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**PhD Programmes Call for applications
 36th cycle - Academic Year 2020/2021**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS May 21st 2020 at 1.00 PM (Italian time)

Modifications and/or additions to this Call for applications shall be notified on the [University website](#)

Art. 1 – SUBJECT OF THE CALL

The Call for applications for the admission to the following PhD Programmes a.y. 2020/2021 (cycle 36th) is hereby opened:

RESEARCH AREA	PHD PROGRAMMES
Biological, Geological and Agricultural Sciences	Cellular and Molecular Biology
	Science and Culture of Well-being and Lifestyles
	Biotechnological, Biocomputational, Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences
	Earth, Life and Environmental Sciences
	Agricultural, Environmental and Food Science and Technology
	Innovative technologies and sustainable use of fisheries and biological resources in the mediterranean sea (FishMed-PhD)
Legal, Political, Economic and Statistical Sciences	European Law
	Economics
	Law, Science and Technology
	Management
	Legal Studies
	Political and Social Sciences
	Statistical Sciences
Engineering Studies	Sociology and Social Research
	Aerospace Science and Technology
	Architecture and Design Cultures
	Automotive engineering for intelligent mobility
	Computer Science and Engineering
	Data Science and Computation
	Biomedical, Electrical and System Engineering
	Civil, Chemical, Environmental and Materials Engineering
	Electronics, Telecommunications and Information Technologies Engineering
	Engineering and Information Technology for Structural and Environmental Monitoring and Risk Management – EIT4SEMM
Mechanics and Advanced Engineering Sciences (DIMSAI)	
Astrophysics	

Mathematical Physical, Chemical and Astronomical Sciences	Chemistry
	Physics
	The future of the Earth, climate change and societal challenges
	Mathematics
	Nanoscience for Medicine and the Environment
Medical, Pharmaceutical and Veterinary Medical Sciences	Health Safety and Green System
	Health and Technologies
	Oncology, Hematology and Pathology
	Biomedical and Neuromotor Sciences
	Cardio Nephro Thoracic Sciences
	Surgical Sciences
	General Medical and Services Sciences
Veterinary Sciences	
Humanistic Studies	Visual, Performing and Media Arts
	Cultural and Environmental Heritage
	Literary and Philological Cultures
	Modern Languages, Literatures, and Culture: Diversity and Inclusion
	Philosophy, Science, Cognition, and Semiotics (PSCS)
	Psychology
	Pedagogical Sciences
	History and Archaeology. Studies on Heritage, Memory and Cultures
	Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics
Translation, Interpreting, Intercultural Studies	

Pursuant to art. 3 of Ministerial Decree no. 45 of 8/2/2013, doctoral programmes can be established following the granting of ministerial accreditation and renewed following the annual verification on the maintenance of requirements.

Therefore, the awarding of PhD positions is conditional to the positive outcome of the above ministerial evaluation. Any possible negative outcome resulting from such evaluation shall be promptly communicated by email to the interested applicants, via the following email account name.surname@unibo.it (referred to in art. 3 of the present Call).

The research topics, the available positions and scholarships, the admission requirements, the selection arrangements and criteria and the arrangements for evaluating applicants are detailed in the PhD Programme Tables, attached to the present Call for applications and published on the [University website](#) (select "PhD Programme Information" and click on "PhD Programme Table").

Should further sources of financing become available, it may be possible increasing the number of the available scholarships and the number of the available PhD positions, without prejudice to the deadlines set for the submission of the applications referred to in art 3.

Any possible amendment, update or addition to the text shall be published on the above mentioned [University website](#).

Due to the unpredictability of the evolution of the health emergency from COVID-19 and in order to ensure continuity in carrying out training and research activities, in the first semester of the academic year 2020/21, the doctoral activities will be provided, if necessary, using a blended learning approach, in presence and remotely.

Art. 2 - ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Regardless of age and citizenship, applicants holding at least one of the following academic qualifications can apply for admission:

- Laurea specialistica or Laurea magistrale (second cycle master's degrees);
- Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento (degree obtained under the previous Italian regulations);
- Degree granted by AFAM (Advanced Artistic and Musical Training) institutions;
- Second cycle degrees obtained abroad, recognized as equivalent to those covered by letters a), b) and c) of the present paragraph.

Undergraduate applicants may apply on condition to obtain the necessary academic qualification to be admitted to the PhD Programme by 31/10/2020.

