



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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## PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

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

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 ( <a href="mailto:serena.baiesi@unibo.it">serena.baiesi@unibo.it</a> )
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	1
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	<b>Borsa di studio</b>	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. 1 - Digital 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    	LINGMOD	Language, cultural mediation and digital transition in museum heritage: strategies for inclusive and sustainable fruition

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in “Modern Languages Literatures Cultures: Diversity and Inclusion s” 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 <b>16/07/2025</b>
Oral examination	<b>Date:</b> starting from <b>22/07/2025 – 9.30 a.m. CEST</b> <b>Place:</b> Remotely, using Microsoft Teams.	Available from <b>28/07/2025</b>

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.**

## 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. The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It must include the <b>chosen languages on the cover page</b>, among the ones that the relevant curriculum lists. The main research topics as well as the language requirements specific to each Curriculum can be found in the ‘Overview’ tab on <a href="#">the page of the University website dedicated to the PhD programme</a>; <b>all candidates are invited to carefully read the abovementioned page in order to submit a research project in line with these topics</b>;</li> <li>- <b>it cannot exceed 20,000 characters</b>, 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);</li> <li>- <b>it must include</b>: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal; references.</li> </ul>
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Reference letter/s	<b>No more than 2 reference letters</b> 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 <b>the reasons why the applicant wishes to join the PhD programme and the relevant experience and research interests</b> that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD programme (3,000 characters max, including spaces).

<b>Publications</b>	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.
<b>Other documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postgraduate vocational training programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics</li> <li>- Teaching activities carried out at university level</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Work activity</li> <li>- Curricular or non-curricular professional internships</li> <li>- Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency</li> <li>- Periods of study abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes)</li> <li>- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.)</li> </ul>

## 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

<b>Qualifications evaluation</b>	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
<b>Research proposal evaluation</b>	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 – that the candidate must mention on the research proposal's cover page. 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".