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SELECTION CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE XXXVII CYCLE Ph.D. PROGRAMMES (ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022) IN

- BIOMOLECULAR AND HEALTH SCIENCES
- RESEARCH METHODS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- HUMANITIES

(Rectoral Decree no. 312 - June 30th 2021)

Art. 1 Opening of the selection procedure

The University of Urbino Carlo Bo opens for the Academic Year 2021/2022 (XXXVII cycle) a public competitive selection for the admission to the Ph.D. Programmes in:

- Biomolecular and Health Sciences
- Research Methods in Science and Technology
- Humanities

According to the Ministerial Decree 45 issued on February 8th 2013, the actual activation of the Ph.D. Programmes is subject to the positive conclusion of the accreditation procedures at the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). In case of revocation of the accreditation, the activation of the Ph.D. Programmes is suspended.

The Selection Call is published at the official register of the University of Urbino (www.uniurb.it/alboufficiale) and is also available at the website www.uniurb.it/dottorato
Public notice of this call for applications is given, also in English, on the University's website, on the European website Euraxess and on the website of the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR).

The table at the end of this selection call (Annex A) specifies for each PhD Programme the Department in charge of administrative procedures, the duration of the programme, the total number of available places, the number of available scholarships, the number of positions reserved to students holding a foreign degree, the number of positions with a free topic scholarship and that of topic-specific scholarships, the selection procedure and the exam calendar.

The number of positions with scholarship may be increased following additional public and private funding.

The Ph.D. Programmes are illustrated at the website www.uniurb.it/dottorato. <a href="mailto:The direct link to the page of each Ph.D. Programme is specified in the table in Annex A.

The Ph.D. Programmes last 3 years, will commence on 1st November 2021 and end on 31st October 2024.

This very call is an official notification valid for all legal purposes.

Applicants failing to comply with the requirements stated in this Selection call will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Art. 2
Admission requirements



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Applicants, without any limitations of gender, age and citizenship, can submit their application if they hold one of the following degrees/qualifications by the deadline of this Call:

- a) Italian University Degree awarded prior to the reform (ante D.M. 509/99);
- b) Italian Laurea Specialistica (D.M. 509/99) or Laurea Magistrale (D.M. 270/04) degree;
- c) Other qualification equivalent to the degrees mentioned in the previous letters or higher academic titles issued by tertiary education institutions belonging to the AFAM (High Training in Arts) sector;
- d) Equivalent foreign academic qualification obtained abroad (Master's degree or equivalent) released by an officially recognized academic institution. The eligibility of the degree will be assessed by the Selection Board for the sole purpose of the admission to the selection procedure¹. Such degree must be comparable to an Italian Master's degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) in terms of level and fields of study and must be valid for enrolment in a Ph.D. Programme in the country where it has been issued.

The selection procedure is also open to candidates who will achieve the qualification referred to in points a), b), c) or d) by 31st October 2021. In this case, admission to the Programme is "conditional" on the achievement of the qualification. The documentation proving the achievement of the qualification must be sent by email to the Ph.D. Office (dottorato@uniurb.it) under penalty of forfeiture.

All candidates are admitted to the selection procedure, subject to verification of self-certifications in line with art. 43 of DPR n. 445 of 28 December 2000.

The mandatory documentation regarding the requested academic qualification to be uploaded during the online application procedure is as follows:

A. Candidates holding an Italian degree/academic qualification

<u>Qualification already achieved:</u> self-certification, pursuant to article 46 of the Presidential Decree 28/12/2000, n. 445 and subsequent amendments, with indication of the exams taken with relevant credits and marks and of the date and grade of graduation.

<u>Qualification to be achieved by October 31st 2021:</u> self-certification, pursuant to article 46 of the Presidential Decree 28/12/2000, n. 445 and subsequent amendments, with an indication of the exams taken with relevant credits and marks.

If the university studies of the candidate are divided into first and second level, the documentation regarding the first level (Laurea Triennale/Bachelor's Degree), including the list of exams taken, must also be attached.

The self-certification can normally be downloaded from the online secretariat of the University where the degree was or will be awarded.

Candidates who have achieved or will achieve their degree at the University of Urbino can download the self-certification from the online secretariat Esse3 (https://uniurb.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do). Alternatively, the self-certification can be produced independently. Α template is available at the following link: https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-ricerca/informazioni-perammissione.

 $^{1 \\ \}text{http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/procedure-di-riconoscimento-accademico-dei-titoli.aspx}$



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B. Candidates holding a foreign degree/academic qualification

Qualification already achieved

Copy of the academic diploma requested for the admission to the Ph.D. programme accompanied by the list of exams taken with relevant credits and marks (Transcript of Records) and, if available, by the Diploma Supplement²/ Declaration of value³ or Rector's Decree of equivalence. The Declaration of Value can be replaced by a certificate issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre CIMEA⁴ containing all the necessary information to evaluate the qualification.

Qualification to be achieved by October 31st 2021

Enrolment certificate including the list of exams taken with relative credits and marks (Transcript of Records).

If the university studies of the candidate are divided into first and second level, the first level degree diploma (Bachelor's degree) and the list of exams taken to obtain the relative title (Academic Transcript of Records of Bachelor's degree) must also be attached.

Certificates are accepted in Italian or in English, French or Spanish; for all other languages it is compulsory to also attach a translation in Italian or in English, signed by the candidate.

The scientific suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Selection Board, in compliance with the legislation in force in Italy and in the country where the qualification was issued as well as with international treaties or agreements regarding the recognition of qualifications for further studies.

