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Article 1

Announcement

The University of Salerno announces the 1st call of the **International PhD Programme on Information Systems and Software Engineering**. The duration of the Programme is three years. Its administration location is at the University of Salerno and is organized in collaboration with the University College Dublin, Ireland. The Programme is organized on the basis of the bilateral agreement of academic and scientific cooperation between University of Salerno and University College Dublin.

A public contest is opened for the admission to the mentioned PhD Programme. Four positions (two with scholarships) are available. The number of positions may increase in the future, depending on the funding from the European Union, Public Research Institutions or qualified private structures.

Article 2

Aim and Scientific Topics

The main objective of this PhD Programme is to provide a multidisciplinary and multicultural environment for the development of professional skills and expertise suitable for a number of economical needs in the areas of Information Systems and Software Engineering. A joint supervision of postgraduate students, therefore, aims to ensure high quality learning and innovative scientific initiatives in this field.

The main scientific topics of this PhD Programme are as follows:

- Advanced Human-Computer Interaction
- Collaborative Software Development
- Data Mining
- Decision Support Systems
- Empirical Software Engineering
- Geographical Information Systems
- Project Management and Quality Assurance
- Requirements Specification & Software Design
- Software Engineering & Knowledge Engineering
- Search-Based Software Engineering
- Software Maintenance
- Web Engineering

Article 3

Admission Requirements to the International PhD Programme

To be considered for this programme, candidates should possess a Masters degree in Computer Science (II cycle according to the Bologna system), or equivalent. Students who have not yet obtained their degree may apply and may be admitted to the PhD Programme subject to the completion of their Masters before the date of the oral interview indicated in Article 6.

Any academic qualification acquired outside Italy and Ireland that does not have equivalence of Italy or Ireland degrees should request the equivalence in their application. The equivalence of the academic qualification attained abroad will be determined by the Scientific Committee (hereafter "Collegio dei Docenti"). For this purpose, the application must be accompanied by any documentation showing the academic curriculum, the student performance in individual modules and letters of supports, to the Collegio dei Docenti for the consideration of the request for equivalence.

Article 4

Application deadline

The applications should be made using the forms provided by the University Administration and they are available from the URL http://www.unisa.it/formazione_post_laurea/index.php.

The signed application form should be sent by e-mail with acknowledgement of receipt to Dr. Salzano and to Prof. Filomena Ferrucci (gsalzano@unisa.it, fferrucci@unisa.it), please indicate as subject of the e-mail **ISSEPHD/03/2010**.

The deadline is fixed to **April 6th**, 2010.

In case of courier delivery, the application must be sent no later than 5pm, of the deadline. For this purpose, the sending date will that of the postmark of the sending Post Office.

Article 5

Prerequisites for the admission to the competition, declarations and documents to be included in the application

For the admission to the International PhD Programme, the candidate must:

- a) possess a citizenship;
- b) possess the voting right;
- c) possess the degree diploma or an analogous qualification obtained abroad, in conformity to Article 2.

Prerequisites a) and b) must be possessed before the application deadline. The administration of the University of Salerno reserves the right to verify that candidates possess the above mentioned prerequisites.

In the application the candidate should declare, *under his/her responsibility and subject to the possible exclusion for failing to declare any of following*:

- a) his/her family name and first name;
- b) his/her place and date of birth;
- c) the exact denomination of the competition to which he/she wants to apply;
- d) Official college/university transcripts for all degrees and qualifications required, with the indication of the University where the qualification has been obtained, the Academic Year and a list of the examinations passed throughout the degree course with the corresponding grading obtained;
- e) his/her citizenship;
- f) the municipality in whose electoral lists he/she is inscribed, or the reason for the absence or cancelation from the electoral lists;
- g) a curriculum vitae et studiorum;
- h) a certification of English language proficiency;
- i) his/her e-mail address and URL;
- j) a 400–600 word Statement of Research Interests describing any research background, current research interests, and why the applicant wants to pursue the PhD degree on Information Systems and Software Engineering.
- k) contact details of two professional referees which must send signed Referee letters according to the attached form;
- l) any publication or title useful for the evaluation;
- m) his/her e-mail address;
- n) a declaration that he/she will commit him/herself to attend the PhD Programme full time, following the prescriptions fixed by the Collegio dei Docenti.

The candidate must indicate an address for all communications regarding the competition and commit him/herself to inform the competent office of any variations of this address.

The University Administration takes no responsibility in case of loss of documents depending on either incorrect indication of the address or on missing or late address change communication or on mail mistakes or on any facts attributable to third parties, or any circumstances beyond its control.

