



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PHD
PROGRAMS**

**Applied Clinical Research
Molecular, Experimental and Computational Medicine
(MECM)
Personalized caRe and Innovation in Medicine and
Engineering (PRIME)**

XLII Cycle – Academic Year 2026/2027



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Art. 1 – Establishment of PhD Programs

The following PhD programmes are hereby established at Humanitas University for the academic year 2026/2027 (42nd cycle), with the programme scheduled to begin on 1 December 2026, subject to accreditation and verification of the continued fulfilment of accreditation requirements by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR):

- PhD in Applied Clinical Research
- PhD in Molecular, Experimental and Computational Medicine (MECM)
- PhD in Personalized caRe and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering (PRIME)

The programmes have a minimum duration of three years and are conducted in English.

Information regarding available positions, specific admission requirements, scientific areas, and research topics is provided in the individual PhD programme descriptions (Annex A), which form an integral part of this Call for Applications.

The number of positions funded through PhD scholarships or equivalent forms of financial support may be increased subject to the availability of additional funding.

Candidates selected through procedures conducted by third-party institutions or organisations with which the University and/or IRCCS Humanitas Research Hospital have entered into specific research agreements providing for participation in the PhD programmes may also be admitted, including in addition to the standard number of available positions.

Public selection procedures, based on qualifications and examinations, are hereby announced at Humanitas University for admission to the above-mentioned PhD programmes. For each programme, the annexes to this Call — which form an integral part thereof — provide a brief description together with a reference to the University website, where applicants may consult the research topics associated with each programme, in line with its objectives and research plan. The annexes also specify the scholarship or equivalent form of financial support associated with each research project.

Art. 2 – Types of Positions Available

The positions covered by this Call for Applications are as follows:

- Positions with topic-specific scholarships: doctoral activities must be carried out within a specific research area indicated on the PhD programme webpages. These positions may be subject to the reporting requirements applicable to the projects through which they are funded;
- Additional positions (over-quota positions): candidates selected through procedures conducted by third-party institutions or organisations with which the University and/or IRCCS Humanitas Research Hospital have entered into specific research agreements providing for participation in the PhD programme may also be admitted in excess of the standard number of available positions;
- Executive positions: subject to specific agreements to be concluded before the start of the programme, employees of public or private research institutions and companies engaged in highly qualified scientific activities may be admitted to the PhD programme while retaining their



salary from their home institution (so-called “Executive PhD”), provided that they are successfully ranked in the admission selection procedure referred to in this Call;

- Positions without scholarship and with a specific research topic: doctoral activities must be carried out within a specific research area indicated on the PhD programme webpages.

Art. 3 – Admission Criteria

Applications for admission to the PhD programmes may be submitted by candidates holding one of the following qualifications:

- a “Laurea Magistrale” degree awarded in accordance with Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004 or an equivalent academic qualification;
- an equivalent foreign academic qualification (Master’s Degree) that grants access to PhD programmes in the country where it was awarded.

Applicants who are expected to obtain the required qualification by 30 November 2026 may also apply. Failure to obtain the qualification by that date shall result in forfeiture of any admission granted to the programme.

The suitability of foreign qualifications shall be assessed by the Examination Committee in accordance with the applicable legislation and international agreements concerning the recognition of academic qualifications.

To verify the equivalence and/or comparability of Italian academic qualifications, applicants may consult the following webpage: <https://www.mur.gov.it/it/aree-tematiche/universita/equipollenze-equivalenza-ed-equiparazioni-tra-titoli-di-studio-0>

Any additional admission requirements for specific PhD programmes are indicated in the relevant programme descriptions included in Annex A.