Candidates holding a foreign academic qualification whose equivalence to a second level Italian qualification has not yet been recognized by the competent academic bodies of an Italian University must request, during the online application procedure, the evaluation of their qualifications and will be admitted conditionally to the selective procedure.

The Selection Board will evaluate the suitability of the foreign qualification based on the documentation attached to the online application and can exclude a candidate should the provided documentation not provide sufficient elements of evaluation.

Art. 3 Application procedure and deadline

Under penalty of exclusion, the application form to the selection procedure, including the mandatory documentation, must be submitted by and no later than August 24th 2021, h 13:00 (Italian time), exclusively using the dedicated online procedure PICA available at the following link:https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato37.

The requested documentation indicated for each Ph.D. Programme in Annex A as well as a copy of a valid identity document must be attached to the application form in PDF format (maximum size of each attachment: 30 Mb).

 $^{{\}footnotesize 2} \ \ \text{http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx}$

³ For information regarding the Declaration of Value, please see the relevant entry (Statement of validity/Dichiarazione di Valore) in the glossary available at the following link: http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/procedure-di-riconoscimento-dei-titoli/glossario.aspx or see the following page: http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studying/info-07.html

http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-certificazione-dei-titoli/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-di-verifica-dei-titoli-diplome.aspx



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The application is to all effects of law a self-certification, pursuant to articles 46 and 47 of the Italian Presidential Decree 445/2000 and subsequent amendments, of the data contained therein as well as in the attachments.

Candidates who intend to apply to more than one Programme must submit an application for each chosen Ph.D. Programme.

For the Ph.D. Programme in Humanities, which is divided into curricula, the candidate must choose and indicate the curriculum he/she wants to apply for. It is only possible to apply for one curricula of the Ph.D. Programme.

Separate rankings will be drawn up for each curriculum.

For the Ph.D. Programme in Biomolecular and Health Sciences, candidates who wish to compete for places with a topic-specific scholarship must indicate this in the application form, selecting only one topic. This choice will be binding. In case of non-assignment, the position will be made available as a free-topic position and will be assigned according to the order of the general admission-ranking list.

For each of the Ph.D. Programmes, candidates who meet the requirements who wish to compete also for the positions with scholarship reserved for candidates with a foreign degree must compulsorily indicate this in the application form. Such scholarships are conditioned.

All other positions (with and without scholarship) are open to both candidates with an Italian Degree and candidates with a foreign Degree.

Candidates interested exclusively in a position without scholarship must indicate this in the online application procedure for the purpose of merit ranking defining. The choice is irrevocable.

Candidates must pay the non-refundable **competition fee of euro 30,00**. The payment of the competition fee to the University of Urbino Carlo Bo must be made using the modalities provided by the online application procedure.

Candidates with a foreign citizenship and a degree achieved or to be achieved abroad (Master's Degree) are exempted from the payment of the competition fee.

Non-EU candidates who have been recognized an **international protection status**, as defined by the Italian Legislative Decree n. 251 of November 19, 2007, article 2, are exempted from paying the competition fee. They must declare such status in the online application and attach the official documentation attesting their international protection status. Failure to attach the relevant documentation will result in the exclusion from the selection procedure.

At the end of the online procedure, the application will be registered. In confirmation of the correct submission of the application, the candidate will receive a communication to the email address he/she provided in the application itself containing the identification number of the application, needed for any subsequent communication as well as to consult the results of the selection procedure which will be published at the link http://www.uniurb.it/dottorato, on the page of each PhD programme.

Candidates are held responsible for the correct conclusion of the application procedure.

Starting from July 26th, 2021 it will also be possible to access the online application procedure using SPID (Public Digital Identity System), by choosing the University of Urbino amongst the



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available institutions.

Any documentation presented by methods other than the dedicated online procedure will not be accepted. No documents must be sent nor delivered to the Ph.D. Office.

Applications which are at the stated deadline have not been correctly concluded (not submitted, in the absence of due payment or submitted in any different way other than the online procedure outlined above) will not be considered for the selection procedure.

Complaints related to potential problems due to a system overload close to the deadline will not be taken into consideration. Candidates are therefore strongly invited to complete the application form, to pay the competition fee and to submit the application well in advance of the deadline to avoid running into any technical problems.

Once submitted, the online application will no longer be editable. The candidate can withdraw the application using the dedicated procedure on the PICA platform and submit a new application, paying again the competition fee.

For any further information or communication, please contact the Ph.D. Office (dottorato@uniurb.it).

3.1 Reference letters

If requested for the specific Ph.D. Programme in Annex A, once the application form has been submitted and within the same deadline (**August 24**th **2021**, **h 13:00 - Italian time**), the candidate can re-enter the online procedure and request two reference letters using the dedicated function. The referees will automatically receive an email from the PICA with instructions on how to fill in and submit the reference letter form through the platform. Referees must submit their references

no later than **August 30th 2021, h 13:00 (Italian time).**The candidate can monitor the submission of the Reference letters by the referees directly on the

Reference letters attached directly to the application form by the candidate or submitted in ways other than the one described above will not be considered.

3.2 Candidates with disabilities or Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)

According to the Italian law number 104 of February 5th 1992 and subsequent amendments and additions, and Law number 170 of October 8th 2010, candidates with disabilities or Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) can request extra time and/or assistance during the selection procedure.

Once the candidate has submitted the application form, he/she can request extra time and/or assistance using the dedicated section of the online procedure and providing a medical certificate supporting the validity of the request.