Art. 3 - HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted online by 1.00 PM (Italian time) of the May 21st 2020.

To apply, the applicant must:

1. Visit [Studenti Online](#);
2. Enter the data required for registration. Each applicant will be provided of the name.surname@unibo.it email account. Please, note that information concerning the admission procedure shall be exclusively sent to applicants using the above account. The same account must be used by PhD applicants to communicate with the University of Bologna administrative offices. In order to protect the privacy of the applicants, the University offices will not be able to answer questions sent by e-mail addresses other than the institutional one nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it
3. Select "*Entrance exams or requirements check*". Then select "*PhD Programme*";
4. Chose the PhD Programme you are applying to;
5. Fill in the online application form, entering the required data;
6. Upload the following documents (use pdf format, please):
 - a. Scanned copy of a valid ID (with photo);
 - b. Curriculum vitae;
 - c. Documents attesting that the applicant holds both the necessary first and second level degrees. Please, note that the above documents must provide the following information:
 - c.i. University that has awarded the degree,
 - c.ii. Type of the degree awarded, whether second level master degree/single cycle' second-level degrees/pre-reform degree;
 - c.iii. Denomination of the degree awarded;
 - c.iv. "*Classe di laurea*" (only for degrees awarded in Italy);
 - c.v. Date in which the degree has been awarded;
 - c.vi. Final mark;
 - c.vii. Academic transcript of records, including the full list of the exams taken and the related marks. Please also indicate the related CFU or ECTS (if so provided by the education system of the Country in which the qualification has been awarded).
7. Upload additional documents, where requested (please, see the relevant PhD Programme Table);
8. Having completed the application on [Studenti Online](#), the status of the application will be "*Application filled in: You can submit the application*";
9. After having filled in the application form and having attached the requested documents as specified in the PhD Programme Table, select "SUBMIT". Please note that applications which will be not submitted by the expiry of the Call will be rejected. After the application has been submitted, the request status will be "*Application submitted: Your application has been successfully submitted*".

As to the supporting documents referred to in para 6 lett c) aimed at attesting that the applicant holds both the first and second level master's degrees required, please note that:

- applicants granted of the above academic degrees by Italian public Universities **must submit a self-certification**, duly filled and signed, attesting the completion of their studies (both the first and second level degree). Applicants who obtained their qualification at the University of Bologna can retrieve and attach the above self-certification directly on [Studenti Online](#). It is recalled that, according to the relevant legislation into force, the University must reject certifications issued by other Italian public administrations. Therefore, academic qualifications held by the applicants must be attested using self-certification if awarded by Italian public universities;
- applicants awarded of the above academic degrees by foreign Universities in extra-EU countries **must submit a certificate** attesting the completion of their Bachelor's and Master's degree (i.e. first and second level degree) and the transcript of records;
- applicants holding a degree awarded in other EU Member States or by an Italian private university can submit either certificates or self-certifications (see para 6 letter c). The Diploma Supplement can be also submitted as an alternative to the certificate. For further information about the Diploma Supplement, please see or <http://www.miur.it/UserFiles/2419.pdf>

In case of documents drawn up in languages other than Italian, English, French, Spanish, German, the official translation in Italian/English of both the documents is required. Only official translations issued by the University which has awarded the degree or by other competent authorities in the State in which the qualification has been awarded shall be accepted.

Undergraduate applicants, lacking the academic requirements set by art. 2 at the time of the expiry of the present Call, may replace the certification relating to the second level master's degree referred to in para 6 lett. c) with the transcript of records. The latter must include the full list of the exams taken and the related marks. Please note that the transcript of record must further include the Weighted Average Mark (WAM).

The latter can be estimated as follow. For each completed unit of study:

- multiply the marks obtained by the number of credit points (please, note that "30 with honours" must be considered as 30);
- adding all the products obtained;
- divide the result by the total of the credit points;
- multiply the average obtained by 110 and divide by 30, thus obtaining the vote in hundred and tenths.

Graduates having received their qualification at non-Italian Universities and undergraduate applicants enrolled at non-Italian Universities are not required to indicate WAM.

Please, note that all applicants participate in the selection procedure conditionally.

In circumstances where following an assessment of the documents submitted the academic qualification obtained does not meet the requirements set by art. 2 of the present Call or the statements made are untrue, the University is entitled to exclude the applicant by the selection procedure or by the PhD Programme. Such an exclusion can be established at any point during the selection procedure, even after the enrollment has been completed.

