



PhD PROGRAMME IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT
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SELECTION PROCEDURES

Total no. of positions available 6

of which

No. of positions with grant 5

No. of positions reserved for holders of an employment contract 1

SC_AGR01_B	Type of selection procedure Single ranking list for research project	
	No. of available positions with grant 1 of which	
	No.	Funding organisation / Partner institution
	Subject / Research project (if any)	
SC_AGR02_B	Positions with grant	
	1	University of Pisa Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment University of Pisa
	Behavioral ecology, advanced monitoring and sustainable management of Auchenorrhyncha acting as vectors in agricultural and natural settings	
SC_AGR03_B	Type of selection procedure Single ranking list for research project	
	No. of available positions with grant 1 of which	
	No.	Funding organisation / Partner institution
	Subject / Research project (if any)	
SC_AGR04_B	Positions with grant	
	1	University of Pisa Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment University of Pisa
	Genetic and phenotypic characterization of salicornia genotypes in the Mediterranean area	

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	NB: For the above-mentioned selection procedures, candidates who, on the closing date of the Call for applications, are employed under a subordinate employment contract with a public body, for a duration at least equal to that of the PhD programme, may choose whether to: <u>1. participate in the selection as a public employee, thereby automatically waiving the doctoral grant;</u> <u>2. participate in the selection for a position with grant, without declaring their status as a public employee at the application stage.</u> Applicants who are public employees, in the case referred to under point 1, must declare their status during the above-mentioned online application procedure by selecting the corresponding option in the dedicated field available on the “Alice” platform https://www.studenti.unipi.it. Such candidates must also submit a self-declaration certifying their employment with the relevant public body, in accordance with Annex 1 to the Call for applications. Any applicant who, when submitting the online application, declares that they wish to participate as a public employee shall automatically waive the grant, and the provisions governing the ranking list set out in Article 5 of the Call shall apply. This choice is irrevocable and <u>may not be changed at a later stage.</u>
SC_AGR06_B	Type of selection procedure Ranking list reserved for employees of Azienda Agricola Usiglian Del Vescovo s.r.l. (registered office Palaia (Pisa) via Usigliano 26).

Positions reserved for candidates holding a formalised employment contract, of a duration at least equal to that of the programme, with public or private partner organisations affiliated with the University of Pisa (with continued payment of salary) – Article 3 of the Call for applications		
No.	Partner institution	Subject / Research project (if any)
Positions with grant		
1	Azienda Agricola Usiglian Del Vescovo s.r.l.	Development and validation of a new organic and systematic method of sensory quality assurance of products, integrated with the production process along the entire wine supply chain)

The information below applies to all the selection procedures indicated above

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS *(Article 3 of the Call for applications)*

Master's Degree (LM) /Second Degree (Specialistica-LS) (or Old system University Degree): **ALL**

or
equivalent academic qualification in accordance with *Ministerial Decree of 9 July 2009* **to be obtained by 31 October 2026.**

In the event that the degree has not yet been awarded by the deadline of the Call for applications, the candidate must attach a list of the examinations taken, including the corresponding marks.

Important: In this regard, during the online application procedure for the selection, the candidate must attach a self-declaration concerning the degree already obtained, or to be obtained, drawn up in accordance with Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, as per Annex 2 to the Call for applications.

SELECTION METHODS AND CRITERIA *(Article 4 of the Call for applications)*

Curriculum vitae

The CV, duly signed and accompanied by a photocopy of a valid identity document, must be uploaded exclusively during the online application procedure for the selection, and must outline the candidate's educational background, as well as their professional and research experience. **Candidates are advised to submit any documentation deemed useful for the purposes of assessing the CV.**

In particular, the candidate must upload:

- the curriculum vitae;
- any publications;
- an abstract of the master's degree thesis or, for candidates who have not yet obtained the degree, a preliminary summary of the same;
- a list of the exams taken during the university career with the relative marks and the graduation mark obtained (for the three-year degree and for the master's degree);
- certificates of participation in conferences;
- scholarships or research grants obtained.

Interview

The interview shall assess the candidate's knowledge, aptitude for research, willingness to undertake training pathways in Italy and abroad, and interest in further scientific study.

The interview must provide for the assessment of knowledge of the English language.

SELECTION PROCEDURES: **SC_AGR01 e SC_AGR05**

Videoconferencing **YES** **Interviews will only take position remotely**

SELECTION PROCEDURES: **SC_AGR02, SC_AGR03, SC_AGR04 e SC_AGR06**

Videoconferencing **YES**

Candidates wishing to take the interview by videoconference must upload the VIDEO Annex to the Call for applications **exclusively during the online application procedure for the selection**. Requests received after the deadline of the Call for applications (**10 August 2026**) shall be submitted to the Selection Committee, which will assess whether to accept them in light of the technical time required to organise the interview by videoconference.

	Minimum score	Maximum score
<i>CV</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>50</i>
Candidates who have obtained a score of at least 15 out of 50 points shall be admitted to the interview.		
<i>Interview</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>50</i>
Eligibility is achieved with a minimum score of 45 out of 100 points		

SCHEDULE OF THE TESTS

The tests may take place in the period **between 14 and 30 September 2026**.

The schedule of the tests, for each of the selections below, will be published **by 24 July 2026** at <https://www.unipi.it/bando-dottorato>, including the indication of the venue where they will be held.

RANKING LIST AND ENROLMENT

Article 5 of the Call for applications sets out:

- the procedures for drawing up the ranking list
- the date of publication of the ranking list
- the procedures and deadlines for enrolment
- the procedures and deadlines for subsequent admissions from the ranking list.

Important: Subsequent admissions from the ranking lists, after 6 October and until 31 December 2026, are permitted only for “open” grants (i.e. those without a specific research topic).

In the other selection procedures, as they involve subject-based grants, any unassigned positions at the end of the third round of admissions from the ranking list will be made available by means of a specific notice, to be issued by Rector’s Decree in November. Such notice will be reserved for eligible candidates suitably placed in the ranking lists of the selection procedures already completed and will be published at <https://www.unipi.it/didattica/corsi/dottorati/>.

With regard to the publication of the notice and the procedures for the reallocation of the grants, **no individual email communication will be sent to eligible candidates**, as all relevant information will be provided upon publication of the ranking lists.

INFORMATION ON THE TEACHING ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAMME

Educational project and objectives of the programme:

(<https://www.unipi.it/didattica/corsi/dottorati/scienze-fisiche-chimiche-matematiche-e-biologiche/scienze-agrarie-alimentari-e-agro-ambientali/>)

PhD programme website:

<https://phd-dafe.agr.unipi.it/it/dottorato-di-ricerca-in-scienze-agrarie-alimentari-e-agro-ambientali-2/>

PhD programme regulations:

<https://www.unipi.it/wp-content/uploads/4dottscienzeagrarie.pdf>