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Integrazione al bando di concorso per la preselezione di candidati cinesi nell'ambito della collaborazione con il China Scholarship Council – Anno accademico 2025/2026 emanato con D.R. n. 1145 del 11/10/2024

IL RETTORE

VISTO il bando di concorso per la preselezione di candidati cinesi nell'ambito della collaborazione con il China Scholarship Council – Anno accademico 2025/2026 emanato con D.R. n. 1145 del 11/10/2024;

CONSIDERATA la necessità di inserire una specifica in merito alle scadenze per presentare la documentazione necessaria per la partecipazione al bando di concorso da parte dei candidati, anche in considerazione degli approfondimenti con l'ente cinese finanziatore;

PRESO ATTO del refuso occorso all'interno dell'art. 1 in cui veniva indicato che la preselezione veniva attivata per l'anno accademico 2024/2025 e resasi necessaria la modifica;

CONSIDERATA la necessità di specificare la data di avvio del ciclo per maggiore chiarezza verso i candidati;

CONSIDERATO che in relazione alle suddette modifiche è opportuno prorogare la scadenza per la presentazione della candidatura al 18 novembre 2024 alle ore 9 del mattino;

ESAMINATO ogni opportuno elemento;

DECRETA

- di integrare gli articoli 1, 3, 5 e 7 del bando di concorso emanato con D.R. n. 1145 del 11/10/2024 come evidenziato nel nuovo testo del bando di cui al presente decreto che sostituisce la precedente versione.

IL RETTORE
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PhD Programs in collaboration with *China Scholarship Council*:
CALL FOR PRE-SELECTION FOR CITIZENS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

1. Announcement

Politecnico di Torino and the **China Scholarship Council** signed a Cooperation Agreement promoting the enrolment of Chinese graduates in Politecnico PhD Programs.

Politecnico di Torino announces the opening of a preselection procedure for admission to the Ph.D. programs for the **academic year 2025/2026**. **The admission procedure is reserved exclusively for citizens of the People's Republic of China**.

The list of the PhD courses in the field of Engineering, Architecture, Design and Urban Planning for which applications are open is available at https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/phd-programmes.

2. Pre-selection and selection

In compliance with the provisions set forth in the Cooperation Agreement between Politecnico di Torino and the China Scholarship Council, the selection is a two-fold process:

I. pre-selection at Politecnico di Torino;

II. selection by CSC.

The present call covers only the first step (pre-selection), which will be carried out exclusively online and aims to pre-select applicants willing to enroll in one of the PhD Programs available at Politecnico di Torino.

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

3. 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 meet the following requirements:

	Applicants with an academic qualification (2nd level) obtained in Italy	Applicants with an academic qualification (2nd level) obtained abroad
a)	**Master's degree** (Laurea Magistrale) or Laurea specialistica or academic degree belonging to the university system pre-dating M.D. no. 509 of 3rd November 1999, as amended by M.D. no. 270 of 22nd October 2004 **– with minimum final grade: 95/110.**	**Academic qualification valid for admission to a PhD program in their country** with a minimum average grade of 70/100 for Chinese degrees (for the other Countries, the Admission Committee will evaluate the degree and decide on the minimum GPA required for admission based on the documents submitted by the applicant).
b)	**English language certificate – level B2** (valid regardless of the conferral date) as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The language certificates accepted by Politecnico di Torino are available at https://didattica.polito.it/cla/en/certificates by clicking on "Table of 23/09/2019 updated on 22/12/2022". Certificates which are not listed in the above-mentioned table **will not be accepted.**	

Applicants who still lack the required academic qualification and/or the English language certificate listed in the table above by the application deadline indicated in art. 5 below are allowed to apply as long as they meet both requirements **by and no later than 31st October 2025.**

The lack of even one of the requirements mentioned above before the deadlines entails the exclusion from the selection process.

4. Application procedures for the pre-selection at Politecnico di Torino

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

I. Register on the **apply@polito**

II. After the registration, **login** on apply@polito and click on "PhD Programmes" and select the PhD program of their interest, proceed with the application, and upload all the following documents:

	MANDATORY DOCUMENTS	IMPORTANT NOTICE
a)	A copy of a valid **identification document**	Both front and back sides have pictures and signatures.
b)	- **Bachelor's degree diploma** (EQF level 6). - Certificate with all the **exams taken in the Bachelor's degree program** (front and back scan) or a document issued by the University including all the exams taken.	**All** the documents shall be **issued by the relevant university.** **All** the documents must be on **headed paper with the stamp of the institution that issued them and the administrator's signature in charge.** Electronically signed documents can only be accepted if they can be verified online via QR code or verification link.

	- **Master's degree diploma** (EQF level 7). If the official diploma is not available yet, a provisional one can be accepted. - Certificate with all the **exams taken in the Master's degree program** (front and back scan). If at the final year of program, a certificate of the exams taken - **as updated as possible - with the average of final or current grades**; - Syllabus/Courses description	Documents issued in **Italian or English,** are accepted. If the papers are written in other languages **both the original** version **and** the **official translation** in Italian or English must be uploaded. Candidates who have attended a 1st or 2nd-level degree course (totally or in part) at a non-European University are required to include a short explanation of 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 necessary to provide and attach an official statement issued by the University that includes the missing information. 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. program. 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.
c)	**English language certificate (level B2)**	**Language certificates accepted by Politecnico di Torino** are 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
d)	**Abstract of Master's thesis**	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. The minimum character count is 3000, and the maximum is 6000. The document must be written in English and uploaded in PDF format.

e)	**Short statement of purpose (SOP) on the applicant's research interests and motivations** for undertaking a Ph.D. program	The statement of purpose must be written in English – maximum 8000 characters. Applicants must highlight their scientific background in the topics that will studied during the Ph.D. program they are applying for. 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. Applicants must also highlight their capacity to develop a research project and declare its assumptions, objectives and methodology. Applicants who compete for more than one Ph.D. programs are allowed to submit a separate statement of purpose for each program they are applying for.
f)	**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	**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).

