

Annex 1 – Ph.D.in Agrobiosciences

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Short description	The Ph.D. Programme in “Agrobiosciences” is a three-year program characterized by an interdisciplinary connotation and designed for highly qualified and motivated students who wish to acquire the research and analytical skills of the international scientific community and to acquire the skills of professional academic research to work in government agencies, financial institutions, international agencies, private companies in economics. For more information: http://www.sssup.it/agrobioscienze
Duration	3 years
Language	Italian, English
Start date	November, 3 rd , 2014

Research Area	Genomics and Crop Science	Plant Biotechnology; Plant Genetics; Plant Physiology; Plant Genomics; Crop Sciences; Advanced technologies in Horticulture; Crop production and quality
	Agriculture, Environment and Landscape	Multifunctional and sustainable agriculture, Organic and integrated agriculture, Crop production and quality; Agroecosystem management and functional biodiversity; Landscape Agronomy; Multicriteria analysis of food and non-food cropping systems; Agro-environmental comparison of cropping systems; Agriculture-territory-landscape

Positions	nr. 7 with scholarship two of these fellowships will be assigned to citizens from NON EU countries.
	the Examination Committee may also admit 1 (one) eligible applicants without a grant

Application deadline	September, 8th, 2014
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Application enclosures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a copy of a valid document of identification; 2. a copy of <i>Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum</i>; 3. detailed list of academic courses taken. This list should contain information regarding credits, units (or equivalent) received, the marks received for each course, and the date when the final (or semester) examination was taken; 4. a copy of Master Degree thesis and one copy of any document and/or publication that the candidate deems suitable; 5. only for EU citizens: applicants who will obtain their degree no later than 31 October 2014 must attach a summary of their thesis and the abstract 6. a copy of a Research Project, in Italian or English - no more than 3,000 words- which will describe the study that applicants plan to perform during the PhD course. The Research Project should include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. title; b. scientific premises and relevant bibliography; c. aim and expectations of the research; d. methodology and data analysis to be applied; 7. at least two reference letters written by Faculty Members who have supervised the applicant's work during his/her university studies; 8. only for non EU citizens: a copy of the Master's degree or equivalent title, to be translated into Italian or English, unless originally written in French, German or Spanish.
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Admission procedures candidates UE	Evaluation of the submitted documentation and oral examination Selection of candidates will be based upon the evaluation of all the submitted documents and publications and upon an oral examination. The assessment will be on a scale of 1 to 100. Applicants should obtain at least 70/100 points for inclusion in the final ranking.
	<p><i>Evaluation of the submitted documentation: maximum 70 points</i> the Examination Committee will evaluate the submitted documentation, including the CV and any other academic and scientific accomplishments. The candidate's Research Project will be evaluated in terms of quality, feasibility and adherence to the lines of research indicated at the "short description" of the present announcement. For admission to the oral examination, applicants need to attain a minimum score of 49/70. Applicants admitted to the oral examination will be informed by e-mail (to the address indicated in the application form) on the score received and the time and date of their examination.</p> <p><i>Oral examination: maximum 30 points</i> the oral examination will assign the remaining 30 points. It will cover the submitted documentation and the proposed Research Project, and will also include a test for assessing the level of knowledge of a foreign language chosen from English, French, German and Spanish. As an exception, the interview may be carried out via video-conference. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his/she has the required hardware (PC, web cam) and software and on a reliable internet connection. Applicants should obtain at least 21/30 points for inclusion in the final ranking.</p> <p>A minimum total score of 70/100 is therefore necessary to successfully pass the examination. In the event that two or more applicants obtain the same score in the ranking list, preference will be given to the youngest. Successful candidates will be informed by e-mail on the results of the competition and will be asked to confirm acceptance at info-phdlifesciences@sssup.it within 7 days. In the absence of response from a candidate, his/her position will be given to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.</p>

Admission procedures NON UE candidates	Assessment of the submitted documentation Selection of candidates will be based upon the evaluation of all the submitted documents and publications. The assessment will be on a scale of 1 to 100. Applicants should obtain at least 70/100 points for inclusion in the final ranking.
	<p>The Examination Committee will evaluate the submitted documentation, including the CV and any other academic and scientific accomplishments. The candidate's Research Project will be evaluated in terms of quality, feasibility and adherence to the lines of research indicated at the "short description" of the present announcement. In the event that two or more applicants obtain the same score in the ranking list, preference will be given to the youngest. Successful candidates will be informed by e-mail on the results of the competition and will be asked to confirm acceptance at info-phdlifesciences@sssup.it within 7 days. In the absence of response from a candidate, his/her position will be given to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list.</p>

Selection schedule UE candidates	Publication of the list of admitted candidate to oral examination: September, 22th, 2014 Interview of admitted candidate: September, 29th, 2014, 9.00 a.m. The ranking list will be published on the web site http://www.sssup.it/ist_context.jsp?ID_LINK=399&area=199 no later than October, 3rd, 2014
Selection schedule NON UE candidates	Publication of the final ranking list on the web site http://www.sssup.it/ist_context.jsp?ID_LINK=400&area=199 : September, 22th, 2014