot be read due to damaged files or folders, or if the documentation cannot be transmitted electronically for reasons not attributable to the administration.

Candidates with disabilities, according to Law no. 104 of February 5, 1992, must explicitly request the necessary assistance and any additional time needed to take the competition exams based on their handicap. The sensitive data will be stored and processed with the confidentiality provided by Legislative Decree 196/03, as amended by Legislative Decree no. 101/2018, and by Regulation EU 2016/679.

Submitting the application for admission implies acceptance by the candidate of the rules contained in this call. Failure to comply with these rules will result in exclusion from the competition. All candidates are admitted to the competition subject to verification of the requirements provided by the call.

Article 4 - Admission Examination

The admission examination consists of a selection procedure aimed at verifying the candidate's preparation and aptitude for scientific research. The selection methods and evaluation criteria for the admission tests are indicated in the doctoral course sheets contained in Annex "A" of this call.

Article 5 - Examination Dates

The tests will take place on the day, time, and premises indicated in the same Annex A. Any changes to the schedule will be promptly communicated on the Conservatory's website, at <https://www.conservatorio.bn.it/dottorati/>. No individual notifications will be sent to candidates. To

take the tests, candidates must present a valid identification document. Failure to appear for the tests will be considered as withdrawal from the competition, regardless of the cause.

Article 6 - Examination Commission

The Examination Commission for the competition for admission to each doctoral research program is appointed by decree of the Director upon proposal of the Doctoral Board and is composed of five members, chosen from among the members of the same Board, or among tenured AFAM professors or university professors qualified in the disciplines relevant to the scientific areas of the Course, plus at least two alternates. The Commission may be integrated, at the unquestionable discretion of the Director and the Coordinator of the doctorate, by up to two experts in the disciplines covered by each curriculum, even if they are not AFAM or university professors.

Article 7 - Admission to Courses

At the end of the selection procedures, the Commission will prepare the general merit ranking of the Doctoral Program, which will be issued by the Director's Decree and made public by publication on the Conservatory's website: <https://www.conservatorio.bn.it/dottorati/> , by September 10, 2024. Candidates will be admitted to the course up to the number of positions available for each doctoral program. In the case of placement in more than one doctoral program ranking, the candidate must choose only one doctoral program: in this specific case, the candidate must communicate the choice to the Conservatory of Benevento no later than September 16, 2024, along with the enrollment application.

Article 8 - Enrollment in Courses

Candidates who, on the basis of the final ranking, have been successful in the selection must submit, under penalty of forfeiture, by 16 September 2024, the application for registration exclusively by certified email to the address conservatoriobn@pec.it . Within the same deadline they are required to pay the enrolment fees for the doctoral course, the amount of which must include the ADISURC regional tax as per the <https://www.adisurcampania.it/tassa-regionale/tassa-regionale-il-diritto-allo-studio> website .

After the enrollment deadline, any available positions due to expressed or tacit withdrawal by a winner will be made available to the next eligible candidates on the ranking list by sending a notification to the email address of the replacing candidate. In such cases, enrollment must be completed within the terms communicated via email.

Candidates with a degree obtained abroad must send the following documents by email to conservatoriobn@pec.it after submitting the enrollment application:

- For qualifications obtained in EU countries: Diploma Supplement or Certificate of Comparability issued by ENIC-NARIC centers (Cimea),
- For qualifications obtained in non-EU countries: Declaration of Value issued by the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Representation competent for the country where the qualification was obtained, or alternatively, the Certificate of Comparability issued by ENIC-NARIC centers (Cimea).

Candidates with a foreign degree who do not provide the required documentation at the time of enrollment will be enrolled conditionally and may be excluded from the Doctoral Program, with the obligation to return any scholarship installments received if they do not provide the documentation within three months from the start of the course or if, upon verification, the qualification does not meet the requirements specified in this call.

