



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITA' DI BOLOGNA

Call for applications for admission to the Professional Master Programme II level

in "In Silico Clinical Trials"

Campus Bologna

code: 5718

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Deadline for registration: from 3 July 2020 to 21 August 2020

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ATTENTION:

New regulations concerning the validity and use of certificates in the Public Administration came into force on 1 January 2012.

In compliance with the new regulation, the Public Administration cannot accept or request certificates concerning information which is already in the possession of the Italian public administration; only self-certifications will be accepted.

This does not apply to certificates which contain information which is not in the possession of the Italian public administration (e.g. "dichiarazione di valore" for qualifications obtained abroad).



Article 1 (General Information)

Under the terms of Decree no. 270 of 22 October 2012 issued by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research, the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, Bologna campus, will run a II level Professional Master Programme, in “In Silico Clinical Trials” for academic year 2020-2021. The programme lasts for one year, classroom training is delivered in English and the programme awards 60 CFU credits.

The programme is run in collaboration with Fondazione Alma Mater.

Learning outcomes: to train professionals that will be able to work in biomedical companies, research hospitals, Contract Research Organizations and regulatory agencies thanks to specific skills on computer modeling and simulation for the development and regulatory validation of medical products.

Further information is available in the Master presentation published on the website <http://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/professional-master/professional-master-programmes>.

Attendance is mandatory. The minimum percentage of attendance is 80%.

The awarding of the professional master programme and the 60 CFU is subordinate to:

- a) payment of all fee instalments within the established deadlines;
- b) achievement of a minimum attendance of 80% of classroom activities;
- c) completion of the internship/*stage* (curricular internship) hours or completion of the *project work* based on the requirement of the Master’s study plan; for students enrolled in the Master's Programme, the University of Bologna makes available an on-line module on Health and Safety at Work; for more details refer to <http://www.unibo.it/it/servizi-e-opportunita/salute-e-assistenza/salute-e-sicurezza/sicurezza-e-salute-nei-luoghi-di-studio-e-tirocinio>
- d) passing the final examination. The final examination is deemed to be passed with a grade of at least 18 out of 30.

All exams and assessments taken during the course of the master, at the end of each module or lessons, will not be individually recorded and will therefore not grant any separate credits. Any such exams and assessments, however, will be taken into account by the Examination Committee when deciding the final grade of each student.

At the end of the teaching activities, students will express their own opinions through an on-line questionnaire.

The Master is a post-graduate course with a closed number of places. The minimum number of participants for the activation of the master is 5 while the maximum is 30. Entrance is subject to the selection procedures indicated in art. 6.

Failure to reach the minimum number of participants or the failure to reach the minimum budget requirements will result in the master not being activated.



Within five working days of the closure of enrolments, the university will communicate to the students, via email, the activation or non-activation of the master.

In the case of non-activation the university will request that all enrolled students provide an **IBAN code linked to a personal bank account, entitled or co-entitled to the enrolled person** in order to activate the process of reimbursement of the fees paid (excluding the processing fee).

ATTENTION – It will not be possible to reimburse these funds to an IBAN not possessing the characteristics indicated above.

Please note that the refund is paid by the Accounting Department of the University within 60 days from the date of issuance of the decree by the Master Office.

For further details please see the following page:
<http://www.unibo.it/Portale/Master/Master+Universitari/default.htm>.

ATTENTION – It is not possible to transfer your enrolment from one Master Programme to another, nor to any other course offered by the University.

Article 2 (Admission requirements)

The programme is reserved for candidates who, by **the time of enrolment**, 21 August 2020, are in possession of the following qualifications and access requirements:

- a) a 2nd cycle qualification obtained in Italy according to the Bologna Process (degree from the previous system, specialist/2nd cycle degree, single cycle degree) in the following degree classes: LM-17, LM-18, from LM-20 to LM-35 included, LM-40;
- b) an equivalent qualification obtained abroad under the legal degree system of the country issuing the qualification in equivalent disciplinary areas;

According to a positive assessment of the Admission Board, candidates with Master's degrees in the fields of biotechnologies can be admitted at the programme, provided they are in possession of job experiences and qualifications showing qualified expertise in the subjects covered by the professional master programme.

It should in any case be noted that the following are required:

- a) a 2nd cycle qualification obtained in Italy according to the Bologna Process (degree from the previous system, specialist/2nd cycle degree, single cycle degree)
- b) an equivalent qualification obtained abroad under the legal degree system of the country issuing the qualification.

Additional requirements: good knowledge of English.

