

PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES

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Starting date of the PhD Programme	01/11/2020
Duration	3 calendar years
Language of the PhD Programme	Italian
Mandatory stay abroad	Yes (3 months)

Research topics

The topics of research refer to the two curricula: Pedagogic-historic and Didactic-experimental. In detail, the research themes addressed during the first year, through lectures, workshops and seminars, are:

- General and Social Pedagogy, including: philosophy of education, pedagogy of families, intercultural education, adult education.
- History of pedagogy, which includes: school history, history of education, history of the theories of childhood, the story of the imaginary child, and children's literature.
- Special Education, which includes: teaching and learning methodologies, inclusive education, special educational needs, education technologies and e-learning.
- Experimental Pedagogy, which includes: theories and strategies for designing and evaluate educational interventions, the methodology of empirical research in education.

The research topics also include any correlations between the pedagogical and psychological area.

PhD positions and scholarships

Position n.	Financial support	Description
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and co-funded by the Department of Education Studies «Giovanni Maria Bertin»
7	PhD apprenticeship position	PhD apprenticeship position with ENFAP EMILIA-ROMAGNA (the PhD candidate must enter into the contract by 31/12/2020 and adhere to it until 31/10/2023, with the exception of period of suspension resulting in the postponement of the legal duration of the course). The doctoral activities will mainly take place in: ENFAP – Bologna

If, during the enrollment procedures, one or more PhD candidates, awarded of a position with scholarship, were to renounce the scholarship as beneficiaries of an equivalent form of funding, the Department authorizes the PhD Unit to proceed to scroll the ranking list for the purpose of assigning the scholarships remained vacant, and undertakes to guarantee the financial coverage of the budget of 10% for the additional places thus generated, up to a maximum of 10.

Admission requirements

Please, see art. 2 of the Call for applications

Mandatory documents to be attached to the application

Please, see art. 3 of the Call for applications

Further qualifications that may be attached to the application, if in possession of the applicant (only qualifications attested by documents drawn up in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and assessed by the Admission Board)

- Abstract of the second cycle master's degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants may submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (please, note that abstracts cannot exceed 5.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of thesis, the outline, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present);
- No more than 2 reference letters signed by Italian and international academics and professionals in the research field, which do not form part of the Admission Board, attesting the suitability of the applicant and his/her interest for the scientific research.
Please, note that the above letters cannot be uploaded by applicants. When filling the online application form on <http://studenti.unibo.it>, applicants will only be allowed to provide the email accounts of the requested academic/professional. The latter shall receive an email from the University of Bologna providing for the instructions for uploading. Only letters in pdf format submitted before the expiry date and time of the Call shall be accepted.

- Multi-annual research project, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements:
 - o It must indicate in the cover page the research topic of the PhD Programme covered by the research project proposal and for which the applicant is applying
 - o It cannot exceed 20.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of project, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present);
 - o It must include: the state of the art; description of the project; expected results; lead-time for implementation; (proposed) criteria to be used to assess the findings obtained; references.
 The research projects that successful applicants shall carry out during their doctoral career may possibly differ from the project proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board
- Motivational letter. This must include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those relevant experiences and research interests, that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3000 characters maximum, including spaces)
- Publications *in extenso* (monographs, articles published on scientific journals, volume's chapters): max 8
- Minor publications *in extenso* (national and international conference papers, etc.): max 2
- Professional Master courses completed in Italy (1st or 2nd level) relevant to the PhD Programme.
- Postgraduate vocational training programmes/specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme.
- Research activity of any kind - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research projects.
- Documents attesting the knowledge of foreign languages

Admission exams (art. 4 of the call for applications)

Examination type	Schedule (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the exams schedule)	Examination results publication (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the publication of results)
Qualifications and research project evaluation	Non-presential.	The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 04/06/2020 at the page http://studenti.unibo.it (please, select: "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati valutazione titoli e progetto")
Oral examination	Date	The results of the oral examination shall be available on the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it starting from 29/06/2020 (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati prova orale")
	Time	
Applicants shall take the exam remotely. For further details please refer to the relevant provision laid down in art. 4 of the Call for applications.		

Evaluation criteria

Points will be allocated to applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

1. Qualifications and research project

- Minimum for admission to the oral exam: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Only qualifications relating to the last 5 calendar years prior to the calendar year of publication of the Call for applications shall be taken into consideration, with the exception of the University Degree (Diploma di laurea). Please, note that qualifications must be consistent with the PhD Programme.

Points relating to qualifications shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Graduation final mark. Undergraduates shall be evaluated on the basis of the Weighted Average Mark (WAM): max 10 points
- Publications and other qualifications: max 5 points

Points relating to the research project shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal: max 15 points
- description and structure of the proposal: max 10 points
- proposal feasibility: max 10 points

2. Oral examination

- Minimum for inclusion in the final ranking list :30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Oral examination includes the presentation of the research project and is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course. During the oral examination, knowledge of English language shall be assessed.

The oral examination is carried out in Italian.

Points relating to the oral examination shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- knowledge of the English language: max 5 points
- research project presentation: max 20 points
- general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course: max 25 points

Possible evaluation sub-criteria will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Final ranking list and enrolment (arts.6 and 7 of the call for applications)

After the publication of the results of the oral exam, the final ranking list will be available on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants must enrol on <http://studenti.unibo.it> by the deadline indicated on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information”.