



Annex 6

PhD in Agrobiosciences

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Brief description	<p>The aim of the Programme is to use a high-level teaching and research path to train persons of high scientific and professional profile who are just as able to successfully enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and International public and private research institutions. • Organizations and companies working with advanced technologies in the field of plant biotechnology and crop production. • Organizations and companies working in the organization and planning of sustainable agriculture at a farm and territorial level. <p>For further information: http://www.santannapisa.it/en/education/phd-agrobiosciences</p>	
Language	Italian, English	
Duration	3 years	
Curricula	Genomics and crop production	Plant biotechnologies; Plant genetics and physiology; Plant genomics; Crop production sciences; Advanced technologies in horticulture; Quality of crop production.
	Agriculture, Environment and Landscape	Agroecology; Organic, integrated or low-input farming; Functional biodiversity in agroecosystems; Landscape agronomy; Multi-criteria analysis of food and non-food cropping systems; Agro-environmental analysis of cropping systems; Multifunctional agriculture; Interaction between farming-territory-landscape.
Number of positions available	6 with scholarship The number of positions with scholarship may be increased if further funding becomes available.	
Scholarship amount	Euro 14,000.00 gross in monthly instalments. This gross amount includes a social security contributions which is being paid by the recipient.	
Submission deadline for the online application	31st May 2017 at 12.00 a.m. (Italian time)	
Documents required (to be attached to the online application under penalty of exclusion)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photocopy of a valid document of identification; 1. <i>Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum</i>; 2. self-certification of the exams passed in degree courses, both for Bachelor and M.Sc. Degree indicating the mark received for each one, showing any first class honours awarded, and specifying the average mark; 3. a copy of the degree thesis; candidates who have not yet obtained the qualification should attach a copy of the thesis as a final draft or an abstract of the same; 4. a detailed research plan in Italian or English. It should be a three-year research plan including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the title of the research; the scientific premises and the relevant bibliography; b. the aim and expected results of the research project; c. the experimental and data analysis methodologies; 5. only for candidates who obtained their qualification abroad: copy of the Master's Degree Certificate or equivalent qualification translated into Italian or English; 	

	<p>6. copy of any other qualification or publication that the candidate deems relevant to the programme;</p> <p>7. at least two recommendation letters written and signed by faculty members or other academics who had the opportunity to assess the applicant's work during his/her university studies are required. These letters must be sent directly via e-mail by the referees to the following address info-phdlifesciences@sssup.it before the deadline of May 31st2016. In the subject line of the email there should be written the surname and name of the candidate. E-mails that do not satisfy this requirement may not be taken into account.</p>
Examination Procedure	<p>Qualifications and Interview</p> <p>The selection will be based on the assessment of the submitted documentation and an interview The Examination Committee will award a score out of one hundred, from 1 to 100.</p>
	<p><i>Assessment of qualifications–maximum score possible: 70</i></p> <p>The Committee will assess the <i>Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum</i> and any relevant qualification submitted. The candidate's research plan will be assessed in terms of quality and feasibility and relevance to lines of research specified in the "Curricula" section of this information sheet. On completing the assessment, the Committee will express a concise evaluation and award a score out of seventy. Candidates with a score of at least 49/70 will be accepted for interview. The School will inform via email the selected candidates on the day and time of the interview as well as on the score received in the assessment.</p> <p>Presence of the candidates is not required through the assessment of qualifications.</p> <p><i>Interview–maximum score possible: 30</i></p> <p>During the interview with the members of the selection committee the candidates will also be asked to present their CV and the research project in a short power point presentation. An oral test will be done to verify the knowledge of English.</p> <p>Candidates obtaining a score below 21/30 in the interview will be excluded from selection. In special cases, pending a decision by the Committee, the interview may be conducted as a video conference (using Skype). In this case, the document of identification provided when registering online must be presented before the start of the examination to confirm the identity of the candidate. It is candidate's responsibility to ensure that required hardware (PC, webcam) and software are available and that there is a reliable internet connection.</p> <p>Minimum prescribed marks for inclusion in the rank list is 70/100.</p> <p>The School will notify the outcome only to the successful candidates, using the email address given in the application. The awardees will be required to confirm their acceptance within 7 days, Failing this, the position will be passed to the first suitable candidate in the ranking list.</p>
Time schedule	<p>Publication of the list of candidates selected for interview: By 15th June 2017</p> <p>Interviews for candidates: 22nd June 2017 from 9.00 a.m. (Italian Time)</p> <p>A complete ranking list will be published at: http://www.santannapisa.it/en/concorsi-di-ammissione/competition-announcement-phd-agrobiosciences by 12th July 2017</p>
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