



DECRETO DEL RETTORE
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PhD - XXXII CYCLE A.Y. ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017
INSTITUTION – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The RECTOR

- Considering** the Statute of Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma;
- Considering** Article of law 03/07/1998 no. 210, published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic no. 155 on 06.07.1998, and following modifications and supplements;
- Considering** Article of law 30/12/2010 no. 240, containing regulations regarding the organization of universities, academic staff and recruitment, as well as the mandate to the Government promoting the quality and efficiency of the University system;
- Considering** Decree of the Minister of Education, University and Research 08/02/2013 no. 45, published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic no. 104 on 06/05/2013, "Regulations laying down the procedures for accreditation of institutions and PhD courses and the criteria for establishment of PhD courses by accredited bodies";
- Considering** the Rectoral Decree 14/06/2013 no. 106, with the issue of the Regulations regarding PhD Research courses of the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, pursuant the provisions established by the Law no. 240/2010;
- Considering** the Ministerial Note prot. March 11th, 2016 no. 6363, with the subject "Operational guidance on procedures for accreditation of doctorates A.Y. 2016/2017";
- Considering** the Law 07/08/1990 no. 241, and following modifications and supplements, with rules regarding administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents;
- Considering** the Decree of the President of Italian Republic 28/12/2000 no. 445, containing the Consolidated Law of regulations regarding administrative documents, and following modifications;
- Considering** the Decree, 30/06/2003 no. 196, and following modifications, containing " Code of protection for personal data";
- Considering** the resolution adopted by the Academic Senate of the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma on April 22nd, 2016;
- Considering** the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee on April 26th, 2016;





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HEREBY DECREES

Article 1

Institution – Call for Applications

The PhD courses for the Academic Year 2016-2017, cycle XXXII are hereby instituted, with registered office at the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, as listed by Annex A attached hereto, intended as an integral part hereof. The public selection process for admission to the PhD courses is accordingly hereby announced and Annex A respectively indicates curricula with scientific areas of reference, duration, number of admissions and scholarships available.

Article 2

(Admission Requirements)

1. The application for participation in the selection procedure for admission to PhD courses as in article 1, regardless of age and citizenship can be submitted by candidates who:
 - hold a 5-year University Degree (old University organization) earned with the previous Italian legislation or a Master's Degree achieved according to Ministerial Decree 3/11/1999, no. 509 or a Master's Degree achieved according to Ministerial Decree 22/11/2004, no. 270;
 - hold an equivalent foreign degree similar to the Italian one as for duration and contents and acknowledged as adequate. Candidates having a suitable academic certificate which has not been recognized equivalent yet, have to specify that they hereby apply for the validation of such certificate to the Selection Committee of the PhD when submitting their application, according to the rules specified in the following article 3 of the hereby announcement;
 - will get a Master's Degree or an equivalent foreign academic title by and not later than **October 31st of the current year**. If the applicant turns out to be winner, the admission will be "conditional". If the degree is earned in Italy, a self-certification of the academic title has to be submitted (self-certification in accordance with Rectoral Decree 28/12/2000 no. 445) to the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma Examining Commission, within October 31st 2016, otherwise forfeit. If the academic title is achieved abroad, Italians and European nationals can submit a self-certification, whereas non-European citizens should follow the procedures provided for by the following article 3;
 - are enrolled in the last academic year of a medical or healthcare area school of specialization.
2. The University administration may check the truthfulness of the submitted declarations and request the original documents and may decide to exclude from the selection those applicants who fail to meet the requirements laid down by this call for applications, at any moment, giving reasons for such provision.

Article 3

(Admission Application)

1. The application form, together with any qualifications, documents and possible scientific publications, should be exhibited, **on pain of exclusion, by electronic means**, using the dedicated





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computer application, on the page "Selection Procedures" of the University website: <http://www.unicampus.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-concorso>.

