



**SELECTION CALL FOR ADMISSION TO THE XL CYCLE Ph.D. PROGRAMMES  
(ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025)  
(Rectoral decree n. 304 of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: from May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 at 1 pm (Italian time)**

**Art. 1**

**Opening of the selection procedure**

The University of Urbino Carlo Bo opens for the Academic Year 2024/2025 (XL cycle) a public competitive selection for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes in:

- Biomolecular and Health Sciences
- Global Studies. Economy, Society and Law
- Research Methods in Science and Technology
- Humanities

This announcement is drawn up in Italian and in English in compliance with the provisions of current legislation on the subject and with the University Ph.D. Regulations.

According to Ministerial Decree 226 issued on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, 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 table at the end of this selection call (Annex A) specifies relevant information for each PhD Programme: the Department in charge of administrative procedures, the duration of the programme, the total number of available places with and without a scholarship, the types of scholarships available and the topics, the selection procedure and the exam calendar.

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

The Ph.D. Programmes are illustrated at the website <https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs>

The Ph.D. Programmes last 3 years, will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and end on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2027.

**This selection call is an official notification valid for all legal purposes.** No private communication will be sent.

The University assumes no responsibility for the dispersion of communications due to inaccurate indications of personal contact details by the candidate or to failure or late communication of their change or to technological problems.

Any changes or additions to the contents of this notice and all the acts of the selections will be made known by publication on the website of the University of Urbino Carlo Bo at the following link: <https://www.uniurb.it/phd>, by selecting the relevant Ph.D. programme and clicking on "Official documentation".



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

## Art.2

### Admission requirements

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 procedure<sup>1</sup>. 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 **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. 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](mailto:dottorato@uniurb.it)) **under penalty of forfeiture**.

Candidates who have already obtained a Ph.D. title may take part in the selection procedure to be admitted to a second Ph.D. programme as long as the prevailing topics and scientific-disciplinary sectors are different from those relating to the Ph.D. programme for which the degree was awarded. Those who have already benefited, even partially, of a scholarship for a research doctorate course in Italy cannot benefit from another doctoral scholarship.

**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

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

**Qualification to be achieved by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024:** signed 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-riconoscimento-accademico>



**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. A template is available at the following link: <https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/laureati/dottorati-di-ricerca/informazioni-perammissione>.

## **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 Supplement<sup>2/</sup> Rector's Decree of equivalence/Statements of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA, the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre<sup>3</sup>.

### **Qualification to be achieved**

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 in Italian or English are accepted under penalty of exclusion from the competition. In cases where self-certification is not permitted (e.g. non-EU candidate with a qualification obtained abroad), if the official documentation issued by the university where the qualification was obtained is not already in English, the candidate must attach also a certified translation in Italian or English. The Commission assesses the suitability of the foreign qualification based on the documentation attached to the application for admission to the competition and can therefore exclude the candidate even if the documentation submitted does not provide sufficient elements for the assessment.

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.

Any additional admission requirements requested for admission to the selection procedure under penalty of exclusion, are indicated in Annex A to this announcement and must be met on the expiry

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cimea.it/en/servizi/il-sistema-italiano-di-istruzione-superiore/diploma-supplement.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-atteati-di-comparabilita-e-verifica-dei-titoli>



date of the announcement. The verification of the existence of these requirements is the responsibility of the Selection Board.

### 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 June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, h. 1:00 p.m. (Italian time)**, exclusively using the **dedicated online procedure PICA** available at the following link:

**<https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40>**

It is also possible to access the application procedure using SPID (Public Digital Identity System), choosing the University of Urbino Carlo Bo from the page of available institutions.

The requested documentation specified 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).

**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 **Biomolecular and Health Sciences**, candidates who wish to compete for places with a priority research topic scholarship must indicate this in the application form, selecting only one topic. This choice will be binding. Candidates who compete for places with a priority research topic scholarship automatically compete also for free topic positions.

For the Ph.D. Programme in **Humanities**, which is divided into 4 curricula, the candidate must choose and indicate the curriculum he/she wants to apply for. It is only possible to apply for one curriculum of the Ph.D. Programme.

Separate rankings will be drawn up for each curriculum.

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.

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, if available, must indicate this in the online application procedure for the purpose of merit ranking defining. The choice is irrevocable.

Only candidates who have expressly requested it in the admission application will be able to compete for scholarships with a specific topic and for scholarships reserved to candidates holding a foreign degree. These choices are 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.



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, must declare such status in the online application and attach the official documentation attesting to their international protection status.

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 <https://www.uniurb.it/phd> on the page of each PhD programme under "Official documentation".

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

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.

For any further information or communication, please contact the Ph.D. Office ([dottorato@uniurb.it](mailto: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 (**June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, h 1:00 pm - 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 **June 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, h 1:00 pm (Italian time)**.

The candidate can monitor the submission of the Reference letters by the referees directly on the online platform.

**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)

Applicants with disabilities or with specific learning disabilities who intend to request the support provided for by current legislation must do so using the relevant function of the online procedure available once the application has been submitted.

