

PSYCOLOGY

Section "PhD positions and scholarships" integrated on 14/05/2018

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| Starting date of the PhD Programme | 01/11/2018 |
| Duration | 3 calendar years |
| Language of the PhD Programme | English |
| Mandatory stay abroad | Yes (6 months); 12 months for the curriculum "Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience" |
| Curricula | Research topics |
| 1. Psychological sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Morality, Intergroup Contact - Social Prejudice - 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. |
| PhD positions and scholarships | |
| Total number of the available PhD positions Each position is reserved to one of the two curricula of the PhD programme. Please, note that for each Curricula a specific sub-ranking list will be drawn up. Positions with scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the Curriculum selected by applicants during the application stage and indicated in the cover page of the research project proposal. Should available positions relating to one of the two curricula remain vacant, eligible applicants from the ranking list relating to the other curricula may be contacted. The remaining available positions shall be awarded from the top of the other curriculum ranking list downward. | 8 |
| Positions with scholarship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4, totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget reserved to the curriculum "Psychological Sciences" - 2, funded by the University of Bologna general budget reserved to the curriculum "Cognitive Neuroscience" - 1, funded by the University of Bologna general budget and co-financed by the Department of Psychology, reserved to the curriculum "Psychological Sciences" |
| Positions with scholarship linked to specific topics (art. 9 of the Call for applications) During the oral examination, applicants will have the possibility to show their interest for one or more scholarships linked to specific | 1 - financed by the Department of Psychology, and focused on the following research topic "Career development and work success in lifespan" |

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| <p>topics. Taking into account the preferences expressed by the applicants and with due consideration of the applicants' skills and expertise, the Admission Board will establish if the applicants can be considered eligible for the allocation of the scholarships linked to specific topics</p> | | |
| Admission requirements | | |
| Please, see art. 2 of the Call for applications | | |
| Mandatory documents to be attached to the application | | |
| Please, see art. 3 of the Call for applications | | |
| Further qualifications that may be attached to the application, if in possession of the applicant (only qualifications attested by documents drawn up in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and assessed by the Admission Board) | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than 2 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 for the scientific research. <u>Please, note that the above letters cannot be uploaded by applicants. When filling the online application form on http://studenti.unibo.it, applicants will be only allowed to provide the email accounts of the requested academic/professional. The latter shall receive an email from the University of Bologna providing for the instructions for uploading. Only letters in pdf format submitted before the expiry date and time of the Call shall be accepted.</u> - Multi-annual research project, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It must indicate in the cover page the Curriculum/research topic of the PhD Programme covered by the research project proposal and for which the applicant is applying o It must include: scientific basis; targets; assumptions; methodology/articulation of the study/studies (sample, independent and dependent variables, results analysis plan, theoretical and practical implications, project development timeline). It cannot exceed 3.000 words – references not included; <p>The research projects that successful applicants shall carry out during their doctoral career may possibly differ from the project proposed at the application stage. This shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board.</p> - Motivational letter. This must include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those relevant experiences and research interests, that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3000 characters maximum, including spaces). - List of the publications (monographs, articles published on scientific journals). | | |
| Admission exams (art. 4 of the call for applications) | | |
| Examination type | Schedule (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the exams schedule) | Examination results publication (please, note that applicants shall not receive any communication concerning the publication of results) |
| Qualifications and research project evaluation | Non-presential. | The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 07/06/2018 at the page http://studenti.unibo.it (please, select: (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati valutazione titoli e progetto") |
| Oral examination | Date | The results of the oral examination shall be available on the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it starting from 23/06/2018 (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati prova orale") |
| | Place | |
| | Time | |
| Pursuant to art. 4 of the call for applications, applicants residing regularly abroad can ask to take the exam remotely using videoconferencing tools (e.g. Skype). Please, for further details refer to the relevant provision laid down in the Call for applications. | | |
| Evaluation criteria | | |

Points will be allocated to applications out of a total of 100 on the basis of the following weighting:

1. Qualifications and research project

- Minimum for admission to the oral exam: 30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Only qualifications relating to the last 5 years shall be taken into consideration, with the exception of the University Degree (Diploma di laurea). Please, note that qualifications must be consistent with the PhD course.

Points relating to qualifications shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Graduation final mark. Undergraduates shall be evaluated on the basis of the Weighted Average Mark (WAM): max 10 points
- Reference letters: max 2 point
- Motivation Letter: max 1 point
- Publications: max 4 points

Points relating to the research project shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal: max 13 points
- description and structure of the proposal: max 10 points
- proposal feasibility: max 10 points

2. Oral examination

- Minimum for inclusion in the final ranking list :30 points
- Maximum: 50 points

Oral examination includes the presentation of the research project and is intended to assess the suitability of the applicant in respect of the pursuing of scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course.

The oral examination is carried out in English.

Points relating to the oral examination shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:

- knowledge of foreign language: max 10 points
- research project presentation: max 35 points
- general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course: max 5 points

Possible evaluation sub-criteria shall be made public on <http://studenti.unibo.it> (select: "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file named "sub-criteri di valutazione").

Final ranking list and enrolment (arts.6 and 7 of the call for applications)

Only after the publication of the results relating to the oral exam, the final ranking list shall be available at the page <http://studenti.unibo.it>. In the section "Summary of requests in progress", the status of the application submitted shall be "Final ranking List available". A click on "See detail", will open the webpage where the pdf file "Graduatoria" can be downloaded (at the bottom of the page).

Please, note that written communication about the final results and the deadlines for the enrolment shall not be sent to the applicants.

The enrolment of successful applicants must be completed by the deadline laid down at the bottom of the final ranking list.