A personal email address is mandatory to be submitted through the telematics application. The candidate should enter all the data required to file the submission and attach the documents described in the following paragraphs of the present article accordingly, in electronic form. **No other form of submission of applications or of the documents required are eligible.**

2. Within the deadline for the submission of the application, the system allows to save data and uploaded documents in draft mode. The date of the telematics submission of the application for the selection is certified by the computer system by means of a receipt automatically sent to the email address declared by the candidate. After the deadline for the submission has expired, the system will not allow access and dispatch of the electronic form any longer.
3. An identification number will be assigned to each submission that, together with the selection code indicated in the electronic application, shall be specified in all future communications.
4. **The preparation and data transmission procedure of the application** shall be completed by and not later than 12.00 noon on the fortieth day elapsing from the calendar day following that of the publication of the Notice related to the present call published in The Official Gazette of the Italian Republic- 4a Special Series – Competitions and exams.
5. Should the above deadline fall on a holiday, it will be automatically brought forward to 12.00 (noon) of the first working day following this deadline.
6. Candidates are required to pay a contribution to the general expenses of the competition, by bank credit transfer, amounting to Euro 52,00 which should be paid c/a no. 97791 in favour of Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma (Rome Bio-Medical University Campus), by Banca Popolare di Bergamo, Rome Branch, Via dei Crociferi, 44 - 00187 Rome, IBAN Code: IT92 B054 2803 2000 0000 0097 791, SWIFT/BIC Code: BLOPIT22, indicating the following compulsory payment description: "Surname, Name, Concorso Dottorati di Ricerca - XXXII ciclo a.a. 2016-2017". The above payment is not refundable under any circumstances.
7. The submission application form has to be **completed in full**, as indicated in the telematics procedure and has to include, in detail:
 - a) **the PhD course for which they are applying for and the option for the relative curriculum**, as reported in Annex A of the present call;
 - b) **complete personal data**: name and surname, place and date of birth, personal identification number (Italian citizens only), residence and contact used for the application (zip/post included), contact number and email address to which formal communications can be sent.
 - c) **nationality**;
 - d) self-declaration of holding of a 5-year University Degree (old University organization) or a Master's Degree, as reported in article no. 2 of the current call, specifying the graduation date, the name of the University where the title has been achieved, the official duration of the course expressed through the number of academic years needed and the final score obtained;
 - e) self-declaration of equivalence **for the titles earned abroad**, as reported in article no. 2 of the current call. Should this declaration be missing, **the candidates in possession of the qualification title earned abroad and not yet acknowledged**, may ask for its equivalence to the PhD Examining Commission of interest, who will release a verbal declaration of equivalence, for the sole purpose of the selection. The following documents must accordingly be attached to the submission, either in the Italian or English language:
 - copy of the certificate earned abroad;
 - certificate or declaration of the applicant indicating the exams taken and relative marks.
 - f) **the declaration in lieu of an oath** confirming the veracity of the statements made, the personal data given and the truthfulness of the titles exhibited, as to the Presidential Decree 28/12/2000 no.445.





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Candidates applying for admission to the PhD should also declare:

- a) not been convicted or found guilty of any criminal offence;
- b) to be a citizen with full rights;
- c) to have an adequate knowledge of the English language;
- d) not have any other grants, or to commit to relinquish if selected in this competition;
- e) any enrollment in a medical or healthcare specialization area school specifying the academic year of enrollment, the academic year attended at the moment, the complete duration of the course and the name of the University where the course is attended;
- f) any names of contact persons, with a maximum of 2 (two), Italian or foreigner, qualification, address, phone number, email address, the institutions of which they are members. Such persons should send a presentation letter, **exclusively in pdf format**, to the address concorsi@unicampus.it directly from their institutional mailbox to support the candidates' requests within the deadline of the present call, as reported in the former paragraph 4 of this article;

8. The following documents shall be attached to the application form, in PDF format:

- the curriculum vitae;
- the presentation letter with the candidate's motivations to be admitted to the PhD course and to the curriculum of choice;
- Description of the research project which the candidate is proposing for the PhD (a maximum of 10 pages and minimum character size 12). Such document has to be intended as a practice aimed in proving the candidate's aptitude for research and her\his basic knowledge of research methods. By way of example, such document should include in particular: the goals of the three-year research project suggested; results expected; the innovative nature of such results with respect to the state-of-the-art; methods and tools necessary for the fulfillment of the project; the impact expected;
- publications and other titles;
- copy of the payment made according to paragraph 6 of the present article.