Art. 4 – Admission application

Applications for admission to the selection procedure, together with the attachments described below, must be submitted exclusively **online**, under penalty of exclusion, **no later than 4:00 p.m. (Italian time) on 26 June 2026**, using the online application platform available at <https://pica.cineca.it/humanitas/tipologia/dottorati>. Applicants must follow the procedures outlined below:

1. Applicants already holding a LOGINMIUR account may access the platform without registering by entering their LOGINMIUR username and password in the credentials field and selecting “LOGINMIUR” from the drop-down menu;
2. Applicants who do not hold a LOGINMIUR account must register through the “New Registration” section of the portal <https://pica.cineca.it/humanitas/tipologia/dottorati>;
3. Applicants must pay the non-refundable application fee of €30.00 upon completion of the online application procedure and, in any case, by the application deadline. Payment instructions are provided in the individual programme descriptions (Annex A). Please note that payment of the fee alone does not constitute registration for the admission procedure;
4. Applicants must upload the following documents:
 - a **curriculum vitae**, not exceeding two pages, including details of academic qualifications (including publications and conference participation) as well as any professional or research



- experience demonstrating the candidate's aptitude for scientific research;
- a copy of a **valid identity document** or, for non-EU applicants, a copy of their passport;
 - the **Diploma Supplement** or certificates confirming the award of both the Master's degree and Bachelor's degree (or equivalent qualifications obtained in Italy or abroad), including transcripts of records with examinations taken, grades obtained, and corresponding credits. Candidates who have not yet obtained the required qualification must also provide, together with the list of examinations completed, a declaration from their thesis supervisor confirming that the candidate is expected to obtain the qualification required for enrolment in the PhD programme within the deadlines established by this Call for Applications.

No other methods of submitting applications to the selection procedure shall be accepted.

In addition to the documentation listed above, the description of each individual PhD programme (Annex A) specifies any further documents required for completion of the application.

Until the application deadline, the online platform allows applicants to save their application in draft form. Submission of the application is certified by the online system through the automatic transmission of an electronic receipt to the email address indicated in the application. Once the application deadline has expired, the system will no longer allow access to or submission of the application.

Each application is assigned an identification number which, together with the call reference code indicated in the online application system, must be quoted in all subsequent communications.

The submission of the admission application must be completed by printing and signing the electronic form filled in by the applicant. The signed form in PDF format must then be uploaded in the designated area of the online form.

Failure to submit one or more of the documents listed above may result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

In addition to the documentation indicated above, the University reserves the right to request copies of the qualifications and/or publications declared by the candidate.

Art. 5 - Candidates with Disabilities and Specific Learning Disorders (SLD)

In order to ensure equal opportunities during the selection procedure, candidates holding a certificate of civil disability and/or recognition of disability status under the Italian Law no. 104/1992, as well as candidates holding appropriate certification of Specific Learning Disorders (SLD/DSA) under the Italian Law no. 170/2010, must upload the relevant documentation issued by the competent public healthcare authority. No other methods of submitting such documentation shall be accepted.

Art. 6 – Admission Procedures

Admission to each PhD Programme shall be based on a selection procedure consisting of the assessment of qualifications and an interview, conducted by a Committee appointed by the Rector in consultation with the PhD Programme Coordinator, with the aim of evaluating:

- the candidate's scientific preparation;



- the consistency of the candidate's profile with the PhD programme;
- the candidate's aptitude for research;
- the candidate's personal motivation.

The selection procedure consists of:

1. **Evaluation of the candidate's curriculum vitae and qualifications** on the basis of the documentation submitted (maximum score: 25 points);
2. **An interview**, which may also be conducted remotely, provided that the candidate indicates this option during registration for the selection procedure. The interview is intended to assess the candidate's preparation in the scientific areas relevant to the PhD programme, as well as their research skills (maximum score: 75 points). The interview shall be conducted in English.

Only candidates who achieve the minimum score required for the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae, as specified in the individual programme descriptions (Annex A), shall be admitted to the interview.

The results of the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae may be consulted on the webpages of the relevant PhD programmes indicated in the programme descriptions.

