



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

Call for applications for the admission to the PhD programmes (41st cycle) - A.Y. 2025/2026
First round

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| PROGRAMME'S NAME | MODERN LANGUAGES LITERATURES CULTURES: Diversity and Inclusion |
| DURATION | 3 years |
| PROGRAMME START DATE | 01/11/2025 (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> |
| COORDINATOR | Prof. Serena Baiesi (serena.baiesi@unibo.it) |
| 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 | 5 |
| ADMISSION PROCEDURE | Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination |

Available Positions and Scholarships

| Pos. n. | Financial Support | Description | Curriculum | Positions linked to research topics |
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| 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 | Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget | LINGMOD | |
| 4 | PhD Scholarship | Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures | WORLDLIT | |
| 5 | PhD Scholarship | Research proposal submitted to the call for research training projects – 41 st cycle “Alte competenze per la resilienza e la sostenibilità del territorio e delle comunità - PR FSE+ 2021/2027 | WORLDLIT | Land, Body, Care: Narratives, Traditions and Practices in |

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| | <p>Priorità 2. Istruzione e Formazione Obiettivo specifico e) pursuant to the notice approved by Regional Council Resolution No. 2072 of 04/11/2024 - Emilia-Romagna Region funding subject to approval by Regional Council Resolution</p> <div>     </div> | Comparison for a Regeneration |
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The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in “Modern Languages Literatures Cultures: Diversity and Inclusion s” is €16,243.

The positions related to the project “Alte competenze per la resilienza e la sostenibilità del territorio e delle comunità - PR FSE+ 2021/2027 Priorità 2. Istruzione e Formazione” are advertised under the condition that the allocation of funding by the awarding body is finalised.

All winners of PhD positions must fulfil the study and research obligations decided by the Academic Board, as well as the obligations set out in the relevant regulations, in the call for applications, in the funding schemes and in any agreements relating to specific positions.

Admission Exams

| | DATE AND TIME | RESULTS |
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| Qualifications and research proposal evaluation | Applicants’ participation is not required | Available from 17/04/2025 |
| Oral examination | <p>Date: starting from 28/04/2025 – 9.30 a.m. CEST</p> <p>Place: In presence, Sala Giunta, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Via Cartoleria 5, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Candidates who need to take the oral examination remotely are required to indicate it at the bottom of the Personal Statement.</p> | Available from 12/05/2025 |

The results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation, as well as the oral examination detailed schedule, shall be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select “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.**

During the oral examination, applicants may express their interest in the position linked to a specific research topic.

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

Only documents **in Italian or English** will be considered valid and will be assessed by the Admission Board. Identity documents and diplomas/degree certificates issued in a language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by an official translation. The translation must be carried out by an authorized body or by the awarding university. Only qualifications obtained in the last 5 years will be taken into account, with the exception of university degrees. 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 | <p>Multi-annual research proposal. The proposal must meet the following requirements:</p> <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</u> |

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| | <p><u>admission form on Studenti Online, her/his research proposal will not be evaluated</u>). The main research topics as well as the language requirements specific to each Curriculum can be found in the 'Overview' tab on the page of the University website dedicated to the PhD programme: all candidates are invited to carefully read the abovementioned page in order to submit a research project in line with these topics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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; 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 should include the reasons why the applicant wishes to join the PhD programme and the relevant experience and research interests that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD programme (3,000 characters max, 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

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| 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

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| Foreign language proficiency | 10 points max |
| Research proposal presentation | 10 points max |

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| 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 |
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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".