

## CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTIVE Ph.D. STUDENTS - XXXVI EDITION

**Code: 16167 - PhD program in Psychology and Social Neuroscience**

**Ph.D. COORDINATOR: Prof. Matteo Candidi**

**Curriculum in Cognitive Social and Affective Neurosciences (CoSAN)**

**COSAN CURRICULUM COORDINATOR: Prof. Salvatore M. Aglioti**

### DEADLINES:

1. Applications must be submitted by July 23th, 2020, 02:00 p.m. (CEST)
2. Pay the application fee (non refundable) of € 35,00 by July 23th, 2020, 11:59 p.m. (CEST)

**INSTITUTION:** Department of Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome

**DURATION:** 3 Years (November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023). At the end of each year students' work is evaluated prior to admission to the following year.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- 3 positions with full-time stipend granted by the Italian Ministry of Education (MIUR).
- 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 (around 11,41%). The amount of the scholarship can be increased by 50% for research periods spent abroad, previously authorized by the Ph.D. Coordinator.

### ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

- *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 (ART. 5, APPLICATIONS BY FOREIGN CANDIDATES AS SUPERNUMERARY STUDENTS) 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 PhD programme 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 (ART. 6 APPLICATIONS BY RESEARCH GRANT HOLDERS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES). 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 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2020), 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. For the specific expertise required by the CoSAN curriculum, see: <https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/pagina.aspx?i=3533&l=EN&p=48>

Additional Requirements for candidates with a non-Italian degree: Please see Section 4 (ART. 4) at <https://phd.uniroma1.it/application/bando36eng.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: <https://www.studenti.uniroma1.it/phoenix/#/login>;
2. Click on “Phd PROGRAMMES” and complete the section concerning your academic career by indicating type of degree, degree mark and the list of exams;
3. Check and confirm the information you have entered by clicking on “Confirm and proceed”;
4. Click on “Submit a new application” in order to start the application process;
5. Select the phd programme PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE (Code: 16167) from the drop-down menu and specify the chosen curriculum (COGNITIVE, SOCIAL AND AFFECTIVENEUROSCIENCE);
6. Upload the following documents:
  - Curriculum Vitae in English where your Skype contact is specified (**MANDATORY**);
  - At least one (**MANDATORY**) letter of recommendations supporting the candidate. First (**MANDATORY**), second and third 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, **MANDATORY**);
  - Research proposal in English (max 5 pages, **MANDATORY**). 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).
7. Pay the application fee (non refundable) of € 35,00 strictly by July the 23th, 2020, 11:59 p.m. (CEST). In order to proceed with the payment, click on “Payment” and then on “proceed with payment” and complete the process (**MANDATORY**);
8. Upload Self-declaration statement about personal academic title and deed of acknowledgment. Click on “generate declaration” print the file, sign it and upload the document (**MANDATORY**);
9. Once the above procedure has been completed, candidates must submit the application by clicking on “apply”.

**Warning:** Applications lacking any of the documents listed above (see points 6, 7 and 8 of the application procedure) will be rejected. Any claims related to malfunctioning of the informatics system in close proximity to the deadline will not be accepted; candidates are recommended to complete the application sufficiently in advance.

Any other information and the online application procedure for the CoSAN curriculum (within the P&SN Ph.D) is available at the web site:  
<https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/pagina.aspx?i=3533&l=EN&p=48>

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### **SELECTION PROCESS AND DUE DATES:**

The whole selection procedure will be in English.

- 1) Complete the APPLICATION PROCEDURE by July the 23<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 02:00 pm (CEST)
- 2) Pay the application fee (non refundable) of € 35,00 by July 23th, 2020, 11:59 p.m. (CEST)
- 3) CV AND DEGREES EVALUATION by July the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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 4 below) will be available by July the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on [https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSYCHOLOGY-AND-SOCIAL-NEUROSCIENCE\\_nD3533\\_EN.aspx](https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSYCHOLOGY-AND-SOCIAL-NEUROSCIENCE_nD3533_EN.aspx)

#### 4) 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 according to national and international guidelines for Covid-19. The platform for on-line interviews will be communicated beginning September 2020.
- When: September 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 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 by September the 16<sup>st</sup>, 2020 on:  
[https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSYCHOLOGY-AND-SOCIAL-NEUROSCIENCE\\_nD3533\\_EN.aspx](https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/PSYCHOLOGY-AND-SOCIAL-NEUROSCIENCE_nD3533_EN.aspx)

**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://phd.uniroma1.it/application/bando36eng.pdf>

**CoSAN curriculum general INFO:**

<http://agliotilab.org/>

<https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/pagina.aspx?i=3533&l=EN&p=48>

**CONTACT INFO:**

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