

LUISS



**REGULATIONS on the academic recognition (equivalence) of PhDs awarded by foreign institutions for the purpose of appointment as a researcher and as a research contract holder under Law 240/2010 following a competitive procedure**

(pursuant to Article 38(3)(2) of Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001)



## **Article 1 Subject Matter**

These Regulations govern the procedures for academic recognition – in accordance with Article 38(3)(2) of Legislative Decree No. 165 of 30 March 2001 – of the equivalence of PhDs awarded by foreign institutions with PhDs awarded by Italian institutions, for the purpose of appointment as a researcher pursuant to Article 24 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010 (hereinafter referred to as "Researcher") and for the purpose of appointment as a research contract holder pursuant to Article 22 of Law No. 240 of 30 December 2010, following a competitive procedure.

## **Article 2 Methods of Submission of Applications**

When submitting their application to participate in competitions organized by Luiss University to be appointed as a Researcher or to be granted a Research Contract, candidates who hold a PhD awarded by a foreign institution may request the University to undertake the procedure for the recognition of the equivalence of the said qualification with PhDs awarded by Italian institutions.

Candidates in any such competitions who hold a PhD awarded abroad are conditionally admitted until such time as the rectoral decree of academic recognition (equivalence) or non-recognition is issued.

In order to undertake the procedure for recognition of equivalence, the University requires applicants to provide the following documentation/information when submitting their application for the competition and in the manner prescribed in the call for applications:

- a copy of the PhD certificate evidencing the awarding of the doctorate (if in a language other than Italian or English, a certificate translated into one of those languages must be provided and that translation must be issued by the institution where the PhD was awarded);
- institution at which the PhD was awarded;
- PhD thesis title;
- PhD program start date;
- date on which the PhD was awarded;
- duration in years of the PhD program;
- country in which the PhD was awarded;
- academic discipline area in which the PhD was awarded;
- manner in which the PhD program was undertaken (in-person and full-time; in-person and part-time; online and full-time; online and part-time);
- copy of the degree certificate that granted access to the non-Italian PhD program (if in a language other than Italian or English, a certificate translated into one of those languages must be provided and that translation must be issued by the institution where the degree was awarded);
- institution at which the degree was awarded;
- type of degree (master's degree or other degree awarded abroad and recognized as eligible for access to a third-level degree program);
- duration of the degree program;
- degree program start date;



- graduation date.

During and up to the end of the initial evaluation process, through its Examining Commission the University reserves the right to request that the above-mentioned candidates holding a PhD awarded abroad submit additional documents or certifications useful for the subsequent recognition of the equivalence of the foreign PhD with those issued by Italian institutions.

The winner of any such competition holding a PhD awarded abroad is required to provide the University with the statement of comparability furnished by CIMEA - Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (<https://www.cimea.it/pagina-attestati-di-comparabilita-e-verifica-dei-titoli>), usually by the date of taking up employment.

### **Article 3 Outcome of the Request**

Upon obtaining from the winner of the competition the statement of comparability furnished by CIMEA and additional documentation relevant to the recognition procedure, the Rector or the latter's representative shall evaluate the request for equivalence.

The Rector or the latter's representative may also seek additional information and/or documents useful for evaluation purposes.

The evaluation, based on an examination of the case, may have a positive or negative outcome.

If the outcome is positive, the Rector issues a rectoral decree recognizing the equivalence of the PhD awarded by the foreign institution with those awarded by Italian institutions

If the outcome is negative, the Rector issues a rectoral decree of non-recognition of the equivalence of the PhD awarded by the foreign institution with those awarded by Italian institutions. In the said rectoral decree, the candidate is declared not admitted to the competition.

The rectoral decree is transmitted to the academic body drawing up the ranking for the purposes of subsequent deliberations.

### **Article 4 Final and Transitional Rules**

For matters not expressly provided for in these Regulations, express reference is made to the provisions of the laws and regulations in force.

The University reserves the right to undertake the procedure for recognition of equivalence under these Regulations with respect to individuals who took up a position under the previous academic recognition (equivalence) regulations.