9. The employees of institutes and public research centers, which have signed a specific agreement with the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma, must attach a service certificate or a self-certification to their application (self-certification in accordance with Rectoral Decree 28/12/2000 no. 445).

10. Candidates wishing to participate in more than one PhD course should submit separate applications (with separate payments) for each PhD course selected.

11. The submission of the application has to be finalized according to the following procedures:

- **By means of digital signature**, using smart card, USB drive or remote signature able to entitle the holder to undersign general documents using a signature software on PC or a web portal for the Remote Digital Signature made available by the Certification Authority. Those who own a smart card or a USB drive of their Digital Signature could verify the compatibility with the Digital Signature system integrated into the server system. In case of positive result, the holder may undersign the application directly in the server;
- **Those who do not own compatible Digital Signature devices and Remote Digital Signature Holders** may access to an internet portal for the submission of general documents, must save the PDF file generated by the system in their PC, **without in any way modify it**, and sign it digitally in CADES format: a .p7m file will be generated and uploaded in the system again. Any change produced to the file before the application of the Digital Signature will prevent the automatic check of the conformity between the content of this document and the original, which would lead to the rejection of the submission;
- Where the use of one of the above mentioned options is not possible, the candidate should save the PDF file produced by the system in her\his PC and, **without in any way modifying it**, print





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it, affix complete handwritten signature on the last page of the form and initials on every former page. The copy of a valid candidate's personal ID has to be added also to the signed document. Such complete document, after having been produced in PDF and scanned, should be uploaded to the system.

Art. 4 (Evaluation Committee)

1. The **Evaluation Committee** responsible for assessing the candidates for the PhD Competitions, according to Article 1, will be settled according to the PhD internal Regulations as approved by Rectoral Decree 17/07/2013 no. 106.

Art. 5 (Selection Procedure)

1. The applicants regularly enrolled in the call are eligible for the PhD course and the related curriculum upon agreement on behalf of the **Evaluation Committee** and depending on the number of positions available.
2. The assessment of eligibility for the PhD course and chosen curriculum focuses on a scrutiny of the candidate's qualities and on her/his aptitude for the specific scientific area of the chosen PhD course, as derived on the basis of the curriculum vitae, of the motivation letter and of the document presenting the research project which the applicant proposes for implementation during the doctorate, and which have to be sent along with the submission of the application. Of note, the research project submitted with the application is not necessarily the one to be carried out during the PhD course; in case of admission, the research project which would be actually carried out, will be defined and approved in detail by the Scientific Board of the specific doctorate, upon proposal of the candidate and of her/his scientific tutor.
3. The Evaluation Committee has 60 points available for the assessment of each candidate to be distributed as follows:

a)	Up to a maximum of 20 points	assessment of curriculum vitae and of publications and titles, if presented
b)	Up to a maximum of 10 points	assessment of the candidate motivations to be enrolled in the chosen PhD course and curriculum, and of any reference letters provided
c)	Up to a maximum of 30 points	Assessment of the research project which the candidate proposes for the fulfillment of her/his doctorate

4. All those applicants who will achieve a total score of not less than **40/60** are considered eligible for enrollment in the PhD course.
5. The Evaluation Committee may contact the candidates for a personal interview in order to examine in depth all the documents submitted along with the application (this interview shall not imply an additional score).

Art. 6 (Definition of the rankings)

1. The Evaluation Committee responsible for assessing the candidates for each doctorate, after having evaluated all the applicants and on the basis of the criteria set out in article 5, will draw up the final PhD course ranking of applicants in accordance with the score obtained by each candidate.





