

PhD Programme Table - 39th cycle
Call for Applications for further PhD positions
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and from other sources - PhD Programmes (39th cycle)
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PROGRAMME'S NAME	CIVIL, CHEMICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2023 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Alessandro Tugnoli (a.tugnoli@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	1. Engineering of Infrastructure, Resources and Territory 2. Structural and Geotechnical Engineering 3. Chemical and Process Engineering 4. Materials Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology
PHD POSITIONS	8
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Curriculum	Positions linked to a specific research topic
1	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by Rothoblaas	2	Design for dismantling of timber buildings and multiperformance analyses of supply chain sustainability
2	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by Hera SpA	3	Algal cultivation for the removal of N and P from wastewater, with subsequent recovery of the biomass for various purposes, including the production of biostimulants for agriculture. Development of the experimental work at a wastewater treatment plant, with optimization of the various process steps and analysis of the legislation regarding the characterization and use of biomass in the agronomic sector (the research activities to be

				carried out for this specific position require an adequate knowledge of the Italian language)
3	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by Hera SpA	1	Review of advanced water leakage detection methods in a water distribution network, analysis of the operating principles and applicability. Identification and assessment of performance indicators (KPI) applied to water leakage detection methods. Implementation of these methodologies in a District Meter Area pilot project (the research activities to be carried out for this specific position require an adequate knowledge of the Italian language)
4	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by Versalis SpA	4	Development of innovative grades of biodegradable and bio-based copolyesters for biomedical and foodpackaging applications with improved optical, mechanical and barrier properties
5	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by Eni SpA	1	Bituminous binders with nanotechnologies and/or microplastics from circular economy. Technical opportunities and LCA
6	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by Versalis SpA	3	Thermodynamic analysis of polymer blend compatibility
7	Research Grant	Provided by the Department of Civil, Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering with funds made available by the project LIFE NatuREEF or "Nature-based reef solution for coastal protection and marine biodiversity enhancement" (Grant Agreement n.101113742) funded in the framework of the EU project LIFE (Programme for Environment and Climate Action) - Call "LIFE-2022-SAPNAT", topic "LIFE-2022-SAP-NAT-NATURE", action "LIFEProject Grants". The research grant will have a duration of 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, and gross percipient amount of €19,367 per year	1	UAV Photogrammetry and LiDAR Drone Systems as a Mapping Tool for Quickly Monitoring Beach Changes
8	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan	1	Sustainable management of resources and critical raw materials for the decarbonization and

PNRR ex M.D. 117/2023	(NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 117/2023) and by ENEA - Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l'energia e lo sviluppo economico	ecological transition of the production system
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The number of positions and scholarships may be incremented in case additional funding becomes available, notwithstanding the terms of the application process as detailed in Art. 3 of the Call for Applications. Any amendment, update or integration of the Programme Table will be published, even after the Call for Applications has expired. Any further PhD positions shall be integrated in the PhD Programme Table within ten days before the oral examination.

All PhD positions winners shall fulfill the learning and research obligations decided by the Academic Board and the obligations foreseen in the relevant regulations, funding schemes and eventual agreements, and in the Call for Applications. Moreover, applicants awarded with PhD scholarships funded by Next Generation EU shall fulfill specific obligations foreseen in the relevant funding scheme, in the relevant regulations and in the Call for Applications.

Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 01/09/2023**
Oral examination	Date: starting from 07/09/2023 – 9.00 a.m. CEST* Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 08/09/2023**

* In case that the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral examination detailed schedule shall be made available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) together with the results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation. **During the oral examination, applicants may express their interest in one or more positions linked to specific research topics.**

** The **results of the admission exams** will be available on the webpage [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 concerning the examinations results.**

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

All the documents listed below **shall be drawn up in English or in Italian**. 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	
Identity document	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
Curriculum Vitae	No specific CV format is required. Applicants are required to the CV Summary, as first page of the CV (see form at the bottom of the present document).
Degrees	Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)
Research proposal	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course . The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it must mention on the cover page the Curriculum (1,2,3 or 4) the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about; - it cannot exceed 20,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of proposal, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables, etc. - if present); - it must include: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; outline of the proposed findings assessment criteria; references.

	The research proposal that successful applicants shall carry out during their PhD career may possibly differ from the one proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis . Graduated applicants may submit the draft of the thesis. Abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of the thesis, the outline, references, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc.
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 (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Publications	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals), minor publications (conference papers, etc.), abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postgraduate vocational training programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics - Teaching activities carried out at academic level - 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 - Work activity - Curricular or non-curricular professional internships - Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency - Study periods completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes) - Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.)

Evaluation criteria*

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

1. Qualifications and research proposal evaluation

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 50 points

Qualifications evaluation	University degree final mark and Weighted Average Mark (WAM). Graduated applicants shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	20 points max
	Publications	3 points max
	Other evaluable documents	2 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	12 points max
	Structure of the proposal	8 points max
	Proposal feasibility	5 points max

2. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 50 points

English language proficiency	5 points max
Research proposal presentation	25 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions	20 points max

Oral examination aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions.

During the oral examination, the applicant's English language proficiency shall be assessed.

For applicants expressing their interest for the PhD position n. 2 or n.3, the adequate knowledge of the Italian language will be assessed during the oral examination

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".

CV SUMMARY OF THE CANDIDATE (to be attached to the CV)

Surname _____
First name _____
Place and date of birth _____

Curriculum of interest for the Doctorate in Civil, Chemical, Environmental and Materials Engineering (select one):

- 1. Engineering of infrastructure, resources and territory
- 2. Structural and geotechnical engineering
- 3. Chemical and process engineering
- 4. Materials engineering and industrial biotechnology

TRAINING

Bachelor's degree (if more than one, repeat this section as needed)

Degree in: _____
Year of graduation: _____
University: _____
Country: _____
Formal duration of the course: _____ (years or fractions)

Weighted average of the marks obtained in the exams (GPA): _____
Minimum mark for sufficiency _____
Maximum possible mark _____
Average mark achieved by students¹: _____; reference set considered (e.g. degree course / subject area / university): _____

If the course provides for an overall final grade / verbal judgment (exams + final test) other than the GPA of the exams and the final test only:

Evaluation / mark achieved: _____
Grading scale adopted / minimum and maximum achievable mark: _____

Master's degree or single-cycle master's degree (if more than one, repeat this section as needed) Master in:

Year of graduation: _____
University: _____
Country: _____
Formal duration of the course: _____ (years or fractions)

Weighted average of the marks obtained in the exams (GPA): _____
Minimum mark for sufficiency _____
Maximum possible rating _____
Average mark achieved by students¹: _____; reference set (e.g. degree course / subject area / university): _____

If the course provides for an overall final grade / verbal judgment (exams + final test) other than the GPA of the exams and the final test only:

Evaluation / mark achieved: _____
Grading scale adopted / minimum and maximum achievable mark: _____

NOTES

¹ If the information is available. The average mark or the mark of 50% percentile (median) can be reported [specify which one].