Foreign candidates who require an entry visa to Italy must register on the portal <https://www.university.it/index.php/registration/firststep>, simultaneously with the completion of the enrollment and submit the pre-enrollment application to the doctoral program, following the procedure indicated therein for visa issuance. For information and assistance, they can contact dottorati@conservatorio.bn.it. The issuance of the entry visa for study purposes is a necessary condition for the continuation of the procedure. Withdrawal from enrollment does not entitle the candidate to a refund of the fees paid.

Doctoral students are required to pay tuition fees for each year of the course. The course duration is three years, starting from November 1, 2024.

Article 9 - Scholarships

The gross annual amount of the scholarship, established by Ministerial Decree no. 247 of 23.02.2022, is equal to € 16,243.00, including social security charges to be paid by the doctoral student, paid in monthly installments of equal amount. Scholarships, apprenticeship contracts and any other forms of financial support will be awarded on the basis of the general merit ranking; in the event of equal merit, the assessment of the personal economic situation in accordance with current legislation prevails. For the assignment of places without scholarship, the candidate with a disability equal to or greater than 66% prevails, in the event of a further tie, the youngest candidate.

Any gross amounts from any employment or similar activity or from self-employment received by the doctoral student in coincidence with each year of disbursement of the scholarship may not exceed € 16,243.00.

Candidates, when filling out the application, are required to specify whether they intend to compete for the scholarship, only for courses that also include places without a scholarship. The scholarship is subject to the payment of separately managed INPS social security contributions in accordance with current legislation, to the extent of two thirds borne by the University and one third by the scholarship holder. PhD students awarded a scholarship, after enrolling in the course, are required to enrol in the INPS Separate Management, if not already enrolled.

The scholarship is renewed annually, provided that the PhD student has completed the program of educational activities and that he or she does not exceed the income limit in the year of disbursement.

If this limit is exceeded, the scholarship is revoked for the entire year and the holder of the scholarship is required to return the amount received for the reference year.

The amount of the scholarship is increased by fifty percent for periods of stay abroad of a minimum continuous duration of one month and a total of no more than eighteen months.

Scholarships cannot be combined with research grants or other scholarships awarded for any reason, except those granted by national or foreign institutions useful for integrating the doctoral student's research activity with stays abroad.

Those who have already benefited from a doctoral scholarship cannot use it for a second time.

Starting from the first year, each PhD student, with or without a scholarship, is guaranteed a budget of not less than 10% of the annual amount of the scholarship for research activities in Italy and abroad.

Article 10 - Rights and Duties of Doctoral Students

Following enrollment in the Course, each doctoral student will be provided with an email account from the Conservatory of Benevento through which institutional communications will be sent. Doctoral students are required to participate in educational activities and conduct their research activities, according to the terms and methods established by the Doctoral Board, following the training project agreed upon with their Supervisor and Co-Supervisor(s). At the end of each academic year, the doctoral student is admitted to the following year by the Board, after hearing from the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor(s), based on the verification of the fulfillment of the training obligations provided. A negative evaluation results in exclusion from the Course. Within the quarter following the start of the Course, the doctoral student must register in the Conservatory's institutional research catalog, in which they are required to enter the publications produced, both during the Course and in the three years following. Recipients of scholarships funded under D.M. 629/2024 and D.M. 630/2024 are also required to observe, during the three years, the obligations indicated in the following table:

- Scholarships D.M. 629 - PNRR:
 - Spend periods of study and research abroad for a minimum of three (3) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, extendable to eighteen (18) in case of joint supervision.
- Scholarships D.M. 629 - Public Administration:
 - Spend periods of study and research in companies, research centers, or Public Administrations for a minimum of three (3) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months;
 - Spend periods of study and research abroad for a minimum of three (3) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, extendable to eighteen (18) in case of joint supervision.
- Scholarships D.M. 630:
 - Spend periods of study and research in a company for a minimum of three (3) months to a maximum of eighteen (18) months;

- Spend periods of study and research abroad for a minimum of six (6) months to a maximum of twelve (12) months, extendable to eighteen (18) in case of joint supervision.

