



# DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCES

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**XLII cycle - academic year 2026/2027**

<b>SCIENTIFIC AREA</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b>	Department of Earth Sciences (DST)
<b>WEB</b>	<a href="http://www.dst.unifi.it">www.dst.unifi.it</a>
<b>POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 4</b> Positions with Scholarship: 3 Positions without Scholarship: 1* <i>* standard ranking only</i>	
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS: 3</b>	University of Florence
<b>STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD</b>	at least 3 months
<b>DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Copy of the Identification Document</li><li>● <b>Self-certification</b> for qualifications obtained in Italy (laurea triennale, specialistica or magistrale or ciclo unico) with list of exams taken, credits and related grade, title of the thesis and graduation mark (using this <a href="#">template</a> or similar forms containing the required information)</li><li>● Qualifications obtained abroad (Bachelor's and Master's 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</li></ul> <p><i>The same documentation except for the final mark must be submitted by those who will graduate within the 31/10/2026</i></p>
<b>DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Curriculum vitae (European format), with indication of qualifications and all publications of the applicant</li><li>● Research Project</li></ul> <b>OPTIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Copy of publications (if any)</li><li>● Certificate of English proficiency at level B2 or higher</li></ul>
<b>RESEARCH PROJECT</b>	The research project has to be presented in the field of the doctorate topics, maximum length of 12,000 characters (with spaces included), with an abstract, introduction, bibliography and collaborations (the research project is requested

	with the aim to evaluate the general attitude of the candidate to the research work). The research project can be presented in English language.															
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	<p>The interview is also intended to verify candidate knowledge of the English language (level B2 or higher). Selection of applicants will follow a two-step evaluation (see scheme below).</p> <p><b>Step 1) Pre-selection for admission to the interview:</b> The Admission Board will evaluate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CV (European format) with indication of qualifications (e.g., awards, certificates of research experience and/or attendance of courses relevant to Earth Sciences) and all publications of the applicant.</li> <li>Scientific Publications by the applicant attached to the application. Publications will contribute for a maximum of 3 (three) points.</li> <li>Research project. In this phase the project will be evaluated for its coherence with the Doctorate in Earth and Planetary Sciences and for its feasibility, in general and within the Earth Sciences Program. (Note: the project presented will not necessarily be accepted as the final thesis project for the applicant).</li> </ol> <p><b>Step 2) Interview:</b> The <b>interview</b> will focus on a discussion of the research project presented. Good knowledge of spoken and written English is required.</p>															
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<b>EXAMINATION SCHEDULE</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>INTERVIEW</b>	July 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	09:30 a.m.
The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the page <b>PhD courses</b>		

## ENROLLMENT ROUNDS

**Enrollment must be completed within the specified mandatory deadlines, under penalty of exclusion**  
(as per Art. 12 of the Call for Applications - Annex 1)

	<b>Opening Date</b>	<b>Deadline for Enrollment</b>
Enrollment (successful candidates)	Ranking's publication date (by July 31, 2026)	by <b>11.59 pm</b> (CEST) on <b>August 25<sup>th</sup> 2026</b> *
1st round (eligible candidates)	from <b>31<sup>st</sup> August 2026</b>	by <b>11.59 pm</b> (CEST) on <b>September 7<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>
2nd round (eligible candidates)	from <b>10<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>	by <b>11.59 pm</b> (CEST) on <b>September 17<sup>th</sup> 2026</b>

\* Please note that the University will be closed from August 8<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Subsequent reassignment of vacant positions:**

The reassignment of any residual positions after the first two rounds will be activated on **every Tuesday until October 27<sup>th</sup>**, with a mandatory enrollment deadline set for the following Friday (11:59 PM CEST). It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check their personal reserved area

**No personal communications will be sent to candidates.**

Technical instructions for enrollment can be found [here](#)