The certification of disability must be:

- issued by INPS, pursuant to law no. 118 of 30 March 1971 (civil invalidity);



or

- issued by the competent public health facility for the area, pursuant to law no. 104/92 and subsequent amendments (certificate of handicap).

DSA certifications must:

- meet the criteria of the 2011 Consensus Conference;
- be issued by NHS structures or by accredited bodies no earlier than 3 years from the date of the admission interview, except in the case of certifications drawn up after the age of majority (art. 3 Law n. 170/2010 and subsequent State-Regions Agreement of 07/24/2012).
- be complete with diagnosis and reference nosographic codes, according to Law 170/2010

Applicants with disabilities or with specific learning disabilities (DSA) residing in foreign countries who intend to take advantage of the measures referred to in the previous paragraph, must present a certificate certifying the status of disability or DSA issued in the country of residence accompanied by a translation certified in Italian or in English.

**Failure to upload the documentation within the terms set out in this announcement will not give the right to use the requested support.**

#### **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 <https://www.uniurb.it/phd>, on the page of each PhD programme.**

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

- Eventual minimum points requested at the qualification assessment in order to be admitted to the interview;
- 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: <https://www.uniurb.it/phd>.

The selection procedure is carried out by ensuring an appropriate comparative assessment of the candidates.



#### **4.1. Procedure for the remote oral interview**

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 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 (art. 15, c. 6 of the Research Doctorate Regulations).

The **results of the oral interviews** will be published on the university website, at the link <https://www.uniurb.it/phd>, on the page of each Ph.D. programme.

#### **Art. 5**

##### **Selection Boards**

The members of the Selection Boards 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 each selection procedure 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 the 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.

In the case of absence of eligible candidates, the scholarships cannot be awarded.

##### **6.2 Allocation of positions for priority themed scholarships**

In the case of the Ph.D. Programme in **Biomolecular and Health Sciences** in which priority themed scholarships are foreseen, the general admission ranking to the Ph.D. Programme will indicate whether candidates are eligible for the priority-themed scholarships for which they have applied.



If more than one candidate is eligible for the same priority scholarship, the Commission will assign the scholarship on the basis of the merit ranking.

### **6.3 Allocation of the restricted topic position funded by an external body**

For the Ph.D. programme in **Biomolecular and Health Sciences**, the eligibility of candidates for the restricted-topic scholarship for which they have applied for will be indicated in the general ranking for admission to the Programme and the scholarships will be assigned on the basis of the merit ranking.

### **6.4 Assignment of positions for Ph.D. Programmes with separate rankings by curricula**

For the Ph.D. Programme in **Humanities**, which is divided in 4 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 rankings 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](http://www.uniurb.it/alboufficiale)) and on the webpage <https://www.uniurb.it/phd> on the page of each PhD programme.**

In the event that the candidate is a winner in more than one doctoral course at the time of enrollment, he/she must exercise the right of option for only one course.

**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/international/regular-students/phd-programs/enrolment-procedure-to-the-first-year>

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

The achievement of the qualification must be communicated to the Ph.D. Office within the deadline indicated in the Rector's Decree with the merit ranking.

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

Foreign candidates who require a visa to stay on Italian territory are required, once registration is completed, to register on the University portal (<https://www.universitaly.it/>), click on "International Students" and follow the procedure indicated there for the purposes of applying for the visa.





**Winning candidates with foreign academic qualifications must also provide:**

**1 - For qualifications achieved outside the European Union:** statements of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA, the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre<sup>4</sup>.

**2 - For qualifications achieved in a country belonging to the European Union:** Diploma Supplement in English or statements of comparability and verification issued by CIMEA, the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre<sup>4</sup>.

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:

**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 Reallocation of priority-theme scholarships:** if priority thematic scholarship become available following express or tacit renunciation or forfeiture of enrolment of winning candidates, the positions will be offered to other suitable candidates who have expressed interest in taking over with scholarship according to the ranking order. In the absence of eligible candidates, these scholarships are made available as free-topic scholarships.

**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**

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cimea.it/EN/pagina-attestati-di-comparabilita-e-verifica-dei-titoli>



**stated in the Rector's Decree approving the merit ranking. The template for the manifestation of interest will be sent via email by the office to all suitable candidates in the merit rankings.**

### **Art. 9 Enrolment Fees**

The PhD student is exempt from paying university fees, for enrolment purposes she/he is required to pay the amount, for each academic year, equal to Euro 156.00 corresponding to the regional contribution to the right to study and stamp duty.

The payment must be made:

- for the first year, upon registration;
- for subsequent years by 30 November of each year.

### **Art. 10 Scholarships**

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

Scholarships reserved to candidates accessing the competition with a foreign academic qualification (Master's degree or equivalent) are bound. 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.

For topic-specific scholarships, the research topic is also indicated. The recipients of these scholarships are bound to carry out the indicated research activity and to comply with the provisions of the agreement between the University and the funding body of the scholarship.

#### **10.1 - Amount and increases**

As determined by the Ministerial Decree 247 dated 23th February 2022 the scholarship amounts to €16.243,00 gross/ year and is subject to National Social Insurance (INPS) in compliance with 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.

Each PhD student is insured for each academic year, 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. The use of this budget is regulated in the dedicated guidelines.