For admission to the selection procedure, the payment of fees is not requested.

Each applicant can apply for more than one PhD Programme.

After the call's deadline, applications will be made available to the Admission Board and the status of the application shall be "Application checked".

To be accepted, applications must be submitted following the indications provided by the present article.

Any additional statement or supporting document shall be rejected after the expiry date of the Call.

Possible withdrawal from the selection procedure must be communicated in due time to the Admission Board via email, copying the PhD Unit aform.udottricerca@unibo.it, and attaching the scanned copy of a valid ID (front and back). Contact details of the members of the Admission Board are available on the [University website](#) in the sections devoted to each PhD Programme. Please, note that communication for that purpose must be exclusively sent using the email account name.surname@studio.unibo.it

Art. 4 - SELECTION PROCEDURES

Entrance exams are public and will take place remotely using the platform Microsoft Teams.

Dates and assessment criteria of the entrance exams are explicitly indicated in each PhD Programme Table, which form an integral part of the present Call for applications, and are published on the [University website](#) in the specific webpage for the PhD Programme (Please select PhD Programme Information and PhD Programme Table).

The Admission Board can establish evaluation sub-criteria even after the expiry date of the present Call, but not later than the PhD Unit had communicated the list of the applicants to the Admission Boards. Possible sub-criteria will be published before the selection procedures on the [University website](#) in the webpage describing the PhD Programme concerned (Please select PhD Programme Information and check the section Notices on the bottom of the page).

The assessment of qualifications and/or research project will be non-presential.

The schedule of the exams to be conducted remotely will be available on [Studenti Online](#), in the application details, together with the results of the previous evaluation allowing the admission to the oral exam.

The link to connect to in order to take the oral exam will be available on [Studenti Online](#), in the application details.

To take the exam, applicants are requested to connect to the Teams session through the above mentioned link, using the Unibo email account name.surname@studio.unibo.it on the day and time scheduled, after showing their valid identity document. Copy of such ID must be attached at the application form.

Applicants are responsible for providing adequate audio and video equipment for the use of Microsoft Teams. Failure to connect or the unavailability of the applicant on the day or time set for the interview, or the failure to show the identification document already attached at the application form is considered a waiver of participation in the interview, and therefore the selection, whatever is the cause.

If technical connection problems occur during the interview:

- a) in the event that the connection problem concerns one or more committee members, the interview is postponed ex-officio to another date which will be given appropriate publicity on [Studenti Online](#), in the application details.
- b) in the event that the connection problem concerns the applicant admitted to the interview, the committee may reasonably postpone the interview to another date, in compliance with the principles of non-discrimination and equal treatment between applicants. Appropriate publicity to the new date will be given on [Studenti Online](#), in the application details.

The results of the entrance exams will be published on [Studenti Online](#).

Applicants may require the **adoption of special arrangements** (hereinafter **Adaptations**) in case of difficulties interfering with the conduct of the admission exams by the expiry date of the Call for applications.

PLEASE NOTE: For PhD programmes requiring **only the assessment of qualifications**, applicants do not need to apply for adaptations.

In order to apply for adaptations applicants must:

1) **Access Studenti Online** (<https://studenti.unibo.it/sol/welcome.htm>) and enter the data required for registration.

2) Fill in the **Adaptations Request Form** you can download on the same website (in the part relating to the registration procedure for the test), save it in pdf format and attach it in the appropriate section.

Adaptations may consist of:

- extra time to complete the exam compared to regular examinations: (30% extra for applicants submitting documents attesting Specific Learning Difficulties (DSA), Special Educational Need (BES), **disease**; 50% extra for applicants submitting documents attesting civil invalidity or handicap according to Law 104/92);
- the possibility to use special aids, such as reader tutor, writer tutor, non-scientific calculator (the list of the special aids is available in the "Adaptation Request Form", downloadable on [Studenti Online](#)).

If, due to organizational requirements and/or mandatory provisions, it is not possible to guarantee the required adaptations, an alternative measure will be defined.

