



DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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XXXVII cycle – academic year 2021/2022

BIOMEDICAL AREA	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	Department of Experimental and Clinical Biomedical Sciences “Mario Serio”
CURRICULA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Human Morphology and Morphogenesis2. Functional Biology of Biomolecules and Biosystems3. Physiological and Nutritional Sciences4. Experimental Pathology5. Endocrinological, Molecular and Regenerative Biotechnologies6. Biomedical Sciences of Evolutive Age7. Gender Medicine
POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 11 Positions with scholarship: 9 Positions without Scholarship: 2	
SCHOLARSHIPS: 9	6 - University of Florence 3 - Department of Experimental and Clinical Biomedical Sciences “Mario Serio” – Progetto Ministeriale “Dipartimenti di Eccellenza 2018–2022”
STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD	Not mandatory
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION (under penalty of exclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of the Identification Document• Self-declaration for qualifications (bachelor’s/Master’s/combined cycle degree) obtained in Italy with a list of all exams taken and their mark, title of the thesis and graduation mark (download the form here make sure you fill in in all the fields)• Foreign qualification required to access with a list of all exams taken and their mark, title of the thesis and graduation mark. <p><i>The same documentation except for the final mark must be submitted by those who will graduate by 31/10/2021</i></p>
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION	MANDATORY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum vitae• Research Project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic copy of the M.Sc. thesis (or equivalent) <p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of publications Any other qualification document 																		
REFERENCE LETTERS	A section is provided in the online application to specify the e-mail address of one professor/researcher willing to provide information about candidates training path and activities performed within a scientific field related to the Ph.D. course.																		
RESEARCH PROJECT	The research project, written in English on one page and of maximum 700 words , which must include a brief introduction, methodology, expected results and 2-3 references in brief form (Example Rossi et al. 2017 J. Mol Biol. 23, 340-345). The project must refer specifically to one or more of the working themes listed in the section below “Thematics” .																		
EVALUATION PROCEDURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of curriculum vitae, research project, publications and other qualification documents Interview <p>As detailed in the section below “Evaluation Marks”.</p>																		
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INTERVIEW MODE	Remotely (videocall)																		
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THEMATICS	<p>Curriculum in Human Morphology and Morphogenesis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic and topographic anatomy: anatomical variants of organs and apparatuses of anatomical relevance Applied anatomy: anatomic characteristics and topographical relations of organs and apparatuses of interest for diagnostic imaging and clinical semeiotics Morpho-functional histology and cytology: structure-function relationships and mechanisms of regulation in physiological conditions and in pathological models Embryology and organogenesis: mechanisms of cell and tissue differentiation for regenerative medicine Histochemistry: localization of specific functional molecules in cells and 																		

tissues by advanced microscopy methods

6) Adaptations to muscle activity and to sport of musculoskeletal apparatus, respiratory and circulatory systems. Training methodologies

Curriculum in Functional Biology of Biomolecules and Biosystems:

1) Biophysics of proteins, lipid bilayers and biomembranes

2) Cell proteostasis and its regulation

3) Cell biology of amyloids and its relevance on associated systemic and neurodegenerative pathologies

4) Phospholipid signalling

5) Yeast and other model systems proteomics

6) Anti-aggregation power and nutraceutical properties of natural compounds

Curriculum in Physiological and Nutritional Sciences:

1) Molecular mechanism, regulation and mechanochemical coupling of striped muscle contraction

2) Electrophysiology and mechanics of smooth muscle

3) Nervous mechanisms involved in respiratory activity genesis and control

4) Components and strategies involved in motor control of the human voluntary movement

5) Pathophysiology of gastrointestinal apparatus and of nutrition and prevention of chronic-degenerative pathologies. Epidemiological and intervention studies on foods and alimentary profiles

Curriculum in Experimental Pathology:

1) Molecular and cellular mechanisms of cancer transformation and progression

2) Cancer stem cells; characterization and targets for new therapies

3) Innovative approaches to cancer diagnosis and prognosis

4) Targeting strategies to improve the effectiveness of nanomedicine in oncology

5) Anti-aging Innovative strategies with compounds protective against aging

6) Molecular and cellular mechanisms of aging and longevity

Curriculum in Endocrinological, Molecular and Regenerative Biotechnologies:

1) Pathophysiology of male reproductive apparatus and its accessory glands

2) Genetic aspects of male infertility

3) Control mechanisms of human spermatogenesis

4) DNA fragmentation in human spermatozoa: biochemical mechanisms and clinical meaning and significance

5) Pathophysiology of thyroid, hypophysis and adrenal gland

6) Pathophysiology of fat tissue

Curriculum in Biomedical Sciences of Evolutive Age:

1) Clinical biochemistry and modifications of cell and systemic redox status in human physiology and pathology

2) Innovative strategies for neoplastic and cardiovascular therapy by the use of plant polyphenols

3) Specific aspects of diagnostics, therapy and prevention in pediatrics

4) Hygiene public health and health organization

5) Detection of high priority malocclusions in evolutive age in orthodontics

	<p>6) Prevention of infective and chronic pathologies, vaccinations, food hygiene and public health laboratory</p> <p>Curriculum in Gender Medicine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Endocrinological aspects of the female vs male reproductive apparatus 2) Mechanisms of control of the female vs male sexuality 3) Endocrinological-metabolic control mechanisms of the female vs male reproduction 4) Endocrinological and gynecological aspects of the female oncologic pathology 5) Pathophysiology of the metabolic diseases in the female and the male
<p>Further information available at the following web page: https://www.sbsc.unifi.it/vp-200-dottorato-in-scienze-biomediche.html</p>	

EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULE		
	DATE	TIME
INTERVIEW	September 14 th 2021	9:00 a.m.
<p>The list of the candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the following web page: https://www.unifi.it/p12018.html</p>		