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| <b>CYCLE</b>   | <b>XLI</b>  |
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| <b>DURATION</b>  | 3 years   |
| <b>STARTING DATE OF THE PHD PROGRAM</b>  | 01/11/2025  |
| <b>POSITIONS PUT OUT TO COMPETITION</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>ADMISSION PROCEDURES</b>  | Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS and Research Project<br>Oral Exam in PRESENCE or REMOTELY  |
| <b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>  | Regardless of age and citizenship, applicants holding at least one of the following academic qualifications can apply for admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Laurea specialistica or Laurea magistrale (second cycle master's degree)</li> <li>– Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento (degree obtained under the previous Italian regulations);</li> <li>– Second cycle Master's degree obtained abroad, equivalent to the above mentioned Italian degrees and recognized as suitable for the admission to doctoral program</li> </ul> Undergraduates can also apply for admission to the selection, with the obligation to obtain the degree <b>by 31.10.2025</b> |
| <b>TRAINING OBJECTIVES</b>   |   |
| The main aim of the PhD course is to train qualified researchers capable of planning and carrying out basic research focused on the research topic of the course and studies applied to clinical, social, educational, health and organizational contexts  |   |
| <b>RESEARCH AREAS</b>  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychosocial processes in complex societies</li> <li>• Individual and group development and learning processes in typical and atypical contexts</li> <li>• Processes involved in clinical and social intervention</li> <li>• Psychological processes in social and organizational contexts</li> </ul> |   |

| Position with Scholarship |   |                               |
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| N°                        | <i>Funding entity</i>   | <i>Research Topic, if any</i> |
| <b>3</b>                  | Scholarship funded by University of Parma (Ministerial funds) |                               |
| <b>1</b>                  | Scholarship co-funded by Fondazione Cariparma                 |                               |

| Position with Scholarship LINKED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS (art. 6 of the Competition notice) |  |   |
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| N°   | <i>Funding entity</i>  | <i>BOUND RESEARCH TOPIC</i>   |
| <b>1</b>   | Scholarship partly financed with UNIVERSITY funds and co-financed by the The Institute for Educational | Mentalization in Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder |



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|   | Technology – C.N.R. The Italian National Research Council C.N.R   |  |
| 1 | <p>Scholarship funded by EMILIA ROMAGNA REGION (PR.FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 344 del 10/03/2025) - CUP D92J25000110002</p>  | Sustainable Human Resource Management and Fragility Management in Organizations: Identification of Support Tools for Organizational Actions and Policies for the Quality of Working Life and for Sustainable Performance |

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

**Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS:** up to 60 points  
(a minimum score of 35 points shall be required to be admitted to the Oral Exam)  
**ORAL EXAM:** up to 60 points  
**Minimum score for ELIGIBILITY:** 70/120

## ORAL EXAM PROGRAM

**THE ORAL EXAM TAKES IN THE PRESENCE** and with the possibility of carrying out the interview **REMOTELY** for candidates residing abroad or temporarily abroad for study / work reasons. To this end, candidates must submit **a motivated REQUEST** as per the model attached to the competition announcement).

The ORAL test involves the presentation and discussion of the research project by the candidate and is aimed at verifying the candidate's aptitude for scientific research and his **general preparation** on topics related to the research topics of the doctoral course.

**Foreign Language**  
the fluency of which shall be assessed during the Oral Exam

**ENGLISH**

The evaluation of the knowledge of this language will be oral and will consist in reading and translating of a scientific text.

## SCHEDULE OF THE ADMISSION EXAMS

### ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

It is the candidate's responsibility to verify the outcome of the evaluation of qualifications, which can be consulted in their reserved area by connecting to the page <http://unipr.esse3.cineca.it/Home.do> in the days preceding the date of the Oral Exam

### ORAL EXAM

#### DATE

10<sup>TH</sup> September 2025

#### TIME

10:00 am (Italian Time)

#### PLACE

ROOM C  
POLO DIDATTICO  
Via del Prato – 43121 PARMA - ITALY

### FURTHER INFORMATION

**The choice of the Research Topic to be expressed in Annex A is not binding on the assignment of the research project, and it is intended to assess candidates skills during the admission exam. The PhD research topic will be assigned by the Academic Board.**

**THE INTERVIEW MAY BE HELD ALSO IN ENGLISH**

For foreign candidates, the admission examinations may be held in English at the candidate's choice.



**LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AND THEIR ASSESSMENT**

**MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE ON-LINE APPLICATION**

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| <b>ANNEX A</b>                       | (art. 3.2 of the Competition notice)  |
| <b>Identification Document</b>       | Scanned Copy of a valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)   |
| <b>Curriculum Vitae et studiorum</b> | No specific CV format is required (see art. 3.2 of the Competition notice)  |
| <b>Abstract of degree thesis</b>     | Abstract of the second cycle master's degree thesis. Undergraduate applicants must submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (abstract/draft of the thesis: 10.000 characters including spaces)   |
| <b>Academic Qualifications</b>       | <b>Certificates and academic transcript of records for both Bachelor' and Master' degrees</b> containing the following details for each degree held: (art. 3.2 of the Competition notice):<br>University that granted the degree - Type of degree (first cycle/second cycle/single cycle)<br>Name of the degree program - Date of graduation - Final mark - List of exams and corresponding scores (academic transcript of records) - Translation into Italian or English (only for degrees issued in languages other than Italian or English).   |
| <b>Research Project</b>              | The research project shall consist of a maximum of 2500 words, be written in Italian or in English, and it must be an original research project (inedited, unpublished, personally developed by the candidate) and be structured as follows: theoretical introduction, relevance of the problem, research design and methodology, expected results and discussion, essential bibliography (maximum 5 bibliographic entries)<br>The Research Project <u>does not represent a constraint with respect to the following choice of the doctoral thesis</u> , that shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board. |

**LIST OF EVALUABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

(only qualifications attested by a document drawn up in Italian or in English)

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| <b>Graduation mark</b><br><br>Or<br><br><b>Average of the exam marks</b> (if the candidate will attain the degree no later than <b>31 October 2025</b> ) | Score related to the final mark:<br>- 110 and 110 with honours (magna cum laude): 10 points;<br>- From 100 to 109: 8 points<br>- Under 99: 5 points<br><br>Score related to the average of the exam marks:<br>- 30/30: 10 points<br>- From 27/30 to 29/30: 8 points;<br>- Under 26/30: 5 points  | <b>Up to 10 points</b> |
| <b>Graduation thesis</b>   | Congruence with the research topics of the PhD course and quality of the research methodology  | <b>Up to 5 points</b>  |
| <b>Research Project</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific value and internal consistency (aspects that will be considered: validity of the theoretical formulation, relevance of the problem faced, clarity of the objectives and appropriateness of the methodology, consistency of the expected results and relative discussion): <b>18 points</b></li> <li>Formal and grammatical aspects: <b>2 points</b></li> <li>Congruence with the research themes of the PhD course: <b>8 points</b></li> </ul> | <b>Up to 28 points</b> |

**The candidate's Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum will be evaluated based on the following qualifications and scores:**

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| <b>Scientific Publications</b> | Articles on national and international journals, papers presented at conferences or symposia, book chapters etc | <b>Up to 8 points</b> |
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| <b>Other Academic qualifications</b>   | First or second level master's degree obtained in Italy and/or specialization degree in subjects consistent with the research topics of this PhD programme   | <b>Up to 3 points</b>  |
| <b>Other research experiences</b>  | study or research experiences abroad, prizes, scholarships and research grants<br>(present official documents certifying the experience)   | <b>Up to 6 points</b>  |
| <b>EVALUATION ORAL EXAM</b>  |  |                        |
| <b>Interview Program</b>   | <b>Evaluation CRITERIA</b>   | <b>POINTS</b>          |
| <b>The ORAL EXAM</b> focuses on the knowledge of the English language, on the discussion of the research project, on the knowledge related to the research themes of the PhD programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ knowledge of foreign languages (English): <b>10 points</b></li> <li>○ discussion and argumentation of the project: <b>35 points</b></li> <li>○ knowledge on at least one of the themes of the PhD programme and motivations for scientific research : <b>15 points</b></li> </ul> | <b>Up to 60 points</b> |