

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



Section “Available Positions and Scholarships” modified on 09/06/2023

PROGRAMME'S NAME	MODERN LANGUAGES LITERATURES CULTURES: Diversity and Inclusion
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2023 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Curriculum 1: Italian, French, English Curriculum 2: Italian, English, Spanish Curriculum 3: Italian, French, Japanese, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, German Curriculum 4: Italian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, English, Dutch, Spanish, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, German <i>For all the curricula, for non-Italian applicants, an Italian language proficiency level of at least CEFR B2 is required.</i>
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CURRICULA	1. DESE – Les Littératures de l'Europe Unie / European Literatures / Letterature dell'Europa unita 2. EDGES – Women and Gender Studies 3. WORLT LITerature and Postcolonial Studies 4. LINGMOD - Modern Languages Studies
PhD POSITIONS	9
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Curriculum	Positions linked to research topics
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	DESE	
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	EDGES	
3	PhD Scholarship	funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Architecture Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures	LINGMOD	
4	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures	WORLDLIT	
5	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery	LINGMOD	Comparative analysis of discourse of cultural communication about the

	PNRR ex M.D. 118/2023 - Public Administration	and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (M.D. 118/2023) - Public Administration		1930-1950 conflict in materials, catalogues and open data contained in state archives of Italian and foreign public administration
6	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 118/2023 – Cultural Heritage	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) – Cultural Heritage	EDGES	Women and Risorgimento. Enhancement of cultural heritage between material history and memory from the point of view of European women travelers in Emilia-Romagna and in Italy in the nineteenth century
7	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 118/2023 – Cultural Heritage	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) – Cultural Heritage	WORLDLIT	Imagining the Other: translations and censorship in publishing and film industry at the turn of the Second World War
8	PhD Scholarship PNRR 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	DESE	Wars and conflicts in Europe in the first half of the 20th century: on the role and destiny of archives (manuscripts, correspondences, etc.) or public and private libraries (book heritage, collections of magazines and periodicals, etc.)
9	PhD Scholarship PNRR 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	WORLDLIT	Ideological, religious and cultural conflicts: dissidence and new literary forms of resistance in the twentieth and twenty-first century

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 and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 30/06/2023**
Oral examination	Date: starting from 10/07/2023 – 9.30 a.m. CEST* Place: In presence, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Via Cartoleria 5, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams. Candidates who need to take the oral examination remotely are required to indicate it at the bottom of the Personal Statement.	Available from 17/07/2023**

* 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	
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 must mention on the cover page the Curriculum and/or the topic-specific position the applicant is interested in and that the research proposal encompasses (<u>if the applicant does not mention the preferred Curriculum on the research proposal’s cover page or in the admission form on Studenti Online, her/him research proposal will not be evaluated</u>); - 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; articulation of the proposal and implementation times; outlining of the criteria meant to be used to assess the research results; references.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Reference letter/s	No more than 2 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)
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 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 activity - Curricular or non-curricular professional internships - Documents attesting the applicant’s foreign languages proficiency - Periods of study abroad, 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	Second cycle (Master's) degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM) and the First cycle (Bachelor's) degree final mark	10 points max
	Publications	5 points max
	Personal statement	3 points max
	Reference letter/s	3 points max
	Other evaluable documents	5 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	12 points max
	Structure of the proposal	6 points max
	Proposal feasibility	6 points max

2. Oral examination

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

Foreign language proficiency	10 points max
Research proposal presentation	10 points max
Theoretic and methodological knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions, suitability of the applicant for scientific research	30 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 Admission Board shall assess the applicants' language proficiency in the chosen languages and/or in the languages required by each Curriculum. The oral examination is carried out in Italian and in the language/s peculiar to each Curriculum.

More information on the specific topics and on the language requirements linked to each Curriculum is to be found in the tab "Overview" on the [PhD programme's Unibo webpage](#).

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