#### **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) The scholarship is awarded exclusively to those who do not have, during the period of attendance of the doctoral course, a gross annual income greater than the amount of one annual scholarship. Exceeding this income limit determines the loss of the right to the scholarship for the year in which the event of income incompatible with the scholarship occurred, and this entails the obligation to repay any monthly payments already received during the period. academic year.
- 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 compatibility 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.

### Art.11

#### Rights and duties of Ph.D. students

1. 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.
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**

##### **Ph.D. title achievement**

The Ph.D. title is obtained by passing the final exam. This examination takes place through an interview with the candidate, concerning his/her thesis.

The selection commissions for the final exam will be formed and appointed in accordance with the relevant legislation.

#### **Art.13**

##### **Property rights on results**

The intellectual and industrial property rights on any results achieved by the Ph.D. student, including but not limited to software, patentable or non-patentable industrial inventions, know-how, models, data and data collections, are governed in accordance with the law in force and with the University regulations and possibly, on the basis of what is established in the individual agreements with the Universities, Companies or Organizations involved.

PhD students are required to sign a specific confidentiality agreement in relation to information, data and documents of a confidential nature which they may become aware of in carrying out their activity at and/or on behalf of the University.

#### **Art. 14**

##### **University Benefits issued by the Regional Body for Student Financial Aid (ERDIS)**

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.erdiss.it/>, where the admission terms and conditions are published.

#### **Art. 15**

##### **Personal data protection**

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 the 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](mailto:rpd@uniurb.it). For more details, view the link <https://www.uniurb.it/ateneo/utilita/privacy>

#### **Art. 16**

##### **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](mailto: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](mailto:amministrazione@uniurb.legalmail.it)

### **Article 17** **Referral regulation**

1. For anything not provided for in this announcement, the legislative and regulatory provisions regarding Research Doctorates apply.
2. This notice, together with the English version, will be published on the Official University Noticeboard ([https://www.uniurb.it/albo\\_ufficio](https://www.uniurb.it/albo_ufficio)), on the University website at the page: <http://www.uniurb.it/dottorato> on the website of the Ministry of University and Research and on the European Euraxess website.
3. Any changes or additions to the announcement will be made known on the competition web page.

Urbino, *May 24<sup>th</sup>*, 2024

THE RECTOR  
Giorgio Calcagnini



## ANNEX A

<b>PhD Programme in BIOMOLECULAR AND HEALTH SCIENCES A.Y. 2024/2025 – XL Cycle</b>		
Administrative Department	BIOMOLECULAR AND SCIENCES (DISB)	
Coordinator	Prof. Ferdinando Mannello	
Duration of the programme	3 years	
Available positions (total n. 10)	Scholarships funded by the University, 2 of which are reserved for candidates with qualifications obtained abroad (Candidates who intend to apply for positions with scholarships reserved for those who obtained their qualification abroad must specify that in the online procedure)	n. 9  <b>Project of priority theme - 1</b> <i>Implementing innovative methods for safety and sustainability assessments of chemicals and materials particularly at nanolevel in the European Union (CheMatSustain).</i>  <b>Project of priority theme - 2</b> <i>Effects of TECAR Therapy Treatment on Reducing Acute and Chronic Osteoarticular and Muscular Inflammation and Pain: Relationship between Biological and Functional Markers and Neuromuscular Signalling in Athletes.</i>  <b>Project of priority theme- 3</b> <i>In vitro evaluation of colostrum/milk EVs uptake and their immunomodulatory activity on intestinal and macrophagic cells.</i>  <b>Project of priority theme - 4</b> <i>Clozapine inhibits lipid accumulation and mitochondrial biogenesis in differentiating adipocytes: identification of the mechanisms and development of pharmacological strategies for their prevention.</i>  <b>Project of priority theme - 5</b> <i>Platelet aggregation by circulating histones: their roles as biomarkers, triggers and therapeutic target for sepsis.</i>  <b>Project of priority theme - 6</b> <i>New mathematical-statistical models for real-time PCR quantification.</i>