3) Submit the following **documentation**:

- diagnosis of Specific Learning Difficulties (DSA), according to Italian Law 170/2010, drawn up by the National Health Service, by a private affiliated body or by a private professional accompanied by a document of conformity issued by the National Health Service. This documentation must be non older than three years before the date of submission, or must have been issued after the age of eighteen. *(Documentation related to DSA issued older than three years will be admitted anyway to participate to the selection—newer documentation will be requested and due after the end of the Covid-19 emergency.)*
- certification of handicap according to Law 104/92;
- certification of civil invalidity;
- documentation attesting a disease that may determine an inability, even temporary, to study (reference is made to health conditions that may lead to certain specific needs during the conduct of the test);
- other documentation certifying a Special Educational Need (BES) or a difficulty that affects learning.

(PLEASE NOTE: If in possession of both Law 104 Certification and other medical documentation, it is strongly suggested submitting both).

Applicants affected by **physical disabilities or learning disabilities** residing in foreign Countries, who want to ask for the above mentioned adaptations, must submit a document certifying invalidity or learning difficulties issued in the Country of residence together with its certified translation in Italian or English. For information on translation, please see the [University website](#) (section "Declaration of value, translation, and legalization").

The University Bodies in charge of assessing the above documentation will verify if the certifications issued abroad attest a condition of disability or learning disabilities as recognized by the Italian law.

ATTENTION: BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE CHECK THAT THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE ARE DULY ATTACHED.

The documentation submitted will be assessed by the Service for Students with Disabilities and DSA in order to verify the consistency of the requests for adaptations with the documentation submitted. In the event of incomplete or illegible documentation, an integration will be requested by e-mail to nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it. The documentation requested must be mandatorily submitted within the date indicated in the communication.

Please note that failing to submit the adaptation request above mentioned or to provide any integrations possibly requested by the deadline set by the Call, will result in the rejection of the request.

The PhD Unit will inform the interested applicants (via nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it e-mail account) and the Admission Board about the result of the above assessment.

For further information about the procedure for requesting adaptations, please contact the Service for Students with Disabilities and with DSA (e-mail: abis.adattamentiammissione@unibo.it; Tel. (+39) 3665772027 or (+39) 3397344468).

Art. 5 - ADMISSION BOARD

Details concerning the members of the Admission Board will be made available at the [University website](#), in the section devoted to the specific PhD Programme (please select “PhD Programme Information” and then select the tab “Admission Board”).

In case of scholarships financed by external institutions, the Admission Board may include an expert representing the above funding Institution. The latter takes part in the Board for the sole purpose of expressing an opinion on the suitability of the applicants applying for the externally-financed scholarships.

The possible integration of the Admission Boards will be indicated on [University website](#), before the date of the oral exam.

Art. 6 - FINAL RANKING LIST

At the end of the selection process, following the publication of the results of the last exams carried out, the *Final ranking list* shall be published on the [University website](#) (please, select the PhD Programme for which you are applying, then select “PhD Programme Information” and check the section “NOTICE” at the bottom of the page).

Successful applicants will be admitted to the PhD Programme in line with the ranking list, without prejudice to the specific procedures for the awarding of the reserved positions covered by art. 9 of the present Call for applications.

In the event of equal evaluation of two or more applicants, preference will be given to the youngest applicant, without prejudice to the rules on priority for the allocation of scholarships set by art. 9 of the present Call for applications.

Successful applicants who are already enrolled in another PhD Programme must withdraw from the previous programme before the enrolment at the University takes place.

Applicants shall be excluded if, during the kick-off meeting, the Academic Board assigns them a research project falling within the same scientific area (*Settore Scientifico Disciplinare*) covering the project carried out within the framework of previous PhD Programmes.

PhD candidates having already been granted of a scholarship for participation in a PhD Programme established in Italy cannot be allowed to PhD scholarships.

Art. 7 - ENROLMENT

Successful applicants (the list is provided in the final ranking list) must complete the enrolment procedure on [Studenti Online](#) by the deadline that will be indicated in the [University website](#) when the final ranking list will be published (please select the PhD Programme for which you are applying and then “PhD Programme Information”).

Applicants awarded of positions linked to specific research topics (for which the agreement with the external financing body has already been completed, if necessary) shall not be taken into consideration for the awarding of other PhD positions (not linked to specific research topics).

Successful applicants who do not complete the enrolment procedure within the deadline indicated in the [University website](#) will be considered having refused their PhD position tacitly.

Following successful applicants' withdrawal, whether explicit or tacit, replacements will be made in line with the final ranking list up to the 31/10/2020.

