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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

Section "Available Positions and Scholarships" integrated on 27/05/2026

PROGRAMME'S NAME	PHYSICS
ASSOCIATED PARTNERS <i>Pursuant to art. 3 para 2 lett. b) of the MD n. 226/2021</i>	Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare - INFN
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Alessandro Gabrielli (alessandro.gabrielli@unibo.it)
PhD POSITIONS	24
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications 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 Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi"	Research and development of projects aimed at promoting and cataloging the collections held by the Institute of Sciences and the university museums, and, more broadly, the university's heritage, with a view to fostering scientific literacy and citizenship education
2	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi"	Synthetic data for real-world evidence in healthcare: methods, validation and governance
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Nuclear, subnuclear, astroparticle and fundamental interaction physics: experimental study, research and

			technological development
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Nuclear, subnuclear, astroparticle and fundamental interaction physics: experimental study, research and technological development
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Theoretical physics of fundamental interactions
6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi" with funds made available by the project H2020CRYST3FM H2020 CRYST^3 PROF. MINARDI n. 964531 CUP J35F21000210006 – PI Prof. Minardi	Ultracold atoms in photonics crystal fibers for quantum sensing
7	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi" with funds made available by the Call BRIC 2025, in the framework of the Research Activities Plan INAIL 2025–2027 - project SafeRAD - CUP J33C25001540005; project INNOVARE Fondazione S. Paolo-CARIPLO-CDP - Call vEIColo - CUP J33C25001870002 – PI Prof. Basiricò	Radiation–matter interaction in organic/hybrid low-dimensional semiconductors
8	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi"	Understanding defect states and interfaces in 2D and 3D metal halide perovskites
9	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi" with funds made available by the project MSCA Exploring quantum observables at the LHC - QUANTUMLHC n. 101107121 CUP J33C23001080006 (PI dott. F. Fabbri) HEU_2022_QUANTUMLHC_MALTON_F_01	Probing quantum information with the top quark at the LHC and testing the ATLAS inner tracker
10	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi"	Accelerating the computation of neutron transport models in composite materials for future fourth-generation nuclear power plants using FPGA hardware platforms
11	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi" with funds made available by FIS2_FRONTLINE_DISANTE Project FrontLine FIS2023- 00144 CUP J53C25001880001 Frontiers of kagome metals and line-graph lattices, PI Prof. Di Sante 	Investigating electronic correlations in kagome metals by beyond mean-field methods
12	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi" with funds made available by FIS2_FRONTLINE_DISANTE Project FrontLine FIS2023- 00144 CUP J53C25001880001 Frontiers of	Exploring kagome metals with electronic structure methods and analogy with gravity theories

		kagome metals and line-graph lattices, PI Prof. Di Sante   	
13	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi” with funds made available by FIS2_FRONTLINE_DISANTE Project FrontLine FIS2023- 00144 CUP J53C25001880001 Frontiers of kagome metals and line-graph lattices, PI Prof. Di Sante   	Studying many-body collective phases of kagome metals by AI-assisted quantum simulations
14	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi” with funds made available by the project LION-HEARTED H2020LIONHEARTEDTC n. 828984 CUP J36C19000360006, PI Prof. Cramer	Bioelectronic signal transduction with mixed ionic electronic conductors
15	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi” with funds made available by the project FIS2_HERMES_MAZZARO FIS2023- 01817 CUP J53C25001840001 High-Throughput Exploration of Rising Materials for photoElectrochemical Solar fuels production, PI dott. Mazzaro   	Semiconductor photoanodes for solar energy conversion: development of combinatorial methods for the study of materials and interfaces
16	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Azienda USL di Reggio Emilia – IRCCS	Data-driven radiotherapy: employing machine learning and automated frameworks to streamline treatment planning enhancement and patientspecific data analysis
17	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN)	Nuclear, subnuclear, astroparticle and fundamental interaction physics: experimental study, research and technological development
18	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN)	Nuclear, subnuclear, astroparticle and fundamental interaction physics: experimental study, research and technological development
19	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN)	Theoretical physics of fundamental interactions
20	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi”	Development and characterisation of sensors and electronics for the ePIC dRICH photodetector system

21	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi”	Generative AI for 3D Reconstruction and Synthetic Populations in Health and Urban Systems
22	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi” with funds made available by the FrontLine project FIS2023- 00144 CUP J53C25001880001 Frontiers of kagome metals and line-graph lattices (Prof. Di Sante) FIS2_FRONTLINE_DISANTE	Materials discovery through generative artificial intelligence with graph neural networks
23	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi” with funds made available by the MOJITO project - Decarbonized liME PrOduction through enhanced JOint dielectric heaTing and waste carbonaceous material addition_ HEU - EUROPE G.A. 101221957 CUP J33C24003180006 (PI Prof. Maria Clelia Righi)	Machine learning molecular dynamics simulations of materials under extreme conditions
24	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy “Augusto Righi” with funds made available by the FrontLine project FIS2023- 00144 CUP J53C25001880001 Frontiers of kagome metals and line-graph lattices (Prof. Di Sante) FIS2_FRONTLINE_DISANTE	Study of collective many-body phases in kagome metals using the functional renormalization group

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in “Physics” 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 evaluation	Applicants’ participation is not required	Available from 29/06/2026
Oral examination	Date: starting from 06/07/2026 – 2.00 p.m. CEST Place: In presence, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, Via Irnerio 46, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from 15/07/2026

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 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	Applicants must draw up their Curriculum Vitae according to the Curriculum Vitae form, downloadable in .docx from the University website (select the PhD Programme → “More information”, then check “Notices” at the bottom of the page). Applicants not using the said form will be excluded. Experience attesting to the candidate's training and skills will be assessed in the Curriculum Vitae. Below is an indicative and non-exhaustive list of assessable experience: - Postgraduate vocational programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme - 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 or non-curricular professional internships - Documents attesting the applicants’s foreign languages proficiency - 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.) The template also includes the sections entitled “Field of interest in Physics” and “Motivation”. These must be filled in. Here the applicants are invited to describe their research interests and the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme
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)
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Thesis description	Description of the second cycle degree thesis, drawn up using the template Thesis Description, downloadable in .docx from the University website (select the PhD Programme → “More information”, then check “Notices” at the bottom of the page). The document cannot exceed a 2-pages lenght (A4, font size 11, single line spacing). It must be structured as follows: - State of the art and scientific background - Thesis abstract, detailing attained or foreseen results - Future development of the research activity begun with the thesis Graduands may submit a description of the thesis they are currently working on. Applicants awarded with a degree in a foreign institution, not including a research thesis as part of the programme, can submit a research proposal with the described structure.
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 on Studenti Online , detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2).
Publications	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals), minor publications (conference papers, etc.), abstracts and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc., to be inserted in the relevant section of the Curriculum Vitae form .

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

Second cycle degree (Master's) final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM) - taking into account the exams not yet taken	10 points max
Publications	3 points max
Curriculum Vitae evaluation - applicants must use the Curriculum Vitae form	7 points max

Thesis description	15 points max
Personal statement	15 points max

2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	3 points max
Thesis description and research interests presentation	25 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions	22 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.

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".