In accordance with the art. 39 of D.P.R. 28 december 2000 n° 445, the signing of the application is not subjected to authentication.

In their application, the candidate with disabilities must require the necessary help and indicate how much additional time they need for the completion of the examination, in accordance with the art. 20 of L. 5 February 1992 n° 104.

The application must be completed according to the attached form and must contain all the mentioned declarations.

The exclusion from the competition can be decided by motivated action of the Rettore at any time in default of the admission prerequisites, for the lacking of signature on the application, or in the case when the application is sent beyond the deadline or should the application lack the exact denomination of the competition.

Article 6

Interview

The admission to the Programme consists in an oral interview held in English. For the candidates living abroad, the interview can take place by videoconference allowing the verification of the personal identity of the candidate. For this purpose, the candidate living abroad should indicate in the application that he/she demands to hold the interview via videoconference.

The interview will take place on **April 19, 2011, 10:00 am**, at the Faculty of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences of University of Salerno. The publication on the web site www.issephd.unisa.it of time and place of the interview has legal value as a notification.

Before the interview the candidates must exhibit a valid identity document among the following:

- a) recent picture on legal paper, with the signature of the candidate;
- b) personal card, if the candidate is a public employee;
- c) passport, driving licence or identity card.

Article 7

Board of examiners, evaluation and ranking

The Committee for the admission contest consists of four members; two from each partner institution. The committee will be ratified by the Rector of the University of Salerno. Any new member to the committee should be ratified by the Rector as well.

After all the interviews have been completed, the board affects scores to each candidate according to their qualification and interview performance. In case of equality of score, the preference is assigned with reference to the economic condition of the candidates, in accordance with the D.P.C.M. 30 April 1997. The list, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Board, will be published on the PhD Programme website (www.issephd.unisa.it).

The minutes of the evaluation report will be delivered to Ufficio Post-Laurea dell'Università di Salerno.

Article 8

Admission to the International PhD Programme

The candidates will be admitted to the International PhD Programme on Information Systems and Software Engineering following the order established in the final ranking, until all available positions are filled.

Article 9

Inscription to the International PhD Programme

Successful candidates to the International PhD Programme will be notified by express mail and the following documents to the Administration of the University must be provided within 15 days from the receipt of the offer:

- 1) undersigned copy of the identity document;
- 2) two recent identical portrait pictures (cm 4 x 4,5), signed on the rear side;

- 3) receipt of the payment of the Regional Tax for the right to the university studies, amounting to € 62,00 for the University of Salerno and €150 (student levy) for the University College Dublin, Ireland;
- 4) declaration, in accordance with the art. 47 del D.P.R. 28 December 2000 n° 445, that the candidate:
 - a) is not registered and is not going to register in any other Programme of Philosophy Doctorate or any other Masters degree;
 - b) will inform the University Administration of any external activity (however short and occasional) that he/she is going to undertake and that he/she will not start it before receiving the corresponding authorization by the Collegio dei Docenti.

The studentship winners should also declare that:

- they have never got (even for one year) any other studentships for Programmes of Philosophy Doctorate;
- they will not cumulate their studentship with other studentships however obtained, with the exception of those granted by national or International institutions with the purpose of favouring the research activity of the student with periods of stay abroad.
- their personal gross annual revenue will not be greater than € 13.638,47 throughout the duration of the studentship.

The determination of the revenue includes the income from properties and any kind of recurrent income, with the exclusion of any occasional income or incomes from military or civil service.

Foreign students should also present a declaration, in accordance with the art. 46 of D.P.R. 28 December 2000 n° 445, certifying that:

- a) they are entitled to all civil and political rights in their original states.
- b) they possess all prerequisites foreseen for the Italian citizens, with the exception of the Italian citizenship.

The candidates who fail to provide the whole valid documentation before the mentioned deadline will be part this programme. The vacant positions will be assigned to the following candidates in the ranking.

Article 10

Scholarships

The value of a scholarship is fixed to € 13.638,47 per year, including the welfare taxes in charge to the student. The scholarship is given for the duration of the programme. The amount of the studentship is increased for any period of stay outside Italy by at least 50%, depending on the destination country cost of living.

The request for the increase must be transmitted to the Rettore by the Programme Coordinator. The Coordinator must also provide a declaration certifying that the activity to be lead off-site is coherent with the programme learning objectives and research of the Programme.

Every year of the Programme, the studentships are prolonged with the progress of the student to the following year, unless the Collegio dei Docenti deliberates against it.