The interviews shall be held in public session starting from 8 September 2026, according to the schedules published on the PhD programme webpages from 13 July 2026 onwards.

This publication serves as official notification for all purposes.

Candidates who have not received notice of exclusion from the selection procedure are required to attend the interview according to the published schedule. Candidates' identities shall be verified by means of a valid identity document. Failure to attend the interview according to the prescribed schedule and procedures shall be deemed withdrawal from the selection procedure.

Upon completion of the interviews, the Committee shall draw up the final ranking list based on the sum of the scores obtained by each candidate in the evaluation of qualifications and curriculum vitae and in the interview.

The selection procedure shall be deemed successfully completed by candidates obtaining a minimum overall score of 60/100.

The scores obtained by individual candidates shall be published anonymously on the PhD programme webpages of <https://www.hunimed.eu>.

Art. 7– Admission to the Programme

Candidates are admitted to the PhD program according to their position in the merit ranking, up to the number of available places. In the event of equal scores, preference is given to younger candidate.

The ranking list of eligible candidates is published on the webpages of the PhD programs indicated in the program descriptions.

The publication of the ranking list constitutes official notification, and from that date the deadlines for any appeals begin to run.



Admitted candidates forfeit their place if they do not complete enrollment within the deadlines specified in the relevant communication. In such cases, the ranking list will be used to fill vacancies according to the order of merit.

The ranking list will also be used to fill vacancies if an enrolled candidate withdraws within three months from the start of the program. In this case, the withdrawing candidate must return any scholarship payments already received.

Candidates who are admitted through the ranking list will be contacted personally by email by the PhD Office. They will receive the necessary instructions and deadlines for completing enrollment.

If a candidate is successfully placed in more than one ranking list, they must choose only one PhD program.

Simultaneous enrollment in two university study programs is permitted under the conditions established by current regulations, subject to evaluation and approval by the relevant academic bodies.

In particular, simultaneous enrollment in a PhD program and a medical specialization program is permitted under the conditions established by Ministerial Decree (DM) No. 226 of 14 December 2021.

Candidates enrolled in healthcare-related specialization schools may attend both the PhD program and the specialization school simultaneously, provided that:

- a) the compatibility of the activities of the two programs is certified by both the Specialization School Council and the PhD Faculty Board;
- b) the PhD scholarship may not be combined with the remuneration received for attendance at the specialization school.

The programme descriptions (Annex A) specify the procedures governing the filling of vacancies through the ranking list.

Art. 8 – Enrolment

Admitted candidates must complete their enrolment online through the procedure available at <https://humanitas.esse3.cineca.it/>. As part of the enrolment process, candidates are required to pay the annual contribution covering the regional fee for the right to higher education, accident insurance, and stamp duty. For the academic year 2026/2027, this contribution is set at €250.00 (two hundred and fifty euros).

Candidates who withdraw from the PhD programme shall not be entitled to the reimbursement of any enrolment fees already paid.

By the enrolment deadline, non-EU candidates must provide proof that they have applied for a residence permit. Useful information is available at <https://www.hunimed.eu/international-students/>.

The University reserves the right to request original copies of academic qualifications from candidates admitted conditionally. Candidates may be excluded from the PhD programme if they are subsequently found not to meet the admission requirements.



Art. 9 – PhD Scholarships and Equivalent Forms of Financial Support

Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the applicable regulations, following the order of the merit ranking and subject to the availability of funding. Scholarships are assigned on the basis of the research topic (“Topic”) allocated to and formally accepted by each candidate prior to the start of the PhD programme.

Research topics are assigned to admitted candidates according to the merit ranking and may take into account any specific skills required for the development of the research project, any requirements established by the funding body, and/or the preferences expressed by the candidates.

Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, paid in monthly instalments, and renewed provided that the doctoral candidate has successfully completed the programme of activities for the previous year and has been admitted to the subsequent year of the programme.

