PHD PROGRAMME TABLE
Call for Applications for further PhD positions
funded by Next Generation EU – NRRP ex M.D. 629/2024 and 630/2024
and from other sources - PhD programmes (40th cycle)
A.Y. 2024/2025

PROGRAMME'S NAME	PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE, COGNITION AND SEMIOTICS (PSCS)
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2024 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Claudio Paolucci (c.paolucci@unibo.it)
CURRICULA	1. Philosophy and Science Studies 2. Semiotics 3. Cognitive Science
PhD POSITIONS	3
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	*PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 630/2024*	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 630/2024) and by ART.ER Regione Emilia-Romagna	Relationship between the digital divide and social exclusion
2	*PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 630/2024*	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 2, Investment 3.3 (M.D. 630/2024) and by Top Contents S.r.l.	Audiovisual languages and generative artificial intelligence: towards innovative products and services with high technological value in the field of entertainment and information
3	*PhD Scholarship PNRR ex M.D. 629/2024 – PNRR Research*	Funded by the EU - NextGenerationEU with funds made available by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) Mission 4, Component 1, Investment 4.1 (M.D. 629/2024) – PNRR Research	Image, language, figure. Forms and modes of mediation between aesthetics, semiotics and visual studies

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, in the Call for Applications, and in the MM.DD. 629/2024 and 630/2024.

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Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from **01/09/2024**
Oral examination	**Date**: starting from **03/09/2024 – 3.00 p.m. CEST** **Place**: In presence, Via Zamboni 38, Bologna. Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from **05/09/2024**

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	
Identity document	Valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)
Curriculum Vitae	No specific CV format is required
Degrees	Documents attesting the awarding of the first and second cycle degrees, the exams taken and the marks obtained (see Art. 3 of the Call for Applications)
Research proposal	Multi-annual research proposal, with special emphasis on the **activities to be completed during the first-year course**. The proposal must meet the following requirements: - it must mention **on the cover page the Curriculum and/or the topic-specific position/s** the applicant is interested to and the proposal is about (applications or research proposals lacking a clear indication of the preferred Curriculum will not be evaluated); - **it cannot exceed 20,000 characters**, 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); - **it must include**: 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.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Reference letter/s	**No more than 2 reference letters** 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).
Personal statement	This must include the reasons prompting the applicant to attend the PhD Programme and those **relevant experiences and research interests**, that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD Programme (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Publications	Lists of publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals), minor publications and abstracts.
Other documents	- Postgraduate vocational training programmes and/or specialisation programmes relevant to the PhD Programme main research topics - Teaching and tutorship activity carried out at academic level - 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

	- Documents attesting the applicant's foreign languages proficiency - Periods of study abroad, completed by applicants outside their countries of origin (e.g. Erasmus programme or other similar mobility programmes) - Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, prizes, etc.)

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

Qualifications evaluation	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
Research proposal evaluation	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's 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".