Over 5,500 researchers work in research and innovation at the University of Bologna, on permanent (teaching and research staff) and temporary positions (PhD students, research fellows, etc.). Research and innovation activities are performed in the Departments and Inter-Departmental Centres, covering a variety of subjects across the University campuses (Bologna, Ravenna, Forlì, Cesena, Rimini) with high level laboratories and equipment.

The University of Bologna is very active in having access to competitive funding, both at the national and international level. In particular, it has been and is in the top positions among Italian universities in terms of funded projects within the European Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation (FP7 and Horizon 2020), which funds on a very competitive basis scientific research and innovative activities. The University takes part to a number of international networks and associations and actively participates in several initiatives connected with Horizon 2020.

http://www.unibo.it/en/research/international-networks-and-associations

The University of Bologna is a preferred University partner for entrepreneurs in the local territory and nationwide. Alma Mater is pursuing a pro-active policy of medium/long-term engagement and partnership with large enterprises, associations and business networks at regional, national and international levels, pursuing a strategy designed to promote university business opportunities in every area. There research is linked to the transfer of knowledge, from entrepreneurship to career guidance and job placement, from the co-design of business paths to continuing education for firms.

Entrepreneurship initiatives

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Unibo Launch Pad

UNIBO Launch Pad is a joint venture between the University of Bologna, the Italian Institute for Entrepreneurship, local companies and foundations aiming to develop a program to support entrepreneurship with strong focus on practical, technical and experiential tools. The program is conceived for human resources and students willing to market research projects and innovations. During the program participants will benefit from the guidance of professors, mentors and experts and will interact with entrepreneurs and investors.

UNIBO Launch Pad is the first Italian and, one of the first in Europe, accelerator program conceived for doctoral candidates.
The updated list of PhD programmes is available at: www.unibo.it/phdprogrammes

**How to apply**

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- **Scholarships**: PhD candidates may spend periods of study and research abroad. A peer authorization of the PhD Academic Board is required. The amount of the scholarship is increased by 30% for the periods spent abroad. This increase is not obtained for periods of less than one continuous month as well as for stays in the Country of their birth, citizenship, residence or of the PhD candidate. For the PhD Programme candidates, the Ph.D. Programme is awarded to the PhD candidate. Some of the PhD candidates are reserved for specific research topics. The number of positions and scholarships is indicated in the call for applications.

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