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ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

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FROM 1088 TO THE FUTURE

1088

THE BIRTH OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Studium in Bologna is the first home of free teaching, independent from ecclesiastic schools. The Irnerio school of law marks the birth of Western universities.

XII CENTURY

FREEDOM OF RESEARCH

Federico I Barbarossa recognises the University as a *libera societas* of masters and students. The empire undertakes to protect scholars travelling for the purposes of study. For the first time, the absolute freedom of research is ratified.

XIV-XV CENTURY

BROADENING THE HORIZONS OF KNOWLEDGE

In the 14th Century, so-called “artists” - scholars of Medicine, Philosophy, Arithmetic, Astronomy, Logic, Rhetoric, and Grammar - begin to collaborate with the schools of jurists. Bologna becomes an obligatory destination for all the eminent intellectuals of the time.

XIII CENTURY

ONE CITY, MANY NATIONS

The University bears witness to its nature as an international community with students from far and wide: over 2,000 students from all across Italy and Europe. The University maintains its autonomy against all outside interference.

XVI-XVIII CENTURY

FROM BOLOGNA TO THE WORLD

Medicine and philosophy, natural sciences and mathematics, engineering and economics are the major subjects of a university that has become an undisputed international authority in all fields of knowledge.

1888

THE MOTHER OF ALL UNIVERSITIES

In 1888, the University celebrates its eighth centenary, a grand event held in Bologna attended by representatives of all the world's universities, honouring the Alma Mater Studiorum as the mother of all universities. The Bologna festival becomes an international day of study.

XX CENTURY

NEW CHALLENGES

The University continues to play an undisputed central role among many other places of learning and research institutions. It continues to cooperate with all major institutions in the world, within an increasingly dynamic and complex global framework.

1988

AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Celebrating the Alma Mater's ninth centenary, the Rectors of 500 European universities meet in Bologna to sign the Magna Charta Universitatum to confirm the essential values and autonomy of universities.

1999

1999 BOLOGNA PROCESS

preliminary declaration regarding the creation of a common European Higher Education Area is signed in Bologna by the Foreign Ministers of 29 countries.

2016

THE UNIVERSITY LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

With a view to meeting the challenges imposed by modern society and directing all our institutional activities towards the pursuit of sustainable development, the University planning and reporting processes now take full account of the 17 sustainable development goals proposed in the 2030 Agenda adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2019

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLOGNA PROCESS

The event held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the signing the Declaration of Bologna is attended by 200 Rectors and over 1,000 professors, students and researchers from over 70 countries, along with representatives from various ministries and international organisations.



UNIVERSITY
BODIES
AND
DEPARTMENTS



UNIVERSITY BODIES

UNIVERSITY BODIES

Rector, supported by **6 Vice-Rectors**: Deputy Rector, Vice Rectors for Teaching, Human Resources, International Relations, Research, and Digital Transformation.

Academic Senate: composed of 35 members (Rector, 10 Heads of Department, 5 representatives for each Scientific-Disciplinary Area, 1 Campus President, 2 professional staff representatives, 6 student representatives).

Board of Governors: composed of 10 members (Rector, 5 internal members, 2 external members, 2 student representatives).

Board of Auditors: composed of 3 statutory members and 2 substitute members.

Committees with mixed composition.

University Evaluation Unit: composed of members between 5 and 7, including 1 student representative.

University Quality Committee.
Director General.

AUXILIARY BODIES

Student Council: composed of 33 members

Sponsors' Committee, which is composed of 9 members: the Rector, who chairs the committee, and the other members representing the bodies and institutions working to promote and develop scientific and learning activities and the transfer of knowledge in the various fields and regions in which the University operates.

Student Ombudsman.

Guarantee committee for equal opportunities, employee well-being and non-discrimination at work(CUG).

Confidential Counsellor.

31 DEPARTMENTS

MEDICINE

- Biomedical and Neuromotor Sciences
- Medical and Surgical Sciences
- Veterinary Medical Sciences

SCIENCE

- Chemistry "Giacomo Ciamician"
- Industrial Chemistry "Toso Montanari"
- Pharmacy and Biotechnology
- Physics and Astronomy "Augusto Righi"
- Mathematics
- Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences
- Life Quality Studies

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Management
- Economics
- Legal Studies
- Political and Social Sciences
- Statistical Sciences "Paolo Fortunati"
- Sociology and Business Law

TECHNOLOGY

- Architecture
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Civil, Chemical, Environmental and Materials
- Engineering
- Electrical, Electronic and Information
- Engineering "Guglielmo Marconi"
- Industrial Engineering
- Agricultural and Food Sciences

HUMANITIES

- The Arts
- Classical Philology and Italian Studies
- Philosophy
- Modern Languages, Literatures and Culture
- Psychology "Renzo Canestrari"
- Education Studies "Giovanni Maria Bertin"
- History and Cultures
- Cultural Heritage
- Interpreting and Translation

A photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, a group of students is gathered on a paved walkway, some talking and others walking. The background features a large, multi-story brick building and several trees with vibrant purple and red foliage. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'MULTICAMPUS UNIVERSITY'. To the right of this box, there is a decorative graphic consisting of a grid of white and teal circles.

