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PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

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

PROGRAMME'S NAME	GENERAL MEDICAL AND SERVICES SCIENCES
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2025 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian
COORDINATOR	Prof. Susi Pelotti (susi.pelotti@unibo.it)
PhD POSITIONS	13
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Position linked to a specific research topic
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	Assessment of a multiomic profile of frailty and of its complications
2	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects for PhD programmes 41st cycle "High skills for resilience and sustainability of land and communities - ESF+ PR 2021/2027 Priority 2. Education and Training Specific Objective e) - under the public notice approved by resolution of the Regional Council n. 2072 of 04/11/2024 - unding approved by resolution of the Regional Council n. 315 of 10/03/2025    	Climate change, migration and gender: the role of inclusive technologies in preventing and combating violence against women
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
6	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
7	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	

8	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
9	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	New methods for inducing labor: strategies and results
10	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	Hepatobiliary cancers: characterization of the immunoinflammatory response and possible comparative assessment in connection with other cancers treatable with immunocheckopint inhibitors
11	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences	Hepatobiliary cancers: characterization of the immunoinflammatory response and possible comparative assessment in connection with other cancers treatable with immunocheckopint inhibitors
12	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences with funds made available by the project CPW "Cancer Prevention at Work (CPW): Occupational health surveillance in the implementation of prevention of infection-related cancer" (GA n. 101104716) in the framework of the programme Horizon Europe – CUP J53C23000930006	Prevention of infection-related cancers
13	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects for PhD programmes 41st cycle "High skills for resilience and sustainability of land and communities - ESF+ PR 2021/2027 Priority 2. Education and Training Specific Objective e) - Action No. 2 - Ecological Transition" - under the public notice approved by resolution of the Regional Council n. 344 of 10/03/2025 – funding approved by resolution of the Regional Council n. 732 of 19/05/2025 – CUP J33C25000520006	Development and optimisation of eco-sustainable strategies for reducing the environmental impact of instruments, research laboratories and healthcare interventions

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "General medical and services sciences" is €16,243.

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
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 08/07/2025

Oral examination	Date: starting from 15/07/2025 – 9.30 a.m. CEST Place: In presence, Aula Magna Anatomia Patologica, pad. 18, Policlinico Sant’Orsola, Via Massarenti 9, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 18/07/2025
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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 one or more PhD positions linked to specific research topics.

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	
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 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	
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis . Graduated applicants may submit an abstract of the thesis to be defended. 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 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)
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) – max n. 10 - Full text minor publications (conference papers, etc.) - max n. 8 - Abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc. - max n. 8 Please, remember to attach a list of the minor publications and abstracts submitted to evaluation.
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postgraduate vocational training programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics - Specialisation thesis abstract (max 5,000 characters) - Teaching activities carried out at academic level - Research activity of any kind - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, covered by research fellowships or grants, and as a staff member of research projects

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Periods of research abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries of origin - Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.) <p><u>Please, remember to attach a list</u> of the experiences submitted to evaluation.</p>
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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	First (Bachelor's) and second cycle (Master's) degrees final marks. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	10 points max
	Publications	4 points max
	Reference letter/s	1 point max
	Other evaluable documents	3 points max
	Second cycle thesis abstract	4 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	20 points max
	Structure of the proposal	4 points max
	Proposal feasibility	4 points max

2. Oral examination

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

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 applicant's English language proficiency shall be assessed.

The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English at the candidate's discretion.

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