HEALTH, SAFETY AND GREEN SYSTEMS

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Starting date of the PhD Programme: 01/11/2019
Duration: 3 years
Language of the PhD Programme: English
Mandatory stay abroad: Yes (3 months)

Research topics
The PhD programme has a strongly transdisciplinary character, aiming at meeting the growing demand from the social, productive and institutional context for researchers, decision makers and policy makers capable of systematizing the various scientific and professional domains in the field of HEALTH, SAFETY and GREEN SYSTEMS. The PhD programme aims to train specialists in relation to specific thematic areas related to complex problems, aggregating with a strongly integrated approach disciplines and methodologies related to different scientific fields. In particular, with reference to concepts like urban health, health-focused green systems, promotion of physical activity, rehabilitation, better health and active living in urban environments, the PhD programme is clearly focused on sustainability issues, addressing various of the UN sustainable development goals. The central disciplines of the PhD are as follows: medical and health profession sciences, botanical-pharmaceutical sciences, chemical extraction sciences, toxicology, phytocosmetics and nutritional sciences, agricultural and architectural sciences, in their different articulations (i.e. food production and processing, production, management and design issues related to green systems and urban and territorial systems), and in their mutual relations. The PhD course thus consists of different complementary areas, developed cross-cutting the thematic clusters related to health, safety, and green systems: prevention and promotion of health and safety in the areas of living, working, caring, recreation and sociality; recycling of vegetable matrices for developing new products for the drug, phytocosmetics and food supplements industry; quality control of food supplements based on medicinal herbs or other raw materials; toxicity and safety of no-food supplements and environment; production, design and sustainable management of green areas; resilient cities; biodiversity and ecosystem services; spatial planning.

PhD positions and scholarships

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Positions linked to specific research subjects: during the oral examination, applicants may express to the Admission Board their interest in one or more positions linked to specific research subjects. Considering the expressions of interest above, the Admission Board will establish if the applicants can be considered eligible for the allocation of the scholarships linked to specific research subjects, taking into account their specific skills, experience and aptitude. The positions with scholarship linked to specific research subjects will be awarded on the basis of the eligibility stated by the Admission Board.

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 owned by 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)

- Second cycle master's degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants may submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (not less than 5,000 characters not including spaces, formulas, title, index and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present);
- No more than 2 reference letters signed by Italian and international academics and professionals attesting the aptitude of the applicant and his/her interest for the scientific research. Letters cannot be signed by members of the admission
- Multi-annual research project (drawn up in Italian or English), with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course, that the applicant proposes to carry out within the PhD Programme. The proposal must meet the following requirements:
  o It cannot exceed 20,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of project, the index, references and images (the exceeding part will not be considered);
  o It must include: the state of the art; description of the project; expected results; phasis of the project and lead-time of realization; (proposed) criteria to be used to assess the findings obtained; references.

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.

- List of the publications (monographs, articles published on scientific journals, volume’s chapters).
- List of the minor publications (conference papers with national and international diffusion, etc.).
- List of abstracts of oral communications and posters presented during national and international conferences, etc.
- Professional Master courses completed in Italy (1st or 2nd level) relevant to the PhD Programme.
- Postgraduate vocational training programmes/specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme.
- Teaching activity carried out at university 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.
- Documents attesting the knowledge of foreign languages
- Study and research periods completed outside the applicant’s Country of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes).
- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc).

### Admission exams (art. 4 of the Call for applications)

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<td>Qualifications and research project evaluation</td>
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<td>The results of the qualifications and research project evaluation shall be available online starting from the 12/06/2019 at the page <a href="http://studenti.unibo.it">http://studenti.unibo.it</a> (please, select “summary of the requests in progress” - “see detail” and open the pdf file “risultati valutazione titoli e progetto”).</td>
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| Oral examination | Date 01/07/2019 In case that the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral exam schedule shall be made available at the webpage [http://studenti.unibo.it](http://studenti.unibo.it) together with the results of the qualifications and research project evaluation. | Place Imola (BO) Palazzo Vespignani Via Garibaldi 24 – University of Bologna Time 10:00

Applicants can ask to take the exam remotely using Skype. For further details please refer to the relevant provision laid down in art. 4 of the Call for applications.

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

1. Qualifications and research project
   - Minimum for admission to the oral exam: 30 points
   - Maximum: 50 points

Only qualifications relating to the last 5 calendar years prior to the calendar year of publication of the Call for applications 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 Programme.
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
- Publications: max 5 points
- Other qualifications: max 7 points (Diplomas or Master’s degrees and specialization courses relevant to the PhD Programme, research periods carried out in qualified Institutions, reference letters, other relevant qualifications)

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 20 points
- Description and structure of the proposal: max 3 points
- Proposal feasibility: max 5 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 aptitude of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme.

The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English.

During the oral examination, knowledge of the English language will be assessed.

Points relating to the oral examination shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria:
- Knowledge of the English language: max 10 points
- Research project presentation: max 30 points
- General knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme: max 10 points

Possible evaluation sub-criteria will be available on the Unibo website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

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

After the publication of the results of the oral exam, the final ranking list will be available on the Unibo website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information” at the bottom of the page in the section “Notices”.

Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants must enroll on http://studenti.unibo.it by the deadline indicated on the Unibo website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information”.