

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



PROGRAMME'S NAME	PUBLIC GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2023
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Margherita Fort (margherita.fort@unibo.it)
PhD POSITIONS	18
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to a specific research topic
1	PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 118/2023 - Public Administration	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	Analysis of governance and organizational models and of measurement and management tools in different contexts of public services, with particular reference to: a) Performance measurement in social services; b) Models of public governance of social and health services c) Social cohesion and inclusion: the role of entrepreneurship d) Financial resilience and vulnerability of local governments
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13	PhD Scholarship PNRR Partenariati Estesi	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) - Partenariati Estesi PE09 - GRINS, CODE PE00000018 CUP J33C22002910001	Quantitative methods for the formulation and design of public policies: development of analytic skills to define problems, identify solutions, and evaluate policies with potential applications to: a) the measurement of social inequalities in a multidimensional perspective and the analysis of policies aimed at reducing inequalities and poverty; b) analysis of social standards supporting the ecological transition; c) structural changes and global dynamics and the impact on innovation capacities for a transition to a circular economy; d) combating gender inequalities in the formation of human capital
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17	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 (MD 117/2023) and by Learlab s.r.l	Assessment of the impact of specific national and/or supranational competition policies
18	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 (MD 117/2023) and by Coop Alleanza 3.0	Development of statistical models for the design of marketing tools and for the definition of commercial policies

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 30/06/2023**
Oral examination	Date: starting from 11/07/2023 – 9.00 a.m. CEST* Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	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 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**. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to specify their English language proficiency CEFR level, whether it is certified (IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge Assessment) or self-assessed; - to mention training, work, research, teaching experiences (e.g. vocational / professional training, research assistant activities, relevant work-related activities); - 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The applicant is invited to provide useful elements to understand the added value of the proposal and the implications of described policies and practices.</p> <p>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.</p>
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).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) max n. 5 - 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

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

English language proficiency	10 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions and Statement of purpose preselection	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 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.**

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".