





ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA


AREA
FORMAZIONE E DOTTORATO

PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 40TH CYCLE

PROGRAMME'S NAME	POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DURATION	4 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2024 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Roberto Rizza (roberto.rizza@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	1. Political Science 2. International Relations 3. Sociology
PhD POSITIONS	7
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to research topics
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	
3	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MUR in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	The transnational dimension of political and social phenomena
4	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects "Sostenibilità e resilienza della società, delle comunità e dei territori" under the Call approved by resolution of the Regional Executive Board n. 578/2023 - PR FSE+ 2021/2027 – Resolution N. 1401 of 07/08/2023 – CUP J33C23001860006 	Climate change and its socio-political consequences
5	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects "Sostenibilità e resilienza della società, delle comunità e dei territori" under the Call approved by resolution of the Regional Executive Board n. 578/2023 - PR FSE+ 2021/2027 – Resolution N. 1401 of 07/08/2023 – CUP J33C23001860006 	Climate change and its socio-political consequences

6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects “Territorio: Transizione tecnologica, culturale, economica e sociale verso la sostenibilità” (PR. FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 225 of 12/02/2024) - CUP J33C24000280006 	Sustainability and welfare
7	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects “Territorio: Transizione tecnologica, culturale, economica e sociale verso la sostenibilità” (PR. FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 225 of 12/02/2024) - CUP J33C24000280006 	Sustainability and welfare

The number of positions and scholarships may be incremented in case additional funding becomes available, notwithstanding the terms of the application process in the Call. Any amendment, update or integration of the Programme Table will be published on the University website, 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.

Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 14/05/2024
Oral examination	Date: starting from 20/05/2024 – 10.00 a.m. CEST Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 30/05/2024

The results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation shall 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) together with the oral examination detailed schedule. **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results.**

During the oral examination, applicants may express their interest in one or more positions linked to specific research topics.

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 English 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	The Curriculum Vitae must be drawn up using exclusively the Curriculum Vitae form , downloadable in .docx from the University Website (select the PhD Programme → “More information”, then check “Notices” at the bottom of the page). A 10 points penalty on the total qualification evaluation score shall be applied to applicants not using the said form for the CV.

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	The multi-annual research proposal (max 3000 words, not including the references) must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it must mention on the cover page the curriculum the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about; - it must include: the state of the art; research question; methodology; expected results; - it must include the abstract of the second cycle degree thesis (max 1000 words). Graduands applicants may submit the abstracts of their Master's thesis' draft.
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
Publications	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) and minor publications (conference papers, etc.)
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)

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	Publications	2 points max
	Reference letter/s	4 points max
	Personal statement	10 points max
	Foreign languages proficiency and/or periods of study abroad	4 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal, consistency with the applicant's previous research experiences (thesis abstract)	20 points max
	Consistency with the PhD programme's main topics	10 points max

2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	10 points max
Research proposal presentation	30 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions	10 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.

The oral examination is carried out 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".