**The evaluation criteria of written examination (Max 60 points) will be:**

1) Justifying the choice of the article chosen by the candidate (10 points).

2) Relevant information on the article (10 points).

3) Critical framing within the international scientific literature (10 points).

4) Critical discussion on the methodological aspects (10 points).

5) Comment on results / discussion (10 points). 6) Limits of the study (10 points).

To be admitted to the interview you need a score of at least 40/60.

**The evaluation criteria of oral examination (Max 60 points) will be:**

1) The ability to critically analyse her/his previous research, highlighting the logical path, from research hypothesis to the methodology and statistical analysis used, until the discussion of the results obtained; the ability to frame research activity within the international scientific literature; the ability to analyse the limits encountered and to propose solutions; the ability to outline a program or a line of research consistent with the PhD topics and feasible in the three years of the doctorate, pointing to themes, methodologies, theoretical relevance (40 points).

2) For the English language examination, it will be evaluated the ability to properly read a scientific text, and especially the accuracy of the Italian translation of the text and its consequent understanding (20 points).

The minimum score for a positive evaluation is 40/60.

The minimum total score for admission to the PhD programme is set to 80/120.