

How to apply

Schedule

15th May: call published on the University web site
15th June: deadline for applications
31st July: results selection published
September: PhD students enrolment
1st October: start of the program
General rules

Annual Calls

The Animal and Food Science PhD course only issues one annual call for applications covering both EU and foreign applicants in order to obtain one pool of applications among which to select the best.

The Animal and Food Science PhD course has a policy of equal opportunities for men and women and people with special needs.

Application Form

When the call is opened you can access the Application Form on line.
Only complete applications will be assessed.

Requirements

Applicants must should have the Italian Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale or an academic qualification issued by a foreign university and recognized as equivalent to the aforementioned qualifications by the **academic authorities** or by **interuniversity agreements** of cooperation and mobility. If the foreign qualification has not yet been recognized as equivalent by the academic bodies of an Italian University, the competent body of each Program will decide on its equivalence.

Application reserved for foreigner students (PhD international students)

The University of Padova, through the funding of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo (CARIPARO), offers research grants to foreign students to attend Doctoral Courses.

In addition to the grant successful candidates will also be offered full board and lodging during the 3-year doctoral programme.

More information about calls and enrolment procedures are available here.

Be aware that the CARIPARO grant selection procedure is extremely selective.

Evaluation criteria

Eligible applications are evaluated by a PhD Assessment Committee according to three main criteria:

1. Academic potential as indicated by (i) a very good university degree and (ii) documented research achievements, e.g. publications in journals with peer review;
2. Academic references;

3. Personal motivation letter;
4. A research synopsis that closely relates to one of the research topics.

Interview

Shortlisted applicants might be invited to an interview that will take place at the campus or via Skype in the case of students living abroad.

Start date

Selected doctoral candidates will start their doctoral studies by October.

Important information for non-EU candidates

In order to regularly study in Italy, non-EU students should have a valid stay permit. Before coming to Italy they need to apply to the competent Italian diplomatic authority and ask for a study visa. The addresses of Italian Embassies and Consulates abroad, listed by alphabetical order of the countries where they are based, are available online at:

<http://www.esteri.it/MAE/IT/Ministero/LaReteDiplomatica/Ambasciate/default.htm>

Within 8 days from their arrival in Italy, all non-EU students who hold a study visa must apply for a stay permit. The stay permit is issued by the local police station (Questura - Ufficio Stranieri) of the applicant's place of residence in Italy. In order to help University students to obtain the stay permit, you can go to the SAOS (Assistance Service for Foreign Guests):

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