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

	OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS	**DETAILS**
g)	**Diploma Supplement**, **Declaration of value or Statement of Comparability** issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC – CIMEA	
h)	**Recommendation letters** written by academic teaching staff, researchers, staff members of institutions, employers.	The names of the individuals who sign the recommendation letters may also differ from the names of the referees (letter f).
i)	**Publications**	Information about publications (type of publication, author/s, date, etc.) must be entered in the specific section of the Appy@polito platform.
	Any other document that applicants deem helpful for evaluating their application	For instance, other Bachelor's or Master's degrees, prizes and awards, professional experience, any other valuable document for the purpose of declaring an applicant suitable for admission to a Ph.D. program, etc. All documents must be contained in a single PDF file that must be uploaded to the "Attachments" section of the Apply@polito platform.

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5. Application deadline for the pre-selection at Politecnico di Torino

The application and the supporting documents listed above must be submitted by **November 18th, 2024, at 9.00 a.m. (CET time).**

Applicants who still lack the required academic qualification and/or the English language certificate by this deadline are allowed to apply as long as they meet both requirements by and no later than 31st October 2025.

6. Assessment procedure

Applicants will be assessed by a specific Admission Committee, appointed by the Rector and staffed by minimum three members chosen from among tenured faculty members and permanent researchers.

The names of the members of the Admission Committee will be available on Politecnico di Torino's website: https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-phd-programmes/admissions/evaluation-of-applicants.

The Admission Committee preliminary verifies whether the applicants meet the admission requirements for the selection process listed in art. 3 above. The decision is based on the documents attached by the applicant to the application form.

This evaluation is possible only if the documents submitted by the applicant provide all the necessary information (type of degree, duration of the program, official name of the university which awarded the degree, date of degree conferral, grade etc.).

The Admission Committee may not admit an applicant to the selection process if the documents do not provide enough information for evaluation.

Applicants with admission requirements will be assessed based on their motivations, academic background, competencies, expertise and research skills, which can be deduced from the **documents attached to their application form and from the interview**.

7. Results of the pre-selection procedure

The list of eligible pre-selected candidates will be published on the following web page: https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-phd-programmes/admissions/results-and-ranking-lists .

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.

Only candidates who have obtained the scholarship by the CSC will be allowed to enroll at Politecnico di Torino through this call.

The final candidates selected by CSC will receive further instructions via email to complete the enrolment for the academic year 2025/2026; the same email will indicate the mandatory documents to be provided to Politecnico di Torino for enrollment in the PhD programs.

The doctoral programs are set to officially begin on November 1, 2025.

8. Processing of personal data

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679) and the "Code regarding the protection of personal data" (Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30th June 2003 and further amendments), Politecnico di Torino will process personal data to pursue its institutional aims based on the principles of correctness, lawfulness, and relevance of purposes.

More information on the processing of personal data is available at: https://www.polito.it/en/privacy.

9. Access to documents

Access to the documents is allowed in the forms provided for by the Law and in accordance with the "Regulation on access to administrative documents pursuant to Law No. 241/1990, civic access and general civic access pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 33/2013". Information on the procedure and forms to request access is shown in the "Regolamento in materia di accesso ai documenti amministrativi ai sensi della Legge n. 241/1990, accesso civico e accesso civico generalizzato ai sensi del D.lgs. n. 33/2013".

10. Governing laws and final provisions

For all matters not expressly provided for in this Call, reference is made to the relevant governing laws and regulations available at (https://www.polito.it/en/education/Ph.D.PhD-programs-and-postgraduate-school/doctoral-school/legislation), in particular:
- Ministerial Decree No. 226 of 14th December 2021;
- Ministerial Decree No. 301 of 22nd March 2022;
- Politecnico di Torino Regulations on Doctoral Programs.

The present Call is announced on the website of Politecnico di Torino (https://www.polito.it/en/education/PhD-programs-and-postgraduate-school/admissions-to-PhD-programs/admissions/call-for-applications).

According to art. 5 of Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990 (New rules on administrative procedure and right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments, the person responsible for the admissions process to the PhD programs of Politecnico Silvia Vacca, the Head of the PhD Programs Hub of Politecnico di Torino, is responsible for the admissions process to the Ph.D. programs of Politecnico di Torino.

Requests for information may be sent using the Ticketing Support System, which is accessible following the procedure illustrated at https://didattica.polito.it/segreteria/contatta/en/index.html. The answers to the most frequently asked questions (FAQ) are also available.

It should also be noted that any interaction between PhD candidates and the PhD Programs Hub will occur exclusively through the Ticketing Support Service mentioned above. Any communications addressed to staff and/or the office by e-mail will not be considered.