



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

**Department of Agricultural and
Food Sciences (DISTAL)**

**ACCADEMIC YEAR
2025/2026**

*PhD Programme in
Agricultural, Environmental and
Food Science and Technology (STAAA)*

KICK-OFF MEETING of the 41th Cycle

November 28th, 2025



Outline

- 1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme**
2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students
3. The «Doctoral Credits» system
4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26
5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework
6. PhD Student Representatives
7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO
8. Social activities

UNIBO – PhD Programmes

Subject area	Title
Biological, Geological and Agricultural Sciences	Agricultural, Environmental and Food Science and Technology
	Cellular and Molecular Biology
	Earth, Life and Environmental Sciences
	Health, Safety and Green Systems
	Innovative Technologies and Sustainable Use of Mediterranean Sea Fishery and Biological Resources (FishMed-PhD)
	Science and Culture of Well-being and Lifestyles
Engineering Studies	Architecture and Design Cultures
	Automotive Engineering for Intelligent Mobility
	Biomedical, Electrical and System Engineering
	Civil, Chemical, Environmental and Materials Engineering
	Computer Science and Engineering
	Electronics, Telecommunications and Information Technologies Engineering
	Mechanics and Advanced Engineering Sciences - DIMSAI
	Structural and Environmental Health Monitoring and Management - SEHM2
Mathematical Physical, Chemical and Astronomical Sciences	Astrophysics
	Chemistry
	Data Science and Computation
	Future Earth, Climate Change and Societal Challenges
	Mathematics
	Nanoscience for Medicine and the Environment
	Physics

Subject area	Title
Medical, Pharmaceutical and Veterinary Medical Sciences	Biomedical and Neuromotor Sciences
	Biotechnological, Biocomputational, Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences
	Cardio Nephro Thoracic Sciences
	General Medical and Services Sciences
	Health and Technologies
	Oncology, Hematology and Pathology
	Surgical Sciences
	Veterinary Sciences
Humanistic Studies	Cultural and Environmental Heritage
	Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics
	History and Archaeology. Studies on Heritage, Memory and Cultures
	Literary and Philological Cultures
	Modern Languages, Literatures, and Culture
	Pedagogical Sciences
	Philosophy, Science, Cognition, and Semiotics-PSCS
	Psychology
	Translation, Interpreting, Intercultural Studies
Legal, Politological, Economic and Statistical Sciences	Visual, Performing and Media Arts
	Economics
	European Law
	Law, Science and Technology
	Legal Studies
	Management
	Political and Social Sciences
	Sociology and Social Research
	Statistical Sciences



POSTGRADUATE
TRAINING

(A.Y. 2025/26)

51 PhD programme
degrees
at UNIBO

3,417 students enrolled
at a PhD programme
with UNIBO

187 PhD students
enrolled at our
PhD programme

44 enrolled at
the 1st year



Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences (DISTAL)

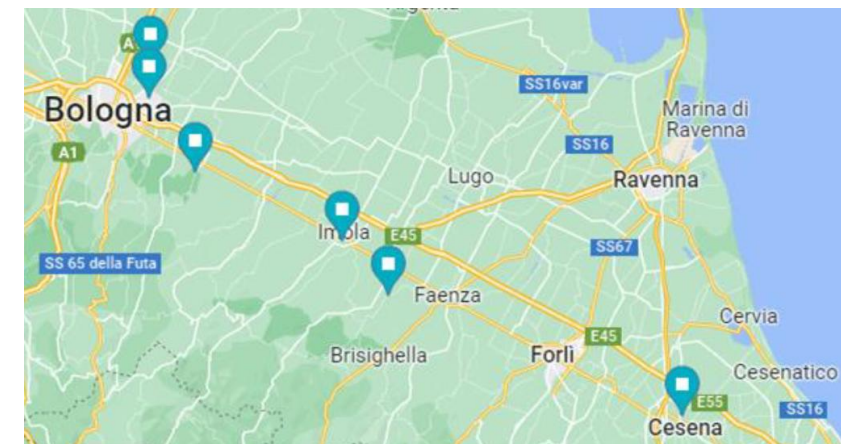
- DISTAL has two main campuses, Bologna and Cesena
- Teaching and research activities are also carried out in Ozzano, Cadriano, Imola and Tebano



Bologna



Cesena



DISTAL – Teaching programme and Third Cycle Programmes

1st and 2nd Cycle Degrees

Bachelor (1st Cycle Degrees)

- **Agricultural Technology** | Bologna
- **Animal Production** | Bologna
- **Land and Agro-Forestry Technologies** | Bologna
- **Agri-Food Economics and Markets** | Bologna
- **Sciences and Technologies for Green and Landscape** | Imola
- **Food Technology** | Cesena
- **Sciences and Culture of Gastronomy** | Cesena
- **Viticulture and Enology** | Cesena

Master (2nd Cycle Degrees)

- **Agricultural Sciences and Technologies** | Bologna
- **International Horticultural Science** | Bologna [EN]
- **Planning and management of agro-territorial, forest and landscape** | Bologna
- **Precise and Sustainable Agriculture** | Bologna [EN]
- **Food Safety and Food Risk Management** | Bologna [EN]
- **Food Science and Technology** | Cesena
- **Plant and Agricultural Biotechnology** | Imola

3rd Cycle Degrees

PhD

- **Agricultural, Environmental and Food Science and Technology (STAAA)** | Bologna

DISTAL also contributes to the activities of three inter-departmental doctoral courses:

- **Health, Safety And Green Systems** | Imola
- **Future Earth, Climate Change and Societal Challenges** | Bologna
- **Innovative Technologies and Sustainable Use of Mediterranean Sea Fishery and Biological Resources (FishMed-PhD)** | Fano

Foundation of STAAA PhD Course

STAAA was founded in 2010 from the merging of 9 doctoral courses

Herbaceous Crops, Agricultural Genetics and Agroterritorial Systems

International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies

Microbial Ecology and Plant Pathology

Agricultural and Food Economics and Policy

Agricultural Entomology

Agricultural Engineering

Food Science and Biotechnology

Animal Science

Tree and Ornamental Crops and Landscape Forest Agrosystems

PhD Course in
**Agricultural,
Environmental and
Food Science and
Technology
(STAAA)**
organised in
9 research topics

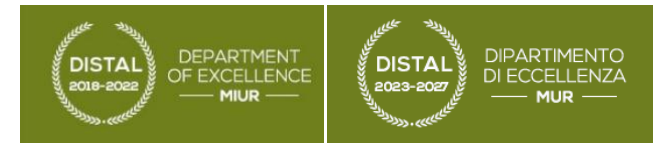
Coordinators:

Claudio Ciavatta (2010-2012),
Giovanni Dinelli (2012-2018),
Massimiliano Petracci (2018-2024),
Diana Di Gioia (2024-ongoing)



STAAA – Research Topics and Academic Board

1. **Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry** (Dinelli, Falsone, Marotti^h, Marzadori, Prosdocimi Gianquinto, Salvi)
2. **International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies** (Vittuari)
3. **Microbial Ecology and Plant Pathology** (Ratti^b, Baraldi, Di Gioia^a)
4. **Agricultural and Food Economics and Policy** (Samoggia)
5. **Agricultural Entomology** (Burgio)
6. **Agricultural Engineering** (Mattetti, Baroni^e, Bovo)
7. **Food Science and Biotechnology** (Tabanelli^h, Capozzi, Parpinello, Petracci, Valli)
8. **Animal Science** (Trevisi, Bertolini^f, Zappaterra^f)
9. **Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape** (Spinelli^d, Magnani)
10. **Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus** (Petracci^g)



^aCoordinator; ^bVice-coordinator; Referent for: ^cDocument preparation; ^dTeaching activity; ^eFinal Defence Committees;

^fWebsite and communications; ^gADA University relationships; ^h Student career and PhD board meeting preparation



Outline

1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme
- 2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students**
3. The «Doctoral Credits» system
4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26
5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework
6. PhD Student Representatives
7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO
8. Social activities

Admission to the STAAA PhD programme

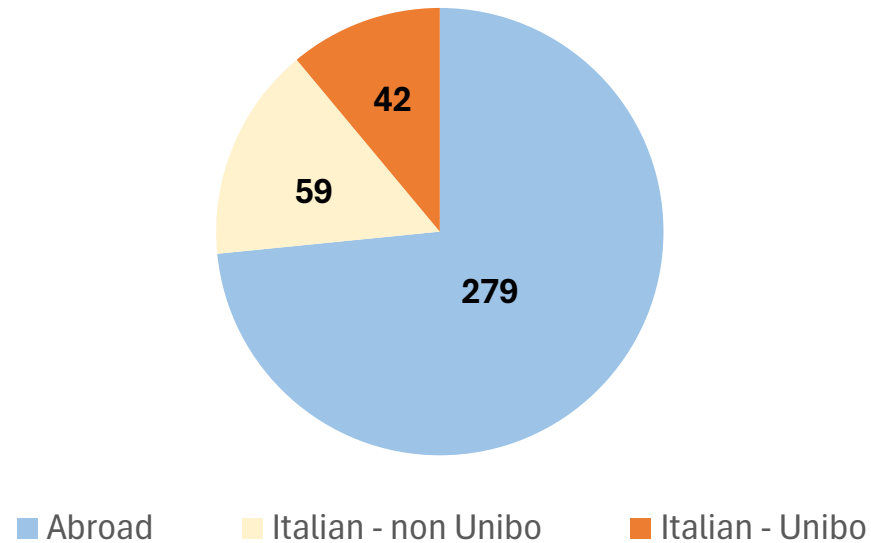
Selective process ...