Documentation that can be presented to request personalized support includes:

- Certification pursuant to Italian Law 104/1992 (issued no longer than 3 years ago)
- Civil disability certification
- SpLD certification (issued by structures of the National Health Service or by specialists and structured accredited for this purpose).

Candidates with disabilities or with specific learning disabilities (SpLD) residing in foreign countries must present a certification attesting the status of disability or SpLD issued in the country of residence accompanied by a sworn translation into Italian or English.

Based on the documentation provided and, if necessary, following an interview with dedicated staff and with methods to be agreed upon, adequate support for the selection procedure will be



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foreseen.

Art. 4 Selection procedure

The selection procedure consists of an evaluation of the qualifications and documentation provided and an oral exam (videoconference interview).

A total of 80 points can be scored for the whole selection procedure, allocated as follows.

A maximum of 20 points is awarded to the assessment of the titles and documentation detailed for each Ph.D. Programme in Annex A.

A maximum of 60 points is awarded to the oral interview.

The final score will result from the sum of points awarded to the assessment of qualifications and to the oral interview.

The assessment of qualifications is made by the Selection Board before the oral exam (interview). The outcome of the qualification assessment process will be published, prior to the oral interview, on the university website, at the link http://www.uniurb.it/dottorato, on the page of each PhD programme.

The following information is detailed for each Ph.D. Programme in Annex A:

- Minimum points requested at the qualification assessment in order to be admitted to the interview (if foreseen);
- Topics of the interview;
- The date and the starting time of the interviews. This information must be considered an
 official convocation valid for all legal purposes. No communication will be sent to
 individual candidates.

Any change in the date and time of the oral exam will be published on the university website, at the page: www.uniurb.it/dottorato.

Candidates admitted to the interview, will take the oral exam via videoconference and must ensure the use of a webcam to allow their identification by the Selection Board.

Before the beginning of the interview, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure, each candidate must show to the Selection Board the same Identity Document of which a copy has been attached to the application form.

The failure to connect, the unavailability of the candidate on the day or time established or the failure to produce the valid identification document as stated in the previous paragraph constitute grounds for exclusion from the selective procedure.

The University of Urbino declines any responsibility for the eventuality that technical reasons prevent the smooth conduct of the oral interview.

Oral exams, also when carried out remotely, are public.

The interview is carried out by ensuring an appropriate comparative assessment of the candidates. The oral examination also includes an evaluation of English language skills and proficiency. To be considered eligible, a candidate must get no less than 40 points at the oral exam (interview).

The results of the oral interviews will be published on the university website, at the link http://www.uniurb.it/dottorato, on the page of each PhD programme.



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Art. 5 Selection Board

The members of the Selection Board will be appointed in compliance with current regulations and with the provisions of the Ph.D. Regulations of the University of Urbino Carlo Bo.

The minutes of the selection procedures will be sent by the Chairperson of the Selection Board to the Rector for final approval.

Art. 6 Ranking

At the end of the selection procedure, the Selection Board will draw up the general merit ranking, or specific merit rankings when foreseen, for admission to the Ph.D. Programme. Candidates will be admitted according to such merit rankings.

In the event of two or more candidates with the same score in the merit ranking, the assessment of the economic condition prevails for the allocation of places with scholarship while for the assignment of places without scholarship the candidate with lowest age prevails.

6.1 The scholarships reserved to candidates entering the competition with a foreign academic qualification (Master's Degree or equivalent) will be assigned to the first candidates in the merit ranking in possession of the requirements. In any case, only candidates who have specifically requested it in their application can compete for these positions.

The scholarships reserved for candidates holding a foreign qualification can eventually be reassigned to a subsequent candidate in the ranking who meets the requirements. In the case of absence of eligible candidates, the scholarship cannot be awarded.

6.2 Allocation of positions with topic-specific scholarships

In the case of the Ph.D. Programme in Bimolecular and Health Science in which topic-specific scholarships are foreseen, the general admission ranking for the Programme will indicate the eventual suitability of candidates for the topic-specific scholarships for which they have applied for. If several winners are eligible for the same topic-specific scholarship, the Selection Board will assign the scholarship based on the merit ranking.

In case of non-assignment, the position will be made available as a free-topic position and will be assigned according to the order of the general admission-ranking list.

6.3 Assignment of positions for Ph.D. Programmes with separate rankings by curricula.

For the Ph.D. Programme in Humanities, which is divided in curricula, the rankings are specific for each curriculum and candidates are admitted to each curriculum up to the number of positions available for that curriculum.

If the number of candidates admitted to a curriculum is lower than the foreseen positions, the remaining scholarships can be assigned to candidates who have competed on the other curricula, according to a general merit ranking, compiled on the basis of the score obtained in the selection procedure and formed by those who are admitted without a scholarship and those who resulted suitable within the same Ph.D. Programme.

The Rector, with his own decree, approves the merit ranking declaring the candidates usefully placed in the merit ranking as winners.

The Rector's Decree with the final merit ranking will be published in the Official Register of the University (www.uniurb.it/alboufficiale) and on the webpage http://www.uniurb.it/dottorato on the page of each PhD programme.



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No private communication will be sent: the publication of the merit ranking shall constitute the sole and official means of communication to the interested parties.

Art.7 Enrolment in the Ph.D. Programmes

Successful candidates are admitted to the Ph.D. Programmes according to the ranking position and in a number equal to the number of places available.

Winning candidates must enrol within the deadline indicated in the Rector's Decree reporting the merit ranking; failure to do so will be considered as a tacit renunciation.

For the enrolment procedure, please check the following link: https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-ricerca/modalita-di-iscrizione-primo-anno

The enrolment of successful applicants that have not yet achieved their academic qualification will be made contingent upon actual earning of their degree.

