



VETERINARY SCIENCES		
Cycle	XXXVI	
Coordinator	Prof. Gaetano DONOFRIO Department of Veterinary Science email: gaetano.donofrio@unipr.it	
Duration	3 years	
Starting date of the PhD program	01/11/2020	
Research Topics		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pathological Sciences• Clinical Sciences• Basic Sciences• Animal Production Sciences and Technologies• Food inspection and Public Health		
Training Objectives		
Veterinary Science Doctoral course aims at training PhD-students about research topics on basic, pre-clinical, clinical and non-clinical 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.		
Admission requirements		
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">– "Laurea Magistrale" LM-42 Veterinary Medicine– "Laurea Magistrale" LM-9 Medical Biotechnology, Veterinary and Pharmaceutica– "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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Second cycle Master's degree obtained abroad, equivalent to the above mentioned Italian degrees and recognized as suitable for the admission to doctoral programs Undergraduate applicants may also submit applications with the obligation of getting their degree by October 31st 2020 .		
POSITIONS PUT OUT TO COMPETITION		
With Scholarship		6
	TOTAL	6
Positions with University Scholarship		
N°	Funding entity	Research Topic, if any
2	Scholarship Ministerial funds	---
1	Scholarship University funds	---
1	Scholarship co-funded by Fondazione Cariparma " Carlo Gabbi "	---



Position with Scholarship LINKED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS (art. 11 of the Call for applications)

During the Oral Exam, applicants may express their interest in being assigned a scholarship dedicated to a specific research topic to the Examination Board. The Board will express its judgement on eligibility to be assigned the scholarship in consideration of the specific competences, experience and specific aptitudes of the applicants.

N°	Funding entity	BOUND RESEARCH TOPIC
1	Funded by the Department of Veterinary Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Changes in lymphocytic populations in bitches undergoing elective ovariohysterectomy and with endometrical cystic hyperplasia
1	Funded by Clinica Veterinaria Modena Sud STP S.r.l.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Isolation and culture of stem cells from reptiles, with particular reference to the reproductive system

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Assessment of QUALIFICATIONS: up to 40

ORAL EXAM: up to 80 points

Minimum score for ELIGIBILITY: 70/120

Foreign Language	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 translation and comprehension of a scientific text.
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**CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE ORAL TEST CAN TAKE THE EXAM
REMOTE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO TELECONFERENCE
OR IN PRESENCE**

THE INTERVIEW MAY BE HELD ALSO IN ENGLISH

LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AND THEIR ASSESSMENT

Mandatory documents to be attached to the on-line application

- **ANNEX A** (art. 5 of the Call for Applications)
- Scanned Copy of a **valid identification document** with photo
- **Curriculum Vitae et studiorum** (art. 4 of the Call for Applications)
- **Abstract of the second cycle master's degree thesis.** Undergraduate applicants may submit the draft of the thesis approved by their supervisor (abstract/draft of the thesis: 10.000 characters including spaces)
- **Certificates and academic transcript of records for both Bachelor' and Master' degrees** containing the following details for each degree held: (art. 4 of the Call for Applications):
 - 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)



Further qualifications that may be attached to the application, if in possession of the applicant
(only qualifications attested by a document drawn up in Italian or in English)

- **Research Project:** The research project shall consist of a maximum of 3 pages, be written in Italian or in English, focus on an original research topic and it shall be structured as follows: introduction of the problem in the scientific context, significance of the problem, expected results, argumentation;
it does not represent a constraint with respect to the following choice of the doctoral thesis, that shall be defined together with the supervisor and approved by the Academic Board;
- **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 the specific her/his research interests;
- **Scientific Publications:** Articles published in journals indexed in databases Wos and Scopus;
- **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
- **Any other document** certifying the applicant's training and abilities (grants, awards, trainings etc.)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

QUALIFICATION	EVALUTATION CRITERIA	POINTS
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	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 2020)	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	Abstract of the second cycle master's degree thesis	Up to 5 points
Research Project	The research project shall consist of a maximum of 3 pages, be written in Italian or in English, focus on an original research topic and it shall be structured as follows: introduction of the problem in the scientific context, significance of the problem, expected results, argumentation	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 and at describing the specific research interests	Up to 5 points



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Other qualifications	Awarding of Scholarships, prizes, trainings, etc.	Up to 5 points
ORAL EXAMINATION	EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
The ORAL EXAM will consist of an interview on scientific or aptitude also based on topics of previously published research if any		Up to 80 points
SCHEDULE OF THE ADMISSION EXAMS		
ORAL EXAM	DATE	18 September 2020
	TIME	10:00 am (Italian time)
	PLACE	ROOM "C" Department of Veterinary Sciences Via del Taglio, 10 – 43124 PARMA - ITALY
OTHER INFORMATION	For foreign candidates, the admission examinations may be held in English at the candidate's choice.	