41st cycle

465 applications

380 eligible candidates → 45 positions

PhD candidates



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Abbasova Nigar	1- PhD scholarship funded by ADA University	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Recovery and nutrient use efficiency of phosphorus from unconventional sources	Braschi Ilaria Buscaroli Enrico Cavani Luciano	AGRI-06/B Agricultural Chemistry
Agyabeng Samuel	2 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Animal Science	Applying phenomics in animal breeding	Bertolini Francesca Fontanesi Luca	AGRI-09/A Livestock Systems, Animal Breeding and Genetics
Ansaloni Ivan	3 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL in collaboration with IRTA	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Development of innovative management practices in orchards	Manfrini Luigi Lordan Jaume	AGRI-03/A Arboriculture and Fruitculture
Asciano Diana	4 - PhD scholarship partly funded by UNIBO general budget and co-funded by DISTAL	Microbial Ecology and Plant Pathology	Microbial degradation of crop protection products	Di Gioia Diana Alberoni Daniele Baffoni Loredana	AGRI-08/A Agricultural, Food and Environmental Microbiology



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Bai Han	5 - PhD scholarship funded by China Scholarship Council	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	The impact of nutrient addition and species diversity on ecosystem multifunctionality	Magnani Federico Guerrieri Rossella	AGRI-03B Silviculture, Forest Ecology and Management
Bambagioni Emma	6 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Mapping EU Forest Resilience and Vulnerability through Satellite Remote Sensing	Francini Saverio Txomin Hermosilla Magnani Federico	AGRI-03B Silviculture, Forest Ecology and Management
Benfenati Marco	7- PhD scholarship funded by the Emilia-Romagna Region (Research Training Projects – PR FSE+ 2021/2027, Priority 2)	Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus	Digital transition as a driver for sustainable innovation in agri- food systems	Baroni Gabriele Lavrnic Stevo	AGRI-04/A Agricultural Hydraulics and Watershed Protection
Brannetti Alice	8 - PhD scholarship funded by MUR within the Department of Excellence project	Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus	Sustainable biocontrol solutions foe seed-born diseases in durum wheat and soybean	Prodi Antonio Mincuzzi Annamaria	AGRI-05/B Plant Pathology



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Calabri Maria Letizia	9 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO within the Department of Excellence project	Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus	Exploiting genetic diversity in livestock species	Fontanesi Luca Bertolini Francesca	AGRI-09/A Livestock Systems, Animal Breeding and Genetics
D'Ambrosio Gianni Jan	10 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL in collaboration with Bolton Food S.p.A.	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	How sustainable is your can of tuna? Integrated nutritional, environmental, economic and social impact of canned tuna	Vittuari Matteo Dolci Alberto	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
D'Aprile Andrea	11 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU REDESIGN	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Experimental validation of vertical farming and Building integrated Agriculture as transformative urban food systems: sustainability metrics, architectural integration, and participatory approaches in the context of the New European Bauhaus	Orsini Francesco D'Ostuni Michele	AGRI-02/B - Vegetable and Ornamental crops



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Fantoni Costanza	12 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU BREADCRUMB + EUAQUA	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Understanding food choices through behavioural economics approaches: targeting food waste prevention and the promotion of healthy diets	Vittuari Matteo Garcia Laura	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Fiocchi Eleonora	13 – PhD equivalent position in IZS-Venezie	Microbial Ecology and Plant Pathology	Essential oil-based strategies for pathogen control, antibiotic resistance reduction and animal welfare improvement in aquaculture	Mattarelli Paola Manfrin Amedeo Arcangeli Giuseppe	AGRI-08/A Agricultural, Food and Environmental Microbiology
Gimbo Costanza	14 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU BREADCRUMB	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Exploring strategies to influence food behavior in public catering environments	Vittuari Matteo Masotti Matteo	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Girodo Riccardo	15 – PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU POLLINERA	Entomology	Impact of pesticides on non-target insects via a multi-trophic approach	Sgolastra Fabio Burgio Giovanni	AGRI-05/A General and Applied Entomology



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Guerriero Chiara	16 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU BIOSECURE	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Economic evaluation of biosecurity measures and strategies in animal farming	Canali Massimo Aragrande Maurizio	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Licata Anita	17 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Agricultural and Food Economics and Policy	Adoption and impacts of adaptive digital models in agricultural SMEs: a participatory approach based on co-design	Camanzi Luca Malorgio Giulia Mulazzani Luca	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Lombardo Giulia	18 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL in collaboration with Bolton Food S.p.A.	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	True cost accounting of canned tuna: capturing hidden environmental, social, and nutritional externalities	Vittuari Matteo Dolci Alberto	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Mahmood Muhammad Huzafa	19 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Smart agricultural applications in the potato field crop	Barbanti Lorenzo Ventura Francesca	AGRI-02/A - Agronomy and Field Crops



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Meazza Pietro	20 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Exporing strategies for the inclusion of pastoralism in sustainable integrated rural development	Zanasi Cesare Vittuari Matteo	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Merani Lucia	21 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Vertical trasmissibility of phytobiome in kiwifruit: From crop biology to potential application.	Spinelli Francesco Di Gioia Diana	AGRI-03A Arboriculture and Fruitculture
Moffa Alice	22 - PhD scholarship funded by Caviro S.C.A.	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Physiological, productive and quality responses of adult and young vines under agrivoltaic system	Filippetti Ilaria Valentini Gabriele	AGRI-03/A Arboriculture and Fruitculturearb oree
Pancaldi Lorenzo	23 -PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project Wheat_InItaly	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Structural and functional genomics of durum and bread wheat for resilience and sustainability breeding targets	Maccaferri Marco Forestan Cristian	AGRI-06/A - Genetica agraria



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Park Jiwon	24 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Food Science and Biotechnology	New frontiers in broiler breast myopathies mitigation strategies	Petracci Massimiliano Soglia Francesca Bordini Martina	AGR-09/D Zoocolture
Perozziello Andrea Giovanni	25 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU BREADCRUMB + EUAQUA	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Assessing the environmental, economic, social, and nutritional impacts of losses and waste in targeted food chain	Vittuari Matteo Garcia Laura Mancini Lucia	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Rubbini Luca	26 -PhD scholarship funded by the Emilia-Romagna Region (Research Training Projects – PR FSE+ 2021/2027, Priority 2)	Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus	Regenerative agricultural systems for the ecological transition: integrated circular models for climate and natural resource protection	Di Gioia Diana Alberoni Daniele Braglia Chiara	AGRI-08/A Agricultural, Food and Environmental Microbiology
Rui Jia	27 - PhD scholarship partly funded by UNIBO general budget and co-funded by DISTAL	Animal Science	Modulating the acid-binding capacity (ABC-4) of diets to enhance gut health and minimize antimicrobial use in post-weaning pigs	Trevisi Paolo Correa Federico Jiang Xianren	AGRI-09/B Animal Nutrition and Feeding



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Rwubuzizi Ronaldo	28 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU BIOMEHEALTH	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Interaction between apple plants, <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> and the phyllosphere microbiome under the RC P8.5 climate change scenario	Spinelli Francesco Conceição Santos Mariz da Ponte Nuno André	AGRI-03A Arboriculture and Fruitculture
Samorè Stefano	29 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU ARCADIA	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Transformative climate resilience by nature-based solutions in the continental bio-geographical region	Magnani Federico Marini Govigli Valentino	AGRI-03B Silviculture, Forest Ecology and Management
Sardano Sofia	30 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project PRIMA WATERMELLON	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Development of novel farming systems coupled with water harvesting techniques	Monti Andrea Zegada Lizarazu Walter	AGRI-02/A - Agronomy and Field Crops
Senthil Kumar Rishi	31 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Agricultural Engineering	On the real-world evaluation of the exhaust gas emissions of agricultural machinery	Mattetti Michele Varani Massimiliano Ravaglioli Vittorio	AGRI-04/B Agricultural Machinery and Mechanization



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Sermarini Allison Hong	32- PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU REDESIGN	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Applying the New European Bauhaus core principles to foster urban food systems transformation: a multiscalar, value-based analysis of governance and spatial integration of three urban agriculture initiatives in Europe and UK	Orsini Francesco D'Ostuni Michele	AGRI-02/B - Vegetable and Ornamental crops
Spiga Marco	33 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Food Science and Biotechnology	Strategies for the production and valorisation of functional beers	Ricci Arianna Parpinello Giuseppina Paola	AGRI-07/A Food Science and Technology
Stevanovic Milica	34 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Food Science and Biotechnology	Investigation of the impact of climate on the occurrence, genetic diversity, virulence profiles and antimicrobial resistance of foodborne pathogens isolated from poultry	Manfreda Gerardo Pasquali Frédérique Crippa Cecilia	MVET-02/B Inspection of Foods of Animal Origin



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Tamakloe Mark	35 - PhD scholarship funded by MUR within the Department of Excellence project	Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus	Biosystems engineering geospatial technologies for precision agriculture	Torreggiani Daniele Bovo Marco	AGRI-04/C Rural Buildings and Agro-Forest Land Planning
Testaquatra Gabriele	36 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO general budget	Agricultural Engineering	Nature-based solutions (NBS) for agricultural water management and reuse	Lavrnjic Stevo Mancuso Giuseppe Toscano Attilio	AGRI-04/A Agricultural Hydraulics and Watershed Protection
Tonegatti Federico	37 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU WASTEWISE	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Grassroot strategies to reduce food losses and waste and preserve biodiversity in rural areas	Falasconi Luca Setti Marco	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Uguzzoni Mattia	38 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project ADISSEO	Animal Science	Further exploration of appetite signals for optimized feed intake in pigs - FEASTPIG	Trevisi Paolo Everaert Nadia Millet Sam	AGRI-09/B Animal Nutrition and Feeding



STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Valenzano Annarita	39- PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL in collaboration with JRC	International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies	Exploring the innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness nexus in the food industry	Vittuari Matteo Marelli Luisa	AGRI-01/A Agricultural and Food Economics, and Rural Appraisal
Vezzosi Alice	40 - PhD scholarship funded by DISTAL project HEU IASIS	Agronomy, Herbaceous Crops, Flowers and Vegetables Systems, Agricultural Genetics and Agricultural Chemistry	Curing contaminated and saline land with Industrial crops and producing biomass for high-value applications	Monti Andrea Zanetti Federica	AGRI-02/A - Agronomy and Field Crops
Vivani Beatrice	41 - PhD scholarship funded by UNIBO within the Department of Excellence project	Water-Food-Energy-Sustainable Agriculture Nexus	Environmental Assessment of Innovations in Vertical Farming Systems: Novel Crops, Dynamic Lighting Control, and Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)	Orsini Francesco Pennisi Giuseppina	AGRI-02/B - Vegetable and Ornamental crops
Zhang Haoyang	42 – PhD scholarship funded by China Scholarship Council	Microbial Ecology and Plant Pathology	Isolation, identification, and characterization of beneficial microbial strains for agriculture and industrial applications	Di Gioia Diana Baffoni Loredana Alberoni Daniele	AGRI-08/A Agricultural, Food and Environmental Microbiology



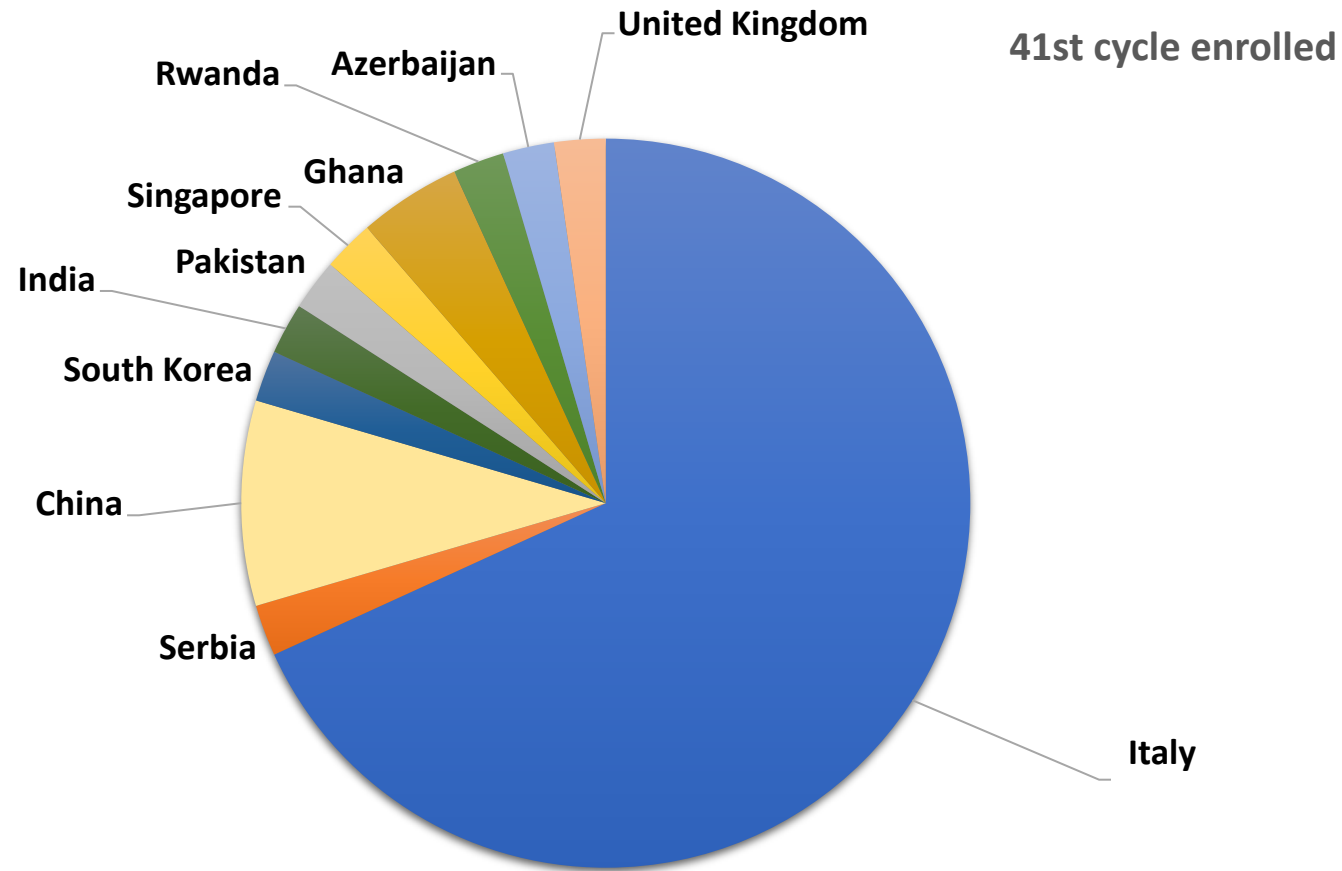
STAAA – PhD Students Enrolled in the 41th Cycle

PhD students	PhD position	Research topic	Title	Supervisor Cosupervisor(s)	GSD
Roxanne Schinas	43 - Research grant funded by MSCA-Doctoral Network FutureForest	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Impacts of increasing N deposition on ecosystem N retention and productivity of a mature beech forest	Guerrieri Rossella Magnani Federico	AGRI-03B Silviculture, Forest Ecology and Management
Hongshan Zhang	44 - Research grant funded by MSCA-Doctoral Network FutureForest	Tree Production Systems, Fruit, Forest and Ornamental Trees and Grape	Nitrogen deposition impacts on forest biodiversity (including forest microbiome)	Guerrieri Rossella Canarini Alberto Sabatini Francesco Maria	AGRI-03B Silviculture, Forest Ecology and Management



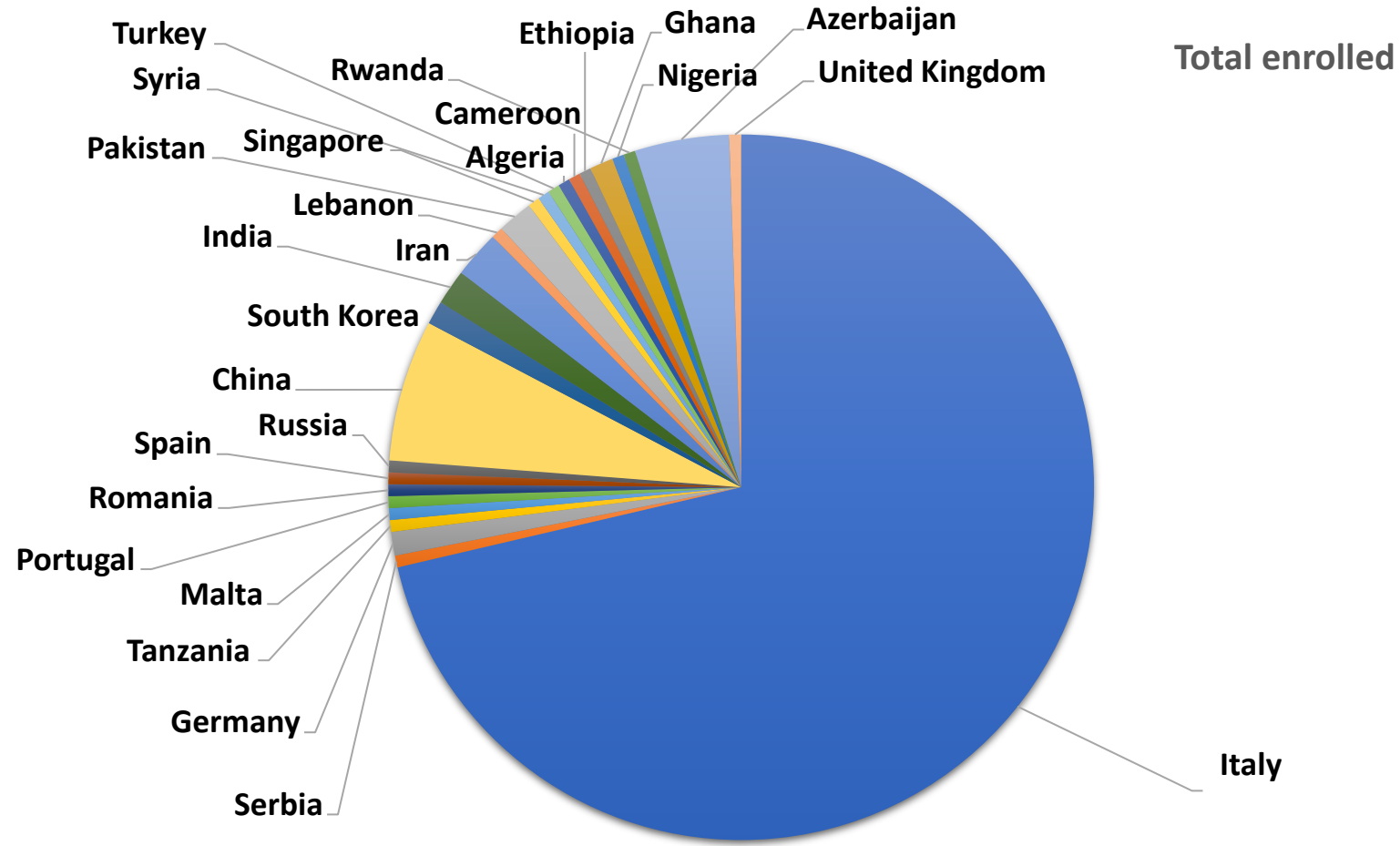
STAAA – PhD Students enrolled at the first year

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



STAAA – PhD Students enrolled

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



Outline

1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme
2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students
- 3. The «Doctoral Credits» system**
4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26
5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework
6. PhD Student Representatives
7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO
8. Social activities

DOCTORAL CREDITS (DCs)

- Introduced in the 40th cycle
- DCs measure the workload that is requested from PhD students in «RESEARCH ACTIVITIES» and «TRAINING AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES»
- 180 DCs for the whole PhD journey → 60 DCs/year
- 1 DC = 25 hours of commitment