ATTENTION – Non-EU candidates who at the time of applying are in possession of a first cycle degree providing eligibility for the Master, and who are also registered for an education or course at an Italian university, need to have completed and obtained that title before the registration deadlines indicated above in order to register for the Master.



It is important to note that a candidate cannot be simultaneously enrolled, for any reason, in two separate university courses (art. 10 – Incompatibility).

IMPORTANT – For Professional Master's Programmes for Doctors and/or Dentists and/or Nurses and/or Health care professions, candidates with a foreign qualification must have their equivalent qualifications validated by the Italian Ministry of Health and must be registered with the Italian Medical Register.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO THE WEB PAGE OF THE MINISTRY
<http://www.salute.gov.it/ProfessioniSanitariePubblico/>

The participation of **auditors** is permitted; the admitted number shall not however exceed 20% of the enrolled students. Anyone interested may express their interest directly to the place of teaching (roberta.demichele2@unibo.it) and will be notified directly of the acceptance of their request as well as the details for registration and payment of the programme participation fee, the amount of which is given in art. 8 below. Attendance is not compulsory for auditors. Moreover, Auditors are not permitted to perform exams or the final examinations, do not take part in the internship, are not required to produce project work, and are not awarded a 2nd level Professional Master Programme in "In Silico Clinical Trials) or any CFU. Auditors are given a certificate of participation by the place of teaching stating the amount of hours effectively attended.

Articolo 3

(Candidates possessing a DEGREE OBTAINED ABROAD: admission and delivery of documents)

For candidates possessing a degree obtained abroad, the **registration** for the **selection process** takes place in **three separate phases**:

1. first phase - recognition of qualification for the purposes of admission to Master

Candidates should contact the Italian Diplomatic Representation in the country where the degree was obtained (or the competent Italian Diplomatic Representation for the territory in question) and request:

- i) an authenticated copy of the qualification and the academic transcript legalized;
- ii) the official translation of the qualification;
- iii) the declaration of value.

ATTENTION – in place of the *declaration of value* the candidate may provide the **Diploma Supplement** (issued by the University from which the degree was obtained in compliance with the model issued by the European Commission). The candidate is nonetheless obliged to produce a **certified and legalized copy** and the **official translation** of the diploma. The translation is not necessary for titles in English, French, German or Spanish.

For further details please see the following page <http://www.unibo.it/en/teaching/enrolment-transfer-and-final-examination/Certificate-of-equivalence-translation-and-legalization>

2. second phase - online registration for selection

To participate in the selection process, candidates must use the Studenti Online service. The candidate shall:



- a) Go onto the website <http://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/online-services/online-services-for-students-1/guide-to-online-student-services/studenti-online>;
- b) Click on access Studenti Online Services;
- c) Log in with credentials (if not yet registered, click on “REGISTER >>”);
- d) click on International Student Registration;
- e) register by entering personal details and details of qualifications.

Upon successful registration, the candidate will be shown (and must write down) the credentials enabling the first login, will be prompted to change the password, and may then:

- f) pre-register (click on “Entrance exams or requirements check”);
- g) **pay the 60.00 Euro admission fee** (non-reimbursable administrative fee) **no later than 1pm (CEST) on 5 June 2020**, using one of the following methods:
 - i) online, by credit card Visa, MasterCard, Diners, American Express;
 - ii) at any UniCredit Spa branch in Italy (list of branches available from (<https://www.unicredit.it/it/contatti-e-agenzie/locator.html?intscid=ucints-2001#>), using the form printed at the end of the online registration.
- h) **print the “summary sheet” and sign it.**

In case of difficulties in completing the online registration procedure, please contact the **Helpdesk** by calling +390512099882 or by sending an e-mail to help.studentionline@unibo.it.

3. third phase: send documents

Candidates must turn in or send the following documents to the **Master's Office** (address given in art. 16) **by the deadline 5 June 2020**:

- i) a certified copy of the qualification and the academic transcript, legalized or, if not yet graduated, the list of exams with grades and the expected date of graduation;
- ii) the official translation of the qualifying degree (only for graduated candidates);
- iii) the declaration of value (only for graduated students);
- iv) the Diploma Supplement (substituting the Declaration of Value);
- v) the signed “eligibility summary sheet”;
- vi) a photocopy, front and back, of a valid ID card or passport;
- vii) a copy of the payment receipt of the 60.00 Euro administrative fee;
- viii) the following qualifications and documents: detailed curriculum vitae; copies of the scientific publications (if any), abstract of the master degree thesis or dissertation

The above documents **must be delivered** by 5 June 2020.

