

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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Starting date of the PhD Programme	01/11/2020
Duration	3 calendar years
Language of the PhD Programme	English
Mandatory stay abroad	Yes (3 months)

Research topics

- Distributed systems and algorithms
- Programming languages and systems
- Computer networks and applications
- Software engineering
- Formal methods and semantics of programming languages
- Artificial intelligence
- Real-time and fault-tolerant systems
- Parallel algorithms and probabilistic algorithms
- Image Processing
- Bioinformatics and biometric systems
- Information systems and databases
- Concurrency theory
- Security
- Logical foundations of computer science
- Multimedia systems

PhD positions and scholarships

Position n.	Financial support	Description	Positions linked to specific subjects
1	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
2	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
3	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
4	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
5	PhD Scholarship	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
6	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and co-funded by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering	
7	PhD Scholarship	Funded by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering	
8	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Istituto di Scienza e Tecnologie dell'Informazione (CNR - ISTI) "A. Faedo"	Mobility as a Service for Urban Intelligence
9	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) with funds made available by national and international projects by Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie della Cognizione (ISTC) - CNR	Knowledge graphs, semantic virtual environments and cultural heritage
10	Industrial doctorate	Position reserved for employees of Datalogic IP Tech Srl	

11	Research Grant	Provided by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering with funds made available by the EU Project H2020_AI4EU (Prof.ssa Michela Milano). The research grant will have a duration of 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, and gross percipient amount of 19.367 €.	Software Heritage for Big Code: application of machine learning techniques for software development
12	Research Grant	Provided by the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering "G. Marconi". Provided by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The research grant will have a duration of 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, and gross percipient amount of € 19.540.	Infrastructures and Applications for Distributed Learning and Predictive Management of Large- Scale IoT Environments
13	Research Grant	Provided by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The research grant will have a duration of 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, and gross percipient amount of € 20.760.	Assessment of cyber-physical security of large-scale IoT environments: developing smarter testing and defensive methodologies, techniques and tools
14	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Gruppo Maggioli SpA	New methods and algorithms combining computational linguistics, text mining and deep learning for natural language processing
15	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Gruppo Maggioli SpA	Novel approaches for symbolic knowledge integration and explainability in machine learning and deep neural networks
16	Research Grant	Provided by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering with funds made available by the EU Project H2020_AI4EU (ref. Prof. Michela Milano). The research grant will have a duration of 12 months, renewable up to 36 months, and gross percipient amount of € 19.367.	Guiding Decision Making in post pandemic scenario through Artificial Intelligence
17	PhD Scholarship	Funded by Electrolux Professional S.p.a.	Artificial Intelligence Object Detection from Real Time Images in Embedded Environments for Professional Food Service Appliances

Positions linked to specific research subjects: during the oral test, applicants may express to the Admission board their interest in the position linked to a specific research subject. Considering the expressions of interest above, the Admission Board shall express its view on the suitability of the interested applicants, taking into account their specific skills, experience and aptitude.

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)

- Abstract of the second cycle master's degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants may submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (please, note that abstracts cannot exceed 5.000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of thesis, the outline, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present). **To be drawn up in ENGLISH or in ITALIAN.**
- No more than 3 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, **to be drawn up in ENGLISH or in ITALIAN.**
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 outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc - where present);
 - o It must include: the state of the art; description of the project; expected results; lead-time for implementation; (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. book's chapters). **In ENGLISH or in ITALIAN**
- List of the minor publications (conference papers, etc.). **In ENGLISH or in ITALIAN**
- 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.
- Work activity;
- Documents attesting the knowledge of foreign languages
- Study periods completed by students outside their countries 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)

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 15/06/2020 at the page http://studenti.unibo.it (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati valutazione titoli e progetto")
Oral examination	Date 30/06/2020 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 together with the results of the qualifications and research project evaluation	The results of the oral examination shall be available on the webpage http://studenti.unibo.it starting from 06/07/2020 (please, select "summary of the requests in progress" - "see detail" and open the pdf file "risultati prova orale")
	Time 08:30 a.m. (local time)	
Applicants shall take the exam remotely. 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
- Master's degree thesis relevant to the PhD programme: max 10 points
- CV, reference letters and other qualifications: max 10 points
- Publications: max 5 points
- Research project (assessed on the basis of: the scientific value, the structure and the feasibility of the proposal): max 15 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 to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme. During the oral examination, knowledge of English language shall be assessed.

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

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

- research project presentation and general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD Programme: max 40 points
- knowledge of English languages: max 10 points
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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".