MULTICAMPUS
UNIVERSITY

CESENA CAMPUS

The main vocations

- Agrifood
- Architecture
- Ict and Bioengineering
- Psychology

Departments and Local Organizational Units (U.O.S.)

- Architecture (Department and U.O.S.)
- U.O.S. Computer Science and Engineering
- U.O.S. Electrical, Electronic and Information
- Engineering “Guglielmo Marconi”
- U.O.S. Psychology “Renzo Canestrari”
- U.O.S. Agricultural and Food Sciences
- U.O.S. Veterinary Medical Sciences

FORLÌ CAMPUS

The main vocations

- Economics and Social Sciences
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Translation and Interpreting

Departments and Local Organizational Units (U.O.S.)

- Business Science - Forlì campus
- Interpreting and Translation
- U.O.S. Industrial Engineering
- U.O.S. Economics
- U.O.S. Sociology and Business Law
- U.O.S. Political and Social Sciences

RAVENNA CAMPUS

The main vocations

- Environments and Sea Rights
- Cultural Heritage

Departments and Local Organizational Units (U.O.S.)

- Cultural Heritage
- U.O.S. Industrial Chemistry “Toso Montanari” (Faenza)
- U.O.S. History, Culture, Civilisation
- U.O.S. Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences
- U.O.S. Law
- U.O.S. Chemistry “Giacomo Ciamician”
- U.O.S. Civil, Chemical, Environmental and
- Materials Engineering

RIMINI CAMPUS

The main vocations

- Sustainable Development and well being
- Services for individuals, businesses and communities
- Tourism and Fashion

Departments and Local Organizational Units (U.O.S.)

- Business Science - Rimini campus
- Life Quality Studies
- U.O.S. Industrial Chemistry “Toso Montanari”
- U.O.S. Economics
- U.O.S. Statistical Sciences “Paolo Fortunati”
- U.O.S. Chimica “Giacomo Ciamician”
- U.O.S. for the Arts
- U.O.S. Education Studies “Giovanni Maria Bertin”



STUDENTS

A.Y. 2023/2024



STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
UNDERGRADUATE AND
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE
PROGRAMMES

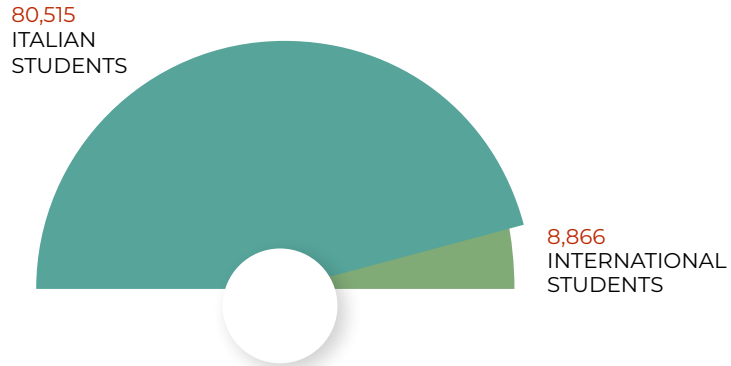
96,945



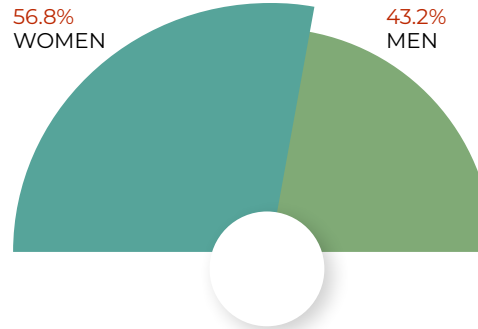
OF WHICH INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

9,826

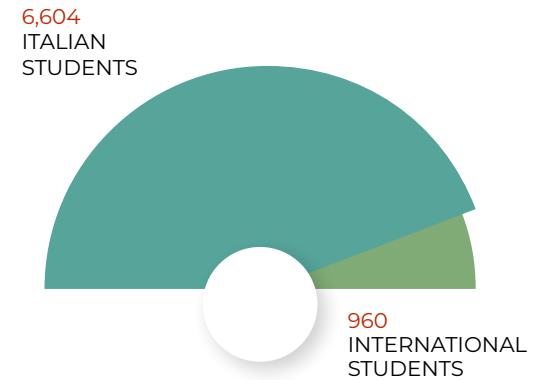
STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN DEGREE PROGRAMMES:
89,381



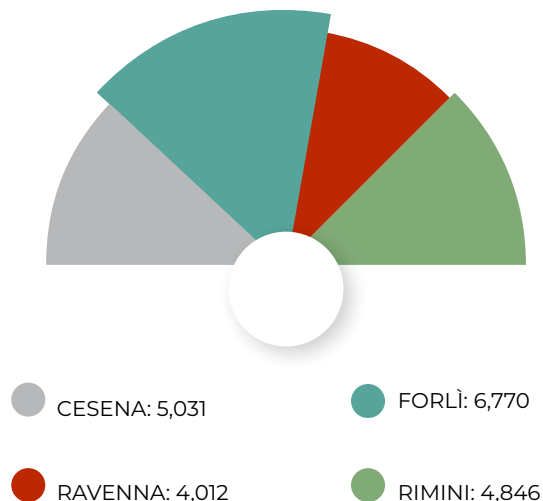
STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
DEGREE PROGRAMMES BY GENDER