			<p><b>Project of priority theme - 7</b></p> <p><i>Prognostic and predictive biomarkers in human cancer.</i></p> <p><b>Project of priority theme - 8</b></p> <p><i>C. elegans as a powerful multicellular organism for aging studies: food components promoting healthspan via mitochondria-regulated signaling.</i></p> <p><b>Project of free theme - 9</b></p> <p>The candidate may opt for one of the general research topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-biomarkers, biomolecular targets and new therapeutic agents;</li> <li>-cell signaling and intercellular communication;</li> <li>-molecular mechanisms of pathologies;</li> <li>-physiopathology of oxidative stress;</li> <li>-diagnosis and prevention of infectious and multifactorial diseases;</li> <li>-nutrition sciences and food safety;</li> <li>-neural plasticity in physiology and pathology;</li> <li>-physical activity and exercise in health promotion, prevention and functional re-education;</li> <li>-statistical and mathematical methods in biology and medicine.</li> </ul>
	Externally financed scholarship with a restricted theme PRIN2022_PNRR (CUP H53D23011040001 - Cod. P20225HFSK)	n. 1	<i>Novel therapeutic approaches to fight bacterial pathogens.</i>
Topics covered in the interview	SSD BIO 04 Plant Physiology BIO 05 Zoology BIO 09 Physiology BIO 10 Biochemistry BIO 11 Molecular Biology BIO 12 Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology BIO 13 Applied Biology BIO 14 Pharmacology BIO 16 Human Anatomy BIO 17 Histology BIO 19 Microbiology MED 01 Medical Statistics MED 03 Genetics MED 04 General Pathology MED 07 Microbiology and Clinical Microbiology MED 40 Gynecology and Obstetrics MED 42 General and Applied Hygiene MED 46 Technical sciences of laboratory medicine M-EDF 01 Methods and Teaching of Motor Activities M-EDF 02 Methods and teaching of sports activities		D.M. n. 639/2024 del 02/05/2024 Cod GDS BIOS-02/A Plant Physiology BIOS-03/A Zoology BIOS-06/A Physiology BIOS-07/A Biochemistry BIOS-08/A Molecular Biology BIOS-09/A Clinical Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology BIOS-10/A Cellular and applied Biology BIOS-11/A Pharmacology BIOS-12/A Human Anatomy BIOS-13/A Human Histology and embryology BIOS-15/A Microbiology MEDS-24/A Medical Statistics BIOS-14/A Genetics MEDS-02/A General Pathology MEDS-03/A Microbiology and Clinical Microbiology MEDS-21/A Gynecology and Obstetrics MEDS-24/B General and Applied Hygiene MEDS-26/D Technical sciences of laboratory medicine MEDF-01/A Methods and Teaching of Motor Activities MEDF-01/B Methods and teaching of sports activities
How to apply	The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at: <a href="https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40">https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40</a>		



	<p><b>by and no later than June 25th, 2024, h 1:00 p.m. (Italian time).</b></p> <p>The documents must be attached in PDF format (max 30 MB). The submission of the application and documentation to the University occurs automatically upon the definitive closure of the online procedure. Therefore, no delivery or shipping of paper materials to the Offices should be made."</p>
Compulsory documentation to be attached to the application	<p>Curriculum vitae et studiorum (form available at the following address: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a>)</p> <p>Scientific Publications Master's Thesis (abstract in case discussion of master's thesis is pending)</p> <p>Other Titles</p>
Selection mode	<p>Preselection for evaluation of qualifications Oral exam (by video conference)</p>
Criteria for the evaluation of qualifications	<p>Title evaluation points: maximum 20 <i>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</i> up to a maximum of 8 points Scientific publications up to a maximum of 8 points (master's thesis may be included) Other qualifications up to a maximum of 4 points (max 2 letters of reference can be included, up to a maximum of 1 points) Points for the oral exam: maximum 60 (including the research project and knowledge of the English language)</p> <p>For the evaluation of the discussion the following aspects will be considered: clarity and linearity of exposition, argumentative ability, theoretical and practical methodological knowledge in the context of the proposed research project. Furthermore, the technical-practical skills acquired during the laboratory internship period at university facilities or laboratories of companies or research institutions for experimental theses will be evaluated.</p> <p>Finally, the congruence of study interests and research objectives with the research themes of the doctoral program will be assessed and motivational aspects will also be considered.</p>
Publication of the results of the evaluation of qualifications	<p>The results of the evaluation of the qualifications will be published on <b>July 10th, 2024</b> in the Official Documentation section of the website: <a href="http://www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences">www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences</a></p>
Information on the oral exam	<p>Oral examination: it will be conducted in English and will mainly focus on a research project related to the theme chosen by the candidate and on the research objectives that the candidates intend to pursue during the doctoral program. The project should describe a possible research activity to be carried out during the doctoral program and should be articulated in: a) rationale, b) experimental design and objectives, c) materials and methods, d) expected results</p>
Oral exam calendar	<p>The interviews for those admitted to the oral examination will take place starting from the day <b>July 16th, 2024</b> via video conference. If the number of candidates to be examined is high, the commission reserves the right to complete the interviews on the following day. Any changes will be published on the doctoral program's web page <a href="http://www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences">www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences</a></p>
Oral exam link	<p>The link to the Zoom platform for the oral exam will be indicated in the "Oral exam calendar /Calendar of interviews" file at <a href="http://www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences">www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences</a></p>





Final merit ranking	The final merit ranking will be published at the following link: <a href="http://www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences">www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences</a>
Information on the activities of the Ph.D. Programme	<a href="http://www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences">www.uniurb.it/biomolecular-and-health-sciences</a>
For information requests regarding scientific aspects of the Programme	Coordinator: Prof. Ferdinando Mannello, tel. 0722-304261 Email: <a href="mailto:ferdinando.mannello@uniurb.it">ferdinando.mannello@uniurb.it</a> Vice-Coordinator: Prof. Elena Barbieri, tel. 0722-303417 Email: <a href="mailto:elena.barbieri@uniurb.it">elena.barbieri@uniurb.it</a>
For information requests regarding administrative aspects and support with the online application procedure	Ph.D. Office: <a href="mailto:dottorato@uniurb.it">dottorato@uniurb.it</a> Please indicate "Ph.D. in Biomolecular and Health Sciences - XL cycle" in the email subject, a.a. 2024/2025

