



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
Second round

PROGRAMME'S NAME	CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Francesca Tomasi (francesca.tomasi@unibo.it)
PhD POSITIONS	3
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Research proposal evaluation 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 and by the Dept. of History and Cultures	Digital humanities
2	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative and by the Dept. of History and Cultures	
3	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University general and by the Dept. of History and Cultures	Digital anthropology

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "Cultural Heritage in the Digital Ecosystem" 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
Research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 02/07/2026
Oral examination	Date: starting from 09/07/2026 – 9.30 a.m. CEST Place: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 16/07/2026

The results of the 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.

During the oral examination, applicants may 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 of the Call for Applications)
Research proposal	The document must be structured as follows: A detailed structured abstract (max. 1,000 characters) covering: the subject and aim of the research, the methodology used, and any original aspects worth highlighting; Multi-annual research proposal. The proposal must meet the following requirements: it cannot exceed 9,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of proposal, the outline, GANTT, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables, etc. - if present); it must include: the state of the art; detailed description of the proposal; expected outcomes and impact on the relevant academic field; Gantt chart including implementation timelines; references. Applicants are also required to propose one or two potential supervisors, to be selected from among the members of the Academic Board, and to indicate one or more research topics deemed relevant to their research proposal from those listed on the following page of the PhD programme's website: Research Topics. If interested in one of the topic specific positions, the applicant is required to mention the specific research topic in the abstract section. 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	
Publications	Lists of publications: monographs, articles on scientific journals, books' chapters, conference proceedings, including abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences.
Other documents	- Research activity of any kind, carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research projects - Teaching and teaching support activities relevant to the themes of the call - Work activity, carried out in any capacity, relevant to the themes of the call

Evaluation criteria*

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

1. Research proposal evaluation

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

Scientific value of the proposal (abstract and multi-annual research proposal)	15 points max
Consistency of the proposal with the chosen research topics and supervisors	10 points max
Suitability of the candidate's profile for the research proposal	5 points max

2. Oral examination

Minimum score for eligibility: 40 points, Maximum score 70 points

English language proficiency	5 points max
Quality of argumentation in the research proposal presentation	25 points max
Quality of argumentation on the CV, eventual publications and previous activities (research, teaching and work activities)	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 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".