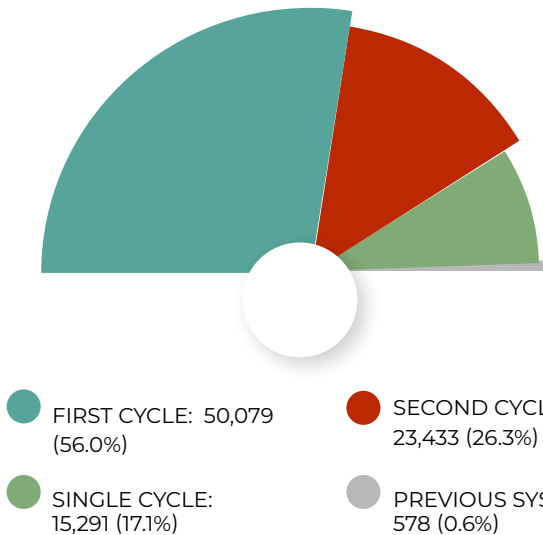
ENROLMENTS IN
POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMMES: 7,564



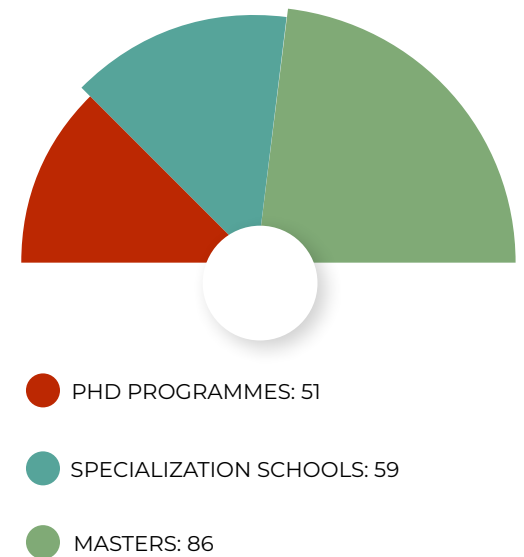
ENROLMENTS BY CAMPUS:
20,659



ENROLMENTS
BY DEGREE PROGRAMME



POSTGRADUATE TRAINING





INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY



FROM BOLOGNA TO EUROPE
(ERASMUS+)

3,888



FROM EUROPE TO BOLOGNA
(ERASMUS+)

3,289



EUROPEAN STUDENTS
(ERASMUS+ COUNTRIES)
ENROLLED IN DEGREE PROGRAMMES

2,979



INTERNATIONAL, NON-EUROPEAN STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN DEGREE PROGRAMMES

5,866

	North America	Latin America	Balkans, Near East, Russian Federation	Africa, Middle East	Asia	Oceania
Active agreements	35	104	27	52	87	21
Students enrolled at the University of Bologna	119	511	1,098	2,023	2,125	10
Exchange students:						
incoming	328	224	36	31	119	55
outgoing	139	148	13	45	88	37
Double, multiple or joint degree programmes	3	3	0	1	6	0



TEACHING

A.Y. 2024/2025



DEGREE PROGRAMMES

262

OF WHICH **110**

INTERNATIONAL:

67 TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

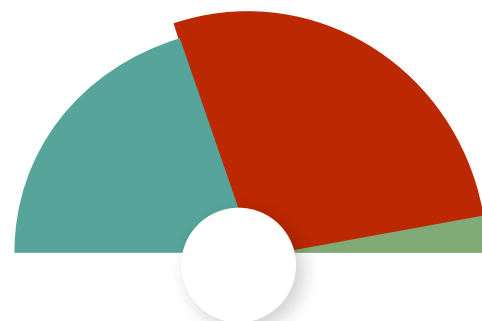
24 TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

DOUBLE/MULTIPLE DEGREES

19 DOUBLE/MULTIPLE DEGREES

NOT TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

PROGRAMME CATALOGUE BY CYCLE



● FIRST CYCLE: 39.7%

● SECOND CYCLE: 55.0%

● SINGLE CYCLE: 5.3%

PROGRAMME CATALOGUE BY CAMPUS

CAMPUS	L.	L.M.	L.M.C.U	TOTALE
BOLOGNA	71	103	8	182
CESENA	9	9	1	19
FORLÌ	8	13	1	22
RAVENNA	8	8	3	19
RIMINI	8	11	1	20
TOTAL	104	142	14	262

RIGHT TO HIGHER EDUCATION

2023/2024

All students pay according to their own ISEE (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator).

Up to € 27.000,00 of ISEE, total exemption is provided; beyond this threshold, the contribution is calculated progressively, with special benefits for those with low ISEE.

There is the possibility of obtaining a discounted contribution- fixed - without the burden of presenting documentation on the economic condition of the family for those coming from non-EU countries, particularly poor or non-OCSE member countries.

In the academic year 2023/2024, support measures for the right to education introduced in the previous year have been consolidated, such as:

- financial contributions for rental expenses for students living away from home;
- partial exemptions for those enrolling in their second year beyond the regular duration of study and are only in debt for their final exam.

A new benefit has also been introduced, consisting of a financial contribution for the healthcare expenses of off-campus students.