<b>PhD Programme in GLOBAL STUDIES. ECONOMY, SOCIETY AND LAW A.Y. 2024/2025 – XL Cycle</b>		
Administrative Department	ECONOMICS, SOCIETY, POLITICS (DESP)	
Coordinator	Prof. Antonello ZANFEI	
Duration of the programme	3 years	
Available positions (total n.10)	Scholarships funded by the University, 2 of which are reserved for candidates with qualifications obtained abroad (Candidates who intend to apply for positions with scholarships reserved for those who obtained their qualification abroad must specify that in the online procedure)	n. 9
	Positions without scholarship	n. 1
Topics covered in the interview	Applicants must exhibit basic knowledge of the following disciplinary areas: 12 - LEGAL SCIENCES, and/or 13- ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL SCIENCES, and/or 14 - POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. With reference to the themes covered in the XL Cycle PhD Programme in Global Studies, it will be a preferential title to demonstrate skills in the following Scientific Sectors (SSDs): IUS/01, IUS/07, IUS/10, IUS/13, IUS/15, IUS/18, IUS/20, SPS/07, SPS/08, SPS/09, SPS/10, SPS/12. Candidates will have to apply these competencies to the	



	thematic area on: "Global Society, Cross-border Mobility and Law" (see the "Research Project" section below for details)
How to apply	The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at: <a href="https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40">https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40</a> <b>by and no later than June 25th, 2024, h 13:00 (Italian time).</b> The documents must be attached in PDF format (max 30 MB). The submission of the application and documentation to the University occurs automatically upon the definitive closure of the online procedure. Therefore, no delivery or shipping of paper materials to the Offices should be made."
Compulsory documentation to be attached to the application	<b>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</b> The CV must be written in English and must precisely illustrate the training path followed and the skills acquired by the candidate. (form available at the following address: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a> )  The curriculum must detail in particular: - educational and training career - study and research interests - work, study, and research experiences gained in the sectors covered by the Ph.D. programme - self-assessment of the knowledge of the English language according to the Common European Framework of Reference for the knowledge of languages (this self- assessment can be produced within the curriculum presented by the candidate); - indication of the possession of any official certificates of knowledge of the English language at level B2 or higher, issued by accredited bodies (this certificate can be attached to the CV and will be evaluated as additional documentation). - self- assessment of knowledge of foreign languages other than English, including Italian in the case of foreign candidates (this self-certification can be produced in the curriculum presented by the candidate)  <b>Abstract of the Master's degree thesis.</b> To be written in English, must not exceed 1500 words. (to be submitted also if the title has not yet been obtained, specifying the presumed date of the discussion, provided that it is dated before October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024)  <b>Research project</b> has to be written in English of up to 2,500 words (the bibliography is excluded from this computation), on a topic related to the thematic area Global Society, Cross-border Mobility and Law: (a) Legal studies of globalisation and cross-border mobility: Rights, institutions, public administrations, and their role in the evolution of national and supra-national legal systems; (b) Sociological topics in globalisation processes: migration, health, welfare policies, social work, territory, environment, employment.  The Project should be articulated as follows: a) state of the art; b) research objectives; c) theoretical and methodological framework; d) research design; e) expected result; (g) references. Template available at the following link: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a> . The research project will be examined through the University's software for plagiarism detection
Selection mode	Preselection for evaluation of qualifications (including CV, abstract of master thesis, and research project) Oral interview (by video conference) of shortlisted candidates
Criteria for the evaluation of	<i>Evaluation points for qualifications:</i> maximum <b>20</b>



qualifications and Oral exam/interview	<p>The selection committee will consider the completeness of information included in the CV, the quality and thematic coherence of the Master thesis and Research project, the quality of written English of the documentation uploaded, and additional certification of English Proficiency of non-mother-tongue candidates, if produced.</p> <p>Candidates who will have scored at least <b>12</b> points out of 20 from the evaluation of qualifications will be admitted to the oral exam.</p> <p><i>Points for the oral examination/interview:</i> maximum <b>60</b> (including the discussion of CV, research project and evaluation English language proficiency). For the evaluation of the discussion, the following aspects will be considered: clarity and coherence in presentation, argumentative ability, theoretical and methodological knowledge within the proposed research project, consistency of study interests and research objectives with the themes of the doctoral program, motivational aspects and listening comprehension and quality of spoken English.</p> <p><b>Minimum final score 60/80</b></p>
Publication of the results of the evaluation of qualifications	<p>The results of the evaluation of the qualifications will be published on <b>July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b> in the Official Documentation section of the website: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies">https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies</a></p>
Information on the oral exam/interview	<p><b>Oral examination:</b> it will be conducted online in English and will mainly focus on the applicant's CV, research interest and objectives, and research project uploaded by the candidate. English proficiency will also be evaluated.</p>
Oral exam/interview calendar	<p>The interview for candidates admitted to the oral examination will take place starting from <b>July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024</b>, at 9:30 am CEST, via video conference. If the number of candidates to be examined is high, the commission reserves the right to complete the interviews in a subsequent working day. Any changes will be published on the doctoral program's web page <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies">https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies</a></p>
Oral exam link	<p>The link to the Zoom platform for the oral exam will be indicated in the "Oral exam calendar /Calendar of interviews" file at <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies">https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies</a></p>
Final merit ranking	<p>The final merit ranking will be published at the following link: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies">https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies</a></p>
Information on the activities of the Ph.D. Programme	<p><a href="https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies">https://www.uniurb.it/global-studies</a></p>
For information requests regarding scientific aspects of the Programme	<p>Contact Prof. Angela Genova: <a href="mailto:angela.genova@uniurb.it">angela.genova@uniurb.it</a></p>
For information requests regarding administrative aspects and support with the online application procedure	<p>Ph.D. Office: <a href="mailto:dottorato@uniurb.it">dottorato@uniurb.it</a> Please indicate in the email subject "Ph.D. in GLOBAL STUDIES, XL cycle", a.a. 2024/2025</p>



