



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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## PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

### Call for applications for the admission to the PhD programmes (42<sup>nd</sup> cycle) - A.Y. 2026/2027 Second round

PROGRAMME'S NAME	VETERINARY SCIENCES
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2026 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Carolina Castagnetti ( <a href="mailto:carolina.castagnetti@unibo.it">carolina.castagnetti@unibo.it</a> )
CURRICULA	1. Basic Sciences 2. Animal Production and Food Safety 3. Animal Health 4. Clinical Sciences
PhD POSITIONS	
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications evaluation Oral examination

### Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Curriculum	Positions linked to a specific research topic
1	<b>Scholarship</b>	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Animal Health	Expression and functional role of the luteinizing hormone receptor (LHR) in canine hemangiosarcoma: correlations with reproductive status and therapeutic perspectives (Supervisor: Dr. Silvia Sabattini)
2	<b>Scholarship</b>	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Animal Production and Food Safety	Modelling Nutrient Digestion and Utilization in Dairy Cattle (Supervisore: Dr. Damiano Cavallini)
3	<b>Scholarship</b>	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Animal Health	Monitoring Zoonotic Parasites in Water, Fish and Meat (Supervisor: Dr. Perla Tedesco)
4	<b>Scholarship</b>	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences	Animal Health	In vitro modelling for fish health research (Supervisor: Prof. Sara Ciulli)
5	<b>Scholarship</b>	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by	Clinical Sciences	Occurrence of Incisional infections in horses undergoing exploratory celiotomy using a n-

		the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences		butyl-2-cyanoacrylate skin adhesive. (Supervisor: Prof. Riccardo Rinnovati)
6	<b>Scholarship</b>	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences	Clinical Sciences	Urinary tract infections in dogs and cats: Risk factor analysis, Identification of preventive measures and New therapeutic approaches - PREVENTREAT-UTI (Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Dondi)
7	<b>Scholarship</b>	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences	Clinical Sciences	New diagnostic and prognostic markers in canine adrenal tumors (Supervisor: Prof. Federico Fracassi)
8	<b>Without scholarship</b>		Animal Production and Food Safety	Optimizing Livestock Feed Production and Utilization in the Context of Climate Change (Supervisor: Prof. Andrea Formigoni)

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in “Veterinary sciences” is €19,700.76

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
<b>Qualifications evaluation</b>	Applicants’ participation is not required	Available from <b>06/07/2026</b>
<b>Oral examination</b>	<b>Date:</b> starting from <b>14/07/2026 – 9.00 a.m. CEST</b> <b>Place:</b> Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from <b>20/07/2026</b>

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 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	
<b>Identity document</b>	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
<b>Curriculum Vitae</b>	No specific CV format is required
<b>Degrees</b>	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	
<b>Thesis abstract</b>	Abstract of the <b>second (single) cycle degree thesis</b> . Graduands applicants may submit an abstract of the thesis to be defended. Abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of the thesis, the outline, references, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc.
<b>Reference letter/s</b>	<b>No more than two reference letters</b> attesting to the candidate's aptitude and interest in scientific research, written by Italian or international university professors and/or research professionals external to the Examination Committee. The letters must be drafted according to the <a href="#">reference letter template</a> (downloadable in .docx format from the Notices section of the page dedicated to the program on the <a href="#">University website</a> ), and uploaded exclusively according to the procedures illustrated on Studenti Online and in Article 3.2 of the Call for Applications Letters drafted according to other formats or attached/sent using different methods will not be evaluated.
<b>Personal statement</b>	Statement in which the following must be indicated: the position(s) advertised for which the candidate is applying; the reasons motivating the candidate to pursue the doctoral program; the research experiences and interests that make them suitable for the doctoral program (max. 3,000 characters, including spaces).
<b>Publications</b>	Lists of publications indexed on Scopus/Web of Science (DOI number and ORCID ID required, if present)

## 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 (Master's) degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM) and final grade (if applicable) of the first-cycle degree	20 points max
Publications indexed on Scopus/Web of Science	5 points max
Consistency of the second (single) cycle degree thesis with the main research topics of the PhD programme	10 points max
Reference letter/s	5 points max
Personal statement	10 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 for which the candidate is applying	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 Italian or in English.

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