

Evaluation criteria for the admission to the PhD course “Digital Cardiovascular Medicine, Pathophysiology and cutting-edge Therapeutics (DigiCardioPaTh)” 40th cycle

CV and professional titles (max 20 points)

University final degree mark (max 5 points)

Mark	Points
110 cum laude	5
108 -110	4
105 -107	3
100 -104	2
95 - 99	1
<95	0

Students who have not obtained their title by the application deadline (or graduands who will obtain the degree by October 31st, 2024) will be evaluated on the average grade resulting from the list of the exams.

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

For graduation grades or examination marks assigned under different grading systems, final marks will be proportionally calculated.

Publications (max 5 points)

Description	Points
Peer-reviewed articles (1 st , corresponding or senior author), $n \geq 5$	4
Peer-reviewed articles (1 st , corresponding or senior author), $n < 5$	3

Peer-reviewed articles (co-author), $n \geq 5$	2
Peer-reviewed articles (co-author), $n < 5$	1
Peer-reviewed articles coherent with PhD topic (at least 50%)	1

Research experiences (max 5 points)

Description	Points
Experience abroad (at least 6 months)	2.5
Collaboration contracts	1
Training courses for researchers	0.5

Other titles to be evaluated by the committee (max 5 points).

Research project (max 40 points)

Candidates must submit a research project that will be used to assess the candidate's methodological competences, propensity for research and his/her ability to plan and organize the research steps.

The project must be submitted under the form a power point presentation (5-8 slides) where the candidates should highlight the background, the methods, the sample size calculation, and the expected results and/or translational impact. In the research project, the candidate must demonstrate clear abilities to design, organize and develop the scientific research in total autonomy.

In particular, the committee will pay attention to the following aspects of the project:

Relevance and coherence of the projects within the PhD (max 10 points)

Innovative and/or originality content of the project (max 10 points)

Clarity and completeness of the specific objectives, research strategy (max 10 points)

Feasibility of the project (max 10 points)

This project, which must be submitted by candidates to take part to the call, will not be considered compulsory for the research activity of winner participants.

Interview (max 40 points)

Candidates who obtain an evaluation of at least 36/60 in the assessment of their curriculum and research project will be admitted to the interview.

The interview has the objectives to evaluate:

- a) The scientific profile of the candidate based on the CV, previous publications and research experiences: (max 10 points)
- b) Motivations, research attitude: (max 10 points)
- c) Discussion about the research project: (max 20 points);

The minimum final resulting score valid for the admission is 60/100