**PhD Programme in  
RESEARCH METHODS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
A.A. 2024/2025 – XL Ciclo**

Administrative Department	DEPARTMENT OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES	
Coordinator	Prof. Luca LANCI	
Duration of the programme	3 years	
Available positions (total n. 10)	Scholarships funded by the University, 2 of which are reserved for candidates with qualifications obtained abroad (Candidates who intend to apply for positions with scholarships reserved for those who obtained their qualification abroad must specify that in the online procedure)	n. 9
	Positions without scholarship	n. 1
Topics covered in the interview	BIO/07 CHIM/01 CHIM/03 CHIM/06 CHIM/08 CHIM/09 FIS/01 GEO/01 GEO/02 GEO/05 GEO/07 GEO/09 GEO/10 INF/01 ING-INF/05 M-Fil/02 MAT/05	
How to apply	The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at: <a href="https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40">https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40</a> <b>by and no later than June 25th, 2024, h 1:00 p.m.(Italian time)</b> . The documents must be attached in PDF format (max 30 MB). The submission of the application and documentation to the University occurs automatically upon the definitive closure of the online procedure. Therefore, no delivery or shipping of paper materials to the Offices should be made."	
	Curriculum vitae et studiorum (form available at the following address: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a> )  Scientific Publications Master's Thesis	



Compulsory documentation to be attached to the application	<b>Other Titles</b>  The research project must be relevant to the research lines of the Doctoral course; it must contain a maximum of 10000 characters with bibliographic references in addition and can be drafted in either Italian or English. The project should be articulated in: state of the art; project description; expected results; project structure; results to be achieved; bibliography. (form available at the following link: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a> ). The research project will be examined through the University's software for plagiarism detection
Selection mode	Preselection for evaluation of qualifications Oral exam (by video conference)
Criteria for the evaluation of qualifications and oral exam	Evaluation points for qualifications: maximum <b>20 Points</b> Oral examination: maximum <b>60 Points</b> (including the research project and knowledge of the English language)  For the evaluation of the discussion, the following aspects will be considered: clarity and coherence in presentation, argumentative ability, theoretical and methodological knowledge within the proposed research project, consistency of study interests and research objectives with the themes of the doctoral program, and motivational aspects will also be considered.  <b>Minimum final score: 60/80</b>
Publication of the results of the evaluation of qualifications	The results of the evaluation of the qualifications will be published on July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 in the Official Documentation section of the website: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology">https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology</a>
Information on the oral exam	Oral examination: it will be conducted in English and will mainly focus on a research project related to the theme chosen by the candidate and on the research objectives that the candidates intend to pursue during the doctoral program. The project should describe a possible research activity to be carried out during the doctoral program.
Oral exam calendar	The interviews for those admitted to the oral examination will take place starting from the day July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 at 9.00 am (Italian time) via video conference. In the event that the number of candidates to be examined is high, the commission reserves the right to complete the interviews on the following day. Any changes will be published on the doctoral program's web page <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology">https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology</a>
Oral exam link	The link to the Zoom platform for the oral exam will be indicated in the "Oral exam calendar /Calendar of interviews" file at <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology">https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology</a>
Final merit ranking	The final merit ranking will be published at the following link: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology">https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology</a>
Information on the activities of the Ph.D. Programme	<a href="https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology">https://www.uniurb.it/research-methods-in-science-and-technology</a>
For information requests regarding scientific aspects of the Programme	Contact: prof. Luca LANCI mail: <a href="mailto:luca.lanci@uniurb.it">luca.lanci@uniurb.it</a>