The minimum annual gross amount of PhD scholarships funded directly by the University is €21,000. Scholarships are exempt from personal income tax (IRPEF) pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984 and are subject, for social security purposes, to the provisions set out in Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as subsequently amended.

The amount of financial support may vary depending on the type of PhD programme (Annex A).

Other equivalent forms of financial support may be provided depending on the funding body, any requirements associated with participation in the research activities, and the specific tax and social security regime applicable to the relevant type of financial support.

Further information on the types of financial support associated with individual Topics is available on the webpages of the PhD programmes listed in the programme descriptions.

Specific information regarding the type of financial support offered to each candidate will be communicated at the time of Topic assignment.

PhD scholarships and equivalent forms of financial support may not be combined with any remuneration, regardless of its designation, received in connection with attendance at a medical specialisation school. Therefore, candidates awarded a funded position who are simultaneously enrolled in a specialisation school shall be entitled to receive the PhD scholarship or equivalent financial support only upon completion of their specialisation programme, in accordance with the type of financial support associated with the Topic assigned to them.

Art. 10 – Rights and obligations of the PhD Student

Admission to the PhD programme entails an exclusive and full-time commitment. By enrolling in the PhD programme, doctoral candidates undertake to:

- i) comply with the University's Code of Ethics and with the code of ethics adopted by the institution where they primarily carry out their activities;
- ii) conduct themselves in accordance with the principles of research integrity, carrying out their study and research activities with honesty, accuracy, efficiency, and objectivity;



iii) attend the courses, seminars, practical sessions, and teaching modules included in the PhD programme, and continuously pursue study and research activities within the facilities designated for this purpose by the participating institutions;

iv) complete the mandatory health and safety training required for employees and collaborators of Humanitas University and of affiliated institutions, according to the nature of the activities performed.

As an integral part of their training programme, doctoral candidates may be authorised by the PhD Faculty Board to undertake study or research activities abroad for a total period not exceeding 18 months, including non-consecutive periods.

For periods of study or research abroad lasting 30 consecutive days or more, a scholarship funded by the University may be increased by up to 50%, depending on the destination and duration of the stay.

In the event of serious and justified personal circumstances, doctoral candidates may request a temporary suspension of their enrolment in the PhD programme. Any suspension exceeding thirty days shall result in the suspension of the scholarship.

Any absence not communicated in advance, as well as the performance of employment or professional activities not authorised by the PhD Faculty Board, may constitute grounds for exclusion from the PhD programme.

Art. 11 – Award of the qualification

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), which may be abbreviated as “Ph.D” or “Dott. Ric.”, is awarded by Humanitas University upon the successful completion of the PhD programme.

Art. 12 – Processing of personal data

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the University undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the information provided by applicants. All personal data submitted will be processed solely for purposes related and ancillary to the admission procedure and, where applicable, to the management of the applicant’s relationship with the University, in compliance with the applicable legal provisions.

Art. 13 – Person in charge of the procedure

The person responsible for the selection procedure referred to in this Call for Applications is Dr. Pamela Panico.

For further information, please contact: phd@hunimed.eu.

Art. 14 – Reference Provisions

For any matters not expressly regulated by this Call for Applications, the applicable legislation governing PhD programmes and the University Regulations, available at <https://www.hunimed.eu/it/organizzazione-e-governance/documenti-ufficiali-di-ateneo/>, shall apply.



ANNEX A

PhD Programme in Applied Clinical Research

In collaboration with Humanitas Clinical and Research Hospital (IRCCS)

