**Evaluation criteria for the admission to the PhD course**

**“Informatica – Computer Science” 38th cycle**

**CV and professional titles (max 30 points)**

The 30 points are subdivided according to the following scheme:

University final degree mark (max 5 points)

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| Mark | Points |
| 110, 110 cum laude | 5 |
| 109 -108 | 4 |
| 107 -106 | 3 |
| 105 -104 | 2 |
| 103 -102 | 1 |
| <102 | 0 |

Students who have not obtained their title by the application deadline will be evaluated on the average grade resulting from the list of the exams.

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| Average  | Points |
| 29 -30 | 5 |
| 28 – 28.99 | 4 |
| 27 – 27.99 | 3 |
| 26 – 26.99 | 2 |
| 25 – 25.99 | 1 |
| <25 | 0 |

Publications (max 6 points)

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| Description | Points |
| At least one publication on the Conference Proceedings of a Class 1 conference according to the Gii-Grin-Scie conference rankings. Alternatively, at least one publication on a journal indexed in ISI/SCOPUS in the List of top journals. | 3 |
| At least one publication on the Conference Proceedings of a Class 2 conference according to the Gii-Grin-Scie conference rankings. | 2 |
| At least one publication indexed in ISI/SCOPUS not included in the previous cases. | 1 |

Academic record (max 19 points)

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| Description | Points |
| E.g., transcripts, awards, academic, professional, and research activities, projects, visits in top universities and research institutes. | max 19 |

**Research project and motivations (max 90 points)**

The 90 points are subdivided according to the following scheme:

Research project (max 40 points)

In the research project, the candidate must demonstrate clear abilities to design, organize and develop the scientific research in total autonomy. This project, which must be submitted by the candidates in order to take part to the call, will not be considered compulsory for the actual research activity to be carried out during the PhD studies.

Statement of purpose (max 30 points)

Each applicant submits a statement of purpose (motivation letter). This document should contain a description of the reasons why the applicant is interested in the Ph.D. program at Sapienza, what are the career plans, motivation, and research interests. The applicant may indicate faculty members that can potentially be mentors and should provide clear evidence of familiarity and interest in their research activities or those carried out in the CS department.

Presentation letters (max 10 points)

Up to two presentation letters may be submitted for evaluation. The letters may be written by the applicant’s former or current advisors, professors, or any senior individual involved in the past research, work, or study activity of the applicant.

Abstract of the MS Thesis (max 10 points)

This document should describe the work done during the MS thesis, starting with the state of the art of the area and laying out the goals, the research methodology, and the results.

Only applicants with a mark of at least 80/120, resulting from the evaluation as described above, successfully pass to the interview.

**Interview (max 60 points)**

The interview will cover topics related with the applicant’s CV, statement of purpose, research project, Master thesis summary, as well as basic knowledge of the CS topics related to the research interests of the candidate. Based on their performance in the interview, applicants will receive a score between 0 and 60.

Only applicants with a mark of at least 30/60 successfully pass the interview.

**The overall minimum score for admission to the research doctorate is 110/180.**