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VISTA la Legge 3 luglio 1998, n. 210 “Norme per il reclutamento dei ricercatori e dei professori universitari di ruolo”, in particolare l’art. 4 “Dottorato di ricerca”;
VISTA la Legge 30 dicembre 2010 n. 240 “Norme in materia di organizzazione delle università, di personale accademico e reclutamento, nonché delega al Governo per incentivare la qualità e l’efficienza del sistema universitario”;
VISTO il Decreto Ministeriale 14 dicembre 2021, n. 226 “Regolamento recante modalità di accreditamento delle sedi e dei corsi di dottorato e criteri per la istituzione dei corsi di dottorato da parte degli enti accreditati”;
VISTO lo Statuto del Politecnico di Torino, emanato con D.R. n. 774 del 17 luglio 2019;
VISTO il Regolamento vigente in materia di dottorato del Politecnico di Torino;
VISTO l’accordo sottoscritto in data 3 gennaio 2023 dal Politecnico con il China Scholarship Council;

DECRETA

di emanare il bando di concorso Bando di concorso “PhD Programmes in collaboration with China Scholarship Council:
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1. Announcement

Politecnico di Torino and the **China Scholarship Council** signed a Cooperation Agreement promoting the enrolment of Chinese graduates in Politecnico PhD Programmes (academic year **2024-2025**).

Politecnico di Torino runs 16 Ph.D. programmes in the fields of Engineering, Architecture, Design and Urban Planning (see <https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/phd-programmes>).

A call to receive applications for full Doctoral positions from excellent Chinese scholars who will be applying for CSC scholarship is now open.

The deadline for submission of the application and the supporting documents listed above is **January 26th, 2024 at 2.00 p.m. (CET time)**.

2. Admission Requirements

The pre-selection call is open only to citizens of the People's Republic of China; overseas Chinese students may be eligible for application subject to CSC policy.

The candidates, interested in a full degree position at Politecnico di Torino and planning to apply for a CSC scholarship, will have to follow the procedure below.

3. Pre-selection and selection

In compliance with the provisions set forth in the Cooperation Agreement, the selection is a two-fold process:

- I. pre-selection at Politecnico di Torino;
- II. selection by CSC.

The first step will be carried out **exclusively online** and is aimed at pre-selecting applicants willing to enroll in one of the PhD Programmes available in the online application.

At a later stage, preselected applicants will then have to apply to CSC call on the CSC website, according to the deadlines mentioned there, for the prospective awarding of a scholarship.

4. Applications and deadline for the pre-selection at Politecnico di Torino

In order to apply for a position at Politecnico di Torino, candidates must first:

- I. Register on the apply@polito



II. After the registration, **login** on apply@polito and click on “PhD Programmes” and select the PhD programme of your interest and proceed with the application and upload all the following documents:

	MANDATORY DOCUMENTS	DETAILS
a)	A copy of a valid identification document	Both front and back side with picture and signature.
b)	<p>Certificate or self-declaration* (see Annex 6) with the information on the academic background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor’s degree (first-level degree), with final grade, date and place of conferral; - Master’s degree (<i>Laurea Magistrale</i> – second-level degree) or equivalent qualification), with final grade, date and place of conferral, if already awarded; - Transcript of records (list of the exams taken during the entire academic path, with grades, dates and places of the exams) **; - Diploma supplement of the Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes attended by the applicant, if available. - Syllabus/Course description 	<p>In the event that applicants have two (or more) Master’s degrees (2nd level) or equivalent degrees, they must state in their application form which qualification they want to use to compete for admission to the Ph.D. programme. The other degrees must be attached under the section “Ogni altro documento” (i.e. Any Other Document”) as provided for by letter L) of this table.</p> <p>Graduates and graduands from Politecnico di Torino do not need to attach the above-mentioned certificates/self-declarations.</p> <p>Applicants who still do not have a the required academic qualification on the deadlines are allowed to apply as long as they get their certificate by 31st October 2024.</p> <p>The documents shall be issued by the relevant university.</p> <p>Documents issued in Italian or English, are accepted. If the documents are written in other languages, please upload together both the original version AND the official translation in Italian or English and attach the merged document.</p> <p>*<u>applicants</u> can provide self-declarations only concerning facts and information which can be verified by an Italian public administration and, in the case of non-EU applicants, only if they have a valid residence permit which must be attached to the self-declaration.</p> <p>** <u>Only the candidates who have attended a 1st or 2nd level degree course (totally or in part) at a non-European University</u> are required to include a short explanation on the evaluation system (minimum and maximum grade for passing each exam, final grade, medium average) and the credit system to which it refers. In the event that this information is not present in the document, it is</p>



