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

PROGRAMME'S NAME	MANAGEMENT
DURATION	4 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	English
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PhD POSITIONS	5
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description
1	*PhD Scholarship*	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
2	*PhD Scholarship*	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget
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

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "Management" is €18,341.04.

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 **22/04/2026**
Oral examination	**Date**: starting from **27/04/2026 – 9.00 a.m. CEST** **Place**: In presence, Sala Seminari, Department of Management, Via Capo di Lucca 34, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from **29/04/2026**

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. 3.2 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: - it must **mention on the cover page the main research topic** the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about; - **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; outline of the criteria to be used to assess the findings obtained; references. The research proposal shall be checked using the University's plagiarism checker software. 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.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
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 (3000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Reference letter/s	**No more than 3 reference letters** signed by Italian and 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	- Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) – **max n. 5** - List of minor publications (conference papers, etc.) and abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.
Other documents	- Postgraduate vocational programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme - Abstract of Master's degree and/or postgraduate programme/s thesis (2,500 characters max) - Teaching activity carried out at academic 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 and non-curricular training 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

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	5 points max
Postgraduate vocational programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme	3 points max
Publications	7 points max
Personal statement	4 points max
Research activities	5 points max
Reference letter/s	3 points max
Other training activity	5 points max
Research proposal (scientific value and ground-breaking nature, structure and feasibility of the proposal)	18 points max

2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	5 points max
Research proposal presentation	25 points max
Scientific skills and knowledge, verification of the candidate's aptitude for scientific research, theoretical and methodological skills relating to the main topics of the PhD programme and those related 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.

The oral examination is carried out in English.

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