Following successful applicants' withdrawal, replacement positions will not be awarded to other eligible applicants if they have already been awarded of a position linked to specific research topic within the framework of another PhD Programme and the amount and duration of the scholarship are the same as those characterizing the position they already accepted.

In the case positions without scholarship are indicated in the PhD Programme Table, eligible applicants, who have not succeeded in the selection procedure, must communicate their interest in a position without a scholarship by the deadline set for enrollment.

Those who do not communicate their interest in a position without scholarship will not be contacted if, following withdrawal, a position without scholarship becomes available. However, they will be contacted in the case, following the withdrawal of successful applicants, positions with a scholarship become available.

Should a position with scholarship become available, successful applicants who tacitly rejected a position without scholarship by the deadline for the enrolment shall also be contacted.

Following the withdrawal of a successful applicants, a communication is sent to the applicant taking over the available position via e-mail to the nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it account. In this case, enrolment must be

completed within the date indicated in the replacement communication. Those who fail to complete the enrolment procedure within this time limit will be considered having refused the position tacitly.

The number of positions available may increase, following the renunciation of only the scholarship by successful applicants.

By 31/10/2020, eligible applicants can be granted of extra-quota positions and enroll in a PhD Programme, upon submission of a document attesting the awarding of scholarship funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation or by other Institutions in their Country of origin. These applicants must upload on [Studenti Online](#) the document attesting the awarding of the scholarship. If they come into possession of the above document following the expiry of this Call, they must send it to afom.udottricerca@unibo.it together with a valid ID, using the e-mail nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it.

To complete the enrollment procedure, successful applicants must:

- 1 Enter [Studenti Online](#) with name.surname@studio.unibo.it user and password;
- 2 Click on "Registration";
- 3 Print and fill in the enrollment documents;
- 4 Complete the payment of the fee referred to in Art. 8 of the present Call, before the deadline for the enrolment in any of the following ways:
 - on-Line, via credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Diners, American Express). Payment can also be completed using a credit card registered to a person other than the applicant;
 - at any UniCredit Bank branch in the Italian territory, using the payment code provided by the system at the end of the registration procedure (the code is printable, please download it on StudentiOnline).
- 5 Send to afom.udottricerca@unibo.it the following documentation before the deadline for the enrolment or the replacement as appropriate (applicants are required to use their nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it e-mail account):
 - scanned copy of your ID (back and front);
 - scanned copy of the payment receipt;
 - passport-size photo (jpeg or tiff format);
 - enrollment form duly filled and signed;
 - intellectual property rights and confidentiality protection on research results self-certification;
 - information on 'how to use your institutional e-mail boxes';
 - scholarship forms (only for PhD candidates with scholarship);
 - self-declaration attesting the completion of the second cycle degree (only for PhD candidates who have been awarded of their second cycle degree by an Italian public academic institution after the expiry of the Call and before the enrollment)
 - scanned copy of a valid permit of stay (only for non-UE citizens). Those who do not hold a valid permit of stay must request it **within 8 days from their arrival in Italy**. Details for how to apply for an Italian permit of stay are available on the [University website](#). Having completed the request procedure, applicants must send the scanned copy of the receipt of the request issued by the Police Headquarter with an undue delay to afom.udottricerca@unibo.it.
 - scanned copy of the Italian tax code or scanned copy of the receipt of the request for the Italian tax code issued by the Italian Revenue Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate) (only for non-Italian citizens. Details for how to apply for an Italian tax code are available on the [University website](#)).

Enrolment documents sent in ways other than those described above and after the deadline for the enrolment shall not be accepted.

By the 31/10/2020, those who upon enrollment has not yet been awarded of the academic degree referred to in art. 2 of the present Call, shall be required to submit the self-certification attesting the completion of the second cycle degree. The certification is necessary if the degree has been awarded in Non-EU countries. In both cases the document giving proof of the completion of the second cycle degree must include the following information:

- University that has awarded the degree,
- Date in which the degree has been awarded;
- Type of the degree awarded, whether second level master degree/single cycle' second-level degrees/pre-reform degree;
- Final mark.

Having completed the enrollment procedure by 31st October 2020, PhD candidates will have to collect their student card. PhD candidates are required to collect it personally at the PhD Unit, via Zamboni 33, Bologna during opening hours (please see the [University website](#)). To collect the card, a valid ID document must be shown to the PhD Unit staff.

