PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 37TH CYCLE

Section "Available Positions and Scholarship" integrated on 22/04/2021

PROGRAMME'S NAME	PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2021
LANGUAGE	Italian
MANDATORY STAY ABROAD	3 months
COORDINATOR	Prof. Tiziana Pironi (tiziana.pironi@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	N/A
RESEARCH TOPICS	Detailed list at the bottom of the present document
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ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description
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	Intersectoral PhD position	Position reserved for employees of Istituto Scientifico Romagnolo per lo Studio e la Cura dei Tumori "Dino Amadori" - IRST S.r.l. IRCCS
7	Intersectoral PhD position	Position reserved for employees of Regione Emilia-Romagna

Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from **04/06/2021****
Oral examination	**Date**: starting from **24/06/2021 – 10 am CEST*** **Place**: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from **01/07/2021****

* In case that the oral examination cannot be completed in one day due to the large number of applicants, the oral examination detailed schedule shall be made available on the webpage Studenti Online together with the results of the qualifications evaluation.

** The **results of the admission exams** will be available on the webpage Studenti Online (select "summary of the requests in progress" > "see detail" and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page. **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results**.

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

(only documents in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish shall be considered as valid and be assessed by the Admission Board)

Only qualifications obtained during the last 5 calendar years shall be taken into consideration, except for the University Degree. The Admission Board will assess the relevance of the supporting documents to the PhD Programme.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
Identity document	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)

Curriculum Vitae	No specific CV format is required
Degrees	Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Research proposal	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the activities to be completed during the first-year course. The proposal must meet the following requirements: - it must mention **on the first page the research topic** of the PhD Programme associated to the research proposal; - it **cannot exceed 20.000 characters**, including spaces and formulas, if present. This figure does not include: the title, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. - where present); - it must include: state of the art; project's description; expected results; timeline of the proposed research activities; outline of the proposed findings assessment criteria; references.
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the **second cycle degree thesis**. Graduands may submit the draft of their thesis (abstracts cannot exceed 5.000 characters, including spaces and formulas, if present. The above figure does not include: title, outline, images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc. if present)
Personal Statement	The statement shall 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).
Reference Letter/s	**No more than 2 reference letters** signed by **Italian and/or 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. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure on [Studenti Online,](#) detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2).
Publications	- Publications in full text (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals, volume chapters) – **max n. 8** - Minor publications in full text (conference papers, etc.) – **max n. 2**
Other documents	- University Master Courses (Master Universitari di I e II livello), Postgraduate vocational training programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme - Research activity - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research units - Language proficiency certificates

Evaluation criteria*

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

1. **Qualifications and research proposal evaluation**

Minimum score for admission to the oral examination: 30 points, Maximum score: 50 points

Qualifications evaluation	University degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	10 points max
	Publications and other documents	5 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and innovative nature of the proposal	15 points max
	Description and structure of the proposal	10 points max
	Proposal feasibility	10 points max

2. **Oral examination**

Minimum score for eligibility: 30 points, Maximum score 50 points

English proficiency	5 points max
Research project presentation	20 points max
General knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme	25 points max

Oral examination includes the presentation of the research proposal and aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues encompassed by the PhD Programme ([see the list of](#)

research topics at the bottom of the present document). During the oral examination, English language proficiency shall be assessed**. The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English.
*Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", at the bottom of the page in the section "Notices".

Final Ranking List and Enrollment

After the publication of the results of the oral examination, the **final ranking list** will be available on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information", section "Notices" at the bottom of the page. Following the publication of the final ranking list, successful applicants shall **enroll** on Studenti Online by the deadline indicated on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information".

If a successful applicant withdraws from a position, the following applicant in the ranking list, who is also eligible for the specific position, will be contacted. During the replacement procedure, the new terms of enrollment shall be communicated via e-mail to the chosen applicant.

If, during the enrollment procedures, one or more PhD candidates, awarded of a position with scholarship, were to renounce the scholarship as beneficiaries of an equivalent form of funding, the Department authorizes the PhD Unit to proceed to scroll the ranking list for the purpose of assigning the scholarships remained vacant, and undertakes to guarantee the financial coverage of the budget of 10% for the additional places thus generated, up to a maximum of 10.

Research Topics

The topics of research refer to the two main research areas: **Pedagogic-historic** and **Didactic-experimental**. In detail, the research themes addressed during the first year, through lectures, workshops and seminars, are:

- **General and Social Pedagogy**, including: philosophy of education, pedagogy of families, intercultural education, adult education
- **History of pedagogy**, which includes: school history, history of education, history of the theories of childhood, the story of the imaginary child, and children's literature
- **Special Education**, which includes: teaching and learning methodologies, inclusive education, special educational needs, education technologies and e-learning
- **Experimental Pedagogy**, which includes: theories and strategies for designing and evaluate educational interventions, the methodology of empirical research in education.

The research topics also include any correlations between the pedagogical and psychological area.