



**ENGLISH TRASLATION OF THE CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE MD/PHD  
PROGRAMME OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024**

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The University of Turin announces a competition by examination for 5 positions as scholars in the MD/PhD Programme for the **2023/2024** academic year according to the Programme Regulations.

Admitted scholars will enrol in one of the MD degree courses at the University of Turin from their third year and simultaneously receive a theoretical and practical education in research, complementing the MD training. They will carry out and present an experimental thesis, and will receive a MD/PhD Certificate (Diploma di Medicina Sperimentale). Educational activities of the MD/PhD Programme will consist of a series of courses including theoretical and practical components (see regulations and course listings at [www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it](http://www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it)). The programme will also provide students with advanced English-language training, leading to the acquisition of skills comparable to that required for international certifications. Benefits for students are listed at the article 10 of the regulation: admitted scholar do not pay tuition fees, are entitled to apply to be housed free-of-charge in a hall of residence run by the Regional Authority for Rights to University Education (E.di.S.U. Piedmont) if resident outside the province of Turin, and will receive a scholarship of 4.000,00 € for year from the university to cover living expenses.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The course will begin on 02/11/2023 and applications are open to students who are enrolled for the first time in the second year of a degree course in Medicine and Surgery at an Italian university during the 2022/2023 academic year. They must pass all the exams of the first and second year medical curriculum by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 with an arithmetic grade-point average of 28/30 of the votes of the two years and have no grade below 24/20. Transferred exams

("convalide") will not be accepted even if they fulfil the requirement for completing the first and second year medical curriculum. Exams that are graded as pass/fail but have no numerical score must be passed but are not included in the average score and a grade of "30 with honours" is counted as 31 in the calculation of the grade-point average. Exams from other degree programmes or passed in years preceding 2021/2022 will not be taken into account.

All candidates are admitted provisionally subject to subsequent formal check of the fulfilment of the requirements. Applicants and admitted scholars can be excluded from the competition due to missing requirements at any time during or after competition proceedings, noting that the requirements must be fulfilled by the October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 deadline.

Admitted scholars must enrol in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the one of the MD courses in Medicine and Surgery (Turin <https://medchirurgia.campusnet.unito.it/do/home.pl> or San Luigi di Orbassano <https://medchirurgiasl.campusnet.unito.it/do/home.pl>). To remain in the programme in the following years, they must be enrolled in the MD degree course and satisfy the requirements stated in the program regulations (at [www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it](http://www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it)).

### **ADMISSION COMPETITION: EXAMS AND RANKING**

The admission competition consists of three tests (two written and one oral) offered in either Italian or English at the applicant's choice.

#### *Written test*

First test: 60 multiple-choice questions on the following subjects: biochemistry fundamentals, physics, molecular biology, cellular biology, histology and genetics.

Applicants will be ranked by score, and all applicants who score at least 42/60 will be admitted to the oral exam. The score of the first test determines admission to the oral exam, but does not contribute to the final competition score.

Second test: an essay to evaluate candidates' aptitude and motivation, which will not be scored, but will be discussed during the oral exam. The essay topic will be communicated to the test-takers at the time of the test.

#### *Oral exam*

The oral exam will consist in a discussion of the written exam and in an interview aimed at evaluating aptitude and motivation for to the proposed educational program.

The oral exam is scored out of 60 points and candidates must obtain a final score higher than

42/60 to be ranked for admission.

The final ranking, based on the oral exam score, will be used to select candidates for admission.

The competition exams will take place regardless of the number of applications received.

### EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The Examination Committee is formed by a minimum of three and a maximum of nine members, including the Chair (“Direttore”) of the Scientific Educational Board of the Programme ([www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it](http://www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it)), who nominates the official members and three substitute members.

For monitoring candidates during written exams, the Examination Committee may enlist the additional help of professors, postdoctoral researchers and other members of the University of Turin staff, whose names must be included in the official written record (“verbale”) of the competition.

### DIRECTION OF ADMISSIONS PROCESS

In accordance with law 241/90, the Chair of the Examination Committee is the responsible official in charge of the admission process and examinations.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted online on the website of the University of Turin.

