

Decree no. 48

Terni, 15 September 2026

Integration to the Call for applications to the AFAM PhD Course in *Music, Design, Art, Territories* – 42nd cycle – a.y. 2026/2027

THE DIRECTOR

Visa the Decree of the President of the Republic no. 132 of 28 February 2003, containing the regulation on the statutory autonomy of AFAM institutions;

Visa the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 470 of 21 February 2024, “Accreditation of PhD courses offered by AFAM Institutions”;

Visa the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 778 of 12 June 2024, “Adoption of the ANVUR Guidelines for the accreditation of PhDs of AFAM Institutions”;

Visa the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 544 of 27 March 2024, which redetermined, starting from the academic year 2024/2025, the annual amount of the scholarship for attending PhD courses at € 16,243.00 gross of social security charges payable by the recipient;

Visa the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 927 of 26 June 2026, which determines the criteria for the distribution of the resources available for the 42nd cycle of AFAM PhDs;

Visa the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 1390 of 27 August 2024, whereby the PhD Course in *Music, Design, Art, Territories* has been accredited for five years and three doctoral cycles (XL, XLI, XLII), with administrative headquarters at the State Conservatoire of Music “Giulio Briccialdi” of Terni;

Visa the Agreement for the activation and operation of the PhD Course in *Music, Design, Art, Territories* of 9 September 2026, prot. no. 5017, which governs the relations between the Conservatoires of Terni (leader), Fermo, Latina, Mantua and Ravenna;

Visa the Call for applications to the AFAM PhD Course in *Music, Design, Art, Territories* – 42nd cycle, a.y. 2026/2027, prot. no. 4802 of 28 August 2026, and the related PhD Sheet, both published on the institutional website of the Conservatoire;

Visa art. 1 of the aforementioned Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, according to which “the number of positions with scholarships may be increased as a result of further funding from external

bodies, public or private, obtained both through calls for proposals and agreements. In these cases, where the scholarship is financed on a restricted theme and on specific projects, the Conservatoire reserves the right to resort to new selection procedures”, and the corresponding clause contained in paragraph 1.2 of the PhD Sheet;

Visa art. 5 of the aforementioned Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, according to which “in the case of a scholarship financed by an external body with a restricted topic or reserved positions, the Commission may be supplemented by experts representing the external body for the sole purpose of expressing a judgment of suitability on the candidates competing for the assignment of the scholarship subject to external funding or the reserved position”;

Visa art. 6 of the aforementioned Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, according to which “any reserved positions on a restricted theme will be assigned by the Examining Committee through a dedicated ranking of merit. Such ranking will only include the candidates for the reserved positions in the call”;

Visa the public Call issued by the Region of Umbria — PR Umbria European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) 2021-2027, Priority Axis “Education and training”, Specific Objective (g), “Supporting the attainment of PhDs aimed at strengthening tertiary education – 42nd cycle (academic year 2026/2027)”, approved by Regional Council Resolution no. 739 of 8 July 2026 and by Executive Determination no. 7607 of 29 July 2026;

Visa the application (Annex A1) and the PhD Sheet on the doctoral pathways (Annex A2), signed by the Director and submitted to the Region of Umbria on 17 August 2026 (PEC, Region prot. no. 183108 of 19 August 2026);

Visa the Executive Determination of the Region of Umbria no. 8928 of 8 September 2026, whereby the outcomes of the assessment have been approved and n. 2 PhD scholarships for the 42nd cycle have been admitted to funding in favour of the State Conservatoire of Music “Giulio Briccialdi” of Terni, for a total contribution of € 192,325.88 (€ 96,162.94 per scholarship, inclusive of the 7% flat rate pursuant to art. 54, letter a), of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060), identified by CUP I41J26000160009 (BRICCIALDI_MUSICA_01) and I41J26000170009 (BRICCIALDI_MUSICA_02);