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2. The Ranking List is structured in a decreasing order, as a result of the sum of the scores as reported in letters a), b) and c) of paragraph 3, article 5.
3. The applicants included in each ranking are declared successful candidates if complying with the conditions required in article 2.
4. The Rector, with a special Decree, assesses the regularity of the file records of the selection procedure and approves the rankings.
5. The candidates who earn a grade lower than 40/60 are not considered successful and are excluded from the rank order list. In case of an even score for two or more applicant positions supported by a scholarship, it will be assigned giving priority to those candidates with a weaker economic situation.
6. In case of an even score for the assignment of a position not supported by a scholarship, successful candidates will be those who:
 - have earned a Degree with a higher score than other candidates;
 - on equal terms of the Degree score, are younger than other candidates.
7. The final rankings will be published on the University webpage Competitions at the address: <http://www.unicampus.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-concorso>.
8. **No personal communications related to the present selection procedure will be sent. The publication of the ranking and of the related rectoral endorsement decree on the University web site shall have the effect of an official communication to all the candidates concerned.**
9. For reserved positions, the Evaluation Committee will draw up a separate ranking according to the type of reserve, pursuant to the Ministerial Decree of Feb. 8, 2013 n. 45.
10. The reserved positions that remain vacant cannot be awarded to other candidates.

Art. 7

(Employees of institutes and public research centers)

1. The employees of institutes and public research centers, which have signed a specific agreement with the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma and who have applied for this competition and are found eligible, may be admitted to the PhD program within the limit of available places reserved for them indicated in the Annex A, while keeping their salary from their institution, and will be requested to pay contributions to annual registration and attendance as required for the course.

Art. 8

(Admission to the Courses)

1. Candidates will be admitted to the course according to the order of ranking the number of the positions available for each PhD course.
2. In the event of assignment of more than one scholarship a candidate must select the option for one single PhD course.

Art. 9

(Enrollment)

1. For Enrollment, candidates admitted to the course must proceed with the registration, following the instructions supplied by a public announcement which can be retrieved on the University web site at the address: <http://www.unicampus.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/dottorati-di-ricerca/bandi-di-concorso>. The publication of this announcement has to be intended as a formal notification to all those interested in this procedure.
2. Candidates who do not finalize the enrollment procedure in due time will be considered as renouncers. In concurrence with contingent renunciations among the candidates entitled, by and not





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later than 45 days from the beginning of the course, the same number of candidates will be replaced based on the ranking order list.

3. The enrollment in the PhD Courses is not compatible with the simultaneous enrollment in undergraduate or master's degree courses, non-medical or healthcare area specialization courses, or other PhD courses in Italy and abroad. The enrollment in undergraduate or master's degree courses, who, legitimately, intend to apply to a PhD course, are obliged to ask for a temporary interruption of their scholastic career. Pursuant to Act 30/12/2010, no. 240, the combined attendance of the PhD course and the last academic year of a medical or healthcare area specialization course is allowed, with the consequent reduction of a minimum of two years of the PhD course in accordance with the following general criteria:
 - a) the PhD student must prove to be eligible for the admission to the PhD course at the same Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma where she/he attends the specialization school;
 - b) the combined attendance can be arranged during the last year of the specialization school and must be consistent with the activities and the commitment expected by the school as a result of a clearance issued by the board of the school itself;
 - c) the Scientific Board of the PhD course may approve the request for a reduction of the duration of the PhD to two years, as a result of the assessment of the research activities already carried out throughout the specialization course as certified by the board of the specialization school itself;
 - d) during this year of combined attendance the PhD student cannot receive the PhD scholarship.
4. Consequently, in case of combined attendance, the PhD course will consist of a year of combined attendance doctorate-specialization and two years of exclusive attendance of the PhD course.

Art. 10
(Scholarships)

1. The number of scholarships indicated by Annex A will be assigned to PhD students for each PhD course according to the ranking set out in the respective classification list until all places have been covered.

Scholarships shall be valid for one year and are renewed provided that the PhD student has completed the activity program planned for the previous year, verified according to the procedures established in the subsequent article no. 12, without prejudice to the commitment to grant the scholarship after the positive assessment of the verification, until the actual PhD course expected duration.
2. The annual scholarship amounts to Euro 13.638,47 and does not include social security charges to be paid by the PhD student. This amount will be increased by no more than 50 percent for a period of no longer than 18 months if the PhD student is authorized by the Scientific Board to carry out research activity abroad.
3. Starting from the second year course and for each year until the expected duration of the course, each PhD student, in addition to the scholarship and within the available financial resources in the budget of the entities accredited based on the current legislation, a budget for carrying out research activities in Italy and abroad adequate to the type of course and in any case not less than 10% of the scholarship is ensured. If the PhD student receives a negative assessment for the renewal of the scholarship or renounces, the unused amount will be made available to the Institution for similar purposes.
4. PhD students who are awarded a scholarship are not eligible for other scholarships, with the exception of scholarships awarded by Italian and foreign Institutions that the Scientific Board deems to be useful in integrating the training of PhD students and their research activity, pursuant to an explicit resolution.