This new measure is also included among the benefits granted based on merit and financial conditions (ISEE).

Furthermore, financial support for students with disabilities or learning disorders has continued through the provision of financial contributions for the purchase of aids and support tools to facilitate their academic progress.

- ER.GO. (REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE RIGHT TO HIGHER EDUCATION) STUDY GRANTS: **13,580**
- STUDY GRANTS FOR PART-TIME COLLABORATIONS WITHIN UNIVERSITY SERVICES: **1,907**
- ER.GO STUDENT ACCOMMODATION SPACES: **2,279**
- TUTORING GRANTS: **589**
- SUPPORT MEASURES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED: **327**
- SUPPORT MEASURES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED (scholarships, exemptions, benefits, and study support services) in collaboration with ER.GO.: **46**
- TOTAL EXEMPTIONS FROM STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS (both with ER.GO scholarships and those resulting from the new framework of the student contribution system): **26,233**
- PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS FROM STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS (contribution calculated based on economic conditions): **20,656**
- CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF OUT-OF-TOWN RENTAL EXPENSES: **600**
- PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS for graduating students with only a final exam debt: **212**
- CONTRIBUTION FOR THE HEALTHCARE EXPENSES OF OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS: **156**
- CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIDS AND SUPPORT TOOLS TO FACILITATE ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR LEARNING DISORDERS: **190**

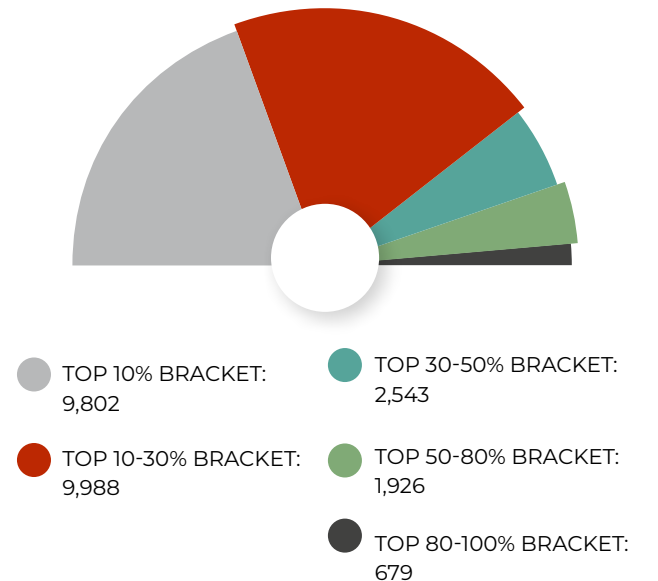


RESEARCH

SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

Over the past ten years, the University has published an average of 14,800 research outputs per year. From the analysis of Clarivate Analytics' Essential Science Indicators, referring to articles published from 2014 to 2024 in journals indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection, the University is highly cited in almost all of the disciplinary areas surveyed with 1,118 articles classified as top papers, meaning they appear in the top 1% of the most cited works worldwide (highly cited papers) and/or have received a particularly high number of citations in the last two months (hot papers). Regarding the Scopus data (Elsevier, January 2025), more than 9,800 publications (39% of the total) recorded in Institutional Research Repository for the years 2021-2023 are present in journals indexed within the top 10% worldwide.

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2021-2023)



OUTSTANDING MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH



Agri-food,
bioeconomics,
natural resources,
agriculture
and the environment



Climate, energy
and mobility



Culture, creativity
and inclusive
societies



Digital, industry
and space



Health



Public safety

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMES

EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

>127 mln € HORIZON EUROPE (2021-2027)

