



Annex 6
PhD in Agrobiosciences

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Brief description	<p>The aim of the Programme is to use a high-level teaching and research path to train persons of high scientific and professional profile who are just as able to successfully enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · National and International public and private research institutions; · Organisations and companies working with advanced technologies in the field of plant biotechnology and crop production. · Organisations and companies working in the organisation and planning of sustainable agriculture at a farm and territorial level <p>For further information: http://www.sssup.it/agrobioscienze</p>	
Language	Italian, English	
Duration	3 years	
Curricula	Genomics and crop production	Plant biotechnologies; Plant genetics and physiology; Plant genomics; Crop production sciences; Advanced technologies in horticulture; Quality of crop production.
	Agriculture, Environment and Landscape	Agroecology; Organic, integrated or low-input farming; Functional biodiversity in agroecosystems; Landscape agronomy; Multi-criteria analysis of food and non-food cropping systems; Agro-environmental analysis of cropping systems; Multifunctional agriculture; Interaction between farming-territory-landscape.
Number of positions available	6 with scholarship of which 1 position is reserved for citizens of NON-EU countries	
Scholarship amount	Euro 14,000.00 gross in monthly instalments This gross amount includes a social security contributions which is being paid by the recipient.	
Submission deadline for the online application	31 May 2015 at 12.00 a.m. (Italian time)	
Documentation obligatory under penalty of exclusion, to be attached to the online application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photocopy of a valid document of identification; 2. curriculum vitae; 3. self-certification of the exams passed during the Bachelor's and Master's programmes, indicating the mark received for each of them; 4. a copy of the degree thesis (or an abstract of the thesis, with a photocopy of the cover page); candidates who have not yet obtained the qualification should attach a copy of the thesis as a final draft or an abstract of the same; 5. a detailed research plan in Italian or English of a maximum of 3000 words. It should be a three-year research plan including details of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the title of the research; the scientific premises and relevant bibliography; b. the aim and expected results of the research project; c. the experimental and data analysis methodologies; 6. only for candidates who obtained their qualification abroad: copy of the Master's Degree Certificate or equivalent qualification translated into Italian or English unless written in French, German or Spanish; 7. at least two letters of reference written and signed by faculty members or other academics who had the opportunity to assess the applicant's work during his/her university studies; 	

	8. copy of any other qualification or publication that the candidate deems relevant to the programme (typewritten works are permitted);
Examination Procedure EU candidates	<p>Qualifications and Interview</p> <p>Selection will be performed through an assessment of the candidate's qualifications on record and an interview.</p> <p>The Examination Committee will award a score out of one hundred, from 1 to 100.</p>
	<p><i>Assessment of qualifications–maximum score possible: 70</i></p> <p>The Committee will assess the curriculum and any relevant qualification submitted. The candidate's research plan will be assessed in terms of quality and feasibility and relevance to lines of research specified in the "Curricula" section of this information sheet. On completing the assessment, the Committee will express a concise evaluation and award a score out of seventy. Candidates with a score of at least 49/70 will be accepted for interview.</p> <p>The School will inform via email the selected candidates on the day and time of the interview as well as on the score received in the assessment.</p> <p>Presence of the candidates is not required through the assessment of qualifications.</p> <p><i>Interview–maximum score possible: 30</i></p> <p>The interview will consist in a discussion about the qualification submitted and the proposed research topics, as well as an oral test to verify the knowledge of a foreign language chosen by the candidate out of English, French, Spanish or German.</p> <p>Candidates obtaining a score below 21/30 in the interview will be excluded from selection.</p> <p>In special cases, pending a decision by the Committee, the interview may be conducted as a video conference (using Skype). In this case, the document of identification provided when registering online must be presented before the start of the examination to confirm the identity of the candidate. It is candidate's responsibility to ensure that required hardware (PC, webcam) and software are available and that there is a reliable internet connection.</p> <p>The minimum score for inclusion in the ranking list is 70/100.</p> <p>The School will notify the outcome only to the successful candidates, using the email address given in the application. The awardees will be required to confirm their acceptance within 7 days, Failing this, the position will be passed to the first suitable candidate in the ranking list.</p>
Examination Procedure NON-EU candidates	<p>Qualifications</p>
	<p>Selection will be performed through an assessment of the qualifications presented. The Examination Committee will award a score from 1 to 100. Candidates obtaining a score less than 70/100 will be excluded from the selection.</p> <p>The Committee will assess the curriculum and any relevant qualifications submitted. The candidate's research plan will be assessed in terms of both quality and feasibility and relevance with respect to the lines of research specified in the "Curricula".</p> <p>The School will notify the outcome only to the successful candidates, using the email address given in the application. The awardees will be required to confirm their acceptance within 7 days, Failing this, the position will be passed to the first suitable candidate in the ranking list</p>
Time schedule	<p>Publication of the list of candidates selected for interview (for EU candidates only): 3 July 2015</p> <p>Interviews for EU candidates: 15 July 2015 from 9.00 a.m.</p> <p>A complete ranking list will be published at: http://www.sssup.it/agrobioscienze by 21 July 2015</p>
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