To access the online portal, follow the instructions below:

- If you have previously applied for admission to a course at the University of Turin, you must login at [www.unito.it](http://www.unito.it) using the username and password provided when you first registered at the site. Once logged in, go to “Iscrizioni” – “Pre-iscrizione ai corsi ad accesso programmato” – “Diploma Accademico di Primo livello”;
- If you have not previously applied for admission to a course at the University of Turin, you must register at the university website first. Instructions can be found at <http://www.unito.it/didattica/immatricolazioni-e-iscrizioni>.

Applications must be submitted between **August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 11:59 PM.**

For detailed information on how to submit the application online, go to <http://www.unito.it/didattica/immatricolazioni-e-iscrizioni>. There is no fee for submitting the application.

When applying online, students should upload a CV that includes a record of their previous studies, in any international format available online, with the following information:

- a) Full name, date and place of birth;
- b) Diploma or degree obtained before enrolling in the MD programme, including graduation year, type of diploma, name of issuing institution, place and date of diploma, and final mark or grade point average. Diplomas obtained outside of Italy will be accepted based on the same criteria used by the applicant's current institution to allow enrolment in the first year of the Medicina and Surgery course;
- c) Proficiency level in one or more foreign languages, specifying the type of language education and number of years of study, as well as any formal certifications the applicant has received;
- d) Email and postal addresses to which communications about the competition should be sent, as well as a statement that the applicant will let the university know about any changes to these addresses;
- e) The name of the previous or current university, a list of the exams passed by the date of application including the grade received for each exam and the number of credits corresponding to the exam/course, and exams still to be taken within the current year of study;
- f) Other qualifications and courses or exams, with marks; other cultural interests or sport activities; and any other information that may be useful and pertinent for evaluating the application.

The CV should not be longer than two typewritten pages.

In case of technical difficulties in submitting the online application, you can contact a **helpline at +39 800 098590** (available Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM, and Saturday from 8 AM to 1 PM).

If you have any questions about the programme, the admission process, or other matters related to the competition, you can email them to [mdphd.medicina@unito.it](mailto:mdphd.medicina@unito.it).

The administration is not responsible for any problems in communications due to erroneous email or postal addresses provided by the applicant, or failure by the applicant to update the addresses timely.

If an application is administratively rejected prior to the exams, the university will promptly communicate this to interested parties, along with an explanation.

The Scientific Educational Board reserves the right to not admit students from other universities if no slots are available for transfer students.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

The **written examination** will take place on a date published on the website [www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it](http://www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it). The written exam will take place after **October 8, 2023** (the date may be further postponed depending on availability of the committee or exam site). The location of the exam will be published on the Programme website at [www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it](http://www.medicine-mdphd.unito.it) least three days before the exam date.

The schedule, location, and details of the **oral exams** will be communicated at the time of the written tests. The oral exams will take place after **October 14, 2023**. To sit the written and oral exams, candidates must present a valid ID.

## RULES FOR WRITTEN EXAMS

Candidates may not take in exam hall bags or backpacks, books or notes, paper, mobile phone, or any electronic instruments, or any additional items that may be stated at the start of the exam.

Candidates who violate these rules or who have copied the exam in whole or in part will be excluded from the competition. The examination committee and additional assistants (see above) will monitor compliance with these rules and reserve the right to take any necessary actions to prevent violations.

Transparency in the various phases of the exam process is guaranteed by law 241/1990.

## **CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES OR SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES (DSA)**

With the goal of ensuring equal access to the exams:

- Candidates with a certificate of disability or a certificate of disability with a percentage equal to or greater than 50% must indicate the requirement for specific accommodations or additional time (50% more), or both, during the exam when applying online at [www.unito.it](http://www.unito.it), in accordance with law 104/1992 ("Framework for assistance, social integration, and right of handicapped persons") and all its later changes and additions.

**NOTE:** these candidates are **required** to upload, **in pdf format**, medical documentation attesting to the disability (without omissions).

- Candidates with specific learning disabilities (DSA), in accordance to law 170/2010 ("New regulations regarding specific learning disabilities in a scholastic environment") must indicate when applying online at [www.unito.it](http://www.unito.it) their needs for accommodation, which may include:
  - Additional time (30%) for the exam;
  - A non-scientific calculator;
  - The use of a PC with word processing and spelling correction of the text (only if the contents and methods of the test require the elaboration of a free text);
  - A person to read the test questions to the candidate;
  - A video enlarger (the panel of experts can recommend this as an alternative to a human reader).