Distribution of Doctoral Credits (DCs) among research, training and teaching		
Type of activity	Total DCs	%
Research activities	144	79.7
Training and teaching activities	36	20.3
Total	180	100

Activities that have always been performed by PhD students:
the novelty is, that now they are «measured»

<https://phd.unibo.it/agricultural-environmental-food-sci-technology/en>



DOCTORAL CREDITS (DCs) - 2

Requirements for the distribution of DCs between training and teaching activities		
Type of activity	Minimum number of DCs	Maximum number of DCs
Disciplinary and multidisciplinary training	12	-
Transversal skills	5	-
Extra-curricular training	1	-
Dissemination	1	-
Teaching and Tutoring	2	10

DCs for training and teaching to be acquired in the three years of PhD course	
DC for training and teaching to be acquired	Recommended
at the end of the 1st year	16
at the end of the 2nd year	28
at the end of the 3rd year	36



DOCTORAL CREDITS (DCs) gained by 1st year PhD students (40^o cycle)

Type of activity	Minimum number of DCs in 3 years	Average number of DCs gained by 1st year PhD students (40 th cycle)	Average total DCs gained after the first year (Recommended 16)
Disciplinary and multidisciplinary training	12	10.3	18,2
Transversal skills	5	4.1	
Extra-curricular training	1	1.8	
Dissemination	1	2.9	
Teaching and Tutoring	2 (Max 10)	3.1	



DOCTORAL CREDITS (DCs)- 3

Correspondence between hours of commitment for training and teaching and DCs earned			
Type of activity	Hours in class	Independent study hours total	DC
Courses (disciplinary and multidisciplinary lectures)	8	17 25	1
Courses in transferable skills	15	10 25	1
Seminars (with independent study)	15	10 25	1
Teaching activities, and/or tutoring	8	17 25	1
Co-supervisor for bachelor's thesis	25*		1
Co-supervisor for master's thesis	50*		2
Extracurricular training (summer schools, training courses)	1 day**		0.5**
Dissemination	1 day **		0.5**

* estimated time commitment for supervising each thesis

** the actual duration of the work trip is considered, including travel time. For Summer Schools that award ECTS credits, the value indicated in the completion document issued by the Summer School will be accepted.



DOCTORAL CREDITS (DCs) validation

- Training and Teaching activities, after collecting the respective certificate of participation/attendance, have to be UPLOADED in the website <https://dottorandi.unibo.it/>
- Please be precise in describing the activities as they will be part of your DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT (a complementary document of your PhD degree certificate)
- Your SUPERVISOR will CHECK and APPROVE the UPLOADED ACTIVITY
- The PhD course coordinator will give the FINAL VALIDATION of the activity
- At the end of your PhD course, your Training and Teaching activity will have to comply with the number of DCs set by the PhD course



Outline

1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme
2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students
3. The «Doctoral Credits» system
- 4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26 (Francesco Spinelli)**
5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework
6. PhD Student Representatives
7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO
8. Social activities

STAAA – Courses for A.Y. 2025/26

COMPULSORY COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS					
Disciplinary and multidisciplinary Courses	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Philosophy of science and research methodology	Compulsory	1.5	12	Pass	I, II, III
Set-up a research protocol, writing and presenting a paper in biological and physicochemical sciences	Compulsory	1.5	12	Pass	I, II, III
Set-up a research protocol, writing and presenting a paper in economical sciences	Compulsory	1.5	12	Pass	I, II, III
Statistics (split in modules)	Compulsory	7	56	Pass	I, II, III
- Introduction to statistical methods with R		2	16	Pass	
- Basic statistics and experimental design in agri-food sciences		2	16	Pass	
- Advanced regression methods		1	8	Pass	
- Time Series Analysis with R		1	8	Pass	
- Introduction to spatial analysis and geostatistics with R		1	8	Pass	
Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

STAAA – Courses for A.Y. 2025/26

Impact of biotechnology on production, safety and protection of sustainable agricultural products	Compulsory for research topics: 1, 3, 5, 9. Complementary for the other research topics	1	8	Pass	II semester	I
Climate change, agriculture and forest ecosystems: forcings, feedbacks and solutions for adaptation and mitigation	Compulsory for research topics: 1, 3, 9, 10. Complementary for the other research topics	1	8	Pass	II semester	I
Food loss: reduction, management and valorization	Compulsory for research topics: 2, 4, 7. Complementary for the other research topics	2	16	Pass	II semester	I
Geographical information systems	Compulsory for research topics: 5, 6. Complementary for the other research topics	1	8	Pass	II semester	I
Energy efficiency and sustainability of buildings for agriculture and agro-industry	Compulsory for research topics: 6. Complementary for the other research topics	1	8	Pass	II semester	I
Bioinformatics: Applications and Perspectives in Agricultural Sciences	Compulsory for research topics: 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10. Complementary for the other research topics 2, 4, 6	1.5	12	Pass	II semester	I
Insights into animal nutrition and precision feeding	Compulsory for research topics: 8. Complementary for the other research topics	1	8	Pass	II semester	I



STAAA – Courses for A.Y. 2024/25

[Competenze trasversali durante il corso di dottorato a.a. 2025/26 — Centre for Teaching and Learning](#)

Enrollment starts December 2 at 9:00 am on <https://iscrizioni-eventi.unibo.it/>
For question please contact: competenze.trasversali@unibo.it

Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

Knowledge valorisation and technology transfer to create impact on society

Course unit for PhD students

Aim

This course aims at fostering awareness among PhD students and researchers about how to give proper value to their scientific research through intellectual property protection, technology transfer and economic and social impact growth.

The course is divided into 4 modules. Participants will learn theories and practical tools in order to make their research results innovative as well as useful for society and marketplace. This will be possible also through the creation of new business activities as well as the collaboration with businesses.

Learning objectives

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the basic principles of intellectual property and identify the various forms of protection for research results (patents, copyright, branding, design ecc)
- Identify the importance of protecting intellectual property as a stimulus to foster innovation and valorisation of knowledge in the academic and industrial sectors.
- Know regulations and services offered by University in terms of intellectual property management and knowledge transfer support.
- Learn basic skills about valorisation and knowledge transfer, including licensing methods, collaboration with businesses and transfer of knowledge results into the market.
- Develop business skills, by exploring opportunities linked to the building of start-ups or academic spin offs in order to enhance research.
- Put acquired skills in to practice, through a business case based upon their research project, to be presented during a final workshop together with tutors from the Knowledge Transfer Office.

Course contents

Module 1 – What is Intellectual Property, why it is important to protect it and how to protect it



Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

Provided by DISTAL (Prof. Viaggi)

The Landscape of European Funding: opportunities and proposal writing methodologies

Course unit for PhD students

Aim

The training aims to present the main funding opportunities offered by the European Commission, providing an overview of key programs—particularly Horizon Europe—for research and innovation activities and for the career development of young researchers. The course will offer useful tools to navigate calls for proposals and identify relevant opportunities, with the goal of submitting competitive project proposals.

Learning objectives

- Understand the landscape of European funding and be able to identify relevant opportunities, especially those aimed at researcher career development.
- Be able to analyze the characteristics of a call for proposals.
- Understand the Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework approaches, and be able to structure a project into work packages, outputs, outcomes, deliverables, and indicators.
- Be able to develop a preliminary project idea aligned with the selected call.



Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

Open Science: Research data management principles and practices

Registration open only to students in year I and II of their PhD

Aim

Research data, if properly collected, managed and stored, are a valuable asset for those who produce them, for their institution and for the scientific community as a whole. It is therefore essential for PhD students to have the tools to manage data responsibly to conduct research transparently and increase its impact.

During this module we will reflect on the importance of research data and on the most suitable methods to manage them in different disciplinary fields and according to Open Science principles and practices.

Registration open only to students in year I and II of their PhD.

Learning objectives

1. Become familiar with the language: what are Open Science, Research Data Management, FAIR principles?
2. Reflect on the concept of data as asset to be valued and preserved: what are the advantages of a correct data management?
3. Understand the cornerstones of research data management: what are the necessary steps? What are the tools and services offered by the University?
4. Learn how to use a "Data Management Plan" during a research project.

Course contents

Module 1 – "Research Data and Research Data Management (RDM)" - 03/03/2026, 9.30 - 12.30, online, lecture on:

- Introduction to Open Science and to the international context (research evaluation, dissemination, etc.);



Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

Open Science: Principles and Practices of Open Access in Scientific Publications and Elements of Copyright Law

Course unit for PhD students

Aim

The course aims to provide knowledge of the various models of scientific communication and the landscape of academic publishing, offering practical guidance on the resources, services, and tools made available by the University. The objective is to help students develop the essential skills needed to navigate publishing practices independently, disseminating their research results in Open Access in accordance with institutional, national, and European policies, while respecting copyright law and the principles of Open Science.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the requirements for disseminating research results;
- Manage the different models of Open Access publishing;
- Demonstrate critical thinking and evaluation skills in selecting the most appropriate publishing venues for disseminating research results in Open Access, in accordance with institutional, national, and European policies;
- Demonstrate competence in using the services provided by the University to support best practices in Open Access;
- Demonstrate the ability to disseminate, deposit, and share their research outputs through institutional repositories;
- Demonstrate an understanding of copyright law to enable informed management of their rights within publishing practices.

Course contents



Soft Skills Courses*	Compulsory/Complimentary	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Year
Intellectual property rights, enterprise creation, and business plan*	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Research financing and project design in agricultural sciences	Compulsory	2	20	Pass	I, II, III
Bibliographic services to support research and research evaluation*	Compulsory	1	10	Pass	I, II, III
Academic Writing (provided by CLA)*	Compulsory	3	24	Pass	I, II, III

* see **highlights** for additional information

PLACEMENT TEST IS REQUIRED (B1++)

October 6

ACADEMICS online 1° semester

March 2026

ACADEMICS online 2° semester

CLA Academics

Participation is reserved only to PhD students authorized by their Unibo department

1. AcES - Academic English Skills

Aim

To develop written and spoken English communication skills in academic settings.