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Language:** English
- **Start date:** 1 December 2026
- **Scholarship amount:** The minimum annual gross amount of PhD scholarships funded directly by the University is €22,400.00. This amount is exempt from personal income tax (IRPEF) pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984 and is subject, for social security purposes, to the provisions set forth in Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as subsequently amended.
Other forms of equivalent financial support may be provided depending on the entity funding the research, any requirements necessary for participation in the research activities, and the specific tax and social security regime applicable to the relevant type of financial support.
- **Available positions:** 5 positions, at least 4 of which are funded through scholarships or equivalent financial support schemes financed by research funds or other financial resources provided by partner institutions.
The number of positions may be increased in the event of additional funding, Executive positions, or unfunded positions.
- **Programme website:** <https://www.hunimed.eu/course/phd-clinical-research/>
- **Application fee:** Applicants are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay a selection fee of €30.00 by bank transfer to the following account:
BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO S.P.A.
IBAN: 1T 1OK0306909606 100000102343 BIC/SWIFT Code: BCITITMM
Account holder: Humanitas University
The payment reference must mandatorily include: "PhD CLINICO 42", followed by the applicant's first and last name.

Please note that payment of the fee alone does not constitute registration for the selection procedure.

The application fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

Programme Description

The PhD Programme in Applied Clinical Research is designed to train clinical researchers capable of designing, conducting, and analyzing clinical studies, with a particular focus on translational medicine and the integration of clinical practice with scientific research.

Specific Admission Requirements

- Master's Degree in Medicine and Surgery (LM-41) or an equivalent qualification
- Medical specialization diploma

Physicians currently enrolled in a medical specialty training program (residency) may also apply, subject to verification of eligibility requirements and authorization from their School of Specialization.

Preferences, Selection and Allocation of Research Topics and Positions

Applicants must indicate one mandatory Area preference, which shall be binding for the purposes of admission and the operation of the reserve list (ranking list), choosing from the following:

- Surgical Area
- Medical Area
- Services Area

Applicants must also indicate their preference for up to two research topics selected from those published on the University website. The choice of research topics is not binding for the purposes of admission or the operation of the ranking list.

For the purposes of the ranking list and any subsequent allocation of vacant positions, the Area preference expressed by applicants shall be binding and shall take precedence over the score obtained.

Accordingly, positions shall be allocated to applicants who, based on their score, are ranked high enough for admission and who have indicated a preference for an Area in which research topics remain available, even where such applicants have obtained a lower score than other applicants who expressed a preference for a different Area for which no research topics are available at the time of allocation.

The selection procedure consists of two stages: assessment of the applicant's qualifications curriculum vitae and an interview.

1. The assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae (maximum 25 points) shall take into consideration:

- The applicant's academic record, with particular reference to the weighted average grade achieved during their university studies (maximum 6 points), awarded as follows:
 - from 29,0/30 to 30 (or 30 with honours) /30 -> 6 points
 - from 27,0/30 to 28,9/30 -> 5 points
 - from 25,0/30 to 26,9/30 -> 4 points
 - from 22,0/30 to 24,9/30 -> 3 points
 - from 20,0/30 to 21,9/30 -> 2 points
 - below 20,0/30 -> 1 point
- Mandatory reference letter submitted by a Referee (maximum 5 points), awarded on the basis of the overall assessment provided by the Referee, as follows:
 - Top 1% -> 5 points
 - Top 5% -> 4 points
 - Top 20% -> 2 points
 - Top 50% -> 1 point

The procedure requires applicants, upon submission of their application, to provide the contact



details of a Referee, preferably selected from among individuals who have recently supervised the applicant in an academic, scientific, or professional capacity.

The Referee will receive a communication containing instructions for the completion of a brief reference letter, which will be taken into account for evaluation purposes.

Reference letters submitted through channels other than those specified in the procedure, or received after 1:00 p.m. on 29 June 2026, will not be accepted.

The PhD Office will not issue reminders or requests for the submission of reference letters.

- Publications submitted (maximum 10 publications; maximum 10 points), awarded as follows:
 - o Review article (middle authorship position) → 0,2 points
 - o Review article (first or last author) → 0,5 points
 - o Original research article (middle authorship position) → 0,75 points
 - o Original research article (first or last author) → 1,0 point

- Other qualifications (maximum 4 points):
 - o Awards and prizes received → 0,25 points per award
 - o Periods of study or research at foreign universities or research institutions → 1 point
Experience

The assessment of qualifications shall also take into account the circumstances and timeframe in which each applicant obtained the qualifications submitted, as well as any academic evaluations that may be requested from research topic proponents who are not members of the Selection Committee, regarding the consistency between the individual applicant's profile and the research themes of the PhD project.