NB: Pre-registration applications will be deemed to be valid only where accompanied by the proof of payment of the 60.00 Euro administrative fee.



Article 4 **(Candidates possessing a DEGREE OBTAINED IN ITALY: admission and delivery of documents)**

For candidates possessing a degree obtained in Italy, the **registration** for the **selection process** takes place in **two separate phases**:

1. phase one: online registration for selection

To participate in the selection process, candidates must use the Studenti Online service. The candidate shall:

- a) Go onto the website <http://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/online-services/online-services-for-students-1/guide-to-online-student-services/studenti-online>;
- b) Click on access Studenti Online Services;
- c) Log in with credentials (if not yet registered, click on “REGISTER >>”);
- d) click on “Prove di ammissione o verifica dei requisiti”
- e) **pay the 60.00 Euro admission fee** (non-reimbursable administrative fee) no later than 1:00pm (CEST) on 5 June 2020, using one of the following methods:
 - i) online, by credit card Visa, MasterCard, Diners, American Express;
 - ii) at any UniCredit Spa branch in Italy (list of branches available from <https://www.unicredit.it/it/contatti-e-agenzie/locator.html?intscid=ucints-2001#>), using the form printed at the end of the online registration.
- f) **print the “summary sheet” and sign it.**

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2. phase two: delivery of documents

Candidates must turn in or send the following documents to the place of teaching (roberta.demichele2@unibo.it):

- i) the “eligibility summary sheet”, signed anywhere on sheet;
- ii) the self-certified declaration of the degree certificate giving the final degree score, details of the exams passed and relative grades; If not yet graduated, the presumed date of graduation along with details of exams passed and their marks;
- iii) a copy of the payment receipt of the 60.00 Euro administrative fee;
- iv) a photocopy, front and back, of a valid ID card or passport
- v) the following qualifications and documents: detailed curriculum vitae; copies of the scientific publications (if any), abstract of the master degree thesis or dissertation

The above documents **must be delivered** by **1:00pm CEST** on 5 June 2020.

NB: Pre-registration applications will be deemed to be valid only where accompanied by the proof of payment of the 60.00 Euro administrative fee.



Article 5 **(Other information concerning admission for selection and delivery of documents)**

Candidates with disabilities - pursuant to Italian Law no. 104 of 5 February 1992 - must explicitly apply for any specific aid required to support their own deficit, as well as any additional time required in order to take part in the selection process.

The University of Bologna will not be liable for lost or misdirected communications due to incorrect addresses given by candidates or the late or non-notification of changes to the address given in the on line registration, or for any difficulties in the postal or telegraphic services or any other difficulties which are caused by third parties, acts of providence or force majeure.

All candidates are **admitted** to the tests **with reserve**: the University of Bologna will thereafter exclude candidates who do not possess the admission requirements laid down in this call for applications.

In the event of false declarations made in the documentation presented by the candidates, relevant for the purposes of registration, without prejudice to the penalties laid down in art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, such candidates will not be permitted to register and will not have any right to reimbursement of the fees paid. Any false declarations will be subject to claims for damages by the affected parties.

Article 6 **(Selection procedures and entrance exam dates)**

Admission to the Master is subject to a positive opinion based on qualifications assessment.

The maximum score given by the Admission Board is 100 points, of which the breakdown is as follows: 60 points allocated for the assessment of the curriculum vitae and the remaining 40 points allocated for the assessment of scientific publications and the abstract of the thesis.

The minimum score of 65/100 must be achieved to pass the selection.

The Admission Board is appointed by the Programme Director.

The person in charge of the selection procedure is the Programme Academic Director.

Article 7 **(Production and approval of the admission ranking)**

Admission to the professional master programme is granted to eligible candidates, within the limits of available seats, based on the ranking drawn up on in accordance with the total score awarded.

In the event of two candidates with the same score, the candidate with the highest score in the curriculum vitae assessment will rank higher. In the event of the same score also in the curriculum vitae assessment, the younger candidate will rank higher.

The lists of qualified candidates will be published from 3 July 2020 on the website <http://www.eng.unibo.it/PortaleEn/Online+Services/StudentiOnline.htm> by entering username and password.



Article 8 (Tuition fees)

The fee required from **students attending the Professional Master Programme** is 9.000 (nine thousands) Euros; the first instalment amounts to 6.000 (six thousands) Euros, the second instalment 3.000 (three thousands) Euros.

The fee for **auditors** is 3.000 (three thousands) Euros (single instalment on registration).

The Programme is not subject to exemption from registration fees and university tuitions fees (as per DPCM 9 April 2001, art. 8, para. 1).