The studentship is supplied by two-monthly setback payments. The Coordinator will transmit to the Rettore a declaration certifying the beginning and/or the prosecution of the research activity of the student to the next year.

The Coordinator will also attest any suspension of the attendance in order to interrupt the payments. In case of renunciation to the studentship, the student should inform the Rettore and the Programme Coordinator, at least 30 days in advance.

In case of a missing payment, for a delay in the beginning of the Programme or for a late presentation of the attendance attestation, the payment will be cumulated with the next one.

Should any irregularities attributable to the scholar emerge, the scholarship will be stopped and the payments that the student has received will be refunded.

Article 11

Taxation

The amount and schedule of the Regional Tax “*Tassa Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario*” are given below:

Accademic Year	Amount	Deadline
2011/2012	€ 62.00	At the subscription
2012/2013	To be defined	By December 31st 2012
2013/2014	To be defined	By December 31st 2013

Students admitted without fellowship must pay fees to the host Institution where they are registered on an annual basis.

Article 12

Attendance, postponement and suspension

The students have the duty to attend the International PhD Programme and to continuously accomplish formative study and research activities within the University of Salerno and the University College of Dublin following the rules fixed by the Collegio dei Docenti. The research work must be carried out in both universities. In addition to their research project, other student activities involve participating in research seminars, courses and professional trainings.

At the end of each year of the Programme, the Collegio dei Docenti, on the basis of a detailed report on the study and research progress of each student, will deliberate the admission to the next year and the confirmation of the scholarship.

All postponements of the starting date of the Programme and all interruptions are only allowed to the students that:

- a) match the conditions foreseen by the L. 30 December 1971 n° 1204 , concerning the protection of the working mothers.
- b) are absent because of an acute and prolonged disease, proved by medic certification.

In case of unjustified absence or non-fulfilment of the mentioned duties, the Collegio dei Docenti proposes the exclusion of the student from the Programme. In such case the student is obliged to return all payments already received for the current year.

Article 13

Insurance coverage

For the whole duration of the International PhD Programme, the University of Salerno warrants the insurance coverage for accidents and civil responsibility during all didactic activities, during all formative study and research (also practical) activities connected to the International PhD Programme.

The insurance coverage is also warranted during all educational visits outside the University of Salerno and during all periods of stay abroad, provided that such activities are authorized by the Programme Coordinator.

Article 14

Final examination and Achievement of the PhD degree

The Exam Board is ratified by both the Rector of the University of Salerno and the University Graduate Programme Board of UCD, on proposal of the Collegio dei Docenti. It is formed by at least three members of which at least two should be extern to the partner Institutions. The defence of the PhD thesis can be conducted in one of the partner Institutions. The assessment of the Board of Examiners is transmitted to the Rector of the University of Salerno. In case of positive assessments the candidate receives the Diploma of “Dottore di Ricerca” (Philosophy Doctor) both from the University of Salerno and from the University College Dublin.

Each successful student will be awarded a double degree, consisting in the following degrees:

- PhD from the University College of Dublin – with thesis title including “International PhD on Information Systems and Software Engineering”
- International PhD on Information Systems and Software Engineering from the University of Salerno.

Article 15

Advertising

The current announcement and the application form are published on the Official Notice Board of the University and can be found at the University website at the URL:

http://www.unisa.it/formazione_post_laurea/index.php

www.issephd.unisa.it

Article 16

Privacy statement

In accordance with L. 31 December 1996 n° 675, the University of Salerno commits itself to respecting the reserved nature of the information received by the candidates. In particular, all personal data provided by them will be used only for the purpose of the programme.

The candidates have the right to require the correction, the update, the completion and the deletion of erroneous or incomplete data collected through modalities not conforming the law. They have the right to make opposition for legitimate reasons to their use.

The administrative officer in charge for the proceedings, in accordance with the artt. 4 and ff. of the L. 7 August 1990 n° 241 and the art. 8 of the L. 31 December 1996 n° 675, is Dr. Giovanni SALZANO, - Ufficio Formazione Post-Laurea of the University of Salerno - via Ponte don Melillo, 84084 Fisciano (Sa) – phone 089/966242, fax 089/966405, e-mail: gsalzano@unisa.it

Article 17

Final regulations

For any matter not foreseen or ruled by the present announcement, the rules contained in the D.P.R. 9 May 1994 n° 487, in the art. 4 of the L. 3 July 1998 n° 210, in the D.M. 30 April 1999 n° 224 and in the University regulation concerning the Philosophy Doctorate apply.

Fisciano, January, 31th, 2011

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