		necessary to provide and attach an official statement issued by University that includes the missing information.
c)	English language certificate or self-declaration* to prove knowledge of the English language	<p>The following is required as a certificate of English language proficiency IELTS: minimum score 5.5</p> <p>or</p> <p>one of the language certificates accepted in substitution for IELTS 5.5 by Politecnico di Torino and listed in the table “Table of 23/09/2019 updated on 22/12/2022” available at: https://didattica.polito.it/zxd/b5eda0a74558a342cf659187f06f746f/9dde3c1deee7c791026d6a0ac91322bb/f318d418925e3b3fe050c0828c37718b?1674658551728</p> <p>Applicants who still do not have an English language certificate on the deadlines are allowed to apply as long as they get their certificate by 31st October 2024.</p> <p>* <u>EU and non-EU applicants</u> can provide self-declarations only concerning facts and information which can be verified by an Italian public administration and, in the case of non-EU applicants, only if they have a valid residence permit which must be attached to the self-declaration;</p>
d)	Abstract of Master’s thesis	<p>A short but complete abstract of the Master’s thesis project which must include the overall objectives, the methodologies, the major results and above all the individual contribution. The format is free and can include tables, graphs and/or images.</p> <p>Minimum 3000 characters, maximum 6000 characters.</p> <p>The document must be written in English and uploaded in PDF format.</p>
e)	Short statement of purpose (SOP) on the applicant’s research interests and motivations for undertaking a Ph.D. programme	<p>The statement of purpose must be written in English – maximum 8000 characters.</p> <p>Applicants must highlight their scientific background in the topics that will be studied during the Ph.D. programme they are applying for.</p>



		<p>Applicants need to emphasize their ability to engage with one or more research topics and must clarify their motivations, objectives, aspirations and personal inclination for the research topics.</p> <p>Applicants must also highlight their capacity to develop a research project and declare its assumptions, objectives and methodology.</p> <p>Applicants who compete for more than one Ph.D. programmes are allowed to submit a separate statement of purpose for each programme they are applying for.</p>
f)	<p>Name and e-mail address of two referees which can be contacted by the Admissions Committee to get useful information for the evaluation of the application</p>	<p>One faculty member from Politecnico di Torino (the name of a lecturer who is available to be the supervisor during the PhD in case of admission must be indicated) and one faculty member on the staff of another university (Italian or international university).</p>

3. Applicants can also upload to the Apply@polito platform the following optional documents (if available):

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g)	<p>Recommendation letters written by academic teaching staff, researchers, staff members of institutions, employers.</p>	<p>The names of the individuals who sign the recommendation letters may also be different from the names of the referees (letter f).</p>
h)	<p>publications</p>	<p>Information about publications (type of publication, author/s, date, etc.) must be entered in the specific section of the Apply@polito platform.</p>
i)	<p>Any other document which applicants deem useful for the purpose of evaluating their application</p>	<p>For instance: other Bachelor's or Master's degrees, prizes and awards, professional experience, any other document useful for the purpose of declaring an applicant suitable for admission to a Ph.D. programme, etc.</p> <p>All documents must be contained in a single PDF file that must be uploaded to the "Attachments" section of the Apply@polito platform.</p>

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5. Results of the pre-selection at Politecnico di Torino

The pre-selection results will be published on the website of Politecnico di Torino (<https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-Ph.D.-programmes/admissions/results-and-rankings>).

In the days following the publication of the pre-selection results, successful candidates will receive an eligibility letter that they must use to apply for a CSC scholarship.

The final candidates, selected by CSC, will receive further instructions to complete the enrolment for the academic year 2024/2025 via email; the same email will indicate the mandatory documents to be provided to Politecnico di Torino for enrollment in the PhD programmes.