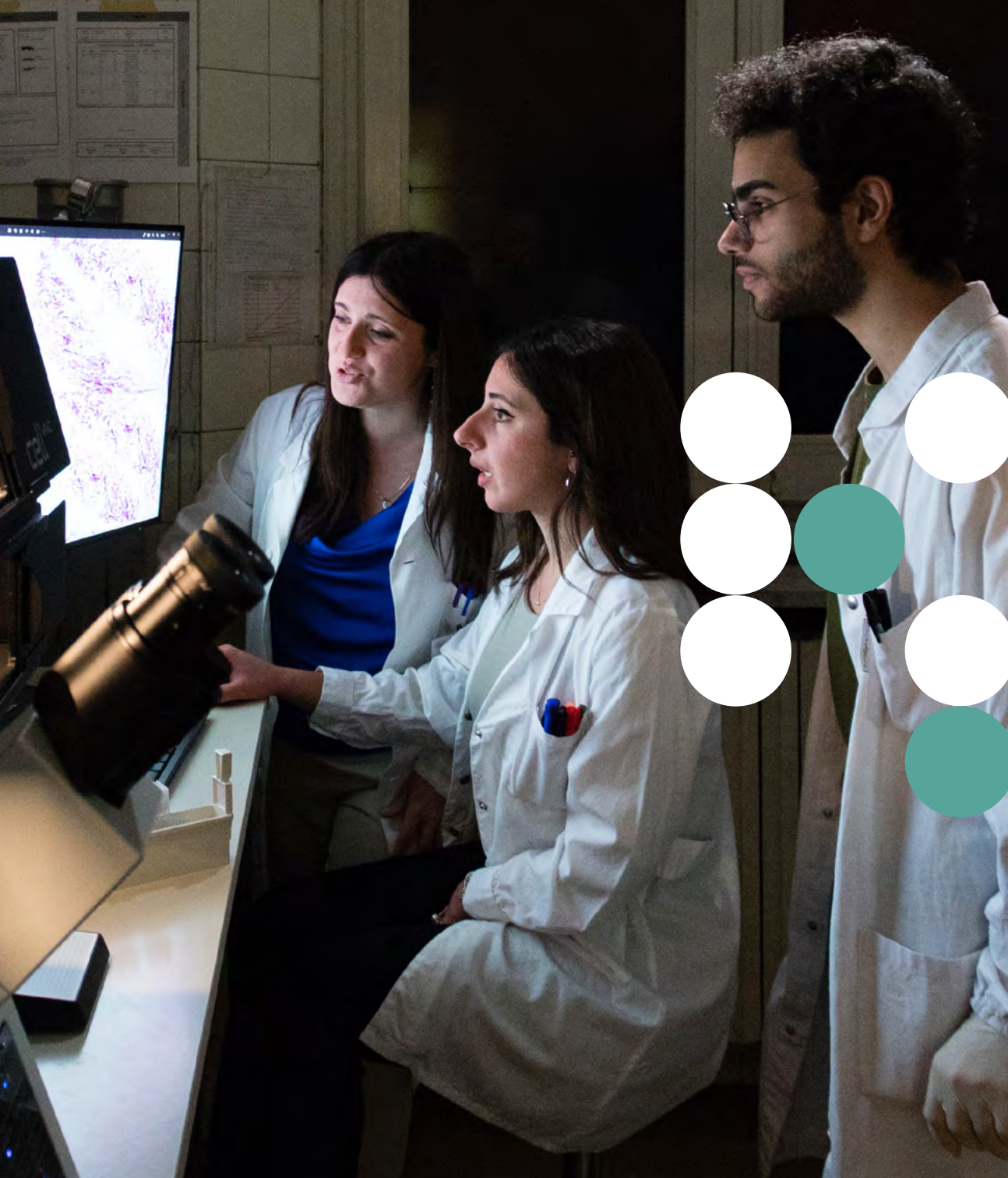
- 259 projects signed: 90 coordinated, 18 of which are ERC
- 2.600 partner involved, 700 of which are private

>24.5 mln € OTHER EUROPEAN FUNDING

- INTERREG: >9.5 million euros; 40 projects funded, 7 of which as coordinator
- LIFE: >8 million euros; 21 projects funded, 7 of which as coordinator
- Other European calls for proposals: >7 million euros; 57 projects funded, 19 of which as coordinator

>8 mln € JOINT INITIATIVES

(JPI, ERANET, PRIMA, Co-founded European Partnerships)



DEPARTMENTS OF EXCELLENCE

Since January 2023, 11 Departments are involved in the initiative financed by the MUR (Italian Ministry for University and Research) with 88.3 million euros, envisaging, in addition to the ministerial funding, investments for a further 42 million euros. Investments are planned as follows:

> 16.4 million euros for highly qualified educational activities, among which the activation of more than 80 PhD scholarships and numerous interventions to support 2nd and 3rd cycle teaching.

> 17.6 million euros for infrastructure, which will concern building and energy efficiency interventions, the acquisition of research equipment and bibliographic resources.

> 95.6 million euros for recruitment, resulting in 70 researchers and professors, 27 units of permanent technical-administrative staff for the development of the Departments involved and contracts for fixed-term research support staff.

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES

> 41 mln €:

PRIN 2022 : 557 projects funded, 206 of which coordinated.

> 15 mln €:

PRIN 2022 PNRR: 161 projects funded, 68 of which coordinated.

> 9.5 mln €:

PRIN 2020: 62 projects funded, 22 of which coordinated.

> 12 mln € FIS

> 11 mln €

OTHER NATIONAL FUNDING

(PON, FISR, Rita Levi Montalcini Program, FARE, PROBEN, ASI Initiatives for Space Research).

REGIONAL AND LOCAL PROGRAMS

>56,5 mln €;

PR-FESR Emilia Romagna (2021-2027): 10 million euros, 59 projects funded, 16 of which coordinated

POR-FESR (2014-2020) e PSR: 27.5 million euros, 163 projects funded, 41 of which coordinated

Advanced Skills (2016-2021): 7 million euros, 147 projects funded

Funding from Foundations (2017-2024) and other regional and local projects: 12 million euros, 270 projects funded, 260 of which coordinated

LA RICERCA PROMOSSA DALL'ATENEO

The University of Bologna supports free research and works to protect and strengthen its scientific diversity, both in disciplinary specificities and interdisciplinary potential, by increasing and enhancing resources for research. To this end, in 2024, the University allocated internal funds to finance excavation and field archaeological research activities (Alma Scavi, 300,000 euros). The implementation of ongoing University initiatives continued, aimed at the maintenance, enhancement and sharing of research equipment (Alma Attrezzature 2023, 450,000 euros) and at the promotion of research and scientific dissemination projects, with a view to improving resilience of the local area and population to climate change, and in particular to natural disasters (Alma CaReS – Climate change, Resilience, Sustainability 2023, 416,833.93 euros). In accordance with the Strategic Plan, the University reflects on the deep bond between science and society and on how to ensure that research is done ethically and responsibly. For this reason, it held three events on research ethics: Reliability, Transparency and Reproducibility, Interdisciplinarity and Ethics and Academic Freedom. It also published the University Policy for an Ethical and Responsible Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Research, in which AI is viewed as an opportunity, without prejudice to quality, ethics, academic integrity, and the protection of people and the environment.