The achievement of the qualification must be communicated to the Ph.D. Office within the deadline indicated in the above-mentioned Rector's Decree.

Failure to obtain the qualification will result in the exclusion from the Ph.D. Programme.

Winning candidates with foreign academic qualifications must also provide:

- **1 For qualifications achieved outside the European Union:** copy of the Declaration of Value, together with the degree certificate indicating examinations, credits and marks, translated and legalised by the competent Italian diplomatic authorities in the country of issue. Failure to provide these documents will lead to disqualification from the Ph.D. Programme. The Declaration of Value can be replaced by a certificate issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre CIMEA⁵, containing all the necessary information to assess the qualification.
- **2 For qualifications achieved in a country belonging to the European Union**: Diploma Supplement in English or a certificate issued by the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre CIMEA, containing all the necessary information to assess the qualification.

Candidates holding a foreign qualification who should not produce the required documentation at the time of enrolment, will be enrolled conditionally and will be excluded from the Ph.D. Programme with the obligation to return the unduly received scholarship instalments, if:

- they did not deliver this documentation within the deadline indicated in the Rector's Decree reporting the merit ranking;
- following verification, the qualification produced did not comply with the requirements of this call.

Once enrolled, non-EU winners must deliver to the Ph.D. Office a copy of their residence permit/card or a copy of the receipt proving that they have requested their residence permit to the competent authorities.

Art. 8 Reallocation of vacant positions

In case of an express or tacit renunciation of winning candidates, other suitable candidates will take over the positions according to the following criteria:

⁵ http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-certificazione-dei-titoli/attestati-di-comparabilita-e-di-verifica-dei-titoli-diplome.aspx



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- **8.1 Reallocation of positions with scholarship:** if positions with scholarship become available following an express or tacit renunciation (forfeiture of enrolment at the expiry of the enrolment deadline), other suitable candidates who have sent a manifestation of interest in taking over a position with scholarship will take over such positions according to the order of the merit ranking. Those who have declared to compete exclusively for positions without a scholarship during the application procedure cannot take over a position with scholarship.
- **8.2 Reallocation of positions without scholarship:** if a position without scholarship becomes available following an express or tacit renunciation (forfeiture of enrolment at the expiry of the enrolment deadline), another suitable candidate who has sent a manifestation of interest in taking over a position without scholarship will take over such position according to the order of the merit ranking.
- **8.3 Reallocation of positions with scholarship reserved to candidates with a foreign academic qualification:** scholarships reserved to candidates accessing the competition with a foreign academic qualification (Master's degree or equivalent) can eventually be reassigned to the first candidates in the merit ranking in possession of the requirements, provided that in the application they have declared to compete also for such positions. In the absence of eligible candidates, such scholarships cannot be awarded.
- **8.4** Should it not be possible to assign a **topic specific scholarship**, such scholarship will be made available as a free-topic scholarship.

The manifestation of interest in taking over a position with and/or without scholarship must be sent via email to the Ph.D. Office (dottorato@uniurb.it) within the enrolment deadline stated in the Rector's Decree approving the merit ranking. The template for the manifestation if interest will be sent via email by the office to all suitable candidates in the merit ranking.

Art. 9 Enrolment Fees

Ph.D. students must pay an enrolment fee of € 156,00 (inclusive of stamp duty and regional tax). First-year students must pay the fee when enrolling; fees for subsequent years must be paid by November 30th each year.

Art. 10 Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded according to the ranking or rankings drawn up by the Selection Board.

Two scholarships are reserved to candidates accessing the competition with a foreign academic qualification (Master's degree or equivalent). In the absence of eligible candidates, the scholarships cannot be awarded.

All candidates in possession of the requested academic qualification, achieved in Italy or abroad, freely compete for the other scholarships.

10.1 - Amount and increases

As determined by the Ministerial Decree 40 dated 25th January 2018 the scholarship amounts to €15.343,28 gross/ year and is subject to National Social Insurance (INPS) in compliance with



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current regulations. Taxation of scholarships for attending a Ph.D. Programme is regulated by article 4 of Law number 476 dated 13th August, 1984.

The amount of the scholarship will be increased by 50% during eventual research periods abroad. Research periods abroad may not exceed a total of eighteen months.

Starting from the second year, each doctoral candidate is endowed, within the financial resources allocated in the balance sheet as per current laws, a budget for research activities in Italy and abroad which will not be lower than 10% of the amount of the scholarship.

10.2 - Effective date and duration

The scholarship starts from November 1st and is paid in deferred monthly instalments.

The scholarship lasts one year and is renewed at the end of each academic year based on the Board of Lecturers favourable opinion regarding the Ph.D. student's admission to the following course year, provided that the student has completed the requested activities.

The total duration of the scholarship is equal to the official duration of the Ph.D. Programme.

10.3 - Incompatibilities

- a. The scholarship cannot be combined with any other scholarship, except those granted by national or foreign institutions aimed at integrating the training and research activities of scholarship holders with periods abroad.
- b. Scholarships are incompatible, under penalty of their forfeiture, with: a) employment relationships with private or public entities, on a fixed and permanent basis, without prejudice to the possibility that the scholarship holder is placed by the employer on unpaid leave; b) carrying out industrial and commercial activities or freelance activities with characteristics of habitualness.
- c. Scholarships are paid exclusively to those who do not earn, during the period of attendance of the Ph.D. programme, a gross annual income exceeding the annual amount of the scholarship (€15.343,28).
- d. Students who have received a Ph.D. scholarship in the past, even for a limited amount of time, cannot benefit from a new one.
- e. Any Public Employee admitted to the Ph.D. programme is placed, upon request and compatibly with his/her administration's needs, on special unpaid leave for study reasons for the duration of the programme, and where the required conditions are met, he/she may benefit from the scholarship. In the event of admission to a Ph.D. programme without a scholarship, or of waiver of the scholarship, the Public Employee on leave, keeps his/her salary, pension and retirement contributions from the public institution with which he/she has an employment relationship in place.

