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

PROGRAMME'S NAME	PUBLIC GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
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PhD POSITIONS	3
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Specific Research Topic
1	*PhD Scholarship*	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Departments of Management	Research in the area of social innovation and public management
2	*PhD Scholarship*	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Research activities concerning the study of economic processes at the microeconomic and/or macroeconomic level, carried out using quantitative methods, with particular reference to analyses in the fields of economic policy, behavioural economics, labour and education economics, environmental economics, public economics and public finance
3	*PhD Scholarship*	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Departments of Statistical Sciences	Research on statistical methods aimed at collection and advanced analysis of data on consumer behaviour to support public policies

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "Public Governance, Management e Policy" 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
Qualifications evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from **17/04/2026**

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| Oral examination | **Date**: starting from **27/04/2026 – 9.30 a.m. CEST**
Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams | Available from **04/05/2026** |

The results of the qualifications 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 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)
CV Summary	Summary of the Curriculum Vitae, to be drawn up using the **CV Summary Form**, downloadable in .docx from the University website (select the PhD Programme → "More information", then check "Notices" at the bottom of the page). Please complete it in its entirety by computer (not by hand), save it as a .pdf file and attach it to the application on Studenti Online.
Curriculum Vitae	Curriculum Vitae written in Italian or English with any appropriate additions to the CV summary to better qualify training, work, research, teaching experiences.
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)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Statement of purpose	The statement shall contain an overview of the skills that the applicant aims to acquire and / or consolidate within the three-year programme. It shall contain also: i) general information about the main PhD programme's topic the applicant is interested to, ii) the research methods the applicant wish to use and iii) the specific topic the applicant wish to research in their PhD thesis. The statement shall specify also the main bibliographic references and the preliminary knowledge the applicant is in possession of, with an overview of the relevant features of their study and professional path. Detailed information on a specific research proposal is not mandatory, but it will be highly appreciated by the Admission Board. If the candidate submits a research proposal, it should include: the state of the art; a description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times. The applicant is invited to provide useful elements to understand the added value of the proposal and the implications of described policies and practices. Furthermore the statement shall outline any previous training or professional skill, and highlight, where appropriate, any ongoing collaboration with a Public Administration or other organizations. **The statement cannot exceed 20,000 characters**.
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 (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Reference letter/s	**No more than 3 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	- Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) **max n. 5** - List of minor publications (conference papers, etc.), abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.

Evaluation criteria*

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

1. Qualifications evaluation

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 50 points

University degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	8 points max
Curriculum Vitae. This includes the academic prestige of the universities where the degrees have been awarded, the consistency of the second-cycle (Master's) degree awarded with the main topics of the PhD programme; reference letter/s, publications; English language proficiency; training, research, work and teaching experiences; any other relevant information inserted in the mandatory CV summary	25 points max
Personal statement	8 points max
Statement of purpose	9 points max

2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	10 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions and Statement of purpose presetation	40 points max

During the oral examination the applicant shall discuss their statement of purpose. 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.

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