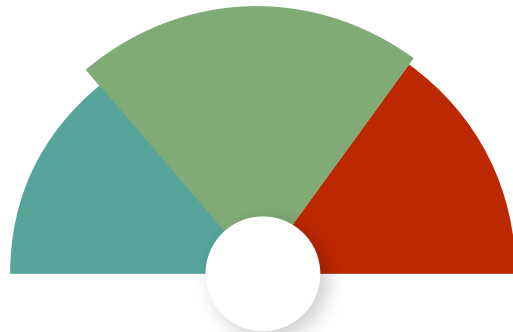
PNRR

- Innovation ecosystems, 1 approved project, with funding of 22.5 million euros
- Research infrastructures, 11 proposals presented, of which 8 approved, with funding of 12.4 million euros
- “National Champions”, 5 projects approved, with funding of 55.3 million euros
- Extended partnerships, 13 proposals submitted and approved, with funding amounting to 102.6 million euros
- Complementary National Plan - PNC - MUR, 1 proposal presented and approved, with funding of 24.7 million euros



STAFF

TEACHING STAFF: 3,448



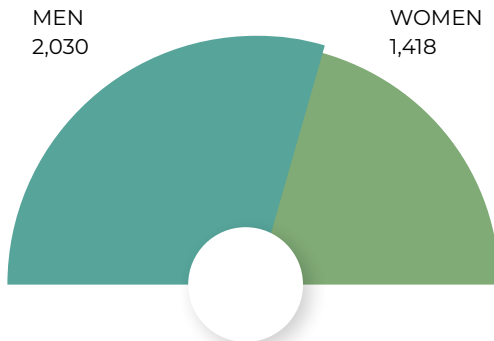
- FULL PROFESSORS: 992
- ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS: 1,524
- RESEARCHERS: 932

PROFESSIONAL STAFF: 3,395

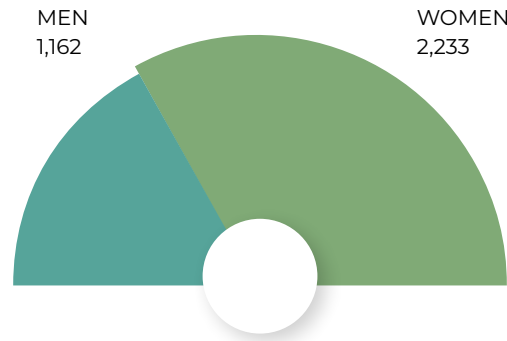


- STAFF CATEGORIES: 3,303
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS: 74
- MANAGERS: 18

TEACHING STAFF BY GENDER



PROFESSIONAL STAFF BY GENDER



GUARANTEE COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING AND NON-DISCRIMINATION AT WORK (CUG)

The CUG works actively on the development of an equal opportunities culture, the promotion of occupational well-being and measures against discrimination in the workplace.

The Committee utilizes the university services dedicated to promoting organizational well-being and works in collaboration with the University’s Confidence Advisor, the Delegate for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, the Delegate for Occupational Well-being, the Evaluation Unit, and the Head of the Prevention and Protection Service, as well as all other figures within the University responsible for addressing the issues entrusted to the CUG.

In 2022, the Committee approved the Positive Action Plan 2022-2025, which includes measures for training, awareness-raising, and communication, promoting the protection and guarantee of equal opportunities, promoting occupational well-being, and reconciling life and work schedules. The CUG collaborates in the implementation and periodic verification of the implementation status of the University’s Gender Equality Plan (GEP) 2025-2027.



SOCIETY



INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

39 ACTIVE FRAMEWORK

AGREEMENTS with major companies in the main sectors (energy, ICT, transportation, chemistry, finance, automation, fashion, and agri-food).

2 COLLABORATION PROTOCOLS with major ICT and automotive companies.

6 ACTIVE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS with some of the main business associations

6 JOINT RESEARCH LABORATORIES

with industries in which university and company researchers, PhD and other students collaborate daily, with a mutual benefit deriving from the sharing of skills and approaches.

1 COMPETENCE CENTER in the context of the National Industry Plan 4.0. BI-REX (Big Data Innovation & Research Excellence). This is a public-private partnership of 48 companies and 12 universities and research bodies, the creation of which was led by the University of Bologna, and which represents a strategic partner for the University for many innovation and training initiatives targeted in particular at small and medium enterprises.

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING Postgraduate Training for company personnel.
3 Schools for companies that have entrusted

the University of Bologna with the task of creating their Business Academy, which will roll out a series of courses co-designed with the companies themselves, under the supervision of a scientific committee. In addition, 4 Agreements with Associations for the creation of courses intended for employees of different companies that share similar training needs, and 14 Postgraduate programmes on specific topics, designed by the University of Bologna at the request of individual companies.