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Art.11 Rights and duties of Ph.D. students

- The PhD student is requested to attend the Programme for its entire duration with an
 exclusive and full-time commitment, following regularly the foreseen training, teaching
 and research activities (total commitment 1500 hours/year) according to the instructions
 and deadlines set by the Board of Lecturers.
- 2. Ph.D. students with scholarship can carry out paid activities (external activities), but such activities must be limited to those related to the acquisition of skills related to the doctoral training programme.
- 3. In the case of Ph.D. students without a scholarship, the incompatibility of the working activity with the Ph.D. Programme must be assessed without causing any damages to constitutional rights, such as the right to study for capable and deserving students even without means.



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- 4. Paid working activities must undergo authorization by the Board of Lecturers.
- 5. Doctoral students must promptly notify the Ph.D. Office in case they exceed the income limit indicated in art. 10, point 3 of the Incompatibility section.
- 6. The incentives for the mobility of Ph.D. students granted by the University of Urbino also within the framework of European training grant mobility programme can be combined with the Ph.D. scholarship, subject to the declaration of the Ph.D. programme Director certifying the consistency between the training and research abroad and the doctoral programme.
- 7. Ph.D. students can carry out research periods at Italian and foreign universities and research institutions.
- 8. For periods abroad of up to 6 months, the authorization of the Ph.D. Director is requested. Longer periods must be authorised by the Board of Lecturers.
- 9. Ph.D. students may carry out, as part of their training programme, upon authorization given by the Board of Lecturers and without an increase of the scholarship, up to 40 hour/year of tutoring activities of Bachelor and Master as well as integrative teaching activities. Such commitments must in no case compromise the training and research activities and to not give rise to rights regarding access to University roles.
- 10. At the end of each academic year, Ph.D. students must submit a written annual report to the Board of Lecturers on the research activity carried out and the results achieved, as well as the eventual participation in seminars, workshop and other scientific events and eventual publications. The Board of Lecturers can decide whether the Report must be integrated with an interview.
- 11. The Board of Lecturers rules about the admission of Ph.D. students to the following year. In the case of Ph.D. students enrolled in the last year of the Ph.D. Programme, the Board of Lecturers, upon reception of the evaluation of the two reviewers, rules about the admission to the Final Exam (Thesis Defence).
- 12. An eventual negative evaluation by the Board of Lecturers results in the exclusion of the Ph.D. student from the Ph.D. programme and the loss of the eventual scholarship.
- 13. At the beginning of each academic year following the first one, the Ph.D. student must renew the enrolment. Failure to do so for over a year, except for reasons specified in article 19 of the Regulations on Ph.D. Programmes, results in the exclusion of the student from the Ph.D. programme.
- 14. As far as compatible, the conditions for the use of university services provided for students enrolled in University degree programs are applied also to doctoral students.

Art.12 University Benefits (Regional Body for Student Financial Aid)

In accordance with Legislative Decree no. 68 dated 29th March, 2012, Ph.D. students may use the benefits made available by the Regional Body for Student Financial Aid. Candidates can apply for services (Scholarship, Halls of Residence lodging, University canteen benefits, etc.) by submitting their application form according to the Call for Applications published at: http://www.erdis.it/, where the admission terms and conditions are published.

Art. 13 Reference regulations

All matters not included in the present Selection Call will be governed by the current Italian regulations and legislation concerning Ph.D. Programmes.

Art. 14 Personal data protection



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In compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, adequacy, relevance and necessity stated in article 5, paragraph 1 of the General Data Protection Regulation (UE Regulation no. 679/2016), The University of Urbino Carlo Bo as Data Controller will handle the personal data provided during the registration to the selection procedure exclusively to allow such procedure to be carried out in compliance with current regulation.

The Data Protection Officer is Mr. Mauro Raimondi, tel. 0722-305234 e-mail: rpd@uniurb.it. For more details, view the link https://www.uniurb.it/ateneo/utilita/privacy

Art. 15 Administrative Procedure Manager

The Person in charge of the administrative procedure, appointed pursuant to Art. 4 of Law no. 241, 7 August 1990, is Donatella Travaglini, responsible of the Ph.D. - Post Graduate - State Examination Office of the University of Urbino Carlo Bo (dottorato@uniurb.it).

Holder of the substitutive power is Simona Pigrucci, Responsible of the Didactic and Responsible (ad interim) of the International Mobility and Student Service Sectors.

