



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
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PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

Call for applications for the admission to the PhD programmes (42nd cycle) - A.Y. 2026/2027
First round

PROGRAMME'S NAME	LITERARY AND PHILOLOGICAL CULTURES
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian
COORDINATOR	Prof. Valentina Garulli (valentina.garulli@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	1. Sciences of antiquity and Sciences of books and documents 2. Italian Studies and Romance Philology
PhD POSITIONS	7
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Research proposal evaluation Written examination Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to research topics
1	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MUR in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	General linguistics, historical linguistics, glottodidactics, Italian linguistics and history of the Italian language
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	
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	Funded by the Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies	Articulatory analysis of speech using UTI - Ultrasound Tongue Imaging

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "Literary and philological cultures" is €16,982.64.

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
Research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 13/04/2026
Written examination	Date: 20/04/2026 – 9.00 a.m. CEST Luogo: Aule informatiche 2 e 3, Ground Floor, Via Zamboni 34, Bologna	Available from 27/04/2026
Oral examination	Date: starting from 04/05/2026 – 9.00 a.m. CEST Place: In presence, Aula Guglielmi, First Floor, Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies, Via Zamboni 32, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 06/05/2026

The results of the research proposal evaluation and of the written examination, 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 will 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. 3.2 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 must mention on the cover page the Curriculum the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about, and/or the position/s linked to specific research topics the applicant may intend to express his/her interest during the oral exam; - 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; references. <p>In accordance with the University's policy on the ethical and responsible use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in teaching and research activities, candidates must explicitly state whether they have used Generative Artificial Intelligence systems in the production of the research proposal attached to their application form, specifying which tools were used and for which parts of the document. During the oral examination, the Admission Board will assess the candidate's full mastery of the content included in the document and their ability to justify the methodological and scientific choices made in the project.</p>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the second cycle degree thesis . Graduands applicants may submit an abstract of the thesis about 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.

Evaluation criteria*

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100, as follows.

1. Research proposal evaluation

Minimum score for admission to the written examination: 20 points, Maximum score: 30 points

Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	15 points max
Structure of the proposal	5 points max
Proposal feasibility	10 points max

2. Written examination

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 25 points, Maximum score 40 points

Translation of, or comment to, a text relating to the research area indicated by the candidate in their research proposal. The written examination will consist of:

- Curriculum n. 1 - Sciences of antiquity: a translation of or a commentary to a Greek or Latin text
- Curriculum n. 1 - Sciences of books and documents: an historical-critical interpretation of a text of bibliographic culture; a paleographic and/or diplomatic commentary on a group of written testimonies reproduced in facsimile from Greek and/or Latin codices and/or documents
- Curriculum n. 2: a commentary and historical-critical and philological interpretation of a literary text; a dissertation on empirical data and theoretical models in linguistics

linguistic accuracy of the presentation and argumentation/accuracy of the translation	20 points max
historical and critical expertise/suitability of the commentary	20 points max

3. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 15 points, Maximum score 30 points

Foreign language proficiency	5 points max
Presentation of the research proposal, and of the thesis abstract, <u>if</u> consistent with the research proposal itself	10 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics, also based on the topics and texts covered in the written test, 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 Admission Board shall assess the applicant's language proficiency in English and in another eventual language among the following: French, Spanish and German.**

The oral examination is carried out in Italian or English.

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