




VETERINARY SCIENCES	
CYCLE	XLI
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DURATION	3 years
STARTING DATE OF THE PHD PROGRAM	01/11/2025
POSITIONS PUT OUT TO COMPETITION	7
ADMISSION PROCEDURES	Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS and Research Project Oral Exam in PRESENCE
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	<p>Regardless of age and citizenship, applicants holding at least one of the following academic qualifications can apply for admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Laurea Magistrale" LM-42 Veterinary Medicine - "Laurea Magistrale" LM-6 Biology - "Laurea Magistrale" LM-9 Medical Biotechnology, Veterinary and Pharmaceutical - "Laurea Magistrale" LM-86 Zootechnical Sciences and Animal Technologies - as well as the equivalent "laurea specialistica" or "laurea" achieved based on the university system in force before the entry into force of Italian Ministerial Decree No. 509/99 - Second cycle Master's degree obtained abroad, equivalent to the above mentioned Italian degrees and recognized as suitable for the admission to doctoral programs <p>Undergraduates can also apply for admission to the selection, with the obligation to obtain the degree by 31.10.2025</p>
TRAINING OBJECTIVES	
<p>Veterinary Science Doctoral course aims at training PhD-students about research topics on basic, pre-clinical, clinical and nonclinical areas (animal production and food inspection) by novel methodology and technology. PhD student chooses to develop his/her own research project under the supervision of a Tutor and to produce scientific outcomes in the following area: VET, AGR and BIO.</p>	
RESEARCH AREAS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biopathology • Clinical Sciences • Basic Sciences • Animal Production Sciences and Technologies • Food Inspection and Public Health 	

Position with Scholarship		
N°	Funding entity	Research Topic, if any
2	Scholarship funded by University of Parma (Ministerial funds)	
1	Scholarship co-funded by Fondazione Cariparma "CARLO GABBI"	



Position with Scholarship LINKED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS (art. 6 of the Competition notice)		
N°	Funding entity	BOUND RESEARCH TOPIC
1	Scholarship partly financed with UNIVERSITY funds and co-financed by Department of Veterinary Science (funds CIPOLAT_2023_CONS_CFPR CIPOLAT_2024_CONS_LATTERIA-MANTOVA)	Integrated approaches for assessing animal welfare and milk quality through biomarkers and predictive modelling
1	Scholarship partly financed with UNIVERSITY funds and co-financed by Department of Veterinary Science (funds Ospedale Veterinario P.P._OVUD_2025)	Application of minimally invasive endoscopic surgical techniques in the clinical gastroenterological practice of equids
1	Scholarship funded by Chiesi Farmaceutici S.p.A.	Viral Vectors for lung diseases modelling
1	Scholarship funded by EMILIA ROMAGNA REGION (PR.FSE + 2021/2027 – DGR n. 344 del 10/03/2025) - CUP D92J25000110002 	Investigation of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) contamination in raw milk cheese and raw meat in the Emilia-Romagna Region for risk assessment purposes

ADMISSION PROCEDURES
Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS: up to 40 points ORAL EXAM: up to 80 points Minimum score for ELIGIBILITY: 70/120

ORAL EXAM PROGRAM		
THE ORAL EXAM TAKES PLACE IN THE PRESENCE.		
The ORAL EXAM includes the presentation and discussion of the research project by of the research project and is intend to assess the suitability of the applicant to pursue scientific research as well as the general knowledge of issues connected to the PhD course		
Foreign Language the fluency of which shall be assessed during the Oral Exam	ENGLISH	Reading, translation and comprehension of a part of an English scientific paper.

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	8 th September 2025 with possible extension in the following days
	TIME	09:00 AM (Italian Time)
	PLACE	ROOM "C" Department of Veterinary Science Via del Taglio, 10 43126 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		
ANNEX A	(art. 3.2 of the Competition notice)	
Identification Document	Scanned Copy of a valid identity document with photo (i.e. identity card, passport)	
Curriculum Vitae et studiorum	No specific CV format is required (see art. 3.2 of the Competition notice)	
Abstract of degree thesis	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)	
Academic Qualifications	Certificates and academic transcript of records for both Bachelor’ and Master’ degrees containing the following details for each degree held: (art. 3.2 of the Competition notice): University that granted the degree - Type of degree (first cycle/second cycle/single cycle) 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).	
Research Project	Written in Italian or in English, according to the format attached to the competition notice It will have to focus on an original research topic (unpublished, developed personally by the candidate, PENALTY NOT EVALUATION. It should be noted that the Examination Board can use of IT tools useful for verifying the originality of the submitted Project) <u>It does not represent a constraint with respect to the following choice of the doctoral thesis,</u> which will be assigned by the Academic Board	
LIST OF EVALUABLE QUALIFICATIONS		
(only qualifications attested by a document drawn up in Italian or in English)		
Curriculum Vitae et studiorum	Including academic career and postgraduate experience, accompanied by a statutory declaration in lieu of the certification of the exams passed with the relevant marks, as well as the final graduation mark. The marks of the exams and the graduation mark will be the most relevant element of the evaluation.	Up to 2 points
Graduation mark	Score related to the final mark: - 110 with honours (magna cum laude): 3 points; - 110: 2 points; - From 100 to 109: 0.1 points for each mark unit	Up to 3 points



Average of the exam marks (if the candidate will attain the degree no later than 31 October 2025)	Score related to the average of the exam marks: - 30/30: 3 points; - From 26/30 to 29/30: 2 points; - From 22/30 to 25/30: 1 point; - From 18/30 to 21/30: 0.5 points	Up to 3 points
Graduation thesis	Congruence with the research topics of the PhD course and quality of the research methodology	Up to 5 points
Research Project	Points relating to the research project shall be allocated on the basis of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scientific value and or originality of the proposal ○ description and structure of the proposal ○ proposal feasibility ○ consistency with the research themes of the PhD course 	Up to 10 points
Statement of Research Interest	Short text – maximum 2 pages – in Italian or in English, aimed at explaining the candidate's reasons to attend the PhD program and at describing her/his specific research interests	Up to 5 points
Scientific Publications	Articles published in journals indexed in databases Scopus	Up to 5 points
Reference Letters	A maximum of 2 written by professors or researchers at the University of origin of the candidate or from other universities or from experts in the research areas working in public or private research facilities. They must be sent directly by the signer to the address e-mail: gaetano.donofrio@unipr.it. The candidate, therefore, must not uploading them through the procedure of the competition online registration.	Up to 5 points
Other qualifications	Other qualifications certifying the candidate's training and skills (scholarships, prizes, etc.) relevant to the PhD topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scientific research, of any type (basic, oriented, finalized, translational, applied, etc.) and carried out with different level of qualification, including the ownership of research grants and participation in research projects – Working activity – Professional and/or training internship – Language proficiency certificates – Periods of study abroad, outside the country of origin (e.g. Erasmus program or other similar mobility programs) – Other qualifications attesting the suitability of the applicants (scholarships, awards, etc.) 	Up to 5 points
EVALUATION ORAL EXAM		
Interview Program	Evaluation CRITERIA	POINTS
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