Candidates are entitled to exercise the right to access the procedural deeds according to the current legislation. The request, addressed to the Rector of the University of Urbino, must be sent to the Protocol and Archive Department/Office, Via Saffi, 2, 61029 Urbino (PU) — PEC: amministrazione@uniurb.legalmail.it

Urbino, June 30th 2021

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ANNEX A

Ph.D. Programme in BIOMOLECULAR AND HEALTH SCIENCES				
Administrative Department	Department of BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES			
Duration of the Programme	3 years			
Available positions	Scholarships funded by the University	9	 5 position with a topic-specific scholarship: 1 specific scholarship - Topic: Dissecting the role of the Ubiquitin Proteasome System (UPS) in gastric cancer to identify potential drug targets. (Caratterizzazione del ruolo del Sistema Ubiquitina Proteasoma (UPS) nel cancro gastrico per identificare potenziali bersagli farmacologici). 1 specific scholarship - Topic: Mechanisms whereby arsenic trioxide promotes toxicity in tumour cells with a different spatial organization of the er/mitochondria network / Meccanismi attraverso cui il triossido di arsenico promuove tossicità in cellule tumorali con una diversa organizzazione spaziale del network ER/mitocondri. 1 specific scholarship - Topic Redox modulation of proteostasis in a murine model of aging: focus on macrophages and lymphoid organs / Modulazione redox della proteostasi in macrofagi e organi linfoidi, utilizzando un modello murino di invecchiamento. 1 specific scholarship - Topic Novel therapeutic approaches to fight bacterial pathogens / Nuovi approcci terapeutici contro i patogeni batterici. 1 specific scholarship - Topic: Caveolin-1 impact on vesicular secretome / Impatto della Caveolina-1 sulla secrezione vescicolare. 4 positions with a free-topic scholarship Of which 2 reserved to candidates holding a foreign degree The candidate must choose whether to apply for a topic specific scholarship (and thus select one topic) or for a free-topic scholarship. Candidates who wish to compete also for the position with scholarship reserved for candidates who have obtained their qualification abroad must select this option in the online application procedure. 	



			Candidates who wish to compete exclusively for	
	Positions withou scholarship	2	the positions without scholarship must choose the relevant option in the online application procedure	
	Total number of available positions	of 11		
Selection procedure	PRESELECTIO ORAL EXAMINA		D ON THE EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND	
Online interview	Candidates will	be interv	riewed online (videoconference tool used: Zoom)	
Criteria for the evaluation of candidates			evaluation of qualifications: up to 20 prail examination: up to 60	
	Curriculum vitae	Points: up to 5	The congruence of the curriculum with the Ph.D. programme will be assessed, as well as the experience gained in the research field. Template available at the following link: https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-ricerca/informazioni-perammissione	
Documentation to be attached to the application form	Scientific publications	Points: up to 10	, ,	
			Up to 5, published within the last 5 years.	
	Additional documentation deemed useful for the assessment by the candidate	Points: up to 5	Other scientific and cultural titles, including eventual reference letters (max. 2)	
Preliminary meeting of the Selection Board		August 31 st , 2021		
Publication of the results of the evaluation of qualifications	The Selection Board will publish the results of the evaluation of the qualifications on the website www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences by September 2nd, 2021 . No minimum score at the evaluation of qualifications is foreseen to be admitted to the oral examination.			
Link for the oral interview	The link for the oral interview will be indicated in the file CALENDARIO PROVA ORALE /CALENDAR OF INTERVIEWS which will be published at: www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences			
Interview date via ZOOM videoconferencing	September 7th, 2021, h 9:00 (Italian time) The oral examination for candidates competing for topic-specific scholarships will consist in the presentation of a research project linked to the chosen specific topic. The presentation, delivered in English preferably using multimedia support (slides) and lasting maximum 15 minutes, will be followed			



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	by discussion on the project itself, as well as on the curriculum and the scientific and research interests of the candidate. For candidates competing for free-topic scholarships and positions without scholarships the oral examination will consist in the presentation of a research project in line with one of the general themes of the Ph.D. programme. The presentation, delivered in English preferably using multimedia support (slides) and lasting maximum 15 minutes, will be followed by discussion on the project itself, as well as on the curriculum and the scientific and research interests of the candidate
Language	During the oral examination, the Selection Board will assess the knowledge of the English language. The oral examination will be held in English.
Topics covered in the oral examination	For topic-specific scholarships: thematic areas relevant to the chosen topic. For all the other positions, the thematic areas within which to develop the research project are as follows: 1. Molecular targets and new therapeutic agents 2. Cell signaling and intercellular communication 3. Molecular mechanisms of disease 4. Physiopathology of oxidative stress 5. Diagnostic and prevention of infectious and multifactorial diseases 6. Nutrition science and food safety 7. Neural plasticity in physiology and pathology 8. Physical activity and exercise for health promotion, disease prevention and functional rehabilitation 9. Statistical and mathematical methods in biology and medicine
Information on the activities of the PhD programme	Information on the activities of the PhD Programme can be found at the following link: www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences
How to apply	The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at: https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato37 by and no later than August 24th, h 13:00 (Italian time) All documents (max. 30Mb/each) must be attached in pdf format. The application and the attached documents are sent automatically to the University at the submission of the online procedure. No hard copy of the documentation must thus be delivered nor sent to the offices.
For information requests regarding scientific aspects of the Programme	Ph.D. Programme Coordinator: Professor Marco B.L. Rocchi, tel. 0722-303304 Email: marco.rocchi@uniurb.it Please indicate "PhD in BIOMOLECULAR AND HEALTH SCIENCES" in the email subject
For information requests regarding administrative aspects and support with the online application procedure	Ph.D. Office: dottorato@uniurb.it Please indicate "Ph.D. IN BIOMOLECULAR AND HEALTH SCIENCES" in the email subject



