



**Call for Prospective Ph.D Student Applications**  
**Academy Year 2021-2022 – XXXVII Cycle**

**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

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**1. Qualifications and Research Project (maximum 60 points)**

The Examination Board will evaluate specifically:

**1.1 Qualifications (maximum 25 points)**

- a) Degree marks (B.Sc., M.Sc., M. Ph.)
- b) Research experiences & Publications

**1.2 Research project (maximum 35 points)**

Candidates must submit a research project (between 6.000 and 8.000 characters, references excluded) that makes it possible for the Examination Board to evaluate the candidate's propensity to research and her/his ability to organize the phases of research activity independently. The project is submitted only for competition purposes and is not an obligation as far as the actual research activity of the admitted candidates is concerned.

The Examination Board will evaluate in particular:

- Knowledge of the state of the art of the literature
- Clarity of research goals, originality, and content
- Appropriateness and quality of methodology
- Feasibility of the research activities
- Relevance to the educational and scientific objectives of the PhD programme

**2.0 Oral exam (maximum 60 points)**

To be admitted to the oral exam, candidates must score a minimum of 40/60 points with regard to both Qualifications and the Research Project. During the oral exam, the Examination Board will further investigate in detail the candidate's qualifications and the research project. The examination Board will also evaluate the candidate's command of the English language.

To pass the oral exam, candidates must score a minimum of 40/60 points.

Oral exam criteria:

- a) Background knowledge of the most relevant topics of the chosen curriculum
- b) Knowledge of relevant literature of the research project
- c) Exposure clarity, skills, and appropriate scientific terminology
- d) English language

**To be admitted to the Ph.D. Course, candidates must obtain a minimum score of 80/120 points.**