For information requests regarding administrative aspects and support with the online application procedure	Ph.D. Office: dottorato@uniurb.it Please indicate “Ph.D. in Research Methods in Science and Technology XL cycle” in the email subject, a.a. 2024/2025
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<b>PhD Programme in HUMANITIES A.Y. 2024/2025 – XL Cycle</b>		
CURRICULA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DIGITAL CULTURE</li> <li>- CLASSICAL STUDIES</li> <li>- HISTORICAL SCIENCES IN THE CONTEMPORARY AGE</li> <li>- HUMAN SCIENCES</li> </ul>		
<b>Administrative Department</b>	COMMUNICATION SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (DISCUI)	
<b>Coordinator</b>	Prof. Liana LOMIENTO	
<b>Duration of the programme</b>	3 years	
<b>Available positions (total n. 11)</b>	<p>Scholarships funded by the University, 2 of which are reserved for candidates with qualifications obtained abroad (Candidates who intend to apply for positions with scholarships reserved for those who obtained their qualification abroad must specify that in the online procedure)</p>	n. 9
		<p>The distribution of places with scholarships for the four curricula is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication Sciences and Digital Culture (Two scholarships)</li> <li>- Classical Studies (Two scholarship)</li> <li>- Historical Sciences in the Contemporary Age (Two scholarships, plus one reserved for candidates with foreign qualifications)</li> <li>- Human Sciences (One scholarship plus one grant reserved for candidates with foreign qualifications)</li> </ul>



			<p>Should candidates also wish to apply for the post with a grant reserved for candidates with foreign qualifications, they must specify this in the online procedure.</p> <p>Please note that separate entry rankings exist for each curriculum. Candidates are required to select the curriculum they wish to apply for in their application.</p>
	Positions without scholarship	n. 2	<p>The distribution of places without a scholarship is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Classical Studies One place is available</li> <li>- Human Sciences One place is available.</li> </ul> <p>Those who wish to apply for places without a scholarship must indicate this in the online procedure.</p>
<b>Academic Fields and Disciplines</b>	<p>For the <b>Communication Sciences and Digital Culture</b> curriculum SPS/08 Sociology of Cultural and Communicative Processes</p> <p>For the <b>Classical Studies</b> curriculum L-FIL-LET/02 Greek Language and Literature.</p> <p>For the <b>Contemporary History</b> curriculum M-STO/04 Contemporary history (in the variants, for the same sector, of History of political parties and movements, Social history, History of contemporary Italy and Europe).</p> <p>For the <b>Human Sciences</b> curriculum M-PED/01 General and social pedagogy M-PED/03 Didactics and Special Pedagogy M-PSI/02 Psychobiology and physiological psychology M-PSI/03 Psychometrics M-PSI/05 Social psychology M-PSI/07 Dynamic psychology M-PSI/08 Clinical psychology</p>		
<b>How to apply</b>	<p>The application must be submitted exclusively via the online procedure available at:</p> <p><a href="https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40">https://pica.cineca.it/uniurb/dottorato40</a></p>		



	<p><b>by and no later than June 25th, 2024, h 1:00 p.m. (Italian time).</b></p> <p>The documents must be attached in PDF format (max 30 MB). The submission of the application and documentation to the University occurs automatically upon the definitive closure of the online procedure. Therefore, no delivery or shipping of paper materials to the Offices should be made.</p>
<b>Compulsory documentation to be attached to the application</b>	<p>Curriculum vitae et studiorum</p> <p>form available at the following address: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a></p> <p>Research project</p> <p>The project must be coherent with the chosen curriculum and must be between 10,000 and 15,000 characters in size (including spaces), with the bibliographical index, which normally completes the presentation of the project, excluded from this calculation. It must consist of two parts: the presentation of the research topic; identification of the research objectives and the ways in which it is intended to achieve them and the timeframe of the research.</p> <p>The proposed project will be evaluated solely for the purpose of admission and does not constitute a limitation on the PhD project, in the event of admission.</p> <p>form available at the following link: <a href="https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information">https://www.uniurb.it/international/regular-students/phd-programs/admission-information</a>).</p> <p>The research project will be examined through the University's software for plagiarism detection.</p>
<b>Selection mode</b>	<p>Pre-selection by evaluation of qualifications and research project</p> <p>Oral test (by videoconference)</p>
<b>Score for evaluation of qualifications, research project and oral test</b>	<p>The evaluation of titles is based on a maximum of 20 points. A maximum of seven points may be awarded for curriculum vitae and publications, while a maximum of 13 points may be awarded for research projects.</p> <p>Only those who have obtained at least 10 points in the evaluation of qualifications will be permitted to take the oral examination.</p> <p>The oral examination is worth a maximum of 60 points, including an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of the English language.</p> <p>A minimum final mark of 60/80 is required.</p>