The AcES one-term course helps students acquire an understanding of the principles and praxis of academic literacy and proficiency, thus improving students' skills about academic texts in English, from syntax to style, with an increasing focus on catering for the particular needs of the group attending each course.

Learning objectives

To improve targeted English language skills for research. AcES participants, whose main language is not English, will practice extensive academic writing and speaking, complemented by listening and reading activities. They will work in a controlled and protected environment under the language teacher's guidance to improve their performance in the national and international academic milieu.

Course requirements

Minimum entry level Upper Intermediate B1++ verified through the mandatory, online entrance test.

Completion of 70 percent of the activities is required: classroom attendance, assignments, work on the CLA platform, which will be monitored and verified by the teacher, in order to obtain an open badge. 

Course activities


The course involves the production of written papers and oral presentations, and the completion of selected modules from the Epigeum interactive course.

Duration: 50 hours. The AcES one-term course is divided into 24+2 hours class sessions (synchronous online learning mode), and 24 hours on the CLA -Centro Linguistico di Ateneo- dedicated Moodle platform.


Teaching modes: Online

Language of the course: English

Available places: No more than 17 students per class.

Sessions - 8 lessons per session, once a week. 

Doctoral credits (DCs): 4.

N.B. PhD students enrolled in their first year are warmly invited to enroll in the second period classes. 

Disciplinary and multidisciplinary Courses	Teacher	Doctoral Credits (DC)	Teaching hours	Final assessment	Period
Philosophy of science and research methodology	Francesco Spinelli	1,5	12	Pass	January, 19, 23, 27, 30
Set-up a research protocol, writing and presenting a paper in biological and physicochemical sciences	Luca Corelli Grappadelli	1,5	12	Pass	February 27, March, 2 and 3 (9:00-13:00)
Set-up a research protocol, writing and presenting a paper in economical sciences	Stefano Targetti, Luca Mulazzani	1,5	12	Pass	
Statistics (split in modules)		7	56	Pass	
Introduction to statistical methods with R	Lorenzo Negri	2	16	Pass	February 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 10:00-13:00
Basic statistics and experimental design in agri-food sciences	Martina Zappaterra	2	16	Pass	
Advanced regression methods	Antonella Samoggia	1	8	Pass	April, 29 10:00-13:00, May, 8 10:00-13:00
Time Series Analysis with R	Lorenzo Negri, Martina Zappatera	1	8	Pass	February 26, March 4, 5 10:00-13:00
Introduction to spatial analysis and geostatistics with R	Gabriele Baroni	1	8	Pass	



STAAA – Courses for A.Y. 2023/24

- **PhD compulsory courses:** mandatory for everybody; attendance is compulsory; but they can be taken the next year; proficiency (final test is required).
When: see the website for date and time
- **Research topic specific courses:** compulsory for each specific thematic area, but open as voluntary courses for the PhD candidates of other areas that do not foresee the course as mandatory.
When: see the website for date and time
- **Elective courses:** other courses and seminars organized within and outside the PhD
When: along the year
- **Other activities** have to be agreed with the supervisor and/or the research topic responsible.
- **Contact** for didactic activities: francesco.spinelli@unibo.it
- **Classes are in presence** (except peculiar cases)
- Please use your **@unibo.it** address for all the communications related to the PhD. You will receive ALL THE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS on your **@unibo.it** address

STAAA – Compulsory Courses

Compulsory courses and seminars will be given in English.

Variations from the compulsory learning programme must be proposed by each tutor to the Scientific Committee and then approved.

PhD students are expected to attend at least to 80% of the course duration. Otherwise, the course will not be considered as attended.

Outline

1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme

2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students

3. The «Doctoral Credits» system

4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26

5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework

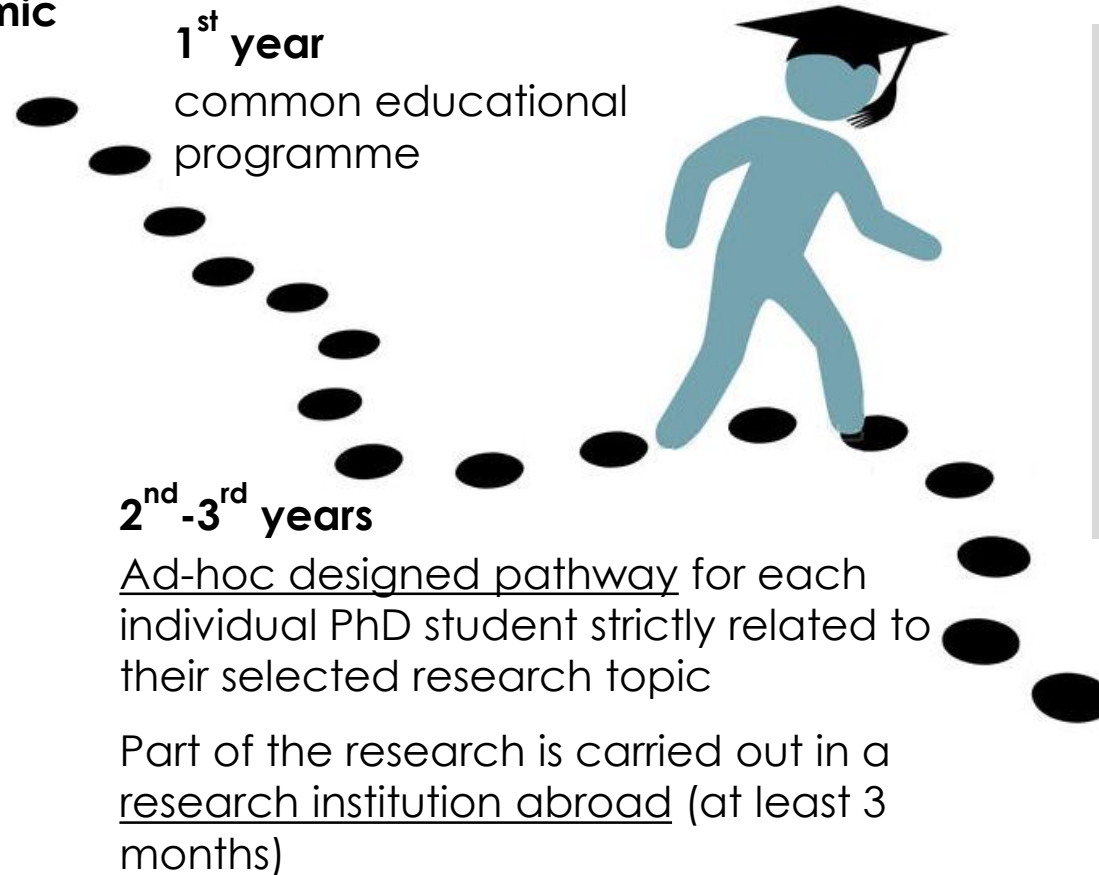
6. PhD Student Representatives

7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO

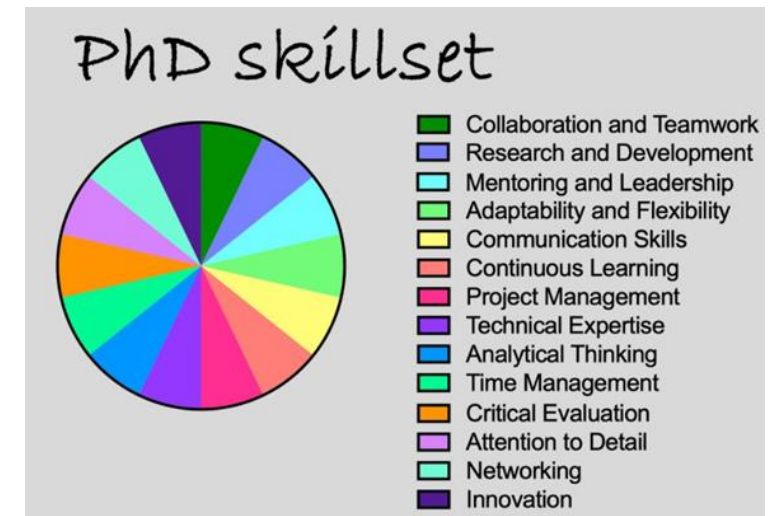
8. Social activities

STAAA – Doctoral pathway

STAAA is a **three-year English-language** PhD programme that works with a wide variety of **industrial and academic partners**



PhD students are required to plan and carry out an original research project with their supervisor/co-supervisor(s). They will develop the ability to work both independently and as part of a team.