Applicants who obtain a minimum score of 12 points in the assessment of qualifications curriculum vitae shall be admitted to the interview stage.

2. Applicants shall undergo an interview, which may also be conducted remotely, provided this option is indicated during the application process. The interview is intended to assess the applicant's knowledge in the scientific fields relevant to the PhD programme and their research aptitude (maximum 75 points).

The interview shall be conducted in English. Scores will be awarded as follows:

- o Presentation and communication skills (maximum 25 points)
- o Presentation of academic and scientific background (maximum 20 points)
- o Motivation (maximum 15 points)
- o Consistency of the applicant's profile with the selected research area (maximum 15 points)



Applicants selected for admission shall be assigned to specific research topics, as listed on the programme website.

The assignment of research topics shall be based on:

- position in the final ranking list;
- stated Area preference.



ANNEX A

PhD Programme in Molecular, Experimental and Computational Medicine (MECM) In collaboration with Humanitas Clinical and Research Hospital (IRCCS)

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Language:** English
- **Start date:** 1 December 2026
- **Scholarship amount:** The minimum annual gross amount of PhD scholarships funded directly by the University is €21,000.00. Such scholarships are exempt from personal income tax (IRPEF) pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984 and are subject, for social security purposes, to the provisions set forth in Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as subsequently amended.
Alternative forms of equivalent financial support may be provided depending on the entity funding the research, any eligibility requirements associated with participation in the research activity, and the specific tax and social security regime applicable to the particular type of financial support.
- **Available positions:** 8 positions, all funded by a scholarship or an equivalent form of financial support.
The number of positions may be increased in the event of additional funding becoming available.
- **Programme website:** <https://www.hunimed.eu/course/phd-mecm/>
- **Application fee:** Applicants are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay a selection fee of €30.00 by bank transfer to the following account:
BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO S.P.A.
IBAN: IT 10 K 03069 09606 100000102343
BIC/SWIFT Code: BCITITMM
Account holder: Humanitas University
The payment reference must mandatorily include: “PhD MECM 42”, followed by the applicant’s first and last name.

Please note that payment of the fee alone does not constitute registration for the selection procedure.

The application fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

Available curricula

- MECM Standard
 - MECM Clinical
 - MECM Data Science
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Programme Description

The MECM PhD programme trains highly qualified researchers in the biomedical sciences through the integration of experimental, clinical, and computational approaches, with a particular focus on translational medicine and data science applied to biomedicine.

Specific Eligibility Requirements

For Applicants to the MECM Standard and Data Science Curricula

Master's degree or equivalent qualification in a scientific discipline, including:

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Medicine and Surgery
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Other related disciplines

For Applicants to the MECM Clinical Curriculum

- Master's Degree in Medicine and Surgery (LM-41) or an equivalent qualification
 - Medical Specialization Diploma or enrolment in a medical specialty training programme
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Preferences, Selection and Allocation of Research Topics and Positions

Applicants must indicate a first-choice curriculum, which shall be mandatory and binding for the purposes of admission and the operation of the ranking list, and may also indicate an optional second-choice curriculum.

Applicants must also indicate their preference for up to two research topics selected from those published on the University website. The choice of research topics shall not be binding for the purposes of admission or the operation of the ranking list.

The allocation of research topics to applicants admitted to the PhD Programme shall be based on the final ranking list and the curriculum selected, taking into account any specific competencies required for the development of the research topic and/or any requirements established by the funding body, as well as the preferences expressed by the applicants.

