

PhD Programme Table - 39th cycle
Call for Applications for the admission to the PhD programmes (39th cycle) A.Y. 2023/2024
for scholarships funded by Next Generation EU – NRRP ex M.D. 117/2023 and M.D.
118/2023 and from other sources



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| PROGRAMME'S NAME | ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN CULTURE |
| DURATION | 3 years |
| PROGRAMME START DATE | 01/11/2023 (DD/MM/YYYY) |
| LANGUAGES | Italian, English |
| COORDINATOR | Prof. Annalisa Trentin (annalisa.trentin@unibo.it) |
| PHD POSITIONS | 9 |
| ADMISSION PROCEDURE | Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination |

Available Positions and Scholarships

| Pos. n. | Financial Support | Description | Positions linked to research topics |
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| 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 PNRR M4C2 | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) - Partenariati Estesi PE11 - 3A-ITALY, CODICE PROPOSTA PE0000004 CUP J33C22002950001 | Analysis and development of an application framework for digital color acquisition |
| 4 | PhD Scholarship PNRR M4C2 | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) - Partenariati Estesi PE11 - 3A-ITALY, CODICE PROPOSTA PE0000004 CUP J33C22002950001 | Development of models for AR/VR applications in the Made in Italy production chain |
| 5 | PhD Scholarship PNRR M4C2 | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) - Partenariati Estesi PE09 - GRINS, CODICE PROPOSTA PE00000018 CUP J33C22002910001 | Ensuring more inclusive and accessible territories overcoming spatial disparities |
| 6 | PhD Scholarship ex M.D. 118/2023 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 (M.D. 118/2023) - Public Administration | Good practices for the sustainable development of historical urban settlements |
| 7 | PhD Scholarship ex M.D. 118/2023 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 (M.D. 118/2023) - Public Administration | Strategies and tools for urban and territorial transformation focused on urban regeneration and reduction of land consumption |

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| 8 | PhD Scholarship ex M.D. 118/2023 Green and digital transitions | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 3.4 (M.D. 118/2023) – Green and digital transitions | Digitisation and urban transformation: modelling and predictive simulation of building and urban systems |
| 9 | PhD Scholarship ex M.D. 118/2023 PNRR Research | Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (M.D. 118/2023) – PNRR Research | Cultural heritage as a resource for inclusive and resilient historical cities |

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 |
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| Qualifications and research proposal evaluation | Applicants' participation is not required | Available from 10/07/2023** |
| Oral examination | Date: starting from 17/07/2023 – 9.00 a.m. CEST* Place: In presence, Sala del Consiglio – Second Floor, Department of Architecture, Viale del Risorgimento 2, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams | Available from 21/07/2023** |

* 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 | |
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| Identity document | Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport) |
| Curriculum Vitae | No specific CV format is required |
| 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 cannot exceed 15,000 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 be consistent with research topics linked to the available PhD positions; - it must include: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times; references. |

| SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS | |
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| Thesis abstract | Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis . Graduands 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. |
| Reference letter/s | No more than 3 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 in the scientific research. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure on Studenti Online , detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2). |
| Personal statement | 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 (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 and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics - Teaching and tutorship activity carried out at university 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 activities - Documents attesting the knowledge of foreign languages - 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

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| Qualifications evaluation | Second cycle degree (Master's) final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM) | 10 points max |
| | Publications and other qualifications attesting the applicant's training and skills | 5 points max |
| Research proposal evaluation | Scientific value, ground-breaking nature and structure of the proposal | 20 points max |
| | Consistency with the research topics linked to the available PhD positions | 10 points max |
| | Proposal feasibility | 5 points max |

2. Oral examination

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

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| English language proficiency | 10 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 | 15 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 applicants's English language proficiency shall be assessed. The oral examination is carried out in Italian or English.

* Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information".