EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE PHD COURSE IN LIFE SCIENCES
(XXXVIII cycle)

The documents in English or in Italian as detailed in the call published on the web site https://phd.uniroma1.it/web/SCIENZE-DELLA-VITA_nD3539_IT.aspx must be uploaded during the application by the deadline indicated in the call.

The evaluation of the documents and of the interview will be as detailed below (and in Annex 1 attached).

1.   Evaluation of the documents, including CV and letters: max 60 points.

The evaluation will take place in accordance with the following assessment criteria defined by the Board of the PhD Program:

1. Academic transcripts (detailed exams, grades, completion dates, graduation date and score). **Up to 40 points.**

2. Curriculum vitae. Please indicate clearly other appropriately certified publications, honors, awards, or qualifications. **Up to 8 points.**

3. Letter of motivation. The candidate should briefly describe previous research experience (including thesis, meeting presentations or posters) and prospective scientific interests (within the 3 possible curricula of the PhD school). **Up to 8 points.**

4. Letter(s) of recommendation supporting the candidate (max two). It should be clear from the letter why the reviewer is able to evaluate the candidate. **Up to 4 points.**

The candidates whose overall score will be higher than or equal to 40 out of 60 will be short-listed, ranked according to their total qualifications merit score, and invited for an interview (face-to-face or remote). The invitation for the interview will be published on the website of the PhD Course. No personal invitation will be sent.

2. Evaluation of the interview: max 60 points. The interview, in Italian or English (candidate's choice), is aimed to assess the candidate background, skills, and potential to carry out research in the scientific areas of the PhD Programme. During the interview, the evaluation Committee:

• will ask to discuss the research statement and personal motivations for applying to the PhD Programme and verify the background in life sciences;

• will conduct an in-depth discussion of the qualifications of the candidate.

• Given that English is the official language of the course, the candidate's proficiency in this language will be evaluated.

For the second phase, the evaluation Committee assigns a score of up to 60 points. A score of at least 40 is required for admission.

The minimal global score for the admission to the PhD school is 80/120.

Evaluation grid

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

| MAX 3+2 | 40 |
| MAX 5(6) YEARS | 40 |

MASTER DEGREE

Final grade (/110)	111	110	108-109	104-107
Assigned score	8	6	4	2
Average grade (/30)	29	28	26	24
Assigned score	11	10	9	5
If on time	4			

BACHELOR DEGREE

Final grade (/110)	111	110-106	105-100	99-92
Assigned score	5	4	2	1
Average grade (/30)	29	28	26	24
Assigned score	6	5	4	3
If on time	2			

5(6) YEARS DEGREE

Final grade (/110)	111	110-106	105-100	99-92
Assigned score	13	10	7	4
Average grade (/30)	29	28	26	24
Assigned score	18	16	14	8
If on time	5			

Number of "Cum Laude" (in 5 years)	10	8	6	4
Assigned score	4	3	2	1

CURRICULUM VITAE	max 8
excellent	8
good	6
average	3
insufficient	0

LETTER OF MOTIVATION	max 8
excellent	8
good	6
average	3
insufficient	0

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION	max 4
excellent	4
good	3
average	2
insufficient	0