



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	TRANSLATION, INTERPRETING AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2025 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese
COORDINATOR	Prof. Chiara Elefante ( <a href="mailto:chiara.elefante@unibo.it">chiara.elefante@unibo.it</a> )
CURRICULA	1. Translation 2. Interpreting 3. Intercultural Studies
PhD POSITIONS	1
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

### Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to a specific research topic
1	<b>PhD Scholarship</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    	On the treatment of local cultural concepts by large language models and the societal impact of pervasive Artificial Intelligence

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "Translation, Interpreting and Intercultural Studies" 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> In presence, Teaching Hub, DITLAB, Viale Corridoni 20, Forlì. 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 calendar 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 <b>activities to be completed during the first-year course</b> . The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it must <b>mention on the cover page the Curriculum</b> the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about; if the applicant were not to indicate a preferred Curriculum, the Admission Board will assign one based on the research proposal main topics;</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; scientific methodology; 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.</li> </ul>
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Publications	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals)
Other documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>- Study periods 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> <li>- Teaching and work activity</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

Qualifications evaluation	Second cycle (Master's) degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	3 points max
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	Publications and other evaluable documents	2 points max
<b>Research proposal evaluation</b>	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	25 points max
	Structure of the proposal	10 points max
	Proposal feasibility	10 points max

## 2. Oral examination

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

Foreign language proficiency (English and/or other language linked to the research proposal)	10 points max
Argumentative skills, both in Italian and in a foreign language	20 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions	20 points max

Oral examination consists in the presentation and discussion of the applicant's research proposal. It 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 applicant's proficiency in English and/or in the language object of the research proposal. **At the Admission Board's discretion, the oral examination is carried out in Italian or in another language object of the research proposal.**

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