



**Call for Prospective Ph.D Student Applications**  
**Academy Year 2020-2021 – XXXVI 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 20 points)**

- a) Degree mark/ average grades – **7 points**
- b) Publications (books, essays, journal articles, papers given at conferences) – **7 points**
- c) Research experiences (experiences in Italy and abroad, research contracts, advanced training courses) – **6 points**

**1.2 Research project (maximum 40 points)**

A research project (between 7.000 and 10.000 characters, reference excluded) A that makes it possible for the Examination Board to evaluate the candidate's propensity to research and her/his ability to organize independently the phases of research activity. The project is submitted only for competition purposes and is not an obligation as far as the actual research activity of the admitted candidates are concerned.

The Examination Board will evaluate in particular:

- Updated knowledge of the state of the art (0-10 points)
- Clarity of research goals, originality and content (0-10 points)
- Appropriateness and quality of methodology (0-10 points)
- Feasibility of the research (0-5 points)
- Relevance to the educational and scientific objectives of the PhD (0-5 points)

**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 their Qualifications and to the Research Project. During the oral exam, the Examination Board will further investigate aspects concerning the candidate's qualifications and 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 test criteria:

- a) Knowledge of the topic of the research project: up to 30 points;
- b) Exposure clarity, synthesis skills and appropriate scientific terminology: up to 15 points;
- c) English language: up to 15 points.

Candidates will be admitted to the Ph.D. Course only if they obtain a total score of at least 80/120 points.