They are also required to submit a semi-annual report indicating the time commitment (broken down into months in a company, on site, and abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out, validated by the Course Coordinator. At any time, the doctoral student can submit a withdrawal application. For scholarship holders, this results in the immediate suspension of the scholarship and the obligation to return any installments received after that date. Foreign doctoral students from non-EU countries are required to initiate the procedures for obtaining a residence permit once in Italy, according to the timing and residence rules of Italian law, under penalty of forfeiture of their benefits.

Article 11 - Compatibility and Incompatibility

Admission to the Course requires a full-time exclusive commitment, without prejudice to the possibility of a different specific regulation for Courses under an agreement or consortium regime, or for doctoral students benefiting from apprenticeship contracts. Doctoral students are allowed, with prior authorization from the Doctoral Board, to participate, even paid, in research projects funded by public or private, national or international entities. Authorization for paid activities is granted by the Board, after hearing from the Supervisor, upon assessing the compatibility of such activities with the successful completion of the training, educational, and research activities of the Doctoral Course. The eligible paid activities are limited to those that allow the acquisition of skills related to the doctoral training field. The regime of incompatibilities with enrollment in a Doctoral Course is defined by the current legislation.

Article 12 - Suspension

Attendance at the Course is mandatorily suspended in cases of maternity, paternity, adoption, and foster care in accordance with current legislation, civil service, documented illness, and injury lasting more than thirty days. Attendance may also be suspended, at the doctoral student's request, for parental leave, probationary employment, and serious and proven reasons. In deciding on the suspension, the Doctoral Board may set terms, conditions, and checks, compatible with the interim evaluation deadlines. The total duration of the suspension, even in the case of accumulation, cannot exceed six months, except in the case of maternity. Suspension periods are made up at the end of the Course. During the suspension, the scholarship disbursement is suspended.

Article 13 - Achievement of the Title

The title of Doctor of Research is awarded following the positive evaluation of a research thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge or methodologies in the chosen field of investigation. The doctoral thesis, accompanied by a summary in Italian or English, is written in Italian or English, or in another language with prior authorization from the Doctoral Board. The thesis, to which a report by the doctoral student on the activities carried out during the three years and any publications is attached, is evaluated by at least two highly qualified teachers, even from non-Italian institutions, external to those who participated in awarding the doctoral title, hereinafter referred to as evaluators. The evaluators provide a written analytical judgment on the thesis and propose its admission to public discussion or deferral for a period not exceeding six months if they deem significant additions or

corrections necessary. After this period, the thesis is in any case admitted to public discussion, accompanied by a new written opinion from the same evaluators, given in light of any corrections or additions made. At the end of the discussion, conducted before the Commission referred to in the following Article 14, the thesis, with a reasoned written judgment adopted collegially, is approved or rejected. The Commission, with a unanimous vote, has the faculty to award honors in the presence of results of particular scientific relevance.

Article 14 - Examination Commission for the Final Exam

The Examination Commission for awarding the title in each Doctoral Program is appointed by the Director, upon proposal by the respective Doctoral Board, and is composed of three members qualified in the disciplines relevant to the program. At least two members must belong to other Italian or foreign universities and must not be part of the Board. The commission may be supplemented by no more than two experts external to the Conservatory.

Article 15 - Data Protection

Pursuant to Legislative Decree 196/2003, amended by Legislative Decree 101/2018, as well as EU Regulation 679/2016 (General Data Protection Regulation or, more briefly, RGDP), the Conservatory undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the information provided by the candidates: all data provided will be processed only for the purposes connected and instrumental to the competition and any management of the relationship with the Conservatory, in compliance with the provisions in force. The application for admission to the PhD Course in **HISTORY, PRACTICE AND TECHNOLOGIES OF MUSIC**, XL cycle - A.Y. 2024/2025, with administrative headquarters at the Conservatory of Music N. Sala in Benevento, involves the acceptance of all the rules of this Call.

Article 16 - Reference Regulations

For matters not provided for in this call, the legislative and regulatory provisions on doctoral research and the content of the Doctoral Program in the Didactic Regulations of the Conservatory of Benevento, available at the address

<https://www.conservatorio.bn.it/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/regolamento-didattico.pdf> .

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