The first instalment must be paid upon enrolment with the methods illustrated in the following art. 11; the second instalment must be paid by 29/01/2021.

The first instalment cannot be paid after the deadline set for enrolment; students not paying the first instalment will be excluded from the Master.

Payments of the second and third instalments made after the set dates will be charged with a 60.00 Euro late fee.

ATTENTION - Late instalments and relative fines must be paid within 30 days after the deadline. **Any student with unsettled payments will not be admitted to the Master's final examination.**

Article 9 (Fee payment by third parties)

The cost of the student's enrolment to the Programme may be borne by third parties (public authorities, foundations, businesses, etc.).

In this case, please contact the place of teaching prior to the selection procedure (roberta.demichele2@unibo.it) for information on how to pay the fees.

ATTENTION - payment of fees by third parties must be formally recorded (in a letter of commitment or contract) **by the date set for the selection process.**

Following payment, the university issues an accounts receipt excluding VAT pursuant to articles 1 and 4 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 633/1972 and amendments.

Article 10 (Incompatibility)

Under the terms of article 142 of the Italian Law T. U.1592/1933, it is forbidden to register with more than one university degree programme at any one time. Therefore, **students registering with this professional master programme will not be able to register** with any other *Master, specialisation school, PhD, first or second cycle degree programme* at the same time. This clause does not apply to post-graduate ("alta formazione"), Lifelong Learning programme or Summer/Winter schools.



For conditions other than those mentioned above, please refer to the respective regulations and the competent offices (e.g. Research grants, TFA, PAS).

Article 11 **(Registration: payment of the first instalment and delivery of documents)**

The first instalment is 6.000 (six thousands) Euros. Candidates admitted according to the list of qualifying students shall, **no later than** 21 August 2020:

1. Go onto the website www.unibo.it/Portale/Guida/StudentiOnline;
2. sign in using username and password obtained during pre-registration;
3. follow the **registration procedure**.

In case of difficulties in completing the online procedure, please contact the **Helpdesk** by calling +39 0512099882 or by sending an e-mail to help.studentionline@unibo.it;

4. pay the **first instalment** with one of the following payment options:
 - a) online, by credit card Visa, MasterCard, Diners, American Express;
 - b) at any UniCredit Spa branch in Italy using the form printed from the StudentiOnline system. The bank accepts only cash (within legal limits) or non-transferable circular cheques made out to **Unicredit Spa Cassiere Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna**; payments are not accepted by postal order or if made to any other credit institute other than the one stated here.

N.B. In the event of registration fees being paid by third parties (public bodies, foundations, businesses, etc.) the application for enrolment form is available immediately on the Studenti Online website (<http://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/online-services/online-services-for-students-1/guide-to-online-student-services/studenti-online>) by clicking on “Application form”, on the bottom of the website home page, following authentication using username and password.

5. **deliver** to the Master's Office (address given in art. 16):
 - a) the registration form, printed from the Studenti Online system and duly completed and signed;
 - b) a photocopy of the payment receipt for the first instalment;
 - c) one passport-sized photo;
 - d) **For non-EU citizens, a copy of the resident permit, as according to art. 39 comma 4 TU Immigration (*), or a Study Visa (for university or post-graduate studies) and a copy of the receipt confirming the application for the residence permit.**

(*) **ATTENTION** – Registering in a university Master is allowed for non-EU citizens whom are already in possession of an EU long-term permit (e.g. a residence card) or a residence permit for:

- employment or self-employment;
- family reasons;
- political or humanitarian asylum (political asylum, subsidiary protection, humanitarian protection);
- religious reasons.

For candidates who are already in possession of a residence permit for studies for at least one year, it is specified that this permit must be of a renewable type (e.g. a residence permit issued for an



Italian language course is not renewable) and, in order to be renewed, said permit must be held alongside the Italian degree for which it was initially released.

Eligible candidates that have concluded their qualifying degree after the deadline of the Call must send to the Master Office (according to the methods and addresses listed in art. 16):

- 1) the documents listed under article 3, point 3., letter a), points i), ii) e iii) if they have carried out their degree abroad;
- 2) the documents listed under article 4, point 2., letter a), point ii) if they have obtained the degree in Italy.

Applications made with incomplete documentation will not be accepted.

Registration is deemed to be completed with the payment, delivery to the Master's Office of the application and required documents (see point "5" of this article) within and no later than the deadline of 21 August 2020. Failure to do so, resulting in exclusion from the course. In case of shipping the documents via post mail, **the residence permit (or copy of the receipt confirming the application for the permit)** can be presented by the student in person upon arrival in Italy.