Where positions remain available after the initial allocation process based on applicants' first-choice curriculum preferences, such positions shall be offered, in order of ranking, to the remaining applicants on the basis of the second-choice curriculum preference, where indicated.

The selection procedure consists of two stages: the assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae, and an interview.

1. The assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae (maximum 25 points) shall take into account:



- The applicant's academic record, with particular reference to the weighted average grade achieved during their university studies (maximum 5 points), awarded as follows:
 - o from 29,0/30 to 30 (or 30 with honours) /30 -> 5 points
 - o from 27,0/30 to 28,9/30 -> 4 points
 - o from 25,0/30 to 26,9/30 -> 3 points
 - o from 22,0/30 to 24,9/30 -> 2 points
 - o below 22/30 -> 1 point

- Reference letter submitted by a Referee (maximum 2 points), awarded on the basis of the overall assessment provided by the Referee, as follows:
 - o Top 1% -> 2 points
 - o Top 5% -> 1,5 points
 - o Top 20% -> 1 point
 - o Top 50% -> 0,5 points

Upon submission of the application, applicants shall provide the contact details of a Referee, preferably selected from among individuals who have recently supervised the applicant in an academic, scientific, or professional capacity.

The Referee will receive a communication containing instructions for completing a brief reference letter, which will be taken into account for evaluation purposes.

Reference letters submitted through channels other than those specified, or received after 1:00 p.m. (CET) on 29 June 2026, will not be accepted.

The PhD Office will not issue reminders or requests for the submission of reference letters.

- Motivation letter (maximum 6 points)

- Publications submitted (officially accepted publications only) (maximum 4 points), awarded as follows:
 - o Article published in an international peer-reviewed journal (first author)-> 2 points
 - o Article published in an international peer-reviewed journal (co-author)->1,5 points
 - o Oral presentation at an international conference -> 1,5 points
 - o Poster presentation at an international conference -> 1 point
 - o Presentations at National conferences -> 0,5 points

- o Other qualifications (maximum 8 points):
 - o Awards and prizes received->2 points
 - o Experimental thesis-> 4 points
 - o Periods of study or research at foreign universities or research institutions (3–6 months)-> 2 points



- Periods of study or research at foreign universities or research institutions (more than 6 months) -> 3 points
- Training courses relevant to the PhD programme -> 1 point

The assessment of qualifications shall also take into account the circumstances and timeframe in which each applicant obtained the qualifications submitted, as well as any academic evaluations that may be requested from research topic proponents who are not members of the Selection Committee, regarding the consistency between the individual applicant's profile and the research themes of the PhD Project.

Applicants who obtain a minimum score of 12 points in the assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae shall be admitted to the interview stage.

2. Applicants shall undergo an interview, which may also be conducted remotely, provided this option is indicated during the application process. The interview is intended to assess the applicant's knowledge in the scientific fields relevant to the PhD programme and their research aptitude (maximum 75 points).

The interview shall be conducted in English. Scores will be awarded as follows:

- Presentation and communication skills (max 15 points)
- Presentation of academic and scientific background (max 25 points)
- Presentation of a scientific article (max 15 points)
- Motivation (max 20 points)

Applicants selected for admission shall be assigned to specific research topics, as listed on the programme website.

The assignment of research topics shall be based on:

- Position in the final ranking list
- First-choice curriculum preference



ANNEX A

PhD in Personalized caRe and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering (PRIME) In collaboration with Politecnico di Milano

