



Ph.D. Programme in

# **Life Sciences and Biotechnology**

XLII Cycle



## *Application Guide for International Candidates*



## Available Ph.D. projects and Supervisors

### Available positions

**7**  
FUNDED  
POSITIONS

**1**  
ADDITIONAL  
FUNDED  
POSITIONS  
(LIFE NATCONNECT2030 PROJECT)

**2**  
POSITIONS  
WITHOUT  
SCHOLARSHIP

€ 16,243/YEAR (GROSS)

3 YEAR

### Available projects

SUPERVISOR	RESEARCH PROJECT	FUNDED
Dr. Francesca Berini	New antibiotics	✓
Prof. Marcella Bracale	Plant stress resistance	✓
Prof. Paola Campomenosi	Integrated regulation of PRODH expression	✓
Prof. Gianluca Molla	Plastic degradation biotechnology	✓
Prof. Antonio Montagnoli	Soil-root-mycorrhizal interactions	✓
Prof. Luciano Piubelli	CNS serine metabolism	✓
Prof. Elena Rosini	Sustainable bioprocesses	✓
Prof. Genciana Terova	Sustainable aquaculture	✓
Prof. Bruno Cerabolini	Natura2000 grasslands	✓
Prof. Paolo Battaglia	Sinonasal cancer biomarkers	
Prof. Antonino Bruno	Pollution, immunity and disease biomarkers	

# Eligibility, documents and application process

## Who can apply?

Applicants holding (or expected to obtain by 31 October 2026) a **Master's degree or equivalent qualification**

Eligible backgrounds include:

- Life Sciences, Biotechnology
- Medicine, Pharmacy
- Veterinary Sciences, Environmental Sciences
- Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
- Biomedical/Chemical/Environmental Engineering
- Related disciplines



## Documents to upload in the online application

- Passport / ID
- Europass CV (signed and dated)
- Degree certificate/transcript (or current academic record for Undergraduates)
- Master's thesis (full thesis or detailed summary)
- List of publications (optional, max 5 papers)
- Additional qualifications (awards, courses, internships, scholarships, teaching activities, etc.)
- Reference letters (up to 3, uploaded directly by referees)
- Final list of submitted documents

If available:

- Declaration of Value OR CIMEA certification
- Entry visa



## Application Process

## PhD Application Guide

**1** Create or access your account in the online admissions portal

**3** Upload all required documents

**2** Choose the PhD programme

**4** Pay the application fee (€ 30)

# How candidates are evaluated

## Step 1 – Evaluation of Qualifications

Maximum: 60 points

COMPONENT	MAX POINTS
Master's degree grade	30
Master's thesis	15
Academic CV & qualifications	10
Publications	5

Minimum score required to proceed: 40/60



## Step 2 – Oral Examination

Maximum: 60 points

Candidates will:

- Present their **scientific background**
- Discuss previous **research experience**
- Present a **research proposal** related to one of the **available projects**
- Discuss **methodology, objectives, timeline** and **expected outcomes**
- Demonstrate **scientific knowledge** in the PhD research areas
- Complete part of the interview in **English**

Minimum score required to pass: 40/60



## Key Information

- Interview: on-site in Varese
- Online interviews available for candidates living abroad (**upon request**)
- Visit [this page](#) to check the ranking list and admission results

## Roadmap for International Applicants



### **Need Accommodation?**

During the application process you can **indicate your interest in University accommodation** in Varese or Como for the first year. Availability is limited and assigned after enrolment



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