



**Scuola Superiore
Sant'Anna**
di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OPEN TO NON-EU CITIZENS FOR ADMISSION TO THE

**PH.D. PROGRAMME IN
POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

Art. 1

(Available Positions)

1. The "Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna" (Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies) of Pisa, hereinafter referred to as the "School", announces **3 positions** dedicated to citizens of NON - EU countries for admission to the three-year Ph.D. Programme in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability for the Academic Year 2010–2011.
2. The School may also admit eligible candidates without grants **up to a maximum number of 3 posts**. They will take part in the Programme at their own expenses but they will not have to pay any tuition fee. The admission is decided by a Selection Committee appointed by the Director of the School.
3. If additional funds will be available before the beginning of the Programme, the number of positions supported by grants may be increased by the School.
4. The Ph.D. Programme in "**Politics, human rights and sustainability**" is characterized by an interdisciplinary approach to the subject and by the emphasis placed on current problems defining the protection and promotion of human rights.

The Programme consists in the following curricula (Research Areas):

- Identity, rights and conflicts in the political theory;
- Conflict and political systems in international relations;
- International and European political economy;
- Institutions and mechanisms for protecting Human rights: outlines of International Law;
- Rights and social capital in the regional development policies;
- Agrarian Law, Environmental Law and Sustainable Development of the land.

Art. 2

(Participation Requirements)

1. Eligible applicants should be in possession of a **Master of Science (MSc) Degree** or equivalent. Applicants should not be older than 35 years on **September 30, 2010**.
2. Candidates older than 35 may be exceptionally admitted by the Examination Committee considering the experience gained by the candidate.
3. The candidates whose native language is not English should own an internationally acknowledged certificate specifying their intermediate-level English knowledge. (Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE), TOEFL with at least 220 points computer-based or 500 points paper-based, or equivalent certificates).
4. The Examination Committee, as per Article 3, par.3, lett. C), states the Degree equivalence only for competition purposes.

Art. 3

(Applications)

1. Candidates are requested to apply on-line at: <http://www.sssup.it/phdapplicationonline> by **September 30, 2010**. In case of difficulties with the on-line application, please contact the PhD Administration Office (telephone +39-050-883.220/383/336, e-mail infophd@sssup.it).
2. Once submitting their application on-line, applicants should **also sign and send a hardcopy of the application** together with the **enclosures as per art. 4** and the copy of a valid identity document, to "Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Divisione Formazione Universitaria e alla Ricerca, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 –

56127 Pisa” **no later than October 11, 2010**. The notice “Application PhD in Politics, Human rights and Sustainability” must be written on the envelope.

3. Candidates’ application must include:

- a) family name, first name, place and date of birth, and nationality;
- b) declaration that the candidate has never been convicted for a criminal offence or that she/he has no pending criminal proceedings;
- c) declaration that the candidate is in possession of an academic degree, as per Article 2 above. The application should also specify the degree title, its duration and the name of the University or University Institute which awarded the degree; for degrees obtained out of Italy, candidates are asked to declare that the degree is equivalent to a degree awarded by Italian Universities, providing details about such an equivalence; the Examination Committee establish the equivalence only for competition purposes;
- d) the Academic Year, in which the candidate has started his/her undergraduate studies;
- e) the date of graduation and the score;
- f) the curriculum selected among the four available;
- g) their native and education language, their level of knowledge of English.
- h) the permanent address and the reply address where applicants wish to receive communications and documents. Applicants should immediately contact the School if these addresses change;
- i) the E-Mail address, which is compulsory for competition purposes.**

4. Applicants with disabilities are requested to attach a note specifying the type of aid required to take the examination, in order to set a suitable prior arrangement. They should also specify if they need any additional time.

5. The School will not accept incomplete applications: the paper documents required must be received within the terms and according to the procedure set out in paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article.

7. The School’s Administration does not assume any responsibility either for missed or late communication resulting either from wrong address information by the applicant or from a late communication of the change of address specified in the application, or for mailing delivery problems that cannot be ascribed to the School Administration’s fault.

Art. 4

(Application Enclosures)

1. Applicants should attach to their applications:

- a) the copy of their passport;
- b) two copies of their *Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum*;
- c) photocopy of candidate’s university Master of Science Degree or equivalent. University degree and study certificates must be translated into Italian or English (except those written in English, French, German, or Spanish)
- d) two copies of the abstract of their degree thesis and a copy of any other publication that they deem suitable;
- e) a detailed list of academic courses taken (written either in English, or Italian, or French, or German, or Spanish). This list should contain information regarding credits, units (or equivalent) received, the grades received for each class taken, and the date when the final (or semester) examination was taken;
- f) the certificates of knowledge of the English language (compulsory as per article 2, par. 3) and any certificate related to this Call that they deem suitable;
- g) two copies of a Research Project, of no more than 3,000 words, which will describe the research activities that applicants would like to perform during the PhD course. The Research Project will include:
 - a title;
 - the scientific premises and the relevant bibliography;
 - the aim and expectations of the research;
 - the experimental methods and data analysis methods which will be used, where required;
- h) at least two Reference Letters written by Faculty Members who have supervised the applicant’s work during his/her university studies;
- i) a numbered list of documents attached.

