





DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

URBAN FUTURE STUDIES

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XLI cycle – academic year 2025/2026

TECHNOLOGICAL AREA				
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	Department of Architecture (DiDA)			
WEB	www.dida.unifi.it/dottorato			
	POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 4 Positions with Scholarship: 3 Positions without Scholarship: 1			
SCHOLARSHIPS: 3	Fondazione Futuro delle città			
STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD	3 months			
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION (under penalty of exclusion)	 Copy of the Identification Document Self-certification for qualifications obtained in Italy (laurea triennale, specialistica o magistrale o ciclo unico) with list of exams taken, credits and related grade, title of the thesis and graduation mark (using this template or similar forms containing the required information) Qualifications obtained abroad (Bachelor's and Master Degrees or combined cycle Degree) with a list of all exams taken, credits and related grade, rating scale, title of the thesis and graduation mark The same documentation except for the final mark must be submitted by those who will graduate within the 31/10/2025 			
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION	 MANDATORY Research Project Curriculum vitae, related to training activities and research carried ou by the candidate, of maximum two folders, as well as an indication o the language (Ita/Eng) chosen for verification OPTIONAL Copy of the M. Sc. Thesis 			

	• Abstract of the M. Sc. Thesis
	 Publications and any other qualification document
RESEARCH PROJECT	The PhD in Urban Future Studies focuses on topics of global relevance related to the development of innovative knowledge through co-design and co- creation approaches to develop excellent methods, products and services oriented towards predominantly plant-based solutions integrated in urban contexts. The rapid transformation of environmental and socio-economic systems due to technological and climate changes, force us to think and design a world very different from the one we have known. The main objective of the Doctoral Course is to investigate the transformations underway, incorporating and integrating into the knowledge system all those fields and skills that today tend to be separated and specialised in a new vision of a radically interdisciplinary future. In fact, the banner phrase of the Course is: the future we want tomorrow is made possible by the actions we take today. The topics covered in relation to urban ecosystems include climate changes and their effects, monitoring and protection of biodiversity and ecological networks, development of new technologies for monitoring and modelling ecosystem services. The research project must, in fact, refer to themes available at the following link: www.dida.unifi.it/dottorato
	 The research project may be written in Italian or in English language and it must contain: applicant's name and surname; title of the research project summary and key words of max 500 characters, spaces included (identification of the research problem, main expected results, originality);
	 The research project, of min 5.000 / max 12.000 characters, (including spaces), must inclose: description of the research project (detailed description of the project with emphasis on the innovative aspects and scientific importance; The project description should include: organization of the scientific problem and connected questions, with reference to the state-of-the-art; targets and expected results; methodology and activities (with an indication of the tools that you deem necessary for the performance, already owned or to be acquired); cultural and social interest and expected impact on the scientific community; bibliography. Those research projects related to the strategic use of green approaches in unbag output descriptions and as a priority.
	urban systems will be considered as a priority.
INTERVIEW MODE	In person (In the application form candidates may ask to conduct the interview remotely)

FURTHER INFORMATION	The interview can be equally taken in Italian or in English language; if it is taken in Italian, English skills will be tested during the interview.				
EVALUATION MARKS	parameter	minimum score	maximum score		
	Curriculum vitae, publications, other qualification documents	10/120	20/120		
	Research Project	30/120	40/120		
	Applicants who obtain a mark of at least 40/120 according to the minimum score for each parameter will be admitted to the interview				
	Interview (including discussion of the research project)	40/120	60/120		
	Eligibility is achieved with a minimum score of 80/120				

EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULE					
	DATE	TIME	PLACE		
INTERVIEW	July 23 th 2025	10:30 a.m.	Department of Architecture Santa Teresa's building Via della Mattonaia, 8 Florence – classroom n. 401		
The list of the candidates courses	admitted to the interviev	w and the final rank	ing will be published at the page PhD		