On that occasion, applicants holding a Master's degree obtained in non-EU countries must show to the PhD Unit staff the following original documents:

- Master's degree (final diploma) and academic transcript of records, along with an official translation in Italian or English, if the Master's degree has been issued in languages other than Italian, English, French, German and Spanish;
- "Dichiarazione di Valore in loco" of the Master's degree, issued by the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the Country where such degree has been awarded.

The "Dichiarazione di Valore in loco" must include the following information:

- legal status and nature of the awarding institution;
- entrance requirements for the program leading to the qualification;
- legal duration of the study program and overall workload in terms of credits (if applicable);
- the validity of the qualification in the awarding system/country for academic and/or professional purposes (e.g. stating that such degree allows the applicant to enrol in a PhD Programme in the Country where the degree has been awarded).

Information about the Dichiarazione di Valore is available on the [University website](#).

The University reserves the right to request the official certification attesting the awarding of the degree or the "Dichiarazione di Valore in Loco" to assess the nature or validity of the academic qualifications awarded in other EU countries.

The suitability of foreign degrees is established by the University following the legislation into force both in Italy and in the Country where the qualification has been awarded, and under the relevant international treaties or agreements dealing with the recognition of academic qualifications for access to further studies.

Applicants holding a foreign academic qualification, who do not show the requested documents upon enrolment, are enrolled subject to confirmation. They will be excluded from the PhD Programme and required to refund any scholarship amounts improperly received, if:

- they do not show the original documents within two months after the PhD Programme starting date;
- on the basis of the evaluation carried out, the qualification provided by the applicant does not meet the admission requirements referred to in Art. 2.

Art. 8 - TUITION FEES

PhD candidates must pay the tuition fees for the enrolment at each academic year.

The total amount of the tuition fees includes insurance premium, stamp duty and the regional tax on the right to higher education.

The amount of tuition fees is established every year by the University of Bologna Board of Governors approximately in June.

Please consider that, for the academic year 2019/2020, the amount of such fees was € 157,64.

Under no circumstances can the tuition fees be reimbursed.

Art. 9 – PHD POSITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The PhD Programme Tables, which are an integral part of the present Call, provide for the number of both the positions and scholarships available.

The Academic Board will assign the scholarships during the kick-off meeting aimed at defining the planning of the training and research activities for the first year course. The allocation of the PhD scholarships will be based on the ranking list and taking in due account the indications regarding reserved PhD positions and PhD positions linked to specific research topics.

Under the present Call for application, PhD positions linked to specific research topics are those that bind the PhD candidates to the carrying out of the doctoral activity on a specific research theme indicated in the PhD Programme Table.

Due to their specific nature, reserved PhD positions and PhD positions linked to specific research topics are not awarded on the basis of the general final ranking list, but they rather require further evaluation.

All applicants applying for a given PhD Programme participate in the selection process for the awarding of the available regular positions, which are not reserved and not linked to specific research topics (if any).

Applicants can express an interest in competing for one or more positions linked to specific topics following the indications provided for in the PhD Programme Tables.

Taking into account the preferences expressed by the applicants and with due consideration of the applicants' skills and expertise, the Admission Board will establish if the applicants can be considered eligible for the

allocation of the scholarships linked to specific topics. In this event, the Admission Board may include further experts taking part in the Board for the sole purpose of expressing an opinion on the suitability of the applicants competing for positions linked to specific topics (see art. 5 above).

Successful PhD applicants awarded of apprenticeship PhD positions are enrolled with reservation until the date of signing the contract and will forfeit their enrolment in the PhD Programme if they do not sign it by 31/12/2020.

Successful PhD applicants awarded of apprenticeship PhD positions or positions reserved to employees of public and private entities on the basis of specific agreements will cease to be enrolled in the doctoral course if the contractual relationship with the institution to which they belong is terminated before the end of the legal duration of the course.

Where there are equal merits, priority is given on the basis of the applicant's economic conditions.

Scholarships are paid to PhD candidates on a monthly basis, in arrears (payment is completed not earlier than the 25th day of the month).

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships is € 15.343,28.

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded within the framework of the PhD Programme in "Law, Science and Technology" is € 17.500.

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded within the framework of the PhD Programme in "Data Science and Computation" and "Health and technology" is € 19.367 (gross amount including the taxes incurred by the receiver).

Please note that for PhD candidates with a scholarship the registration at the Social Security Administration (Gestione Separata INPS) is mandatory.

