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PHD PROGRAMME TABLE

**Call for applications for the admission to the PhD programmes (41st cycle) - A.Y. 2025/2026
First round**

PROGRAMME'S NAME	GLOBAL HISTORIES, CULTURES, AND POLITICS
DURATION	3 years
PROGRAMME START DATE	01/11/2025 (DD/MM/YYYY)
LANGUAGES	Italian, English
COORDINATOR	Prof. Luca Jourdan (luca.jourdan@unibo.it)
PhD POSITIONS	5
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*	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
2	*PhD Scholarship*	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
3	*PhD Scholarship*	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget	
4	*PhD Scholarship*	Totally funded by the University of Bologna general budget in the framework of the "Dipartimenti di Eccellenza" initiative	Memory, identity, territory: social practices and cultural expressions. The thematic area may concern one of the five clusters into which the "Territories of Memory" project (Dipartimenti d'eccellenza initiative) is divided: (1) Trauma and Memory; (2) Memory and Testimony; (3) Material Memory; (4) Political Memory and Genealogies; (5) Transcultural Spaces and Memory.
5	*PhD Scholarship*	Funded by the University of Bologna general budget and by the Department of History and Cultures	

The yearly gross amount of the scholarships awarded for the PhD Programme in "Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics" is €16,243.

All winners of PhD positions must fulfil the study and research obligations decided by the Academic Board, as well as the obligations set out in the relevant regulations, in the call for applications, in the funding schemes and in any agreements relating to specific positions.

Admission Exams

	DATE AND TIME	RESULTS
Qualifications and research proposal evaluation	Applicants' participation is not required	Available from **28/04/2025**
Oral examination	**Date**: starting from **06/05/2025 – 09.30 a.m. CEST** **Place**: Remotely, using Microsoft Teams	Available from **12/05/2025**

The results of the qualifications and research proposal evaluation, as well as the oral examination detailed schedule, shall be available on the webpage [Studenti Online](#) (select "requests in progress" > "see detail" and open the .pdf file at the bottom of the page). **No personal written communication will be sent to applicants concerning the examinations results**.
During the oral examination, applicants may express their interest in the position linked to a specific research topic.

Required and Supporting Documents to be attached to the application

Only documents **in Italian or English** will be considered valid and will be assessed by the Admission Board. Identity documents and diplomas/degree certificates issued in a language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by an official translation. The translation must be carried out by an authorized body or by the awarding university.
Only qualifications obtained in the last 5 years will be taken into account, with the exception of university degrees. 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 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; references.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	
Thesis abstract	Abstract of the **second cycle degree thesis.** Graduands applicants may submit the draft of the thesis. Abstracts cannot exceed 5,000 characters, including spaces and formula possibly used. The above figure does not include: the title of the thesis, the outline, references, and images such as graphs, diagrams, tables etc.
Reference letter/s	**No more than 1 reference letter** signed by Italian or 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	The statement should include **the reasons why the applicant wishes to join the PhD programme and the relevant experience and research interests** that make the applicant suitable for the specific PhD programme (3,000 characters maximum, including spaces).
Publications	- Full text publications (i.e. monographs, articles on scientific journals) – **max n. 3** - Full text minor publications (conference papers, etc.) – **max n. 2**
Other documents	- 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.)

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Evaluation criteria*

Scores will be expressed in points out of 100, as follows.

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) degree final mark. Graduands shall be evaluated according to the Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	3 points max
	Publications and other evaluable documents	2 points max
Research proposal evaluation	Scientific value and ground-breaking nature of the proposal	25 points max
	Structure of the proposal	5 points max
	Proposal feasibility	5 points max
	Consistency with the PhD programme main topics	10 points max

2. Oral examination

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

English language proficiency	5 points max
Research proposal presentation	30 points max
General knowledge of the PhD programme's main research topics and of the research topics linked to the available PhD positions	15 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 applicant's English language proficiency shall be assessed.
The oral examination is carried out in Italian or in English.
* Possible further evaluation criteria will be available on the University website, selecting the relevant PhD Programme > "More information".