RESI	RESEARCH METHODS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY				
Administrative Department	Department of PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES				
Duration of the Programme	3 years				
Available positions	Scholarships funded by University	the	9	 7 positions with scholarship 2 positions with scholarship reserved to candidates holding a foreign degree Candidates who wish to compete also for the positions with scholarship reserved for candidates who have obtained their qualification abroad must select this option in the online application procedure. 	
	Positions with		2	Candidates who wish to compete exclusively for the positions without scholarship must choose the relevant option in the online application procedure.	
	Total number available positions		11		
Selection procedure	PRESELECTION BASED ON THE EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND ORAL EXAMINATION				
Oral examination via remote interview	Candidates will take the oral examination remotely (videoconference tool used: Zoom)				
Criteria for the evaluation of candidates		Points assigned for the evaluation of qualifications: up to 20 Points assigned for the oral examination: up to 60			
Compulsory documentation to be attached to the application form	Curriculum vitae et studiorum	Curriculum vitae et studiorum		Template available at the following link: https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottoratidi-ricerca/informazioni-perammissione The following aspects, which must be detailed in the CV, will be evaluated: academic qualifications higher than those equested for admission; experiences abroad; research experience gained in the sectors overed by the Ph.D. programme; linguistic certifications.	
	Master's thesis	Points : up t 4	s to M	Title and abstract of the Master's thesis Candidates who have not yet achieved their Master's Degree can present a summary (no onger than 4 pages) of the project of their Master's thesis, signed by his/her supervisor.	



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			To be uploaded under "Publications" in the section "Documents to be submitted with the application form" of the online application procedure.
	Research	Points :	Three-year research project proposal, written in English, length between 4000 and 7000 characters (spaces included), indicating the thematic area and the ERC sector chosen amongst those indicated in the content description of the Ph.D. Programme (www.uniurb.it/dottorati) and with the following structure: a) state of art b) objectives c) methodology d) expected results
	project	up to 8	The research project will be evaluated for admission purposes solely and will not be binding for the definition of the dissertation work in case of admission to the PhD Programme.
			Guidelines for Research Project Proposal available here: https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-ricerca/informazioni-perammissione
			Optional documentation
	Scientific publications	Points: up to 2	Attach a list of publications and workshop communications/posters as well as a PDF copy of them. Up to 3, published within the last 3 years.
	Reference letters	Points : up to	Up to 2 reference letters issued by Italian or foreign Professors/Researchers
	Additional documentation deemed useful for the assessment by the candidate	Points: up to 1	Other scientific and cultural titles, such as: - prizes and awards achieved in the sectors covered by the Ph.D. programme; - certification of skills in the sectors covered by the Ph.D. programme.
Preliminary meeting of the Selection Board	September 7th	, 2021, h	14:00 CEST (Italian time)
Publication of the results of the evaluation of	qualifications of and-technology	on the w	vill publish the results of the evaluation of the rebsite www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-ember 10th, 2021.
qualifications	Candidates scoring at least 10 points out of 20 at the preselection based on the evaluation of qualifications will be admitted to the oral examination.		
Link for the oral interview	The link for the oral interview will be indicated in the file CALENDARIO PROVA ORALE /CALENDAR OF INTERVIEWS which will be published at: www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology		
Oral examination	September 14th, 2021, h 10:00 CEST (Italian time)		



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via Zoom videoconferencin g	The oral examination consists in the presentation, in English, of the research project proposal, followed by discussion of the candidate's proposal, curriculum, qualifications and scientific interests.
Language	During the oral examination, the Selection Board will assess the knowledge of the English language.
Topics covered in the oral examination	The research project proposal, to be attached to the application form and presented orally during the interview, can focus on any topic freely chosen by the candidate that falls within the areas of interest of the Ph.D. programme. The interview will focus on topics related to the project proposal presented by the candidate and to the area and sector indicated in the proposal, as well as on the content of the candidate's curriculum.
Information on the activities of the PhD programme	www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology
How to apply	The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at: https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato37/ by and no later than August 24th, h 13:00 CEST (Italian time) All documents (max. 30Mb/each) must be attached in pdf format. The application and the attached documents are sent automatically to the University at the submission of the online procedure. No hard copy of the documentation must thus be delivered nor sent to the offices.
For information requests regarding scientific aspects of the Programme	Ph.D. Programme Coordinator: Professor Alessandro Bogliolo, tel +39 0722 304410 Email: remest@uniurb.it Please indicate "Ph.D. Programme in RESEARCH METHODS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" in the email subject
For information requests regarding administrative aspects and support with the online application procedure	dottorato@uniurb.it Please indicate "Ph.D. Programme in RESEARCH METHODS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" in the email subject

	PhD Programme in HUMANITIES
Curricula	 Text and communication sciences Contemporary History and Comparative Cultures Human sciences
Administrative Department	Department of Communication Sciences, Humanities and International Studies



Duration of the Programme	3 years		
Available positions	Scholarships funded by the University	9	7 positions with scholarship + 2 positions with scholarships reserved for candidates with a foreign degree Available positions for each curriculum as specified below: - Text and communication sciences (2 positions with scholarship + 1 position with scholarship reserved to candidates holding a foreign degree) - Contemporary History and Comparative Cultures (3 positions with scholarship + 1 position with scholarship reserved to candidates holding a foreign degree) - Human sciences (2 positions with scholarship) Candidates who wish to compete also for the positions with scholarship reserved for candidates who have obtained their qualification abroad must select this option in the online application procedure. Please note: There will be a separate merit ranking for each curriculum. During the application procedure, candidates must select the curriculum for which they want to compete.
without scholars	Positions without scholarship Total number	2	- Text and communication sciences: (1 position without scholarship - Human sciences: (1 position without scholarship) Candidates who wish to compete exclusively for the positions without scholarship must choose the relevant option in the online application procedure.
	of available positions	11	
Selection procedure	ORAL EXAMINA	TION	O ON THE EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND
Online interview	Zoom)		oral examination remotely (videoconference tool used:
Criteria for the evaluation of candidates	Points assigned for the evaluation of qualifications: max 20 Points assigned for the oral examination: up to 60 Candidates who score at least 10 points at the evaluation of qualifications will be admitted to the oral examination.		