The scholarships are subject to the payment of the INPS social security contribution (Gestione separata INPS) according to the relevant legislation into force. Such a contribution is paid as follow: two-thirds to be paid by the University and one-third to be paid by the scholarship holder. PhD candidates enjoy the related rights and safeguards.

The payment of the scholarship is conditional upon the completion of the enrollment procedure referred to in art. 7 of the present Call. For non-EU citizens, this is conditional to:

- the submission of the copy of a valid permit of stay or the receipt of the request for the permit of stay.
- the submission of the document attesting the completion of the second cycle degree, as required by art. 2 of the present Call.

The payment of the scholarship shall be performed after the PhD candidate has duly entered his/her IBAN code on [Studenti Online](#), section "Modify contact details". Such IBAN code will be used by the University for the payment of the scholarship (for the purposes of payment, the current account must be in the name of the scholarship holder. As an alternative, the scholarship holder must be the co-holder).

Should the agreements with third parties aimed at financing PhD positions with scholarship not be duly completed by the 31/10/2020, the relevant positions shall not be awarded, although indicated in the PhD Programme Table.

The non-accumulation regime is governed by Art. 17 of the PhD Programmes Regulation, issued by Rector's Decree No. 1468/2016 of the 05/12/2016.

Art. 10 – PhD@ISA FELLOWSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

When submitting their application to the PhD programme on [Studenti Online](#), non-Italian citizens residing abroad and holding a Master's degree granted by a foreign University can simultaneously apply for one of the 4 Fellowship offered by the Institute of Advanced Studies (PhD@ISA).

The PhD@ISA fellowship provides free accommodation in a single studio apartment in the Residenza Imerio in Piazza Vittorio Puntoni 1 or in another similar residence. No financial support or subsidies other than the accommodation shall be provided. Check-in and check-out periods from the residence are defined every year and may be subject to changes.

The maximum duration of the PhD@ISA Fellowship is of three years, regardless of the duration of the PhD programme.

To participate in the PhD@ISA selection, applicants must attach to their application on [Studenti Online](#) the following documents:

- motivation letter;
- research project;
- list of scientific publications (if any).

Unless specifically indicated in the PhD programme table, the documents listed above will be evaluated only for the purpose of awarding the PhD@ISA Fellowship.

The candidates admitted to a PhD programme of the University of Bologna, formally enrolled within September 30th, 2020, who have explicitly expressed their interest in participating in the competition for the PhD@ISA Fellowship and who meet the requirements indicated above, will be invited by e-mail to participate in the ISA evaluation process. The evaluation:

- shall take place in October 2020;
- shall be conducted by a Selection Committee made up by the ISA Director and by members of the ISA Scientific Board appointed by the Director of the Institute;
- shall be based on the evaluation of the CV and other documents submitted by the applicant and on an interview, which could be held either in Italian or English. If conducted in Italian, the interview shall be further aimed at ascertaining proficiency in English. The interview may be carried out by audio/video teleconference via web (e.g. Teams, Skype).

At the end of the selection process, a short list of applicants shall be defined by the Committee. Only the top four applicants shall be awarded the PhD@ISA fellowship. In the event of withdrawal of successful applicants, the PhD@ISA Fellowship will be granted to other candidates according to the ranking list. The Commission reserves the right to increase the number of available places based on resource availability.

Successful PhD candidates will be required:

- to participate in and actively follow all cultural activities, seminars and other scientific events organized by ISA with particular regard to the Institute weekly lectures and to the interdisciplinary working groups that will be proposed;
- to spend the entire duration of their PhD course at the University of Bologna. Periods of study and research at other universities or Italian and foreign research centers must be authorized by the Doctorate Board and cannot exceed a total of 6 months over the entire time span of the doctorate course;
- to submit on a yearly basis a report summarizing the scientific activities carried out together with his/her supervisor evaluation; confirmation of the PhD@ISA Fellowship for the following academic years is conditional upon the positive assessment of the above scientific activities;
- to acknowledge in the thesis and in all derived publications the support of the Institute of Advanced Studies.

The admission of the successful PhD@ISA candidates into the Residence is planned as soon as the selection procedure is completed by the end of October 2020.

