# PhD Programme Table - 38th cycle
# NRRP "National Recovery and Resilience Plan" Call for Applications

| PROGRAMME'S NAME | PUBLIC GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY |
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| DURATION | 3 years |
| PROGRAMME START DATE | 01/11/2022 |
| LANGUAGES | Italian, English |
| COORDINATOR | Prof. Margherita Fort (margherita.fort@unibo.it) |
| RESEARCH TOPICS | Detailed list at the bottom of the present document |
| PhD POSITIONS | 13 |
| ADMISSION PROCEDURE | Qualifications evaluation<br>Oral examination |

## Available Positions and Scholarships

| Pos. n. | Financial Support | Description | Positions linked to a specific research topic |
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| 1 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Multilevel governance structures, financing and business models of social services in a comparative perspective |
| 2 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | The role of human, social and financial capital, cultural/educational institutions and policy-making in the processes of promoting and managing innovation and entrepreneurship with a view to inclusion |
| 3 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Hospital and community health care: organizational models, incentives, digital technologies and data-driven solutions |
| 4 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Social expenditure at local level, national standard in services provision and their financing, supply and management arrangements, involvement of the third sector |
| 5 | *PhD Scholarship* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the | Analysis of public policies: from design to impact evaluation, paying attention to the |

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| | *Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | role of nudging and incentives. Design, methods and case studies applied to interventions or innovative public policies in one or more of the following areas: inequality and poverty reduction, human capital formation, promotion of socially responsible behavior (for example: waste management, waste reduction, sustainable mobility), local public policies, also using geo-referenced data and examining spatial relations |
| 6 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Analysis of policymaking processes and of the juridical frame related to multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance, with a focus on social environmental and development policies |
| 7 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Exploration of innovative aspects and of the digital transition of the PA, with a focus on health services and administrations' digitalization. In-depth attention to plans and analyses dedicated to tertiary education policies; investigation of tools and of innovative strategies, of social innovation and of the Third Sector |
| 8 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Quantitative methods and statistical sources to evaluate and support policies and information strategies to promote healthy and sustainable food consumption behaviours |
| 9 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 351/2022 - PA* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (MD 351/2022) – Public Administration | Quantitative evaluation of fiscal policies in response to climate change |
| 10 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 352/2022* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (MD 352/2022) and by IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero- Universitaria di Bologna | Operation and Value Based Management for surgical process management at the University of Bologna hospital |
| 11 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 352/2022* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (MD 352/2022) and by Istituto ortopedico Rizzoli di Bologna | The analysis of efficiency and effectiveness of innovative managerial and organizational solutions: the complexity of inter-organizational settings and hub & spoke networks |
| 12 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 352/2022* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (MD 352/2022) and by IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero- Universitaria di Bologna | Institutional, organisational and financial models for the management of sponsored clinical studies in a research Hospital: the case of the Azienda Ospedaliero- Universitaria di Bologna Policlinico di Sant'Orsola |

| 13 | *PhD Scholarship Ex M.D. 352/2022* | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (MD 352/2022) and by Istituto ortopedico Rizzoli di Bologna | The role of human capital in a highly specialized context: the case of high-volume orthopedic surgery practice |
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Applicants awarded with Ex M.D. 351/2022 or Ex M.D. 352/2022 PhD scholarships shall have specific obligations (i.e. mandatory research periods abroad and/or in a firm) during their PhD programme. For detailed information, refer to the Call for Applications, articles 1.2 and 1.3, and to the text of the law.

## Admission Exams

The admission exams detailed schedule shall be published **starting from July 12th, 2022:**
- on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices";
- on Studenti Online (select "summary of the requests in progress" > "see detail" and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page). **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants**.

## Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

All the documents listed below **shall be drawn up in English**. In case of documents originally issued in any other language (e.g. identity document, qualifications), an official translation is required.

Only qualifications obtained **during the last 5 calendar years** shall be taken into consideration, except for the University Degree. The Admission Board will assess the relevance of the supporting documents to the PhD Programme.

| **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** | |
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| **Identity document** | Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport) |
| **Curriculum Vitae** | No specific CV format is required. Applicants are required:<br>- to specify their English language proficiency CEFR level, whether it is certified (IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge Assessment) or self-assessed;<br>- to mention training, work, research, teaching experiences (e.g. vocational / professional training, research assistant activities, relevant work-related activities);<br>- where possible, to mention Master's degree thesis title and abstract. |
| **Degrees** | Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3.2 of the Call for Applications) |
| **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** | |
| **Statement of purpose** | The statement shall contain an overview of the skills that the applicant aims to acquire and / or consolidate within the three-year programme. It shall contain also: i) general information about the main PhD programme's topic the applicant is interested to, ii) the research methods the applicant wish to use and iii) the specific topic the applicant wish to research in their PhD thesis. The statement shall specify also the main bibliographic references and the preliminary knowledge the applicant is in possession of, with an overview of the relevant features of their study and professional path.<br>Detailed information on a specific research proposal is not mandatory, but it will be highly appreciated by the Admission Board. If the candidate submits a research proposal, it should include: the state of the art; a description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times.<br>The applicant is invited to provide useful elements to understand the added value of the proposal and the implications of described policies and practices.<br>Furthermore the statement shall outline any previous training or professional skill, and highlight, where appropriate, any ongoing collaboration with a Public Administration or other organizations. **The statement cannot exceed 20,000 characters**. |
| **Personal statement** | The statement shall 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). |

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| **Reference letter/s** | **No more than 3 reference letters** signed by Italian or 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 in the scientific research. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2) |
| **Publications** | - Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) **max n. 5**<br>- List of minor publications (conference papers, etc.),abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc. |

## Evaluation criteria*

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100, as follows.

### 1. Qualifications evaluation

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 40 points

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| University degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM) | 8 points max |
| Curriculum Vitae. This includes the academic prestige of the universities where the degrees have been awarded, the consistency of the second-cycle (Master's) degree awarded with the main topics of the PhD programme; reference letter/s, publications; English language proficiency; training, research, work and teaching experiences | 25 points max |
| Personal statement | 8 points max |
| Statement of purpose | 9 points max |

### 2. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 60 points

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| English language proficiency | 10 points max |
| General knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme and Statement of purpose presetation | 40 points max |

During the oral examination the applicant shall discuss their statement of purpose. Oral examination aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme (see the list of research topics at the bottom of the present document).
**During the oral examination, the applicant's English language proficiency shall be assessed**.
The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English.
* Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

## Research Topics

Interdisciplinarity is a peculiar feature of the Public-GoMaP PhD programme. In particular, the research topics reflect the specializations of the four departments that jointly develop the doctorate, namely: Department of Political Sciences (specialized in the Public Governance area), Department of Management (specialized in the Public Management area), Department of Economics (specialized in the Public Policy area) and Department of Statistical Sciences (specialized in applied quantitative analysis).
PhD students carry out research activities in one or more sub-areas of the broader interdisciplinary field of **design-planning, management and evaluation of public services and public policies**. These sub-areas are divided into specific research projects of participants' own interest, perfected with the help of their thesis supervisors, according to - but not limited to - the topics covered by the training activities (see Research training activities section).
By way of example, the specific issues may concern aspects of economic and social development, environmental sustainability, financial sustainability, technological innovation, the ability to deal with operational, natural, financial, geopolitical and cybersecurity risks, social protection, the ability to respond to public needs in hybrid public-private contexts, social cohesion, the evaluation of local public policies with applications in relevant areas of public intervention such as hospital and territorial assistance, investments in infrastructure for sustainable mobility, local, social and educational.