



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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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	EUROPEAN LAW
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English, French
COORDINATOR	Prof. Giacomo Di Federico (giacomo.difederico@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	1. European Law 2. European Markets Law
PhD POSITIONS	4
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to research topics
1	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Sociology and Business Law with funds made available by the project "Transitions, Cities and Democracy (Trancityons)", CUP J35C24001370006, Grant Agreement 101196699, Call CERV-2024-CITIZENS-REM-TRANSITION	Interpreting democracy through the lens of European identity within the context of enlargement
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
3	PhD Scholarship	Funded by MUR under the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	
4	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Dept. of Legal Studies with funds made available by Regione Emilia-Romagna in Guido Fanti memory	European integration through budgetary measures: the case of the European Competitiveness Fund and its impact on the Union's multilevel governance

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "European law" 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 and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from 29/06/2026
Oral examination	Date: starting from 08/07/2026 – 10.00 a.m. CEST Place: In presence, Palazzo Malvezzi, Via Zamboni 22, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 15/07/2026

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.

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	The Curriculum Vitae must be drawn up exclusively using the Curriculum Vitae form , which is downloadable as a .docx file from the University website (select the PhD Programme → “More information”, then check “Notices” at the bottom of the page).
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 activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements: - 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. The research proposal that successful applicants shall carry out during their PhD career may possibly differ from the one proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board. 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	- Publications in full text (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) – max n. 3 - Minor publications in full text (conference papers, book's chapters etc.) – max n. 2
Other documents	- Postgraduate vocational training or specialization programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics

	- 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, relevant to the PhD programme main topics - Work activity - Curricular or non-curricular professional internships - Study periods 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.) - List of abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc
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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	First and second cycle degrees final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	5 points max
	Publications	3 points max
	Professional and research activity, consistent with the PhD programme's main topics	4 points max
	Postgraduate programmes attended	4 points max
	Study periods abroad	4 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	14 points max
	Structure of the proposal	12 points max
	Feasibility of the proposal	4 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	40 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 one of the languages of the PhD programme (Italian, English or French).

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