

PhD Programme in International Studies
University of Trento, Italy – 42nd Cycle
Call for Applications – Academic Year 2026-27

Are you ready to explore today's global challenges through a multidisciplinary lens? The University of Trento is pleased to invite applications to the **42nd cycle** of its renowned **PhD Programme in International Studies**, starting in November 2026.

This three-year doctoral programme offers an intellectually stimulating environment to scholars eager to investigate the complexity of global phenomena across disciplinary boundaries.

 **Research Areas Include:**

- Political Science
 - History
 - Economics
 - Legal Studies
 - Sociology and related fields
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 **Key Themes:**

- International Security
- European Studies and European Integration
- Global Environmental Problems
- Human Rights and International Relations

With its interdisciplinary structure, the programme combines solid training in one or more reference disciplines with methodological and thematic insights from across the social sciences and humanities.

 **Why Choose Trento?**

- A dynamic international research environment
- Training in academic writing, quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Guest lectures, practitioner seminars, and skills workshops (project management, policy brief writing, proposal design, etc.)

- A growing network of international partners, including a collaboration agreement with **Université Côte d'Azur – ED DESPEG**
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Scholarships

5 fully-funded scholarships available, all financed by the University of Trento.

Additional scholarships may become available through partnerships with other institutions and organisations.

- **Duration:** 3 years
 - **Annual Gross Amount:** €16,290.00
 - **Tuition Fees:** None
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Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** 14 May 2026, by 16:00 CEST
 - **Programme Start:** 1 November 2026
 - **Language of Instruction:** English (Italian learning encouraged)
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Eligibility

We welcome applicants from diverse academic backgrounds who hold (or will obtain by 28 August 2026) a **Master's level degree** in a field relevant to International Studies. Strong research skills, a clear motivation, and proficiency in English (C1 or higher) are essential.

Required Documents:

- Research Proposal (max 2000 words)
 - Statement of Purpose
 - CV
 - C1-level English certification or equivalent
 - Academic transcripts and degree documentation
 - Copy of ID/passport
 - Optional: up to 2 reference letters
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 **For full details and to apply, visit:**

 <https://www.unitn.it/en/phd/international-studies>

 Questions? Contact the Programme Office at phd@sis.unitn.it

 **Bring your perspective. Expand your knowledge. Shape global understanding.**

We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant academic community in Trento.