

Notes and FAQ

PhD Programme in Biosciences



DIPARTIMENTO DI BIOLOGIA
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

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Notes

- After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email. This email will include a password enabling you to access the list of candidates admitted to the oral colloquium and the final list of candidates accepted into the PhD Course. It is essential for candidates to retain this email and password for future reference. Please note that the password is automatically generated, and the PhD Course secretary cannot issue a new one.
- Candidates are encouraged to carefully read the priority research projects outlined by our PhD Programme and in case to email the faculties for further details.
- We remind you that the publication dates of the results of the evaluation of the titles and of the oral exams are to be considered until midnight of the specified date. We kindly ask you not to contact the doctoral office to inquire about the publication of the results.

FAQ

1. Is there a specific template for the research project ?

Yes, there is a template available at the PhD Programme website (<https://dottorato.biologia.unipd.it/admission-and-general-information/>)

Only Projects submitted using the proposed template and not exceeding the maximum allowed length will be considered.

2. Is there a guideline to prepare my research statement ?

The research project should delineate the candidate's future research interests, goals, and methodologies. It should encompass a summary of the candidate's motivation for pursuing a PhD within our programme. Candidates must select one or more projects from those proposed by our PhD programme and indicate their intended applications. If applying for multiple projects, a separate PDF file must be submitted for each project.

Drafting the research statement requires the ability to generate original content and well-structured arguments within the candidate's field of research interest. Generative artificial intelligence or AI-assisted technologies, such as ChatGPT or similar services, should be used cautiously, primarily for enhancing language and readability. If the candidate has used these tools during the drafting of the research statement, they must include a statement taking full responsibility for the content.

3. I'm interested in more than one project proposed by the PhD Programme, should I have to submit a separate research statement for each project ?

Yes

4. Is there a template for the CV ?

Yes, there is a template available at the PhD Programme website (<https://dottorato.biologia.unipd.it/admission-and-general-information/>)

Only CV submitted using the proposed template will be considered.

5. Can I apply to more than one curriculum ?

Yes, during the submission, you are required to indicate a ranking of priority for the available curricula in our PhD Programme. However, you may also express interest in projects from different curricula. This does not pose any problem.

- 6. Would it be possible to propose in the research statement my own research project, focusing on topics different from those outlined in the priority list of the PhD Programme?**

No

- 8. My thesis is still under embargo. What document can I upload instead of the complete thesis?**

If your thesis is under embargo, you can upload the abstract or summary along with a certification of the embargo, such as a signed declaration from your supervisor or a screenshot of the thesis submission website indicating the embargo period. The abstract of the thesis and the embargo certificate should be submitted in a single pdf.

- 9. I have submitted my application successfully, but I am unable to upload referee contacts or reference letters whenever I click on the dedicated link. The message "No application submitted includes letter of reference/ No applications calls for reference letter" comes out. What do I have to do ?**

Reference letters are not foreseen for our programme, so nothing else is required for your application.