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# ON-LINE APPLICATION USER GUIDE HOW TO APPLY FOR THE 50% PHD SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE

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PhD students, if eligible may request a **50% increase** in their scholarship when studying abroad. The fixed amount is paid according to the number of days spent abroad.

All applications for the 50% PhD scholarship increase for study abroad activities must be submitted to the online system. The instructions on this page provide a detailed overview to the PhD Students on how to complete the online application, step by step.

PhD students can monitor the status of their application at any time (research abroad authorizations, continuing abroad authorization, payment, etc.)

PhD students have to use the online application in the following cases:

- to submit the Richiesta Autorizzazione Missione/Request for mission authorization;
- to **submit** the **Dichiarazione di Rientro**/*Return declaration*: it must be provided in order to obtain the increase of the scholarship upon return from the research period abroad. It is mandatory to submit the declaration within two weeks of returning to Italy;
- to **request** the **Pagamento frazionato**/*Payment in bimonthly instalments split payment*): for research periods longer than two months, the grant increase can be paid every two months (It is an optional choice);
- to **extend** the research period.



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## 1.1\_HOW TO ACCESS THE ONLINE PROCEDURE

**Important**: to log the online application system you need to enter your **SCU account**, assigned at the beginning of your PhD programme (name.surname@unito.it)

The on-line application procedure is available at this address:

https://estensioneborse.unito.it (https://estensioneborse.unito.it/php/index.php#)

Normally it is sufficient to write: estensioneborse.unito.it in the URL.

You can also be accessed by following this path:

<u>Doctoral School Homepage</u>/Pursuing PhD Degree/Financial Aid/Research period abroad/<u>https://estensioneborse.unito.it</u>/ (near at the bottom of the page).

## **1.2\_REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD**

Very important: The application must be submitted **no less than 48 hours prior to your** departure date.

Once you have successfully logged in, you can view the form "Gestione Maggiorazione Borse Dottorato/On-line applications for increased scholarship:

- to request the Coordinator the authorization for a research period abroad, click on the <u>red button</u> at the top left: **Nuova Richiesta**/*New Application* and fill out the form. Required fields are marked with a red asterisk on the left;
- for a period of research abroad, click on the red button at the top left: **Nuova Richiesta**/*New application* and fill out the form. Required fields are marked with a red asterisk on the left;
- The online procedure will automatically provide a list of Enti ospitanti/Host institutions. By filling in the field: Ente/Institution, the fields Natura Ente/Nature of institution, Tipologia Ente/Type of organisation, Località/Location, Stato/State and, when available, Struttura Ente/Structure will be automatically populated (note: only the fields Località/Location and Stato/State are editable);
- The conference website must be specified in Note/Explanatory Notes

**Please note:** when typing text in the application window (e.g.: "host institution"; "specific activities", "location" please **DO NOT** copy-paste information, especially when the text contains special types, symbols or diacritical marks (e.g. tilde, umlaut/dieresis, cedilla, etc.) as they may not be recognised by the system and therefore block the issuance of the payment order.



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- Tipo di pagamento/*Mode of payment*: you may choose (by making a flag indicating your choice) between **Al Ritorno**/*Payment on return* or **Frazionato**/*Instalment Payment* (see paragraph **1.5**)

The number of days remaining in which you are eligible for a scholarship increase during your PhD programme can be seen to the right of the **Data di Partenza** /*Departure date field*.



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At the end of the filling-in process, if you click on the **Salva**/Save button, your request will be saved as a draft (still being edited) in your local area (and will not be sent to your PhD Coordinator).

To send it to your Coordinator, click on **Richiedi Autorizzazione**/*Request Authorization*. You will receive an instant confirmation email in your institutional inbox.

Click on the **logout** button to return to the **Home page** where you will find a list of all your requests and their status. The **Stato**/*Status* column indicates whether your request has already been authorised by the PhD Coordinator.

Authorisation requests highlighted by blue squares are to be completed: to obtain the due payment, you must fill in the form called **Dichiarazione di Ritorno**/Attendance statement (which also has to be authorised by your PhD Coordinator).



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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Mission abroad longer than six months (more than 180 days) shall be approved by the Doctoral Teaching Board. Please ask the Coordinator to submit the request to the Teaching Board for deliberation.
- If, for any reason, the mission is not carried out, please cancel it by clicking **Annulla Richiesta**/*Cancel request* button (top left)
- The column labelled **Stato**/*Status* indicates whether the request has already been authorised by the PhD Coordinator.

#### 1.3\_ PROLUNGAMENTO/EXTENSION OF ASSIGNMENT TIME

If the research period abroad, already authorised or already in progress, has to be extended, you must submit a **new** request for authorization, in which you'll write only the **start** and **end dates** of this **new period abroad.** The new application must be submitted **at least 48 hours** before the start date of the extension.



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# 1.4\_ATTENDANCE STATEMENT (REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE INCREASE AT THE END OF YOUR FOREIGN RESEARCH PERIOD)

At the end of your research period abroad, you have to fill in the attendance statement. After logging with your SCU account to the online application **Gestione Maggiorazione Borse Dottorato**, click on the research period abroad for which you are requesting the grant increase: to select the period, you should click on the date of your application in blue  $\rightarrow$  a new field will be displayed at the bottom of the page:

DICHIARAZIONE CONTINUITA' PERMANENZA/RIENTRO ESTERO/Declaration of continuity of stay/Return

- To fill out the **Data Inizio Periodo** e **Data Fine Periodo**/*Start date and end date fields*, click on the calendar to the right of the respective box.
- The number of remaining days to which you are entitled to a scholarship increase during your PhD program can be seen to the right of the **Data di Partenza**/Departure Date field.
- the **Documentazione** section /*Documents section*: **here you must** upload the files of the documents certifying the completion of your mission (for example: *declarations from the host organisation, certificates of attendance at workshops, lectures, summer schools, etc.*).

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> You can only submit the **Dichiarazione di Ritorno**/*Declaration return* from the day of your return to Italy (the procedure does not allow you to enter it before).

When you have finished, you can click on the Salva/*Save button* to save the application as a draft (editable if necessary) on your personal page. To send it to your PhD Coordinator click on **Richiedi Autorizzazione**/*Request authorisation* (top left). After submitting the application you will receive a confirmation email in your institutional inbox.



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## 1.5\_ DICHIARAZIONE CONTINUITA' PERMANENZA /REQUEST FOR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

The increase in the grant is paid according to the exact period spent abroad. For research periods lasting longer than two months, you may (optionally) request the payment in instalments - every two months - instead of having to wait until the end of the mission for full payment.

if you select that option:

- at the end of the first two months of the mission (and at the end of each subsequent two-month period) enter the online procedure;
- Fill in the field **DICHIARAZIONE CONTINUITA' PERMANENZA**/*Declaration of stay abroad* with the dates of only the <u>two months</u> abroad period for which you are requesting to receive the grant.
- At the end of the process, by clicking the Salva/*Save* button, you can save the request as a draft (in editing) on your personal page.



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- Fill in the field **DICHIARAZIONE CONTINUITÀ DI PERMANENZA**/*Declaration of stay abroad* with the dates of only the two months abroad for which you are requesting to receive the grant.
- To send it to your PhD Coordinator, click on **Richiedi Autorizzazione**/*Request for authorization* (top left): a confirmation email will be sent to your institutional mailbox.
- Click on Exit/Logout to return to the Homepage where all uploaded research periods abroad and their status are listed. Now your application must be authorised by your Coordinator.
- NOTE: all applications for grant increase must be submitted online prior the legal deadline of your PhD programme.

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