<p><b>Criteria for the evaluation of qualifications</b></p>	<p>The titles are awarded a maximum of seven points, distributed as follows:</p> <p><b>A. Curriculum vitae et studiorum: max. 5 points.</b></p> <p><b>Candidates who have obtained a degree in Italy</b></p> <p>The curriculum vitae will be evaluated based on the degree mark or the weighted average of the examinations taken (for undergraduate candidates). It is the responsibility of the candidate to enter this data in the application form (PICA platform) and this data is mandatory. Please refer to the instructions for calculating the weighted average, which are provided below. The grade of each examination taken on the date of application should be multiplied by the respective number of credits. For example, a grade of 30 cum laude should be considered as 30. The total of all products obtained should be calculated. The result should then be divided by the sum of the useful credits (i.e. those of the exams with marks). The grade in hundredths is obtained by multiplying the average by 110 and dividing by 30. In the absence of this information, it is not possible to assess the curriculum.</p> <p>The evaluation criteria are as follows: In order to evaluate the curriculum vitae, the degree grade or, in its absence, the weighted average of the examinations taken will be considered.</p> <p>The graduation grade is: A grade of 110 cum laude is awarded five points. A grade of 110, which equates to a cum laude distinction, is awarded four points. A grade of 107-109 will be awarded three and a half points. A grade of 104 to 106 will be awarded three points. A grade of 99-103 is awarded two points. A grade of 98 is awarded one point.</p> <p>Weighted average of examinations taken in the Master's degree if enrolled under condition: Average 30/30 - 5 points Average from 28/30 to 29/30 - 4 points Average from 26/30 to 27/30 - 3 points Average from 24/30 to 25/30 - 2 points Average &lt; 24/30 - 1 point The average is rounded up as follows: grade with decimals &gt; 5, by excess; grade with decimals &lt; 5, by default.</p> <p>In the absence of this information, the curriculum vitae cannot be evaluated.</p> <p><b>Candidates with a degree obtained abroad</b></p>
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	<p>Attach 'Academic transcript of records of Master's degree' with relevant credits (if envisaged in the university system of the Country that awarded it) and grades (for undergraduates, enter the presumed date of graduation)</p> <p><b>B. Publications: max 2 points</b></p> <p>1 point for each publication: a maximum of 2 publications in the last 3 years will be assessed.</p> <p>Publications will only be assessed if they are relevant to one of the scientific-disciplinary fields of the PhD.</p> <p>Please attach a list of publications and a pdf copy of the originals.</p>
<b>Publication of the results of the evaluation of qualifications</b>	<p>The results of the evaluation of the qualifications will be published on July 15th, 2024 in the Official Documentation section of the website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici">www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici</a></p>
<b>Topics covered in the interview</b>	<p>The oral examination will be conducted in Italian and English for scholarships reserved for foreign students.</p> <p>Should the interview be conducted in Italian, it is imperative that the candidate's proficiency in English be established during the oral examination.</p> <p>The following criteria will be employed in the evaluation of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The clarity and linearity of the presentation will be evaluated.</li><li>- Capacity to construct and present arguments</li><li>- Theoretical and methodological knowledge within the curricular disciplines will be evaluated.</li><li>- The congruence of the candidate's study interests and research objectives with the research topics of the doctoral programme will be evaluated.</li></ul> <p>The subjects covered by the examination relate to areas 10, 11 and 14 of the SSDs, as well as research topics developed within the Department and specifically by the researchers who are members of the board.</p> <p>In the context of the <b>Communication Sciences and Digital Culture</b> curriculum, SPS/08: Sociology of Cultural and Communicative Processes The oral examination will entail the presentation of the curriculum and the candidate's scientific and research interests, as well as the illustration of the research project hypothesis in coherence with the chosen curriculum.</p> <p>In the case of the <b>Classical Studies</b> curriculum, L-FIL-LET/02: Greek Language and Literature The oral examination will comprise the presentation of the curriculum and the candidate's scientific and research interests, as well as the illustration of the</p>



	<p>hypothesis of the research project in coherence with the chosen curriculum. Additionally, a short translation of a text from ancient Greek literature will be required.</p> <p>In accordance with the requirements of the Historical Sciences in The Contemporary Age curriculum, M-STO/04 Contemporary History (in the variants, for the same sector, of History of Political Parties and Movements, Social History, History of Contemporary Italy and Europe) The oral examination comprises the presentation of the curriculum and the candidate's scientific and research interests, together with an illustration of the hypothesis of the research project, which must be coherent with the chosen curriculum.</p> <p>In the case of the <b>Human Sciences</b> curriculum, M-PED/01 General and Social Pedagogy M-PED/03 Didactics and Special Pedagogy</p> <p>M-PSI/02 Psychobiology and physiological psychology M-PSI/03 Psychometrics M-PSI/05 Social Psychology M-PSI/07 Dynamic Psychology M-PSI/08 Clinical Psychology</p> <p>The oral examination will comprise the presentation of the curriculum and scientific and research interests, accompanied by an illustration of the research project hypothesis, which must be coherent with the chosen curriculum.</p>
<b>Oral exam calendar</b>	<p>The interviews for the University grants and non-grant posts, for those admitted to the oral test, will be conducted via videoconference on 22 July 2024 at 9.00 a.m. (Italian time).</p> <p>Should the number of candidates to be examined be high, the committee reserves the right to schedule additional dates on subsequent days.</p> <p>The timetable and Zoom link for the oral test will be made available in the CALENDAR OF ORAL TEST/CALENDAR OF INTERVIEWS file, which will be published in the 'Administrative Documents' section of the course website: <a href="http://www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici">http://www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici</a></p>
<b>Oral exam link</b>	<p>The link to the Zoom platform for the oral exam will be indicated in the "Oral exam calendar /Calendar of interviews" file at <a href="http://www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici">http://www.uniurb.it/studi-umanistici</a></p>
<b>Final merit ranking</b>	<p>The ranking list will be published in the 'Administrative Documents' section of the course website</p>



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