Considered that art. 2 of the aforementioned Regional call sets the gross monthly amount of the scholarship, inclusive of the INPS contribution payable by the doctoral student, at € 1,868.14, raised to € 2,802.21 for a maximum of six months of study abroad; such amount, determined ex ante pursuant to Regulations (EU) 2021/1057 and 2021/1060, cannot be modified by the beneficiary body;

Considered that the legal and financial regime of the scholarships funded under the PR Umbria ESF+ 2021-2027 is distinct from that of the scholarships co-financed pursuant to the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 927 of 26 June 2026, due to the different legal basis, funding framework and reporting regime (actual-cost basis on the Coe.Sì information system, in

accordance with the Management and Control System of the PR Umbria ESF+ 2021-2027 and with Executive Determination no. 11704 of 8 November 2024);

Considered that the difference in amount between the scholarships co-financed pursuant to the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 927 of 26 June 2026 and those funded under the PR Umbria ESF+ 2021-2027 is a necessary consequence of the coexistence of distinct financial regimes and does not derive from discretionary assessments of the Conservatoire, and does not affect the unity of the training pathway, admission requirements, teaching programme, attendance obligations and evaluation criteria, which remain the same for all beneficiaries regardless of the funding source;

Considered that the topic restriction is an essential element to ensure the coherence of the doctoral pathways funded under ESF+ resources with the objectives of Specific Objective (g) of the Regional Programme and with the research lines declared by the Conservatoire in Annex A2, and to allow an orderly management of the assignment through a dedicated ranking of merit pursuant to art. 6 of the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle;

Considered it necessary to use, for the formulation of the topic restriction of the two ESF+ scholarships, the topic already used for one of the restricted-theme scholarships of the XL cycle, entitled *UMBRIA (Umbrian Music Beyond Resonances in Arts): Music & Wellness for a Healthy Society*, on account of its broad interdisciplinary scope and its rooting in the Umbrian territory, coherent with the objectives of the Regional call;

Heard the Coordinator of the PhD Course, Prof. Gioia Filocamo;

Considered it necessary to integrate the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, and the related PhD Sheet, by raising the total number of positions from six to eight, in compliance with the clause already contained in art. 1 of the Call and in paragraph 1.2 of the PhD Sheet, and without any change to the deadlines for submitting applications, the selection procedures and the evaluation criteria;

DECREES

Art. 1 – INTEGRATION OF POSITIONS IN THE CALL

The Call for applications to the AFAM PhD Course in *Music, Design, Art, Territories* – 42nd cycle, a.y. 2026/2027, prot. no. 4802 of 28 August 2026, and the related PhD Sheet, are integrated with n. 2 (two) additional positions with scholarship, named REGIONE UMBRIA ESF+ SCHOLARSHIP no. 1 and no. 2, funded under the PR Umbria ESF+ 2021-2027, Priority Axis “Education and training”, Specific Objective (g), CUP I41J26000160009 (BRICCIALDI_MUSICA_01) and I41J26000170009 (BRICCIALDI_MUSICA_02).

Art. 2 – TOTAL NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE CALL

As a result of the integration referred to in art. 1, the positions in the call for the 42nd cycle are eight in total.

Art. 3 – AMOUNT OF THE ESF+ SCHOLARSHIPS AND ITS MOTIVATION

The gross monthly amount of the scholarships referred to in art. 1 is € 1,868.14, inclusive of the INPS contribution payable by the doctoral student, raised to € 2,802.21 for a maximum of six months of study abroad, as determined by art. 2 of the Call of the Region of Umbria approved by Regional Council Resolution no. 739 of 8 July 2026, pursuant to Regulations (EU) 2021/1057 and 2021/1060, as compared with the annual gross amount of € 16,243.00 provided for PhD scholarships by the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 544 of 27 March 2024. Such amount, unilaterally set by the Region of Umbria and bound by the ESF+ financial regime, cannot be modified by the Conservatoire. The difference with respect to the amount of the scholarships co-financed pursuant to the Decree of the Italian Ministry of University and Research no. 927 of 26 June 2026 for the 42nd cycle is a consequence of the different funding source and reporting regime, and does not affect the unity of the training pathway, which remains common to all beneficiaries.

