

**PHD PROGRAMME TABLE**  
**Announcements of competition for admission to PhD Courses**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> cycle, Academic Year 2026/2027**

**PhD Course: HUMANITIES, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

**Available positions: 5**

**Evaluation Methods: 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	Position without scholarship	-	-

**Areas of the PhD Programme:** The PhD programme, 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 programme 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 programme 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/en/homepage-english/>.

**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) 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](#);
- 2) a Curriculum Vitae (CV) including their scientific and teaching activities in Italian or English using the form in [Annex B](#); the CV must include the university-level qualifications held;
  - 3) 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;
  - 4) a short text in English (Statement of Research Interest) using the form in [Annex C](#), in which candidates illustrate their motivation for attending the Programme and the description of their specific research interests;
  - 5) possible certificates of English competence (TOEFL, CAE/Proficiency or others) or of competence in other foreign languages (including the level of competence);
  - 6) a research project, written in Italian or English, relating to one of the topics of the PhD 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 Academic Board when choosing the thesis’ title;
  - 7) any letters of introduction/recommendation/reference (maximum three); in the online application, applicants must enter all the personal details of the professor/researcher/expert who will be sending the letter of recommendation. Once the application has been submitted, the computer system will send an automatic e-mail to the contact person requesting the letter of recommendation. The deadline for uploading letters is June 30<sup>th</sup> 2026, 11.59 pm (CET); applicants can check on the application summary page whether the contact person has sent the cover letter/recommendation. Within the aforementioned deadline, applicants may send a reminder to the contact person who has not yet done so by selecting the ‘reminder’ item from the application summary page;
  - 8) 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;
  - 9) a copy of a valid identity document.

### **Evaluation criteria:**

For the evaluation of qualifications, the Selection Committee has at its disposal a score up to a maximum of 60 points, divided as follows:

- Curriculum: from 0 to 10 points,
- Master thesis/abstract and other qualifications: from 0 to 10 points,
- Publications: from 0 to 10 points,
- Research project: from 0 to 30 points.

Candidates will be admitted to the interview if the evaluation of their qualifications has reached a score of at least 40 points out of the 60 available. The list of the candidates admitted to the interview, and any variation in the selection procedure, will be published before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the following University website address: <https://www.unimore.it/en/bando-phd-42>.

For the interview, the Selection Committee has at its disposal a score up to a maximum of 40 points. Candidates may opt to have their interview in English. However, during the interview

The interview will focus on the scientific methodologies used for the research projects proposed by the candidates and on the objectives the projects aim to achieve, as well as on the candidates' 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10.00 am.** Interviews may continue on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 10:00 am, should there be a high number of candidates.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:00 am.** Interviews may continue on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 10:00 am, should there be a high number of candidates.

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