PHD PROGRAMME TABLE
Announcements of competition for admission to PhD Courses
41st cycle, Academic Year 2025/2026

PhD Course: HUMANITIES, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY
Available positions: 6
Evaluation Methods: based on academic and research records and interview

Available positions:

Place n.	Description	Financial support	Specific research topic
1	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
2	Scholarship	University scholarship	-
3	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Fondazione Collegio San Carlo	-
4	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Almo Collegio Borromeo	-
5	Scholarship	Scholarship funded by Emilia Romagna Region in implementation of the program "High-Level Skills to Address the Challenges of the Technological, Cultural, Economic, and Social Transition Towards Sustainability"- PR ESF+ 2021/2027 CUP E83C25002380002	New Artistic Media and the Transformation of Social Relationships. On the Use of New Artistic Media (Video, Digital, and Web) in the Promotion and Consolidation of New Forms of Social Relationships Among Individuals and Communities
6	Position without scholarship	-	-

Areas of the PhD Programme: The PhD course, in partnership with Fondazione Collegio San Carlo of Modena and Almo Collegio Borromeo of Pavia, integrates theoretical and methodological skills typical of the human and social sciences, combines them with technological and computer knowledge, and orients them, including with application in mind, towards both frontier and current areas and issues, such as sustainability, green transition, and the governance of new technologies. Therefore, the course is inspired in all its articulations to a logic of interdisciplinary hybridization and involves the humanities (history, philosophy, philology, the science of books, etc.), socio-economic disciplines (economics, sociology, law, organizational sciences, management, etc.) and computer science disciplines.

Language required is Italian. English language proficiency is required as the lectures and, in general, the activities included in the course may be conducted in English. Theses may be written in Italian or English. On the basis of adequately motivated requests by the PhD student, the PhD Board may authorize the writing of theses in languages other than Italian or English.

Further information is available on the PhD Programme website at:
https://www.phdhumantechsociety.unimore.it/

Admission requirements: Italian second cycle master's degree ("Laurea Magistrale", under D.M. 270/04 or "Laurea Specialistica", under D.M. 509/99) or Italian degree obtained prior to D.M. 509/99 (the previous Italian regulations) or Second cycle non-Italian Master's degree, equivalent to the Italian degrees mentioned above, in accordance with Article 2 of this Call.

Documents to be attached to the application:

1) In order to express interest in also competing for the scholarship linked to a specific research topic, candidates must complete and attach the file "Declaration of priority interest to compete for scholarships linked to a specific research topic"
2) degree certificate (or self-certification for Italian degrees) and Transcript of Records including the full list of examinations with corresponding marks. Applicants with a non-Italian degree must attach their certificate (including the full list of examinations with corresponding marks) and a legalized translation or Diploma Supplement and, if available, the Declaration of Value ("Dichiarazione di Valore in loco") issued by the competent Italian diplomatic-consular Representation, or the certificates issued by the CIMEA - ENIC-NARIC centre. If the degree certificate is not yet available or if the degree has not yet been obtained, the candidate must attach a description of the degree with a list of the examinations taken using Annex A;
3) a curriculum vitae including their scientific and teaching activities written in Italian or English using the template provided in Annex B, including details of university-level qualifications held;
4) a digital copy of the thesis for degrees obtained before D.M. 509/99 or for specialist or master degrees or equivalent degrees in the case the degree was not obtained in Italy. Alternatively, to their full thesis, candidates can attach an abstract;
5) a short text in English (Statement of Research Interest) using the form in Annex C, in which the candidate illustrates her/his motivation for attending the Course and the description of her/his specific research interests;
6) certificates of English competence (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or of competence in other foreign languages (including the level of competence);
7) a research project, written in Italian or English, relating to one of the topics of the Doctoral Programme. The project must be between 4 and 10 pages long and will be divided into: Research objectives, brief review of relevant literature, materials and methods of investigation, expected results, essential bibliographical references. For open-topic grants, the project will not be considered binding by the Board of Lecturers when choosing the thesis' title;
8) possible letters of recommendation/reference (maximum 3); in the online application, applicants must enter all the personal data of the professor/researcher/expert who will send the letter of recommendation. After the submission of the application, the computer system will send an automatic e-mail to the contact person requesting the letter of recommendation. The deadline for uploading letters is 30 June 2025, 11.59 pm (CET); applicants can check on the application summary page whether the contact person has sent the cover letter/recommendation. Within this deadline, applicants may send a reminder to the contact person who has not yet sent a letter by selecting the 'reminder' item on the application summary page;
9) any other document considered useful for the candidate's assessment and/or scientific publications; candidates must provide a full list of all the documents and publications attached;
10) a copy of a valid identity document.

Evaluation criteria:

In the evaluation of candidates' qualifications, the Selection Committee assigns scores up to a total of 60 points, as follows:
- curriculum vitae: 0 to 10 points
- Master thesis/abstract and other qualifications: 0 to 10 points
- publications: 0 to 10 points,
- research project: 0 to 30 points.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview if the evaluation of their presented qualifications has reached a score of at least 40 points out of the 60 available. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview as well as any changes regarding the methods and timing of the selection procedure, will be published by July 15th, 2025 at the following University website address: https://www.unimore.it/en/bando-phd-41.

For the interview, the Examiners may award a score of up to 60 points. It may be possible to conduct the interview in English. The interview, in addition to a test of the candidate's knowledge of English, will focus on the research project presented by the candidates, the scientific methodologies they intend to adopt and the objectives the project aims to achieve, as well as on their research experience and professional profile.

Candidates obtaining a minimum score of 40/60 on the interview will be considered eligible.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

In-person interview: July 21st, 2025 from 10.00 am. In the event of a high number of candidates, the interview will continue on July 22nd, 2025 from 10.00 am.

The interview will be held in the Aula Biblioteca Antica, Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, via San Carlo 5, Modena.

Interview via Microsoft Teams (allowed for each candidate, regardless of residence): July 21st, 2025, 10:00 am. In the event of a large number of candidates, the interview will continue on July 22nd, 2025, 10:00 am

Operational instructions regarding the interview to be conducted via Microsoft Teams will be provided at the time of publication of the list of candidates admitted to the interview.