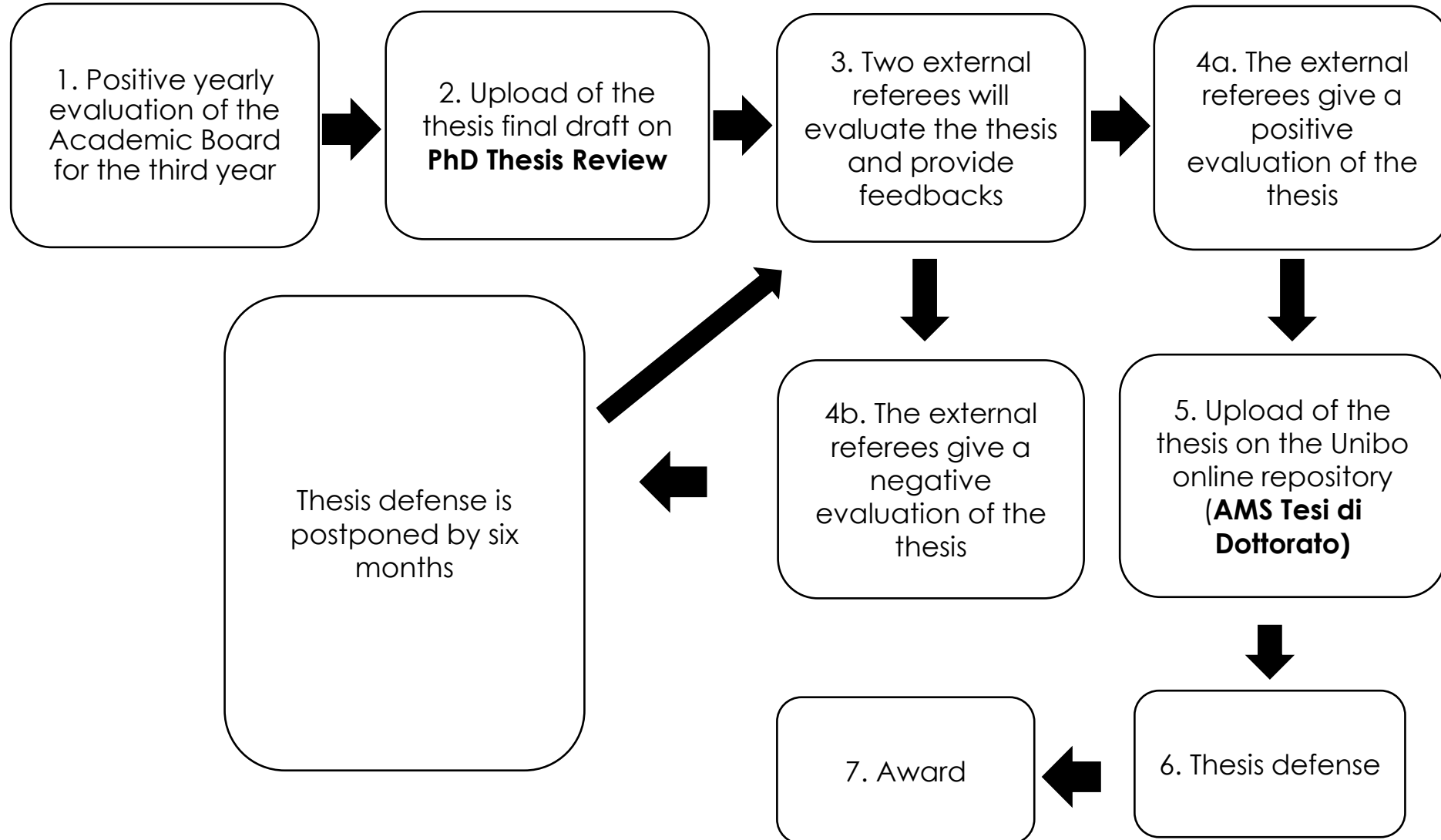
Gain specialist skills necessary to carry out highly qualified research activities at academic institutions, public bodies or private entities



STAAA – Roadmap (41th Cycle)

	Event	Deadline
1° yr.	Annual report of activities + DCs related to the 1 st year	Sep 2026
	Admission to the 2 nd Year	Mid Oct 2026
2° yr.	Annual report of activities + DCs related to the 2 nd year	Sep 2027
	Admission to the 3 rd Year	Mid Oct 2027
3° yr.	Final report of activities + DCs related to the whole PhD course	Early Sept. 2028
	Admission to thesis reviewing phase (<i>reviewers and final exam board members and date will be designed</i>)	Mid Sep 2028
	Electronic submission of thesis for external revision (2 reviewers)	31 Oct 2028
	Deadline for thesis review	Mid Dec 2028
final exam	Decision of admission to final exam based on thesis evaluation	Jan 2029
	Electronic submission of final version of the thesis	Mid Feb 2029
	Final exam	Mid Mar – Mid Apr 2028

Final Exam



STAAA – Requirements to Be Admitted to Thesis Review

You need to satisfy these requirements:

- COMPLY WITH THE DOCTORAL CREDITS SCHEME
- Participate in a scientific congress with a contribution (**preferably presented as oral communication**)
- Publish **at least 1 article in a journal with IF** (preferably as first author) within the end of the PhD journey (final exam)
- A minimum of 3 months* period abroad (with the exception of foreign PhD students)

* There are additional requirements for student positions funded by special programmes concerning their internship abroad and/or in a company

STAAA – Research Period Abroad

MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

- **50% grant increase** (look at the PhD website [Internship abroad](#))
- Marco Polo programme (funded by DISTAL – compatible with 50% grant increase up to the maximum amount defined by the Marco Polo programme)
- Other mobility programmes (Erasmus+ traineeship, bilateral exchange programmes, etc.)

[FUNDING
PROGRAMMES AND
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR Ph.D.
STUDENTS](#)

Your period abroad must be authorised by the Academic Board:
documents required are the invitation letter of the foreign institution
and the forms properly filled in ([see instructions](#))

STAAA – Individual 10% Budget granted to each PhD student

- From the beginning of the PhD programme, each PhD student receives a budget of **€ 4,873**. This budget supports **costs related to training and research activities in Italy and abroad, including travel expenses** (see article [13.6 of the Regulation](#)).
- The 10% budget should be **preferably used for travel expenses related to research periods abroad and participation to courses/conferences in Italy or abroad**.
- This budget is managed by the DISTAL Department. The Department's administrative office is currently setting up your budget. **You will be able to monitor how much of it has been used; however, any expenses must be approved by your supervisor.**

STAAA – Compatible Activities

- The PhD is a full-time commitment. However, some activities are compatible with PhD enrollment and the PhD scholarship, e.g. teaching assistance, tutoring or other paid work that do not interfere with the successful completion of your PhD ...
- Any **paid external activities** must be authorised by the Academic Board (please see the [STAAA website](#)). **Authorization must first be approved by your supervisor and then by the Course Coordinator on behalf of the Academic board. Requests for authorization** must be submitted through the *Dottorandi* website.

Outline

1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme

2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students

3. The «Doctoral Credits» system

4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26

5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework

6. PhD Student Representatives

7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO

8. Social activities

The Faculty Bodies in Which We Are Active

Departmental Council includes all researchers (RTD-B and RTA-A), professors of the DISTAL and students' representatives. **It is involved in all departmental activities.**



Giulia Stanzani

PhD board includes 25 members from the Dept. of Agricultural and Food Sciences covering all disciplines of the PhD Programme (the Academic board) and two PhD student representatives. **It plans and manages the PhD Programme.**



Joana Cupi



Mario Guida

Yearly Activities and Communications

FROM US:

- You might receive **emails** on general communications, teaching emergencies, etc.
- You will receive a specific email after each PhD Board and Department council meeting, with the **report** summarizing the topics of interest that were discussed.
- You may receive reports from us when **issues** related to PhD students are discussed in the Departmental Council.

FROM YOU:

Feel free to **contact us** (giulia.stanzani3@unibo.it; joana.cupi2@unibo.it; mario.guida2@unibo.it) for **suggestions, issues and communications** related to your didactic and academic career.



***1-2 informal meetings** (or more in case of particular events) per year to *meet & cheer*, wrap-up concerns of collective interest received via mail, exchange opinions and needs to be reported to the PhD Board and Departmental Council.

- Methodology officially introduced starting from the 40th cycle.
- Always keep track of all the activities you carry out during the year (Word file, Excel, etc.).
- Read the operating manual provided by the university (it will be send by the University).
- Future distribution of guidelines, templates, and examples to help you fill in the online application: <https://dottorandi.unibo.it/app/>.
- Check the lesson calendar frequently: <https://phd.unibo.it/agricultural-environmental-food-sci-technology/en/agenda>.

• Enjoy this PhD journey, letting yourself be guided by curiosity and passion for research.



DO NOT FORGET TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

Scan here



Join the
DISTAL PhD
Community!



get updates ask questions stay connected

Outline

- 1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme**
2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students
3. The «Doctoral Credits» system
4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26
5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework
6. PhD Student Representatives
- 7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO** (provided by the PhD Unit – Ufficio Progettazione – Technological Area)
8. Social activities



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

Being a PhD student at UNIBO


Alice Michelini

PhD Unit – Ufficio Progettazione – Technological Area

Rules Governing Your PhD Career

- **“Regulation Governing the PhD Programme Degrees”** is a document that defines rights and duties of PhD students at Unibo and regulates the functioning of the Academic Board. Available for download in Italian [here](#) (English guidelines [here](#)). Suggested reading at the start of your PhD career (in particular read Art. 2 ter and quater, Art. 12 – 22, Art. 27, bis, ter, quater);
- Some information on deadlines and rules for PhD students is also available on the [University website](#) (English version [here](#)), very useful if you need to access information quickly;
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the University Website are also a useful source of information
- More specific information can be found on the PhD Programme website, e.g. PhD Programme in [Agricultural, Environmental and Food Science and Technology](#)





[Cerca](#) [Directories](#) [Online services](#) [Private area](#) [My e-mail](#) [IT](#)

[HOME](#) [UNIVERSITY](#) [STUDY](#) [RESEARCH](#) [UNIVERSITY OUTREACH](#) [EVENTS AND NEWS](#) [Contents for you](#)

[Home](#) > [Study](#) > [PhDs and Professional Masters programmes, Specialisations and advanced training](#) > [Phd Programmes](#)

You are attending a PhD programme at University of Bologna

Personal data and website

Tuition fees and scholarships

Training, internships and apprenticeships

International Experiences

Procedures

Final exam

Personal data and website	Username and password	▼
	Student registration no.	▼
	Badge	▼
	Personal data	▼
	Personal website	▼
Tuition fees and scholarships	Tuition fees	▼
	ER.GO scholarship	▼
	PhD student scholarship management	▼
Training, internships and apprenticeships	Mandatory training on occupational health and safety and privacy	▼
	Transferable skills	▼

[University website](#)



PhD Newsletter


- Automatically monthly sent to all PhD Students by the PhD Unit
- Updates on applications, research and training opportunities, news and events, interviews to other PhD students

.docVoices


What is the link between consumer behaviour and market inclusivity?

Research by Musa Essa, PhD candidate in Marketing, on inclusion and accessibility in the economic market.

[Discover how purchasing choices make a difference →](#)



.docTraining




PhD Seasonal School

Lectures, workshops and discussions to develop critical awareness and an ethical vision of research. Organized by Collegio Superiore.

