

# PSYCOLOGY

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<b>Starting date of the PhD Programme</b>	01/11/2019
<b>Duration</b>	3 calendar years
<b>Language of the PhD Programme</b>	English
<b>Mandatory stay abroad</b>	Yes (6 months); 12 months for the curriculum "Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience"
<b>Curricula</b>	<b>Research topics</b>
<b>1. Psychological sciences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cognitive processes</li> <li>- Psycho-physiology of emotions</li> <li>- Statistical Inference</li> <li>- Visual perception and eye movement</li> <li>- Typical and atypical development across the life span</li> <li>- Learning/teaching processes and technology</li> <li>- Intergroup Contact</li> <li>- Social Prejudice</li> <li>- Psychosocial factors in political participation</li> <li>- Health and security at work place</li> <li>- Work career</li> <li>- Psychopathology of infancy</li> <li>- Infant research</li> <li>- Psychosomatic</li> <li>- Clinical assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neural substrates of cognitive and affective processes, with reference to multisensory integration</li> <li>- Body and space representation</li> <li>- Learning and memory</li> <li>- Action and emotion perception</li> <li>- Empathy, cognitive control and decision-making</li> <li>- Alterations of the aforementioned processes and their functional recovery patients with brain damage</li> </ul>

## PhD positions and scholarships

Position n.	Financial support	Description	Curriculum
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Psychological Sciences
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Psychological Sciences
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Psychological Sciences
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Psychological Sciences
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience
6	PhD Scholarship	Financed by MIUR as part of the "Departments of Excellence" initiative and co-financed by the University of Bologna general budget	Psychological Sciences
7	PhD Scholarship	Financed by MIUR as part of the "Departments of Excellence" initiative and co-financed by the University of Bologna general budget	Joint PhD Program in Cognitive Neuroscience

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. In the event that the applicant has not designated the preferred Curriculum as described above, the Admission Board will assign him/her the most appropriate curriculum based on the research project submitted.

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.

## 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)

- 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.  
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.
- 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:
  - 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;
 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.
- 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, volume chapters).

**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 <b>13/06/2019</b> at the page <a href="http://studenti.unibo.it">http://studenti.unibo.it</a> (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	<b>03/07/2019</b> 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 <a href="http://studenti.unibo.it">http://studenti.unibo.it</a> together with the results of the qualifications and research project evaluation
	Place	Bologna - Viale Berti Pichat, 5 Department of Psychology
	Time	9 a.m.
	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.	

**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 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
- 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 Programme.

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 English language: max 10 points
- research project presentation: max 35 points
- general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme: max 5 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 enrol on <http://studenti.unibo.it> by the deadline indicated on the [Unibo website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme → “PhD programme information”.