PLACEMENT SERVICES. In 2024 almost 10,100 Italian and international companies published more than 3,700 job offers on the online noticeboard and consulted 52,000 CVs of the University's graduates. The University organises various initiatives to bring graduates together with representatives from the world of work such as career days, recruiting days, field areas Job corners and initiatives with individual companies. In 2024 multicampus, initiatives involved 300 companies.

59 BETWEEN SPINOFFS AND STARTUPS ACCREDITED

before 31/12/2023, generating an overall value of production around 35 million euros, with an overall turnover of around 25 million euros (financial statements as at 31/12/2023, 54 companies surveyed), and generating employment for 414 resources, including 264 direct hires and 150 collaborators.

In detail:

42 spin-off companies, including 12 with Behold Srl (university holding company) participation in the capital as of December 31, 2023, 8 with Almacube Srl (university incubator) participation.

17 accredited startup companies.

BUSINESS INCUBATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Almacube, the university business incubator, certified by the Ministry of Economic Development (MISE) in 2019, managed 8 incubated companies in 2023.

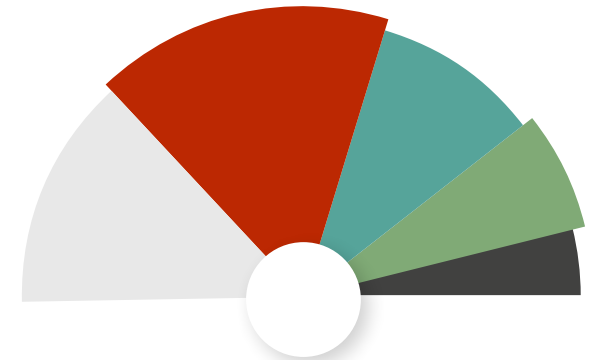
Behold srl, a service holding company established in 2021 and 100% owned by the University of Bologna, carries out the activities necessary for the management of equity investments in accredited spin-off companies, exclusively in the interest of the latter, and supports the University in pre-incubation activities and in the activation of networks and relationships for business acceleration. As of December 31, 2023, it participates in the capital of 12 spin-off companies.

In the campuses, support for business development and incubation is provided through the Cesenab at Cesena campus and Innovation Square at Rimini campus. At Forlì campus, students can access the Basement Club, which is a project aimed at helping university students develop transferable skills and an entrepreneurial approach.



PATENTS AND LICENCES

In 2023, 29 new patent applications were filed, 3 softwares and 6 vegetable varieties, there were 47 extensions abroad for patents already filed in previous years (PCT, national phases, and regionalizations). As of 31/12/2023, the patent and plant variety families in the portfolio amounted to 258, totaling approximately 800 patents/plant varieties. Around 20% of patent families and 90% of active plant variety families are subject to valorization (licenses, options, etc.).



- INDUSTRY, DIGITAL AND SECURITY: 26.7%
- HEALTH: 32.8%
- BIOECONOMICS, AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT: 19.8%
- VEGETABLE VARIETIES: 13.4%
- CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY: 7.3%

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT, COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The University of Bologna, in collaboration with local and national public bodies, international organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and private companies, participates in and promotes development cooperation projects – especially in the Global South – and initiatives to raise the awareness of the academic community and general population about development cooperation and global citizenship education. The University also supports the Field Work programme and the Unibo Global South programme. The Field Work programme offers students the opportunity to enhance their education by experiencing cooperation development firsthand, in collaboration with the Coordination of NGOs and International Solidarity Associations of Emilia-Romagna (COONGER). In the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 academic years, under the Field Work programme, 31 students undertook an international mobility experience at the COONGER NGOs, as part of their development projects in Africa, South America and Asia. The Unibo Global South programme, on the other hand, finances international development cooperation initiatives promoted by the University Departments and implemented in collaboration with local partners in the countries that the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has identified as recipients of public development aid. The Unibo Global South projects promote interconnection between education, research, innovation and social utility and aim to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The University is currently involved:

- in 9 Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education projects, 2 of which as coordinator, which provide for actions to support the strengthening of universities in the Global South;
- in 1 Erasmus+ Capacity Building VET project, which aims to improve vocational training on sustainable building reconstruction following catastrophic events such as war or natural disaster in Ukraine and Georgia;
- in 1 project funded by the DG International Partnerships of the European Commission, on inclusion as a unifying process for primary school in the fragmented communities of East Jerusalem;
- in 2 training and technical support initiatives as coordinator, funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in Armenia and Iraq, in the field of cultural heritage and archaeology;
- in the “Italian support for university education in Somalia” initiative, funded by the AICS, which promotes advanced training in Italy for graduates of the Somali National University;
- in 8 projects funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation within programmes for Civil Society Organisations;
- in 7 NGO projects funded by Regione Emilia-Romagna for decentralised cooperation and implemented during 2024;
- in 3 “Intra-Africa mobility scheme” projects funded by the European Commission to strengthen student and teaching staff mobility in the continent and promote

the internationalisation of and scientific cooperation between African universities, in which the University serves as a technical partner;

- in 10 Unibo Global South projects in Brazil, Ethiopia, Iraqi Kurdistan, Jamaica, Lebanon, Morocco, Mozambique, Tanzania.

UNIBO4REFUGEES AND UNI-CORE (UNIVERSITY CORRIDORS FOR REFUGEES – ETHIOPIA – UNIBO)

The University of Bologna is opening its doors to refugee students: through a process of guidance and selection, students can complete their studies and rebuild their future.

The UNIBO4REFUGEES project allows students to enrol on course units and Italian language courses of the University of Bologna, as well as on degree programmes once protection is obtained, without having to pay any fees.

The University Corridors for Refugees UNI-CORE project is promoted by 33 Italian universities with the support of UNHCR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Caritas Italiana, Diaconia Valdese, Ghandi Charity, Centro Astalli, and other partners. The aim is to increase opportunities for refugees residing in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to continue their higher education in Italy.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement takes shape through the design of actions in collaboration with society, aimed at enhancing knowledge, research, and, more broadly, university activities. Public engagement initiatives encompass a variety of interventions that share common elements: identifying needs and challenges from the local context, establishing partnerships with civil society actors, public institutions, and businesses, and involving the academic community in finding and developing shared solutions for the common good. These projects may also include student participation. The areas of intervention are diverse, ranging from major challenges related to ecological transition, mental health, personal services, new forms of citizenship, urban spaces, youth issues, the 2030 Agenda, and inclusion—including access to knowledge and scientific dissemination. The latter represents a key aspect of university engagement and is carried out through multiple communication channels and the organization of events in increasingly participatory formats, such as the **European Researchers' Night**, which takes place annually in all cities of the Multicampus.

News and updates are communicated through **UniboMagazine**, the University's official online information platform, which covers institutional developments, projects, results and impacts, cultural initiatives, and recognitions. It also highlights guest speakers and key figures while providing in-depth insights on innovation and research.

Uniboper is the University's dedicated Instagram channel for science communication. It shares the University of Bologna's commitment to research across all fields, its cultural heritage, and its public engagement efforts in a language accessible to non-experts, ensuring that these resources become a shared asset for everyone.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM (SBA)

The Library System is the coordinated set of the 24 libraries and facilities that provide bibliographic and documentary services to the University to support education as well as teaching, research, professional and cultural activities.

It has a total inventory of 3.3 million volumes in the online catalogue and 5,000 journal subscriptions, with over 5,250 workstations for study and research. It offers services such as the inter-library loan of books and articles (also through agreements with other universities and bodies), guidance and support in conducting bibliographic research, information literacy training, and open access support. As well as the standard library services, it also provides access to 390 databases, 73,000 online periodicals, and 820,000 e-books.

Through the services and infrastructure of the University's Digital Library, the University Library System supports scientific journals and monographs in diamond open access, ensures the preservation and enhancement of these (both undergraduate and doctoral), research data, and digital cultural heritage. It also promotes an Open Access culture for the dissemination of scientific research results, in compliance with institutional policies as well as national and international guidelines

Among them is the **BIBLIOTECA UNIVERSITARIA DI BOLOGNA (BUB)**

which serves as the central library of the University.

BUB is responsible for the preservation, accessibility, enhancement, and development

of ancient printed and manuscript collections. It also supports academic study through an extensive modern collection housed in an automated storage system. Additionally, it serves as the legal deposit library for publications within the metropolitan area of Bologna and hosts the International Center for Humanistic Studies "Umberto Eco." BUB actively promotes public engagement through guided tours of its historic halls, temporary exhibitions, and outreach initiatives aimed at strengthening dialogue and relationships with civil society. Furthermore, it publicly and freely disseminates digital reproductions of individual works or entire collections—including Greek and Latin papyri, Greek and Arabic manuscripts, Aldrovandi collections, early printed books, catalogs, and photographs—through online platforms and social media, ensuring open access to these valuable resources.

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM NETWORK (SMA)

Comprises 15 museums and collections dedicated to various disciplines. It plays a key role in educational activities for students of all academic levels and is actively engaged in the preservation, restoration, and cataloging of cultural heritage. These efforts ensure the enhancement and accessibility of the collections for both research and study purposes. SMA also promotes public engagement and the dissemination of scientific culture, often in collaboration with national and international public and private institutions. To maintain an open and continuous dialogue with its audience, SMA leverages digital communication tools,

offering innovative approaches to engaging with its museum heritage.

FONDAZIONE FEDERICO ZERI

This centre for research and specialist training in the field of art history, established to protect and disseminate the works and legacy of Federico Zeri, conserves and promotes his extraordinary bequest: an Art Library (46,000 volumes and 37,000 auction-house catalogues) and a Photographic Library (290,000 photographs). The addition of new photographic collections to the original collections has significantly increased the assets, which today comprise 450,000 photographs of monuments and works of art. The University's goals include the cataloguing and digitalisation of the photographic library: currently the online database contains more than 205,000 images, a number which continues to grow. It can be accessed free of charge and is considered the most important repository of Italian art conserved on the web. There has also been an intensive focus on advanced training with seminars and courses on art history and the cataloguing of photographic archives, which represent a significant opportunity for learning and updating skills in the field. The Zeri Foundation promotes research by hosting scholarships and doctoral programs. Finally, it engages in public outreach activities through a program of conferences and seminars open to the public, as well as a series of publications on topics related to art history, collecting, and connoisseurship.

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