From 17 to 19 June in Bologna


[Find out more →](#)




.doc

| News and resources for your doctoral journey

October 2025




.docLife



What do you know about the ANVUR accreditation?

The stages of the visit, the people involved, and the meaning of the periodic accreditation carried out by the National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR).

[Watch the video →](#)



An app for sustainable benefits

Take part in the survey on mobility and spending habits as part of the GRINS project.

From 13 Sep to 14 Nov

[Find out more about the prizes →](#)

.docMemo

Applications open for the Collegio Superiore

If you have been admitted to one of the 41st cycle PhD programmes and would like to



Email address

Each doctoral student has two sets of credentials:

- With name.surname@studio.unibo.it you can access:
 - [Students Online](#) , where to pay fees and get certificates
 - [ER.GO](#)
- With name.surname@unibo.it you can access to all applications and information regarding you career including:
 - **University Intranet**
 - **CedoliniWeb** to manage your scholarship payments
 - **PhD students application** ("Dottorandi")
 - **All other websites as listed [here](#)**



Personal Website

The University makes available to each PhD student a webpage for the publication of their Scientific CV and information related to the activities carried out in the University.

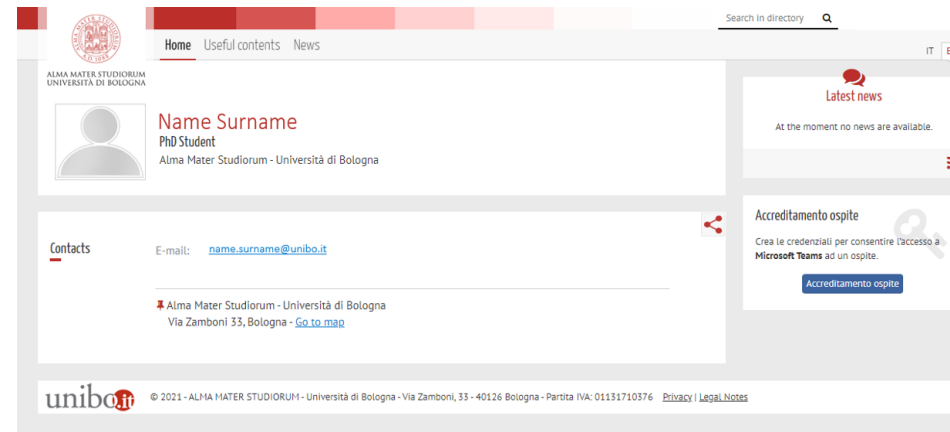
You can also see your info on the Unibo

Search page (Rubrica)

[here](#)

It is available both in Italian and

English



PhD students application ("Dottorandi" / "Phd Career ")

The screenshot displays the 'DOTTORANDI' web application interface. At the top, the header includes the Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna logo and the title 'DOTTORANDI'. Below the header, the user profile section shows 'Ciao [redacted]' and 'Supervisore: [redacted]'. To the right, the 'Stato Pratiche' section indicates 'Al momento non risultano pratiche associate alla tua utenza'. The main area features four action cards: 'Proroga carriera' (Function not yet available), 'Attività extra-istituzionali' (Function not yet available), 'Richiesta di sospensione' (Function not yet available), and 'Rinuncia' (Function not yet available). A red arrow points from the 'Libretto / Carriera' section to a detailed view of the 'Libretto / Carriera' and 'Relazione annuale' sections. The 'Libretto / Carriera' section shows 'Non ci sono attività formative nel libretto' with an 'Aggiungi attività formative' button. The 'Relazione annuale' section shows 'Non sono state caricate relazioni annuali' with a 'Carica relazione annuale' button.

Libretto / Carriera

Non ci sono attività formative nel libretto

Aggiungi attività formative

Relazione annuale

Non sono state caricate relazioni annuali

Carica relazione annuale

**DIPLOMA
SUPPLEMENT**

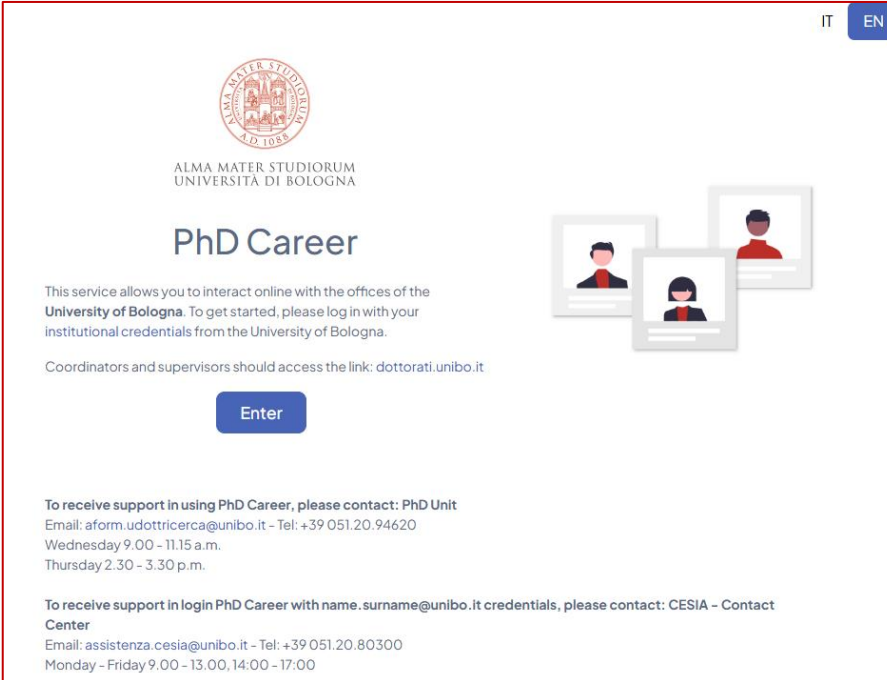


PhD students application (“Dottorandi” / “Phd Career ”)

Having logged in, you will be able to:

1. Add training tasks (request for Doctoral Credits) on «**Libretto / Portfolio**»
2. Upload the **annual report**
3. Request authorization to carry out **other activities**

The App is part of the AVA3
model for PhD Programmes



The screenshot shows the 'PhD Career' portal interface. At the top right are language tabs for 'IT' and 'EN'. The header features the University of Bologna logo and name. The main title is 'PhD Career'. Below it, a paragraph states: 'This service allows you to interact online with the offices of the University of Bologna. To get started, please log in with your institutional credentials from the University of Bologna.' To the right of this text is an illustration of three overlapping profile cards. Below the paragraph is a link for coordinators and supervisors: 'Coordinators and supervisors should access the link: dottorati.unibo.it'. A large blue 'Enter' button is centered below the link. At the bottom, there are two contact sections. The first section is for the 'PhD Unit' with email 'aform.udottricerca@unibo.it', phone '+39 051.20.94620', and hours 'Wednesday 9.00 - 11.15 a.m.' and 'Thursday 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.'. The second section is for the 'CESIA - Contact Center' with email 'assistenza.cesia@unibo.it', phone '+39 051.20.80300', and hours 'Monday - Friday 9.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 17.00'.

IT EN

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

PhD Career

This service allows you to interact online with the offices of the University of Bologna. To get started, please log in with your institutional credentials from the University of Bologna.

Coordinators and supervisors should access the link: dottorati.unibo.it

Enter

To receive support in using PhD Career, please contact: PhD Unit
Email: aform.udottricerca@unibo.it - Tel: +39 051.20.94620
Wednesday 9.00 - 11.15 a.m.
Thursday 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

To receive support in login PhD Career with name.surname@unibo.it credentials, please contact: CESIA - Contact Center
Email: assistenza.cesia@unibo.it - Tel: +39 051.20.80300
Monday - Friday 9.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 17.00



Let's Talk About Money

Fees, scholarship and funds

PhD students have to pay a yearly enrollment fee (**157.04 €** per Academic Year). Such fee includes:

- € 140 regional fee
- € 16 stamp duty
- € 1.04 insurance premium

Most PhD students receive a monthly scholarship. The scholarship is paid around the 25th day of each month.

Please log into [Cedolini Web](#) to obtain more information about the payment of your scholarship.

Please Note: For international PhD students who need a Permit of Stay, the payment of the first scholarship instalment is subject to the submission to our Office of an Italian Fiscal Code and the receipt of the request for the Permit of Stay.



Let's Talk About Money

- PhD student can access a **research fund that amounts to 10%** of the gross yearly scholarship. The fund can be spent to cover the cost of research-related activities and travels for conferences and meetings. The fund is managed by the supervisor. Its use must be previously authorized according to the Department regulations.
- During the **time spent abroad** (visiting) for academic and research purposes, the **scholarship is increased by 50%**. The increase is granted only for periods abroad longer than one month and up to six. In order to receive this fund (if the Academic Board has authorized your stay abroad) you should write a request to our Office.
- For those who do not have a scholarship such increase will be granted as mission expenses reimbursement and will be managed by the reference Department.

Visit the [dedicated portal webpage](#) (international experiences) **for more information.**



Stay abroad

- PLEASE REMEMBER: It is very important to register your stay abroad on the **Missioni web** portal.

In order to carry out your stay abroad you should get:

- the **authorisation** from the Academic Board (or the Coordinator)
 - an **invitation letter** by the host body
 - the **return letter** at the end of your stay
-
- Please visit the dedicated page of the [University website](#) to have more information.



Obligations of PhD Students

Attending the **PhD programme is a full-time and exclusive commitment.**

PhD students are required to carry out research activities and to attend the seminars and classes mandated by the Academic Board in order to obtain their doctoral credits. For more information about credits and classes please visit the PhD programme website or get in touch with the Coordinator of your programme.

PhD students cannot spend more than 18 months abroad visiting (in case of co-tutelle).



Working While Doing a PhD

There are working activities that can be undertaken **only with the formal authorization of the Academic Board**, which evaluates if the activity is compatible with attendance to the PhD programme.

