# Doctoral Programme in Urban Future Studies

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### Documents Required for the Admission (under penalty of exclusion)

- 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 all the fields)
- Qualifications obtained abroad (Bachelor’s and Master Degrees or combined cycle Degree) with a list of all exams taken and their marks, title of the thesis and graduation mark.
  
  *The same documentation except for the final mark must be submitted by those who will graduate by 31/10/2023*

### Documents Required for the Evaluation

**Mandatory**

- Research Project
- Curriculum vitae, related to training activities and research carried out by the candidate, of maximum two folders, as well as an indication of 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
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:

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 urban systems will be considered as a priority.

**INTERVIEW MODE**

**In person**
(In the application form candidates residing abroad may ask to conduct the interview remotely)

The interview can be conducted in **English language**
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.

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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.

Further information available at the following web page: https://www.dida.unifi.it/vp-352-scuola-di-dottorato.html

**EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULE**

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<td>INTERVIEW</td>
<td>July 17th 2023</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Department of Architecture Santa Teresa’s building Via della Mattonaia, 8 Florence – classroom n. 202</td>
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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/p12341.html