Art. 4 – RESTRICTED TOPIC AND FORMULATION OF THE THEME

The positions referred to in art. 1 are classified as reserved positions on a restricted topic pursuant to art. 6 of the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle. The reference topic formulation is “*UMBRIA (Umbrian Music Beyond Resonances in Arts): Music & Wellness for a Healthy Society*”, described in full in the Integration to the PhD Sheet referred to in art. 7 below. Candidates wishing to compete for one or both of the reserved positions on a restricted topic must state so on the title page of the written research project and submit a research project clearly attributable to the restricted topic. In the absence of any express indication on the title page, the application shall be considered as referring only to the positions on a free research topic.

Art. 5 – DEDICATED RANKING AND SUBORDINATE PLACEMENT

The positions referred to in art. 1 are assigned through a dedicated ranking of merit, pursuant to art. 6 of the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle. The dedicated ranking will only include the candidates who have expressly competed for the reserved positions on a restricted topic, in accordance with the aforementioned art. 6.

A candidate competing for a reserved position on a restricted topic may, by giving specific consent on the title page of the written research project, request to be placed – on a subordinate basis – also on the general ranking relating to the six positions on a free research topic, in the event that he or she is not among the winners of the dedicated ranking. The subordinate placement operates according to the order of merit and within the framework of the scrolling of the ranking pursuant to art. 6 of the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, exclusively where necessary to avoid the non-

assignment of positions in the call.

Pursuant to art. 5 of the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, the Examining Committee may be supplemented, for the sole purpose of the judgment of suitability on the positions referred to in art. 1, by experts representing the Region of Umbria.

Art. 6 – SELECTION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

The additional positions referred to in art. 1 are assigned within the selection procedure already started by the Call for applications of the 42nd cycle, without any change to the deadlines for submitting applications, the composition of the Examining Committee, the evaluation procedures, the criteria for awarding the score, and the structure of the research project to be attached to the application. Candidates who have already submitted an application may, by 12.00 noon (CEST) on 28 September 2026, resubmit it or supplement it with a new research project on the restricted topic; the last validly received application shall in any event be considered.

Art. 7 – INTEGRATION TO THE PhD SHEET

Together with the publication of this decree, the Integration to the PhD Sheet of the 42nd cycle is published, forming an integral and substantial part hereof, containing the updated table of positions in the call, the description of the restricted topic UMBRIA, the specifications on the amount of the ESF+ scholarships and the operational instructions on the dedicated ranking and on the subordinate-placement mechanism.

Art. 8 – COMMUNICATION TO CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION

The Secretariat shall promptly transmit, to candidates who at the date of adoption of this decree have already submitted an application for admission to the competition, at the e-mail address declared in the application, informative communication of the integration to the Call, together with this decree and the Integration to the PhD Sheet.

Art. 9 – REPORTING AND OBLIGATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE ESF+ FUNDING

The activities of the doctoral students awarded the ESF+ scholarships must be reported – and therefore concluded with due advance – by 31 December 2029, pursuant to art. 2 of the Regional call. Expenditure shall be reported on an actual-cost basis on the Coe.Sì information system, pursuant to Annex 4 of the Management and Control System of the PR Umbria ESF+ 2021-2027 (SI.GE.CO.), and to the Guidelines for the implementation of approved operations set out in Executive Determination no. 11704 of 8 November 2024. The signature of the collaboration agreement pursuant to art. 15 of Law no. 241/1990 with the Region of Umbria, based on the model referred to in Regional Council Resolution no. 739/2026, constitutes a condition for the perfection of the assignment.

Art. 10 – PUBLICITY

This decree and the annexed Integration to the PhD Sheet are published on the institutional website of the Conservatoire (<https://www.briccialditerni.it/ita/172/dottorato-di-ricerca/>) and on the websites of the affiliated Conservatoires, and in any case no later than ten days before the oral exam.

Responsible for the administrative procedure

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The Italian version of this Integration to the call is the only officially legal one to refer to.

Terni, 15 September 2026

The Director

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