PSYCHOLOGY

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<td>Duration</td>
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<td>Language</td>
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<td>Mandatory mobility abroad</td>
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| **1. Psychological Sciences** | - Cognitive processes  
- Psycho-physiology of emotions  
- Statistical Inference  
- Visual perception and eye movement  
- Typical and atypical development across the life span  
- Learning/teaching processes and technology  
- Social-cognitive processes and language  
- Psychosocial factors in political participation  
- Health and security at work place  
- Work career  
- Psychopathology of infancy  
- Infant research  
- Psychosomatic  
- Clinical assessment |
| **2. Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience** | - Neural substrates of cognitive and affective processes, with reference to multisensory integration, body and space representation, learning and memory, action and emotion perception, empathy, cognitive control and decision-making.  
- Alterations of the aforementioned processes and their functional recovery patients with brain damage. |

**Admission requirements**

Applicants of any Country and age holding a Master’s degree (second cycle) can submit their application. Such degree must be either:  
- an Italian university degree (laurea specialistica/magistrale - 3+2 years or combined degree BA+MA);  
- an Italian university degree pre-reform system (“vecchio ordinamento”);  
- academic degree awarded by the Italian institutions belonging to the AFAM sector (Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale);  
- an academic Master’s degree obtained abroad, comparable to the above mentioned Italian degrees and recognized as suitable for the admission to doctoral programmes.

Applicants whose degree are to be awarded after the deadline of the call can participate in the selection but the admission is conditional on obtaining the Masters’ degree by 31/10/2015.

**Documents to be attached mandatorily** All non-English or Italian documents will not be evaluated by the Admission Board, unless translated in one of these two languages  
- copy of a valid ID with photo  
- Curriculum Vitae in English  
- Degree transcripts of both BA/BSc and MA/MSc:  
  - for degrees obtained in Italy, please submit a signed self-declaration (autocertificazione);  
  - for degrees obtained in non-EU countries, please submit the degree certificate issued by the relevant University;  
  - for degrees obtained in EU countries (except Italy), either self-declaration or certificate, at the applicant’s choice.  
Such document must, in any case, contain the following information:  
  - personal data,  
  - University details,  
  - degree name,  
  - final score,  
  - transcript of results  
For degree transcripts from outside of Italy, an official translation into Italian or English must be attached.  
Graduands have to submit the document(s) as above except for the Master’s degree.  
Graduands must submit a self-declaration of the scores’ weighted average.  
- At least one and no more than two letters of reference by national or international academic referee and/or research
professionals (not UniBo Boards members) declaring the applicant’s research interests and skills. Such letters have to be exclusively uploaded by the referee on http://studenti.unibo.it, following the instructions provided, no later than 7 days after the call deadline. In case of applications for the Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience” curriculum, the letters of reference must be in English.

- Research project emphasizing the activities to be carried out during the first year and containing:
  o clear indication on the first page of the selected curriculum (research projects not containing such indication will not be evaluated);
  o no more than 20,000 characters, spaces and formulas included but index and bibliography excluded (if more than 20,000 characters, the exceeding part will not be considered);
  o in case of applications for the Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience” curriculum, the research project must be in English.
  o state of the art; description; project phases and time scheduling; bibliography

The research project submitted with the application, however, may not be the one the successful applicant will carry out during the doctoral studies. Supervisors and Academic Board can propose a different one.

Other attachments, if any All non-English or Italian documents will not be evaluated by the Admission Board, unless translated in one of these two languages

- List of publications (monographs, articles on scientific magazines, etc)
- List of other publications (conference proceedings distributed at national and international level, contributions in monographs, etc.)

Entrance examinations

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<th>Examinations</th>
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<td>Evaluation of qualifications and research project</td>
<td>Applicants’ presence is not requested</td>
<td>The evaluation of qualifications and research project results will be available on 31/07/2015 on <a href="http://studenti.unibo.it">http://studenti.unibo.it</a> (select: sintesi delle richieste in corso → vedi dettaglio).</td>
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Oral examination

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Please note that the oral examinations might take more than one day. In this case the relevant timetable will be published on http://studenti.unibo.it together with the evaluation of qualifications and research projects results.

The oral examinations results will be available both in paper copy on the Department bulletin board and, starting from 10/09/2015, on http://studenti.unibo.it (select: sintesi delle richieste in corso → vedi dettaglio).

For applicants residing abroad, the oral examination can be conducted at a distance through video-conference based on the IP protocol (such as through Skype with webcam). Applicants must clearly indicate such choice and provide their own ID when applying for the call.

The request must, nonetheless, be approved by the Admission Board which will make sure that the examination is carried out correctly and upon verification of the identity of each applicant.

A specific timetable regarding distance oral examinations will be available on http://studenti.unibo.it together with the results confirming the admission to such examination.

Applicants must guarantee their availability for 3 hours, starting from the time indicated in the above mentioned timetable.

In case of unavailability, after 3 attempts from the Admission Board in establishing a contact during the agreed timeframe, applicants will be excluded from the oral examination.

All oral examinations, included the remote ones, are public.

Assessment criteria

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

1. Evaluation of qualifications and research project
   - Minimum score required for the admission to the oral examination: 30
   - Maximum score: 50

Only qualifications and documents consistent with the research topics and no older than 5 years (up to the deadline of this call for applications) - Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees excluded - will be taken into consideration.

Score will be assigned as follows:
   - Evaluation of the degree mark (for applicants who have a university degree at the time of the call deadline) and scores’ weighted average of marks (BA + MA) related to all the taken exams by the call deadline (for applicants who at the time of the call deadline are graduands): max 10 points
   - Publications: max 5 points
- Letters of reference: max 2 points
- Score related to the research project will be assigned as follows:
  - Scientific value and originality of the proposal: max 13 points
  - Proposal structure: max 10 points
  - Feasibility of the proposal: max 10 points

2. Oral examination
- Minimum score: 30
- Maximum score: 50
The oral examination will focus on the explanation and discussion of the applicant’s research project and will assess his/her aptitude for scientific research, as well as her/his knowledge of the research topics related to the doctoral programme.
During the oral examination, the applicant’s knowledge of English will be assessed. The oral examination will be held:
- either in Italian or English, depending on the applicant’s choice, in case of applications for the “Psychological Sciences” curriculum
- in English, in case of applications for the “Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience” curriculum
Score will be assigned according to the following criteria:
- Knowledge of foreign language: max 10 points
- Research project presentation: max 35 points
- Competence in the programme research topics: max 5 points

The Admission Board might add other sub-criteria before the assessment process. In this case, a proper announcement will be posted on http://studenti.unibo.it

Final ranking list and enrolment
The final ranking list will be published on http://studenti.unibo.it. No personal written communication shall be provided to applicants concerning the final results and the deadlines for enrolment. Selected applicants will have to enrol by the date indicated in the ranking list.

Positions and scholarships

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<td>Each position will be ranked in a specific Curriculum. Therefore, shortlisted applicants will be assigned to positions and curriculum according to their choice (as indicated in the statement of purpose). Scholarships can be shifted from one curriculum to the other in case all the positions for each curriculum cannot be assigned.</td>
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**Positions with scholarship**, financed by University of Bologna

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<td>5 financed by Unibo Central Budget, dedicated to the curriculum in Psychological Sciences</td>
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**Positions without scholarship**

| 1 dedicated to the curriculum in Psychological Sciences |

**Note**: eligible applicants can express their interest for such position by deadlines set forth in the final ranking list