For information about the PhD@ISA Fellowship, please refer to segreteria.isa@unibo.it

Further details about the mission and activities of the Institute of Advanced Studies are available on the website <http://www.isa.unibo.it/en>

Responsible for the present administrative procedure is Dott. Lucia Gunella - Administrative Manager of the Institute of Higher Studies: lucia.gunella@unibo.it

Art. 11 - ER.GO SCHOLARSHIPS

PhD candidates who do not receive scholarships, research grants or other contributions that have the same purpose as the scholarship may apply for an ER.GO scholarship.

The call for applications for the Academic Year 2020/2021 will be published around **July 2020**.

To apply for ER.GO. Scholarships, applicants must provide regular ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator), ISEE specific for PhD studies or ISEE Università relating to income 2018.

It is possible to apply to the CAF/INPS for the ISEE 2019, which refers to 2018 incomes.

The application will be submitted online using the [ER.GO website](#) (accessible with name.surname@studio.unibo.it credentials), on the section 'domande online' - 'dottorati di ricerca'.

For information, please contact ER.GO (tel. . +39 051 19907580) or send a written communication via "Scrivici" from the ER.GO website.

Art. 12 - COMPATIBILITY REGIME

PhD candidates must attend the PhD Programme for its entire legal duration, on a full-time and exclusive basis.

Compatibility regime is governed by Arts. 16 and 17 of the [University PhD Programmes Regulation](#).

Art. 13 - OWNERSHIP OF RESULTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Intellectual and industrial property rights over any result achieved by the PhD candidate (e.g. software, industrial inventions - whether patentable or otherwise - know-how, models, data and data collections) are governed by the relevant national legislation into force, the University internal regulations and any other agreement signed by the University with third Parties.

The PhD candidate, in any case, undertakes to promptly notify the PhD Programme Coordinator of the achievement of any results, committing not to disclose them or use them without the prior authorization of the University.

PhD candidates are required to sign a confidentiality agreement about any information, data and confidential documents that may come to their attention in the course of their work at and on behalf of the University.

In any case, PhD candidates enjoy the right to carry out regular publication activity foreseen within the framework of his/her training programme. The latter must be defined taking in due consideration the protection of research results regime.

Art. 14 - PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

Pursuant to art. 13 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the processing of the personal data provided by the applicants when participating in the selection procedure or otherwise acquired for this purpose by the University is intended to carry out the activities of the selection procedure and will be carried out by the persons in charge of the selection procedure, including the Admission Board, in the manner and within the limits necessary to achieve the above purposes, which may also provide for disclosure to third parties.

The University will keep and use the personal data and contacts provided by the PhD candidates enrolled at the University also after the completion of the selection procedures, for operational, administrative, accounting and/or other purposes related to the management of institutional activities and legal obligations, as well as for the disclosure of any opportunities to the successful applicants (scholarships, awards, etc..).

Applicants have the right to access their personal data, to request amendments, elimination, limitation of treatment, as well as to object to the processing of the above data by addressing their requests to privacy@unibo.it.

Interested parties who believe that the processing of their personal data is in violation of the provisions of the Regulation mentioned above may lodge a complaint to the Authority for data processing (Garante) or refer to the competent court.

The data controller is Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna (registered office: via Zamboni n. 33, 40126 - Bologna, Italy; e-mail: privacy@unibo.it; PEC: scriviunibo@pec.unibo.it).

The contact details of the Personal Data Protection Officer are: registered office: via Zamboni n. 33, 40126 - Bologna, Italy; e-mail: dpo@unibo.it; PEC: scriviunibo@pec.unibo.it.

For further information, please consult the information available on the [University website](#).

Participation in the selection procedure implies the expression of tacit consent for the following:

- the names of the candidates and the results of the selection procedure are published on [Studenti Online](#) (with limited access to participants only) and on the [University website](#);
- the documentation submitted is subject to access documents procedures by other applicants, who may act only with the purpose to protect their personal interests.

Art. 15 – NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN MATTER OF PhD STUDIES

The [PhD Programmes Regulation](#), issued by Rector's Decree No. 1468/2016 of the 05/12/2016, governs matters other than those covered by the present Call for applications.

By applying for the admission to PhD Programmes of the University of Bologna through the online procedure referred to in Art. 3, applicants tacitly agree to be subject to both the rules of the present Call and the PhD Programmes Regulation.

Responsible for the present administrative procedure:

Dott. Daniela Taccone – AFORM – Education and PhD Administrative Division (e-mail: aform.udottricerca@unibo.it; PEC: scriviunibo@pec.unibo.it).