



Annex 6

**PhD in Agrobiosciences**

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<b>Language</b>	Italian, English	
<b>Duration</b>	3 years	
<b>Curricula</b>	<b>Genomics and crop production</b>	Plant biotechnologies; Plant genetics and physiology; Plant genomics; Crop production sciences; Advanced technologies in horticulture; Quality of crop production.
	<b>Agriculture, Environment and Landscape</b>	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.
<b>Number of positions available</b>	<b>6 with scholarship (2 position are reserved for candidates holding a degree obtained abroad).</b> The number of positions with scholarship may be increased if further funding becomes available.	
<b>Scholarship amount</b>	<b>Euro 14,000.00</b> gross in monthly instalments. This gross amount includes a social security contributions which is being paid by the recipient.	
<b>Submission deadline for the online application</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</b> (h 13.00 CET)	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photocopy of a valid document of identification;</li> <li>1. <i>Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum</i>;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>4. a detailed research plan in Italian or English. It should be a three-year research plan including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the title of the research; the scientific premises and the relevant bibliography;</li> <li>b. the aim and expected results of the research project;</li> <li>c. the experimental and data analysis methodologies;</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <b>only for candidates who obtained their qualification abroad:</b> copy of the Master's Degree Certificate or equivalent qualification translated into Italian or English;</li> </ol>	
<b>Other documents if any</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should applicants wish to include recommendation letters (maximum three) written and signed by faculty members or other experts who had the opportunity to assess the applicant's work during his/her university studies, they are required to indicate the institutional e-mail address of these experts in the application. The administrative offices of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna will contact these experts and ask them if they wish to provide a recommendation letter for the applicant.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• copy of any other qualification or publication that the candidate deems relevant to the programme;</li> </ul>
<b>Examination Procedure</b>	<p><b>Qualifications and Interview</b></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><b>Presence of the candidates is not required through the assessment of qualifications.</b></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. 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. Minimum prescribed marks for inclusion in the rank list is 70/100. 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>
<b>Time schedule</b>	<p>Publication of the list of candidates selected for interview will be published on the web site: <a href="http://www.santannapisa.it/en/education/phd-agrobiosciences">http://www.santannapisa.it/en/education/phd-agrobiosciences</a> no later than 15th June 2018.</p> <p>A complete ranking list will be published on the web site no later than 15 July 2018</p>
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