As part of the training project, subject to approval by the Scientific Board and without any increase of the scholarship, PhD students may act as tutors in the Bachelor's and Master's Degree courses as





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- well as participate in supplementary teaching activities for no more than forty hours per academic year.
6. After the third year of the PhD, the limit as described in the previous paragraph is repealed. PhD medical students may participate in clinical – healthcare activities.
 7. The PhD scholarship is subject to payment of INPS social security contributions for self-employed workers pursuant to article no. 2, paragraph 26, of Law 08/08/1995 no. 335 and following modifications, two-thirds of which will be paid by the University administration and one third by the scholarship holder. PhD students will benefit from all related protection and rights.
 8. Female PhD students are entitled to application of the maternity protection provisions pursuant to Decree Of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare 12/07/2007, published on The Official Gazette 23/10/2007 no.247.
 9. If the PhD student renounces or if an order of expulsion is issued by the Rector upon proposal of the Scientific Board due to serious defaults while performing research work or to false statement, the scholarship will be revoked.
 10. Scholarship not awarded to winners of the competition will be allotted to eligible candidates according to their ranking in the related ranking list.
 11. If there are no eligible candidates and a scholarship is not reassigned, the related funding will be allocated to the University budget.

Art. 11

(Contributions and Exemptions)

1. All those enrolled in the PhD course are required to pay the following fees:
 - Enrollment fee amounting to € 200,00, payable at the time of University registration or of renewal (i.e. every year within January 31st);
 - Tuition fees amounting to € 1.000,00, payable in two € 500,00 installments, the first at the time of enrollment or of enrollment renewal (i.e. every year within January 31st), the second every year within May 31st.
2. Only PhD students who hold scholarships awarded by the Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma are exempted from payment of the course tuition fees, but are not exempted from the payment of the enrollment fee.

Art. 12

(Obligations of PhD Students)

1. Admission to the PhD implies an exclusive full-time commitment, in compliance with the University Code of Ethics, without prejudice to the possibility of specific regulations pursuant to the provisions of articles 7 and 11 of the Ministerial Regulations, as regards civil servants admitted to PhD courses.
2. At the end of each year, PhD students have to submit a written report to the Scientific Board regarding the training and research activities performed and, if necessary, discuss it as prescribed by the above-mentioned Board. The Board, by motivated and consensus decision and after consultation with the PhD tutor, proceeds with admission to the following year and to the final exam or rather, if the activities carried out have been proved to be insufficient, the Board may suggest that the Rector issues a measure of exclusion from the continuation of the course.





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Art. 13

(Awarding of the qualification)

1. The title of Doctor of Philosophy, abbreviated with the words “Dott. Ric.” or “PhD”, is issued after the positive assessment of a research dissertation able to contribute to the progress of knowledge or methodologies in the field of the study chosen. The PhD dissertation, accompanied by a summary in English or Italian may be written in Italian or English or in another language after approval of the Scientific Board. The PhD student has to enclose the final dissertation a report on the activities performed during the course with a list of publications included. The dissertation has to be assessed at least by two experts highly qualified on the topics dealt with in the dissertation, also members from foreign Institutions, unrelated to the parties who contribute to grant the PhD Title, hereinafter referred to as assessors. The evaluators are appointed by the Scientific Board. The evaluators issue a written analytical judgment on the dissertation and propose either that it could be admitted to public discussion or postponed for a period no longer than six months if in their opinion significant integrations or corrections are considered necessary. After this period, the dissertation is admitted to public discussion in any case, accompanied by a new written opinion by the same assessors, based on corrections or integrations possibly produced. The public discussion will take place in front of an Examining Board consisting of the PhD Coordinator and at least two other experts highly qualified on the topics dealt within the dissertation, also members from foreign Institutions, unrelated to the parties who contribute to grant the PhD Title.
2. The Examining Board is appointed by the Rector upon a proposal from the Scientific Board. PhD students admitted to the public discussion should make/let the dissertation available to the commissioners at least 15 days before the discussion itself. Following the discussion, the dissertation is approved or rejected through a collegial and justified written judgment. The Board, by unanimous vote, may decide to award full marks with honour where results of particular scientific relevance are present. The same Commission may examine and express an opinion on multiple PhD dissertations, also at different dates, provided that each dissertation is discussed and assessed independently by each other. The title of Doctor of Philosophy is awarded by the Rector upon recommendation of the Examining Board. Should the PhD dissertation be published, it must bear the words “Dissertation for obtaining the PhD (*name of the course*) at Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma”.

