

**ANNEX A****PhD Course Law and Economics (DOT224STCK)**

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| <b>Short description</b>         | The PhD Course in Law and Economics of the University of Molise aims to prepare highly qualified personnel for both public and private professions. It is divided into 2 curricula: 1) "Public administration and institutions" and 2) "Law, market and new technologies".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
| <b>WebSite</b>                   | Information on the structure of PhD activities is available on the webpage of the Doctoral School:<br><a href="https://www3.unimol.it/ricerca/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/24">https://www3.unimol.it/ricerca/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/24</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
| <b>Course length</b>             | 1/11/2026 – 31/10/2029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
|                                  | Position with scholarships                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1</b> |
|                                  | Position funded by the PR Molise FESR- FSE+ 2021-2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Total available positions</b> | Position funded by the PR Molise FESR- FSE+ 2021-2027 with mandatory period in Company,<br>Topic:<br>The project focuses on the use of Artificial Intelligence, geospatial data, and Earth Observation to analyze, measure, and forecast economic, social, and territorial phenomena at a high level of granularity. Through the use of satellite imagery, big data, and advanced machine learning and causal econometric techniques, the research will develop innovative indicators of human development, territorial vulnerability, sustainability, and socioeconomic cohesion. The project will also deliver new territorial monitoring tools, early warning models, and operational frameworks to support national and international institutions.<br><br>-Period abroad of n. 6 months at: compulsory period, to be defined.<br>-Compulsory 6 month period in Italy with a company                                                                                                                                             | <b>1</b> |
|                                  | Positions cofunded by the PR Molise FESR- FSE+ 2021-2027 funds and by company,<br>Topic:<br>The project aims to provide a systematic mapping of the methodologies used to quantify liquidation value in expert reports and restructuring plans prepared pursuant to the Italian Insolvency and Crisis Code (CCII), with a detailed analysis of the discretionary choices adopted by practitioners on the most controversial issues. Particular attention will be devoted to the valuation of claims and actions under Article 83 of the CCII, as well as to other valuation aspects characterized by a high degree of discretion, with the objective of contributing to the development of a structured knowledge base on post-reform Italian practice and of formulating operational solutions that may support both the commissioning company and the broader scientific and professional debate.<br><br>-Period abroad of n. 6 months at: compulsory period, to be defined.<br>-Compulsory 6 month period in Italy with a company | <b>1</b> |





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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Position reserved for employees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>2</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Financial Research and Analytics</p> <p><b>Topic:</b><br/>The training and research programme will focus on the following thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the methodologies for the construction and interpretation of financial statement indicators used in forward-looking diagnostics, and their underlying business and economic rationale;</li> <li>the assessment of adequate organisational, administrative, and accounting arrangements pursuant to Article 2086 of the Italian Civil Code, as a process for generating reliable data and forward-looking information;</li> <li>insolvency prediction models (including Z-Score models, logit models, and multivariate techniques) and their calibration to the specific context of Italian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).</li> </ul> <p>Period in Italy at: Financial Research and Analytics (Napoli)</p> |          |
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| <b>Admission requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>All specialized or master's degrees, or degrees of the system prior to that introduced with the D.M. 509/1999.</p> <p>For candidates who have acquired the title abroad, the latter must have equivalent characteristics with those indicated above.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
| <b>Assessable qualifications and relative score</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>List of assessable qualifications (score up to a maximum of <u>20/100</u>):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>curriculum vitae et studiorum (max 4 points);</li> <li>Graduation mark (max 10 points)</li> <li>Publications (max 2 points)</li> <li>other educational qualifications (specialization diplomas, attendance of post-graduate specialization courses, etc.) (max 4 points)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| <p><b>Examination themes and interview</b></p> <p><i>Please note that the research proposal described in the report (Annex 5), submitted for the purposes of the competition, does not necessarily correspond to the research project that will ultimately be carried out during the PhD Programme.</i></p> <p><i>Should the candidate be admitted, the actual research project will be subsequently defined and approved by the PhD Committee Board</i></p> | <p><b>Research project (qualifications up to a maximum of <u>30/100</u>).</b> Candidates are asked to actively discuss the research topics of the PhD Program through the submission of a research project, an integral part of the application form, dated and signed by the candidate and drawn up in accordance with Annex 5.</p> <p><b>Interview</b></p> <p>The oral exam and interview (score up to a maximum of <b>50/100</b>) will consist of the oral presentation of the research proposal and a discussion of the technical and scientific issues related to it.</p> <p>Knowledge of the English language will also be evaluated for Italian students (level B1) for foreign students Italian language (level A2). Candidates can carry out the presentation and discussion in English or Italian language.</p>                                                                                     |          |
| <b>Criteria for the evaluation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | The evaluation of the Candidates is divided into two phases: the first one concerns assessable qualifications and the project proposal. Passing this step is a prerequisite for admission to the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |





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|                              | <p>oral exam (second phase). The results of the first phase of evaluation will be published, as soon as they are available, on the University website at <a href="https://www3.unimol.it/ricerca/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/24">https://www3.unimol.it/ricerca/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/24</a></p> <p>To be admitted to the oral exam, the candidate must report a score of not less than <b>20/100</b> (given by the sum of the evaluation of assessable qualifications and the project proposal).</p> <p>The maximum score is equal to 100/100, divided into the following sub-scores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>20/100 Academic qualifications</u></b></li> <li>- <b><u>30/100 Research proposal in written form</u></b></li> <li>- <b><u>50/100 Interview and knowledge of English language</u></b></li> </ul> <p>The results of the second phase of evaluation will be published, as soon as they are available, on the University website at the link: <a href="https://www3.unimol.it/ricerca/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/24">https://www3.unimol.it/ricerca/scuola-di-dottorato/generiche/24</a> in the specific sections dedicated to the relevant doctorate</p> |
| <b>Ranking</b>               | Candidates with an overall score of at least <b>60/100</b> points will be included in the overall merit ranking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Date of the Interview</b> | <p>Date: <b>24 September 2026 time: 10am</b> (Rome Time, CEST); the agenda of the interviews will be defined by the Selection Committee depending on the number of candidates admitted to the oral exam.</p> <p>Place to take the oral exam:</p> <p><b>in presence:</b> Room Aula Modigliani; Department of Economics, University of Molise, Via De Sanctis, 1; 86100 Campobasso (CB), ITALY.</p> <p><b>online:</b> TEAMS at the link:<br/> <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34187704248244?p=fbHDcJ4civqYyjl4Bm">https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34187704248244?p=fbHDcJ4civqYyjl4Bm</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

