



PSYCHOLOGY	
<b>CYCLE</b>	<b>XLII</b>
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<b>DURATION</b>	3 years
<b>START DATE</b>	01/11/2026
<b>POSITIONS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>ADMISSION PROCEDURES</b>	Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS and Research Project Oral Exam in PRESENCE or REMOTELY
<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Regardless of age and citizenship, applicants may apply if they hold at least one of the following qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Master's degree (Laurea Magistrale or equivalent);</li> <li>• a degree awarded under the previous Italian system;</li> <li>• an equivalent academic qualification obtained abroad, recognized as suitable for admission to the PhD programme.</li> </ul> Applicants who have not yet graduated may also apply, provided that they obtain their degree by <b>31 October 2026</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		
N°	<i>Funding entity</i>	<i>Research Topic, if any</i>
<b>3</b>	University of Parma (Ministerial funds, University funds and Cariparma Foundation)	
<b>1</b>	Fully funded by Cariparma Foundation	
RESERVED POSITIONS		
Industrial PhD reserved for employees of the company CIAC Impresa sociale ETS Parma (with salary maintained)		<b>1</b>
Industrial PhD reserved for employees of the company Fondazione Bambini e Autismo (with salary maintained)		<b>1</b>



## ADMISSION ASSESSMENT

**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. **Publication on the website constitutes official notification. No individual communication will be sent to candidates by email.**

### ORAL EXAM

#### DATE

7<sup>TH</sup> September 2026

#### TIME

11:00 am (Italian Time)

#### PLACE

ROOM E  
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

#### 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)



<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): 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).	
<b>Research Project</b>	<p>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).</p> <p>In accordance with the <a href="#">Guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence in education and research</a>, the candidates must explicitly state whether they have used Generative Artificial Intelligence systems in the production of the research proposal attached to their application form, specifying which tools were used and for which parts of the document. During the oral examination, the Admission Board will assess the candidate's full mastery of the content included in the document and their ability to justify the methodological and scientific choices made in the project.</p> <p><u>The research proposal <b>does not constitute a binding commitment</b> for the subsequent choice of the PhD research topic, which will be assigned by the Academic Board</u></p> <p><b>Failure to submit the research proposal will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.</b></p>	
<b>LIST OF EVALUABLE QUALIFICATIONS</b> (only qualifications attested by a document drawn up in Italian or in English)		
<b>Graduation mark</b>  Or <b>Average of the exam marks</b> (if the candidate will attain the degree no later than <b>31 October 2026</b> )	<p>Score related to the final mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 110 and 110 with honours (magna cum laude): 10 points;</li> <li>- From 100 to 109: 8 points</li> <li>- Under 99: 5 points</li> </ul> <p>Score related to the average of the exam marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30/30: 10 points</li> <li>- From 27/30 to 29/30: 8 points;</li> <li>- Under 26/30: 5 points</li> </ul>	<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>
<b>The candidate's Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum will be evaluated based on the following qualifications and scores:</b>		



<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>
<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 <b>(present official documents certifying the experience)</b>	<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>