



## PHD PROGRAMME TABLE 40TH CYCLE

Section “Available Positions and Scholarships” integrated on 13/06/2024

PROGRAMME’S NAME	PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE, COGNITION AND SEMIOTICS (PSCS)
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2024 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
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CURRICULA	1. Philosophy and Science Studies 2. Semiotics 3. Cognitive Science
PHD POSITIONS	7
ADMISSION PROCEDURE	Qualifications and research proposal evaluation Oral examination

### Available Positions and Scholarships

Pos. n.	Financial Support	Description	Positions linked to a specific research topic
1	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
2	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
3	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
4	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of Philosophy and Communication with funds made available by the project ERC (Consolidator grant, 01/12/2022 – 30/11/2027) “Knowledge and manipulation of nature between usefulness and deception in the Arabo-Islamic tradition (9th–15th century)”, Acronym: UseFool (g.a. 101043939), CUP J53C22001700006, P.I. Prof. Lucia Raggetti	Knowledge and manipulation of nature between usefulness and deception in the Arabo-Islamic tradition (9th–15th century)
5	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects “Sostenibilità e resilienza della società, delle comunità e dei territori presentati” (PR FSE+ 2021/2027) – DGG N. 1401 of 07/08/2023 – CUP J33C23001860006	Global Citizenship Education and First Cycle’s Teachers Training



6	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna in the framework of the research training projects “Territorio: Transizione tecnologica, culturale, economica e sociale verso la sostenibilità” (PR. FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 225 of 12/02/2024) - CUP J33C24000280006  	Climate Crisis Chronicles
7	<b>PhD scholarship</b>	Funded by Museo Storico della Fisica e Centro Studi e Ricerche “Enrico Fermi”	Museum Chronicles: the history of 20th century physics in Rome through scientific collections, places, institutions and protagonists. A bridge between past and future for the preservation, dissemination, dialogue and orientation of new generations

The number of positions and scholarships may be incremented in case additional funding becomes available, notwithstanding the terms of the application process in the Call. Any amendment, update or integration of the Programme Table will be published on the University website, even after the Call for applications has expired. Any further PhD positions shall be integrated in the PhD Programme Table within ten days before the oral examination.

All PhD positions winners shall fulfill the learning and research obligations decided by the Academic Board and the obligations foreseen in the relevant regulations, funding schemes and eventual agreements, and in the Call for Applications.

## Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
<b>Qualifications and research proposal evaluation</b>	Applicants’ participation is not required	Available from <b>30/06/2024</b>
<b>Oral examination</b>	<b>Date:</b> starting from <b>02/07/2024 – 9.00 a.m. CEST</b> <b>Place:</b> In presence, Aula Mondolfo, Via Zamboni 38, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from <b>16/07/2024</b>

The results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation shall be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select “summary of the requests in progress” > “see detail” and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page) together with the oral examination detailed schedule. **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results.**

**During the oral examination, applicants may express their interest in one or more positions linked to specific research topics.**

## Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

All the documents listed below **shall be drawn up in English or in Italian**. In case of documents originally issued in any other language (e.g. identity document, qualifications), an official translation is required.

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
<b>Identity document</b>	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
<b>Curriculum Vitae</b>	No specific CV format is required
<b>Degrees</b>	Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)

<b>Research proposal</b>	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the <b>activities to be completed during the first-year course</b> . The proposal must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it must mention <b>on the cover page the Curriculum and/or the topic-specific position/s</b> the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about (<u>applications or research proposals lacking a clear indication of the preferred Curriculum will not be evaluated</u>);</li> <li>- <b>it cannot exceed 20,000 characters</b>, including spaces and formula possibly used. This figure does not include: the title of proposal, the outline, references and images (such as graphs, diagrams, tables, etc. - if present);</li> <li>- <b>it must include</b>: the state of the art; description of the proposal; expected results; articulation of the proposal and implementation times; outline of the criteria to be used to assess the findings obtained; references.</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</b>	
<b>Reference letter/s</b>	<b>No more than 2 reference letters</b> signed by Italian and international academics and professionals in the research field, which do not form part of the Admission Board, attesting the suitability of the applicant and his/her interest in the scientific research. Letters shall be uploaded following the procedure detailed in the Call for Applications (Art. 3.2).
<b>Personal statement</b>	This must include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those <b>relevant experiences and research interests</b> , that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces).
<b>Publications</b>	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals), minor publications and abstracts.
<b>Other documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postgraduate vocational training programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics</li> <li>- Teaching and tutorship activity carried out at academic level</li> <li>- Research activity of any kind - whether basic, applied, translational, etc. - carried out in any capacity, including when covered by research grants, and as a staff member of research projects</li> <li>- Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency</li> <li>- Periods of study abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes)</li> <li>- Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.)</li> </ul>

## Evaluation criteria\*

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100. Scores attributed to the evaluation of the qualifications and of the research proposal will be awarded on the basis of consistency with the chosen Curriculum and the following criteria.

### 1. Qualifications and research proposal evaluation

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

<b>Qualifications evaluation</b>	Second cycle (Master's) degrees final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	10 points max
	Publications	5 points max
	Other evaluable documents	5 points max
<b>Research proposal evaluation</b>	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	14 points max
	Structure of the proposal	8 points max
	Proposal feasibility	8 points max

### 2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	10 points max
Research proposal presentation	10 points max
Theoretic and methodological knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions, suitability of the applicant for scientific research	10 points max

Oral examination aims to assess the suitability of the applicant for scientific research as well as the general knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions. **During the oral examination, the applicants' English language proficiency shall be assessed.**

The oral examination is carried out in Italian or English.

\* Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the [University website](#), selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information".