Art. 14

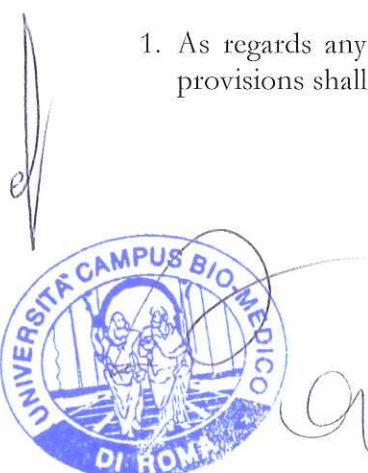
(Personal data handling)

1. All personal data provided by candidates will be used only for purposes strictly connected and functional to the management of the selection procedure, in accordance with the regulations in force and upon formal agreement of the students themselves.

Art. 15

(Final Provisions)

1. As regards any matters not specifically expressed by the present call, above-mentioned laws and provisions shall apply, as well as the laws in force concerning this matter.





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Art. 16
(Dissemination of the call)

1. The present call is available on the following websites:
 - Official website of Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma:
<http://www.unicampus.it/didattica/offerta-formativa/dottorati-di-ricerca>;
 - Official website of the Ministry of Education, University and Research': <http://bandi.miur.it>;
 - Official website of the European Union: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>.

Rome, 15 July 2016

General Manager of the University
(Mr. Paolo Sormani)



The Rector
(Prof. Andrea Onetti Muda)





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ANNEX A

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PhD Course Bioengineering and Bioscience XXXII Cycle a.y. 2016/2017		Curricula: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biomedical Engineering (MAT/07, CHIM/07, BIO/09, MED/34, ING-IND/12, ING-IND/34, ING-INF/04, ING-INF/05, M-FIL/02, ING-IND/24, ING-INF/01)• Science and Technology for Food and Nutrition (CHIM/07, CHIM/01, BIO/04, BIO/09, MED/09, MED/12, ING-INF/01, ING-INF/05, BIO/10, AGR/15)
PhD Course Coordinator: Prof. Giulio Iannello		
Duration: 3 years	Positions: 10	Positions supported by scholarships: 6 Number of positions without scholarship: 2 Number of positions reserved for foreign scholarship holders: 1 Number of positions reserved to employees of institutes and public research centers (with maintenance of the salary): 1
Scholarship Sponsors: 4 University "Campus Bio-Medico", Rome 1 Project ERC-STG-2015 RESHAPE (H2020) 1 European project AIDE (H2020)		

PhD Course Integrated Biomedical Science and Bioethics - XXXII Cycle a.y. 2016/2017		Curricula: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endocrinology (MED/13, MED/09, MED/08, BIO/10, MED/16, MED/18, MED/07)• Bioethics (MED/43, BIO/14, MED/26, BIO/16)• Osteo-Oncological Diseases (MED/06, MED/04, BIO/10, MED/15, MED/16, MED/33, MED/40)• Science of Aging and Tissue Regeneration (MED/09, MED/19, MED/26, MED/15)
PhD Course Coordinator: Prof. Paolo Pozzilli		
Duration: 3 years	Positions: 10	Positions supported by scholarships: 7 Number of positions without scholarship: 2 Number of positions reserved for foreign scholarship holders: 1
Scholarship Sponsors: 4 University "Campus Bio-Medico", Rome 1 Funds AbbVie srl 1 Funds Merz Pharma Italia 1 Project ERC-STG-2015 RESHAPE (H2020)		



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