2. Failure to submit the above-listed documents within the deadline of **October 11, 2010**, as specified in Art. 3, paragraph 2 above, will result in a candidate’s non-admission to the competition.

Art. 5

(Selection of applicants)

1. Selection of applicants will be based upon the assessment of all the submitted documents and publications. The assessment will be on a scale of 1 to 100. Applicants should obtain **at least 70/100 points** in order to be included in the final ranking.

2. The Examination Committee, appointed by the Director, will assign a score based on the CV and the submitted publications, as well as the Research Project (both in terms of quality and relevance with the Ph.D. programme).
3. The general pass lists will be published on the Web Site www.sssup.it no later than **December 15, 2010**.
4. The Judgement of the Committee is final;
5. The admitted candidates will be informed by e-mail of the results of the competition and will be asked to confirm acceptance of the scholarship by answering to infophd@sssup.it within 15 days later. In case of lack of response by that date, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.

Art. 6
(Beginning of the PhD Programme)

1. The PhD Programme will start on **January 20, 2011**. In the event of objective difficulties associated to the issue of the visa for study purposes, the School may postpone the starting date, but in any case not later than **February 28, 2011**.
2. A late starting could be allowed to those students who can prove that they have to fulfil their military obligations or to pregnant women and students on maternity leave as by Italian Law No. 53/2000.
3. Awardees who are doing their military service need to show a certificate issued by the military authority, with the expected date of completion of their service.
4. Awardees who will be in the conditions provided for by Law No. 53/2000, need to produce a suitable medical certificate, where the presumed period of absence provided for by the above-mentioned Law is specified.
5. In both the aforementioned cases, the participation to the course activities will start within ten (10) days after their discharge or from the end of the maternity leave period.
6. To enter Italy, the awardees need to obtain a *visa for study purposes*, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country of residence. The awardees should show up before the Police Office (Questura) of Pisa applying for the issue of a residence permit for study purposes within eight (8) days after they have entered Italy.
7. Should an awardee forfeit or relinquish his/her award, the School will have the possibility to assign the vacant position to the next suitable candidate according to the ranking standings.
8. The School reserves the right to verify the data submitted and to ask the competent authority of the country, where the awardee resides, a judicial record certificate.

Art. 7
(PhD Students' Obligations)

1. PhD Students commit to attend the research and education activities suggested by the School within the Programme.
2. They also commit to comply with the rules of the Statute and Regulations of the School.
3. The Advisory Board of the Course will appoint a Tutor to each PhD student. The task of the Tutor will be to verify student's attendance to the training, cultural and scientific activities of the School, and to support and verify the progress of his/her research.
4. At the end of the three year Course, PhD students will advance to a final examination in order to obtain the PhD Degree. During the PhD Degree examination students will be asked to defend a written dissertation before a Board of Experts appointed by the Director.

Art. 8
(PhD Student Status)

1. The School provides **PhD students supported by a grant** with meals and allows them to use the library and laboratories, according to the rules specified in its Regulations.
2. PhD students will also receive a monthly scholarship for educational allowance and external lodging amounting to a total of **€14,500.00** per year.
3. The PhD Programme Advisory Board may allow PhD students to participate to study and research activities outside the School's premises.
4. The allowances, as per this Article, are subject, for fiscal purposes, to the laws in force in matters of fellowships allocated by Universities and Regions.
5. **PhD student without a grant** will take part in the Programme at their own expenses but they will not have to pay any tuition fee and they will be allowed to use the library and laboratories.

Art. 9
(Collection of Submitted Publications)

1. All applicants may recover the publications sent to the School, at their own expenses, **within two (2) months** from the date of publication of the relevant pass list on the web site of the School. Once this two-month period has elapsed, the School's Administration cannot be held, in any way, responsible for the above-mentioned publications.

Art. 11
(Person in charge of the Procedure)

1. The person in charge of the competition procedure, as per this Announcement, is the Coordination Manager of the University and Research Training Department – Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – Piazza Martiri della Libertà n.33 – 56127 Pisa – tel. 050/883273, fax 050/883250, e-mail: infophd@sssup.it.

Art. 12
(Treatment of Personal Data)

1. The personal data supplied by the applicants will be mainly processed by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in an automated manner and in accordance with Art. 11 of the Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 ("Code concerning the Protection of Personal Data"), for the management of competition procedures. The data - made anonymous - may also be used for statistical processing purposes. To participate in the Competition, the data have to be disclosed to the School.

2. Any people interested can, at any time, exercise the rights provided for by Art. 7 of the above-mentioned Legislative Decree, in writing to the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Divisione FUR Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33 Pisa.