For instance:

- **practical and professional internships** not included in the PhD programme, on condition that their basis and timing allow the activities envisaged in the PhD programme to be carried out and in the absence of any specific conflicts of interest
- **Teaching assistance** (*Tutorato*) for a maximum of 60 hours per Academic Year
- **Supplementary teaching activities** (*Didattica integrativa*) for a maximum of 40 hours per Academic Year
- **Paid activities** that enable the acquisition of skills relevant to the PhD programme, subject to assessment of the compatibility of such activities with the successful completion of the training, teaching and research activities of the PhD programme (in case of doubts: PLEASE CONTACT THE PHD UNIT)

Warning: carrying out any paid activity without the authorization of the Academic Board can result in exclusion from the PhD programme



Incompatibility and Non-accumulation Regime

1. Enrolment to a PhD programme is not compatible with:

- the **concurrent enrolment in another PhD programme**, with the exception of the enrolment in PhD programmes covered by cotutelle agreements;
- the appointment as an adjunct lecturer responsible for teaching or training and language training modules at any University or Institutions awarding academic qualifications;
- activity deemed incompatible with the PhD programme by the Academic Board

2. Scholarships cannot be combined with:

- **other scholarships** awarded for whatever purpose, except those granted by national or international institutions, or institutions established in foreign Countries, aimed at financing periods spent abroad;
- **research grants**. Research grants holder, who are also awarded of a PhD scholarship, must irrevocably renounce either to the research grant or to the scholarship by the programme starting date.



Suspension («Freeze» Your PhD Career)

PhD students can apply for a **suspension** in the following cases:

- civil national service (Servizio Civile Nazionale);
- severe illness or infirmity;
- caregivers as beneficiaries of Law No. 104/92;
- being subject to a prison sentence, for a period not exceeding the legal duration of the PhD programme;
- other severe and documented personal and family reasons.

The suspension can last from 1 to 6 months

During the suspension PhD students do not receive any scholarship and are not allowed to progress in their PhD career.

Suspension causes a postponement of the limit of the legal duration of the PhD career.

Your PhD career is **compulsorily suspended** in the event of:

- **maternity/paternity, adoption, and custody.**

In this case, the suspension is regulated by Italian law.

You should give communication to the PhD Unit Office (aform.udottricerca@unibo.it) at least **2 months before** the expected due date.

The total duration of the suspension and extension periods requested **must not exceed 18 months.**



Extension

The extension consists in a continuation of the PhD programme or a postponement of the deadlines for the submission of the PhD thesis.

There are **two kinds of extensions**:

- The extension of the duration of the PhD programme is granted by the Academic Board and is requested by the Supervisor for justified **scientific needs**. The extension can be applied for 1 to 12 months.
- The extension of the deadlines for the **submission of the PhD thesis** can be requested by the PhD candidate for proven reasons and is granted by the Academic Board. This extension can have a maximum length of 12 months and does not include the scholarship extension.



Expulsion From a PhD Programme

The Academic Board can decide to expell PhD students from the programme because one of the following reasons:

- Major violations of the Unibo Regulations on PhD programmes
- Negative evaluation of the student's work and/or failure in meeting the academic deadlines mandated by the Academic Board

**Warning: Expulsion can be decided at any time
during the Academic Year**



Certificates and self certifications

Please check this [webpage](#) (PhD Students)

Certificates

- **Available ONLINE**

Log in to [Studenti Online](#) with your [Username and password](#) (name.surname@studio.unibo.it) and download independently the certificates in Italian and English, and the pre-filled self-certification forms confirming:

- enrolment in a PhD programme;
- award of your qualification
- declaration for tax purposes of the tuition fees paid each calendar year.

The certificates produced in this way are without a handwritten signature, replaced by the name of the Manager of the Education and PhD Programme Division and are valid for all legal purposes.

- **NOT available online**

You can request them by e-mail at aform.udottricerca@unibo.it by filling in the [request form](#) and enclosing a scan of the €16 revenue stamp, if required, which will be given to AFORM - Education and PhD Programme Division and affixed on the certificate at the time of collection.



Certificates and self certifications

Please check this [webpage](#) (PhD Students)

Online Self certifications

Log in to [Studenti Online](#) with your [Username and password](#) (nome.cognome@studio.unibo.it), or with a SPID or CIE, and print out the pre-filled form for the self-certification of your university study data through the Self-certification Online service.

Scrolls

If you obtained your PhD degree and have paid the fee for the scroll, you can ask for it to be sent to you (in Italy only) by writing to the PhD Unit with the delivery address and attaching a copy of a valid identity document. Collection by an authorised person with a written proxy and a copy of the delegating person's identity document is also permitted. For more information and to book an appointment, please email aform.udottricerca@unibo.it.



Seems Quite Complicated...

If you have any question or are uncertain about what you are allowed or not allowed to do, please feel free to contact the PhD Unit at aform.udottricerca@unibo.it or aform.phd-tecnologica@unibo.it or carefully read the Unibo Regulations on PhD Programmes

When in doubt, ask!

Thank you for your attention!



Outline

1. General Information on STAAA PhD Programme
2. Presentation of First-year PhD Students
3. The «Doctoral Credits» system
4. Teaching Activities for A.Y. 2025/26
5. STAAA PhD Programme Framework
6. PhD Student Representatives
7. Being a PhD Student at UNIBO
- 8. Social activities**



Sips² of science

Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL
per condividere esperienze,
talenti e qualche Sips!

Contact us:
sipsofscience@unibo.it



Our story

- Siamo un gruppo di **dottorandi, dottorande, assegnisti, assegniste, borsisti, borsiste**...insomma abitanti del **DISTAL**.
 - Il nostro gruppo è nato a maggio 2024 dall'esigenza di **conoscerci** non solo come studiosi ma anche come persone: crediamo che dagli **incontri** e dalla **collaborazione** possano nascere le **idee** migliori.
 - Per questo organizziamo **eventi informali** che riflettono **ciò che siamo** e ciò che facciamo, dentro e fuori l'università: le nostre **passioni**, le nostre **ispirazioni**, la nostra **curiosità**.
-
- We are a group of **PhD students, research fellows, and grant holders**...in short, members of **DISTAL**.
 - Our group was born in May 2024 out of the need **to get to know each other** not only as scholars but also as people, because we believe that the best **ideas** come from **encounters** and **collaboration**.
 - That's why we organize **informal events** that reflect **who we are** and what we do, both inside and outside the university: our **passions**, our **inspirations**, our **curiosity**.



Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per condividere esperienze, talenti e spritz!

Spritz
and
science

"E kaaro... Good morning Nigeria!"
appunti di viaggio del dottorandi Gaia Moretti, Ernesto Rossini, Fabio Perotti e Teresa Piovano
Intervista la giornalista Chiara Affronte

Bar di Agraria
Viale Fanin 50
Bologna



Our activities

BIENVENIDOS
PhD students!



Bar di Agraria
Viale Fanin 50
Bologna

12/12/24
h 17

MOSTRA
fotografica



Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per condividere esperienze, talenti e qualche Sips!



Sips
of
science

uer ar iu fromm?

29/01/25 h 17

Bar di Agraria
Viale Fanin 50
Bologna

The International
Voices of DISTAL

Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per condividere esperienze, talenti e

Sips
of
science

SFUMATURE
Creiamo insieme
spazi sicuri

14/11/24
h 17

Bar di Agraria
Viale Fanin 50
Bologna



Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per condividere esperienze, talenti e qualche Sips!

Sips
of
science

**"AGGREGA-
MENTI"**
uno spazio di gioco
e riflessione
collettiva sulla
nostra comunità di
dipartimento

17/10/24
h 17

Bar di Agraria
Viale Fanin 50
Bologna

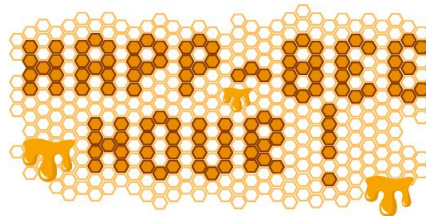


ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA



Sips of science

condividere esperienze,
talenti e qualche Sips!



Inaugurazione dell'APIARIO
&
Degustazione di mieli

Interverranno:

G. Molari, Magnifico Rettore UNIBO
G. Dinelli, direttore DISTAL
Z. Nabulsi, apicoltore BeeBo
GTI apicoltura

20/05/25
h 17

Orto della
biodiversità
DISTAL



Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per
condividere esperienze, talenti
e qualche Sips!



27/03/25 h 17
Bar di Agraria Viale Fanin
50 Bologna

Sips of science



15/05/25
h 17

BAR del
Dipartimento



13/06/25 DISTAL 17.00 - 19.30

ONE TOO

MANY SUNS

FESTA D'ESTATE

DANCE. SCIENCE.



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

Sips of science 2025


24
SEP

OPEN SIPS
 Vieni a conoscerci!


20
OCT

THE FUN-GUY
 "Micocosmo, il mondo dei
 funghi in un festival" _Mycosium


10
NOV

CLOSE THE LOOP
 Swap party! Riciclo e sostenibilità


4
DEC

CERA UNA VOLTA
 Laboratorio di cera d'api_BeeBO

Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per
 condividere esperienze, talenti
 e qualche Sips!






THE FUN-GUY event

Micocosmo: il mondo dei
 funghi in un festival

20.10.2025
 h 17:00 - Aula 5

by *Sips of science*

Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per
 condividere esperienze, talenti
 e qualche Sips!

Contact us:
sipsforscience@unibo.it




Distal SWAP PARTY

19/11/25
 h 17:00
 Bar di Agraria

by *Sips of science*

Rassegna di incontri al DISTAL per
 condividere esperienze, talenti
 e qualche Sips!




Our social

PhD Sips of Science



Our hope

**WANT
TO JOIN
THE TEAM?**

sipsofscience@unibo.it



The more we connect, the more ideas spark!



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA