

PhD PROGRAMME IN VETERINARY SCIENCES
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(<https://dottorato.vet.unipi.it/>)

SELECTION PROCEDURES

Total no. of positions with grant 8

of which

No. of positions with grant 7

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

SC_VET01_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)
	Positions with grant	
	1	University of Pisa
		Study of the diagnostic, severity and prognostic indices of biomarkers (BIOS) of oxidative stress and procalcitonin in the Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) and/or sepsis of equines
SC_VET02_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)
	Positions with grant	
	1	University of Pisa
		Sustainable insect farming: developing resilient supply chains and optimizing techniques

SC_VET03_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)
	Positions with grant		
	1	University of Pisa Department of Veterinary Sciences of University of Pisa	Nature-based solutions in social farming and animalassisted interventions for inclusive human health and wellbeing and job opportunities
SC_VET04_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)
	Positions with grant		
	1	Department of Veterinary Sciences of University of Pisa, prof.ssa Marchi Lucia FIS-2023-02423 - I53C25001870001	Phytobiotic Strategies in Aquaculture to Reduce Antibiotic Use: A One Health Approach for Animal, Human, and Environmental Health
SC_VET05_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)
	Positions with grant		
	1	Department of Veterinary Sciences of University of Pisa, prof.ssa Parisi Francesca FIS-2024-04959 - I53C25002120001	Characterization of feline viral infections: relationship between viral detection and hepatic lesions and potential pathogenetic implications
SC_VET06_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)
	Positions with grant		
	1	PharmaNutra S.p.A:	Studio e caratterizzazione di nuove formulazioni nutraceutiche utilizzando come modello animale Zebrafish

SC_VET07_B	Type of selection procedure Single ranking list for research project										
	No. of available positions with grant 1 of which										
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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:

1. participate in the selection as a public employee, thereby automatically waiving the doctoral grant;
2. participate in the selection for a position with grant, without declaring their status as a public employee at the application stage.

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 may not be changed at a later stage.

SC_VET08_B	Type of selection procedure Ranking list reserved for employees of ENPA Ente Nazionale Protezione Animali (registered office in Roma, Via Attilio Regolo n. 27)										
	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										
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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**
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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 following may be taken into consideration: a) any scientific publications; b) the master's degree thesis or, for candidates who have not yet obtained the degree, a draft of the thesis; c) a list of exams taken during the candidate's university career, including the corresponding grades, as well as the final degree grades obtained for the Bachelor's and Master's degrees; d) professional experience; e) any other qualifications.

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 may be conducted in either Italian or English. If conducted in Italian, the candidate's proficiency in English will also be assessed.

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
CV	30	50
Candidates who have obtained a score of at least 30 out of 50 points shall be admitted to the interview.		
Interview	30	50
Eligibility is achieved with a minimum score of 60 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-mediche-farmaceutiche-e-veterinarie/scienze-veterinarie/>

PhD programme website:

<https://dottorato.vet.unipi.it>

PhD programme regulations:

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