**NOTE:** these candidates are **required** to upload, **in pdf format**, documentation attesting to the specific learning disability diagnosis.

A DSA certification, as specified by law 170/2010 (ICD code F81.0-.1-.2-.3-.8 and/or name of disability), and indicated by MIUR guidelines attached to D.M. 5669/2011, must be issued by the Italian National Health Service, or by specialists or credited organizations, as for

regional regulations. If the documentation does not mention issuance by the Health Service, specialist, or credited organizations, the candidate is responsible for providing certification of this issuance.

Diagnoses provided by private (non-credited) specialists must be validated by the Health Service in order to be accepted. The date of issuance cannot be older than three years at the time of application.

Certifications issued for candidates over the age of 18 will be valid, regardless of the date of issuance.

N.B. Also for this academic year, requests from candidates with DSA and disabilities will be accepted even if in possession of not recent certification, requesting in any case within the academic course a valid certification for university purposes, in order to take advantage of the legally required supports during the academic career.

EES or BES certifications that do not indicate the presence of a specific learning disability (DSA) are not sufficient for an accommodation request, because current legislation does not recognise them in relation to the university degree programme.

The University Bodies responsible for assessing these certifications ascertain that the documentation presented certifies a condition of disability or DSA that entitles the holder to the required support.

Candidates with disabilities or with DSA, resident in foreign countries, must present the certification issued in the country of residence attesting a diagnosis recognized by Italian law.

Certifications drawn up in a foreign language require a sworn translation (“traduzione giurata”) into Italian or English.

### **CANDIDATE RANKING**

At the end of the examinations, the Examination Board makes the candidate ranking public. The five highest-ranking candidates will be admitted to the program.

The ranking will be published at [www.medicina-mdphd.unito.it](http://www.medicina-mdphd.unito.it).

The admitted students will then have five days to accept or decline the position.

They must give their notification by email to [mdphd.medicina@unito.it](mailto:mdphd.medicina@unito.it) by the five-day deadline, or they will forfeit their position. If any of the admitted candidates declines or forfeits their positions, the programme’s Scientific Educational Board may admit the following candidates on

the ranking list.

The official date of the start of the courses will be communicated to the admitted scholars. Failure to appear, without justified reason, will result in loss of the position.

Within 30 days of accepting the position, admitted students who are not already enrolled at the University of Turin must formally enrol in the third year of studies in Medicine and Surgery at the school's registrar's office. Students arriving from another university will be enrolled in the program if their transfer process is successful.

### **PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

Pursuant to articles 13 e 14 of the GDPR – EU Regulation 2016/679, personal data provided by candidates will be gathered by the student services and teaching and personal directorship of the University of Turin only for the purpose of the competition. The data will be handled both in paper form and an electronic database. The acquisition of data is necessary both for the management of the competition and the proof of candidate eligibility. It is optional for candidates to provide data necessary to apply the law regarding assistance of people with disabilities (104/1992) as well as the DSA (170/2010).

The purpose of these data is limited to the adoption of appropriate measures to ensure equal conditions during examinations. These data will also be handled both in paper form and an electronic database.

If the Examination Committee make use of external companies for the correction of the tests and for the preparation of the rankings, the necessary data and information will be transmitted and processed by these subjects in compliance with the legislation on the protection of personal data.

With regard to archiving and storage times, the following is specified: the personal data of subjects who have taken the test can be kept by the University also for historical interest; the documents in which the test questions or answers are printed are kept for five years. The data relating to rankings or records are kept indefinitely over time.

If the interested parties believe that their data has been processed illegitimately, they have the right to contact the Supervisory Authority to lodge a complaint.

Interested parties can exercise their rights, pursuant to art. 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20 of the GDPR – EU Regulation 2016/679.

The Data Controller of personal data is the University of Turin, with headquarters in Via

Verdi 8, 10124 Turin. Contacts: switchboard +39 011 6706111, certified e-mail box (Pec): [ateneo@pec.unito.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.unito.it).

The legal representative is the Rector of the University of Turin.

The Data Protection Officer – DPO can be contacted at the following email address: [rp@unito.it](mailto:rp@unito.it).