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Language:** English
- **Start date:** 1 December 2026
- **Scholarship amount:** The minimum annual gross amount of PhD scholarships funded directly by the University is €21,000.00. Such scholarships are exempt from Italian personal income tax (IRPEF) pursuant to Article 4 of Law No. 476 of 13 August 1984 and are subject, for social security purposes, to the provisions set forth in Article 2, paragraphs 26 et seq., of Law No. 335 of 8 August 1995, as subsequently amended.
Alternative forms of equivalent financial support may be provided depending on the entity funding the research, any eligibility requirements associated with participation in the research activity, and the specific tax and social security regime applicable to the particular type of financial support.
- **Available positions:** 4 positions, all funded by a scholarship or an equivalent form of financial support financed through research funds or other financial resources provided by partner institutions.
The number of positions may be increased should additional funding become available.
- **Programme website:** <https://www.hunimed.eu/course/phd-prime/>
- **Application fee:** Applicants are required, under penalty of exclusion, to pay a selection fee of €30.00 by bank transfer to the following account:
BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO S.P.A.
IBAN: IT 10 K 03069 09606 100000102343
BIC/SWIFT Code: BCITITMM
Account holder: Humanitas University
The payment reference must mandatorily include: "PhD PRIME 42", followed by the applicant's first and last name.

Please note that payment of the fee alone does not constitute registration for the selection procedure.

The application fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

Programme Description

The PRIME PhD programme is an interdisciplinary programme that integrates medicine, engineering, and digital technologies, with the aim of developing innovative solutions for personalized medicine.

Specific Eligibility Requirements

Master's Degree or equivalent qualification in the following disciplines:

- Medical sciences
- Engineering



- Scientific disciplines

All applicants are required to demonstrate proficiency in English, either through a language certification deemed acceptable by the Selection Committee or by having obtained a degree taught in English.

Preferences, Selection and Allocation of Research Topics and Positions

At the time of application, applicants may indicate up to two preferred research topics. The preferences expressed shall not be binding for the purposes of admission to the PhD Programme, assignment of research topics, or the operation of the ranking list.

Admission to the PhD Programme shall be granted to applicants who successfully pass the selection procedure, within the limits of the available positions. Positions shall be allocated according to the order of the final ranking list, taking into account the preferences expressed by applicants regarding the research topic to be pursued during the doctoral training programme.

The allocation of research topics to applicants admitted to the PhD Programme shall be based on the final ranking list and shall take into account any specific competencies required for the development of the research project and/or any requirements established by the funding body, as well as the preferences expressed by the applicants.

A single ranking list shall be established and updated in the event of withdrawals or forfeiture of admission.

The selection procedure consists of two stages: the assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae, and an interview.

1. The assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae (maximum 25 points) shall take into account:

- The applicant's academic record (maximum 15 points), awarded as follows:
 - = 29 or degree awarded >110 -> 15 points
 - 27-28,99 -> 12 points
 - 25-26,9 -> 9 points
 - 23-24,99 -> 6 points
 - Fino a 22,99-> 0 points
- Applicant's profile and its relevance to the PhD Programme (max 5 punti)
- Curriculum vitae et studiorum and titles (max 5 points):
 - Periods of study or training abroad (e.g. Erasmus programme)
 - Awards and prizes received (e.g. thesis awards)
 - Publications
 - Participation in conferences
 - Other relevant experiences (e.g. fellowships, honours programmes, the Virgilio Program, etc.)



The assessment of qualifications shall also take into account the circumstances and timeframe in which each applicant obtained the qualifications submitted, as well as any academic evaluations that may be requested from individuals external to the Selection Committee regarding the consistency between the applicant's profile and the research themes of the PhD project.

Applicants who obtain a minimum score of 15 points in the assessment of qualifications and curriculum vitae shall be admitted to the interview stage.

2. Applicants shall undergo an interview, which may also be conducted remotely, provided this option is indicated during the application process. The interview is intended to assess the applicant's knowledge in the scientific fields relevant to the PhD Programme and their research aptitude (up to a maximum of 75 points).

The interview shall be conducted in English. Scores shall be awarded as follows:

- Presentation of academic and scientific background (max 25 points)
- Motivation (max 25 points)
- Presentation and communication skills (max 25 points)

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The assignment of research topics shall be based on:

- Position in the final ranking list
- Consistency of the applicant's profile with the research topic.