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	At least 40 poin	ts must be	scored in order to pass the oral examination.
			Template of the CV available at:
			https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-
			ricerca/informazioni-perammissione
			CANDIDATES WITH AN ITALIAN MASTER'S
			DEGREE
Documentation to be attached to the application form	Curriculum vitae et studiorum	Points: up to 5	For the evaluation of the CV, the graduation grade or – for candidates who have not yet achieved their Master's Degree - the weighted average of the exams taken will be evaluated. Candidates are responsible for entering such data in the application form (PICA platform). Such information is mandatory. Instructions for calculating the weighted average: - multiply the grade of each exam taken by the respective number of credits (30 cum laude is to be considered as 30); - add up all the products obtained; - divide the result by the sum of the useful credits (those of the exams with marks). Evaluation criteria: - For graduates: Master's degree graduation mark Graduation mark: 110 cum laude - 5 points 110 - 4 points 107-109 - 3.5 points 104-106 - 3 points 99-103 - 2 points
			 - <98 - 1 point For candidates who have not yet achieved their Master's Degree: Weighted average
			score Weighted average of the exams taken for the Master's Degree: 30/30 - 5 points from 28/30 to 29/30 - 4 points from 26/30 to 27/30 - 3 points from 24/30 to 25/30 - 2 points <24/30 - 1 point
			The average is rounded as follows: - vote with decimals > 5, for excess; - vote with decimals <5 by default.
			CANDIDATES WITH QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED (OR TO BE OBTAINED) ABROAD: The "Academic transcript of records of Master's degree" with related credits (if foreseen in the university system of the country that issued it) and grades (for undergraduates enter the presumed date



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			of graduation) must be uploaded during the online procedure.
	Research	Points:	The project, consistent with the chosen curriculum, must have a length between 10,000 and 15,000 characters (including spaces: the bibliographic index, which normally completes the presentation of the project, is excluded from this calculation), and must be divided into two parts: 1. presentation of the research topic; 2. identification of the research objectives and the ways in which they are to be achieved, research times.
	project	up to 12	The research project will be evaluated for admission purposes solely and will not be binding for the definition of the dissertation work in case of admission to the PhD Programme.
			Guidelines for Research Project Proposal available here: https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-ricerca/informazioni-perammissione
	Optional docu	ments	
	Scientific publications	Points: up to 2	Up to 2 publications within the last 3 years will be evaluated (1 point for each publication). Publications will be evaluated only if they are coherent to one of the scientific disciplinary sectors addressed in the Ph.D. programme.
			Attach a list of publications as well as a PDF copy of them.
	Additional documentation deemed useful for the assessment by the candidate	Points: up to 1	Other titles: working experiences gained in areas addressed by the Ph.D. programme.
Preliminary meeting of the Selection Board	September 13t	h, 2021	
Publication of the results of the evaluation of qualifications	The Selection Board will publish the results of the evaluation of the qualifications on the website www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici by September 16th, 2021 . Candidates scoring at least 10 points out of 20 at the preselection based on the evaluation of qualifications will be admitted to the oral interview.		
Link for the oral interview	The link for the oral interview will be indicated in the file CALENDARIO PROVA ORALE /CALENDAR OF INTERVIEWS which will be published at: www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici		
Interview date via ZOOM videoconferencing	September 22 nd , 2021 h 9:00 CEST During the oral examination, candidates will be asked to: - present their curriculum and their specific scientific and research interests - illustrate their research project proposals, in coherence with the chosen curriculum.		



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	Within the Text and communication sciences curriculum, candidates interested in SSD L-FIL_LET/02 Greek Language and Literature (Area 10) must take a mandatory Greek test, which foresees the translation of a short text drawn from ancient Greek literature.
Language	During the oral examination, the Selection Board will assess the knowledge of the English language. It is possible to take the oral examination in English upon request.
	The subjects covered by the examination refer to areas 10, 11 and 14, in the Academic Disciplines (SSD) and in the research topics developed within the Department and specifically by the professors who form the Board of Lecturers:
	Text and communication sciences For Area 10 L-FIL-LET/02 Greek Language and Literature; For Area 14 SPS/08 Sociology of Cultural and Communications Processes.
	Contemporary History and Comparative Cultures
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Topics covered in the oral examination	M-STO/04 Contemporary History (in the variations, for the same sector, of History of political parties and movements, Social history, History of Contemporary Europe); For Area 10 L-LIN/11 – Anglo-American Languages and Literatures
	Scienze umane Per l'area 11 M-PSI/03 Psychometrics M-PSI/04 Developmental and Educational Psychology M-PSI/07 Dynamic Psychology M-PSI/08 Clinical Psychology M-PED/01 Pedagogy, Theories of Education and Social Education M-PED/03 Methodologies of Teaching and Special Education
Information on the activities of the PhD programme	Information on the activities of the PhD Programme can be found at the following link: www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici
How to apply	The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at: https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato37 no later than h 13:00 (Italian time) on August 24 th 2021 All documents (max. 30Mb/each) must be attached in pdf format. The application and the attached documents are sent automatically to the University at the submission of the online procedure. No hard copy of the documentation must thus be delivered nor sent to the offices.
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