The documents can be delivered also via Certified e-mail – PEC (alternatively to the postal service) to the address scriviunibo@pec.unibo.it

SENDING DOCUMENTS TO THE MASTERS OFFICE VIA POSTAL SERVICE

Documents may be sent by registered mail service (we suggest to obtain a receipt) to the Masters Office: *Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna, Settore Post Lauream, Ufficio Master, via Zamboni, 33 – 40126 Bologna* (in this case, the postmark shall constitute proof of shipment).

The University of Bologna will not be liable for any delays in delivery, lost post or incomplete documentation.

**Article 12
(Withdrawal from enrolment)**

Any candidate wishing to withdraw from enrolment or decide not to pay the tuition fee after having successfully passed selections must immediately notify the Master's office. Withdrawals must be sent in written form either by e-mail at master@unibo.it or by fax at +39 051-2086222, **attaching a front and back copy of their ID document, in order to allow the seats to be filled by other candidates.**

**Article 13
(Filling of free places)**

Free places will be filled only:

- for ranking lists including more eligible candidates than the maximum number of available seats;
- if there are seats available after the deadline for registrations of admitted candidates.

The first working day following the deadline for registration, the Master's office will check the number of available seats and will contact, by telephone or e-mail, the eligible candidates,



following the order of their position in the admission ranking. If they are still interested in registering for the programme, they must proceed to do so by the deadline indicated by the office and in the methods described in the call for applications.

Article 14 (Withdrawal from the programme)

Students undergoing the master, after having paid one or more instalments of enrolment in the master, who then decide to withdraw from participation in the Master, **are not entitled, for any reason, to a refund of the fees paid.**

For information on withdrawing, please consult <http://www.unibo.it/it/didattica/iscrizioni-trasferimenti-e-laurea/ripresa-e-interruzione-degli-studi/rinunciare-studi/>; for the withdrawal form please contact the Master Office (according to the methods and addresses listed in art. 16).

ATTENTION - For non-EU students the withdrawal from the program will result in the loss of necessary requisites for a legal stay in Italy.

Article 15 (Payment of further instalments)

In the case of full fees, the second instalment is 3.000 (three thousands) Euros and must be paid by 29/01/2021.

Payments are available in one of the following options:

1. Go onto the website www.unibo.it/Portale/Guida/StudentiOnline and sign in with username and password
 - a) pay the instalment due using one of the following methods of payment online, by credit card Visa, MasterCard, Diners, American Express;
 - b) Visit any UniCredit Spa branch in Italy (list of branches available from <https://www.unicredit.it/it/contatti-e-agenzie/locator.html?intscid=ucints-2001#>) using the form printed from the StudentiOnline system. In case of difficulties in printing the form, before the deadline the interested party should contact the Masters Office to receive a duplicate.

Late payments beyond the set date will be surcharged with a 60.00 Euro late fee.

ATTENTION – Late instalments and relative fines must be paid within 30 days after the deadline. Any student with unsettled payments will not be admitted to the Master’s final examination.

Article 16 (Information, contacts and delivery methods)

For **scientific and teaching information** (teaching programme, lesson timetable, exams, internships or project works etc.) contact the place of teaching at roberta.demichele2@unibo.it.

Any **administrative information** can be obtained from the Master's Office, Via San Giacomo 7 - 40126 Bologna - Tel +39 - Fax +Tel +39 0512098140 - Fax +39 0512098039 - Email master@unibo.it



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Master's Office opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.00 to 11.15 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

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The only method of advertisement of this call for applications are the notices published on the University of Bologna portal www.unibo.it.

The person in charge of the administrative procedure is the Head of Area Formazione e Dottorato: dott.ssa Daniela Taccone.

Article 17 (Processing of personal data)

The candidates' personal data will be processed by the University of Bologna, the Data Controller, for the purpose of managing the call for applications and within the field of the activities described in the privacy policy for students intending to register for a professional master's degree programme, published on the University Portal (<http://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/privacy-e-note-legali/privacy/privacy-master>) in compliance with the principles and provisions on the protection of personal data and confidentiality laid down in Italian Legislative Decree no. 196 of 30 June 2003 and in Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Disclaimer: The official and legally binding announcement is in Italian only. This document cannot be used for legal purposes and is only meant to provide information in English on the admission process. Please refer to the Official Call for Applications published on <https://www.unibo.it/it/didattica/master/2020-2021#!>

(Date) 10/01/2021

La Dirigente
(Dott.ssa Daniela Taccone)