

PhD Course: ANIMAL AND FOOD SCIENCE			
Department	AGRONOMIA ANIMALI ALIMENTI RISORSE NATURALI E AMBIENTE - DAFNAE		
Duration	3 years		
Number of positions	Scholarships funded by external public or private bodies/Departments	n. 1	1 scholarship funded by TDM-Nutriservice - Topic: Development of data-driven predictive models using precision livestock farming tools for the assessment of metabolic-nutritional status, welfare and resilience in dairy cows;
	Total number of positions	n. 1	
Selection criteria	PRESELECTION ON THE BASIS OF EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND ORAL EXAMINATION		
Oral examination via remote interview:	Applicants who have requested it in the application form will take the oral exam via remote interview using the ZOOM videoconference tool.		
Evaluation criteria	Qualifications: points max 40 Oral examination: points max 60		
Documents to be submitted	Thesis:	Points: max 5	Applicants waiting to be awarded the entrance qualification: those waiting to be awarded the entrance qualification by 31 st October 2026 will submit a summary of the master thesis project (max. 4 pages) signed by the applicant and the supervisor. Applicants with the awarded title have to submit the pdf of their thesis.
	Curriculum:	Points: max 22	Upload your curriculum vitae et studiorum, your experiences of study, education and research abroad must be also included in the curriculum. Use the template of curriculum available at this link https://www.phdanimalfoodscience.org/application.html
	Scientific publications:	Points: max 3	Upload your publications - pdf file
	Other documents:	Points: max 10	1. Motivation letter describing the personal expectations and motivations of the candidate, his/her scientific interests and research topics in which he/she wishes to be involved; 2. Reference letters (maximum 2) by researchers or experts evidencing the research and work aptitudes of the candidate.
Publication of the results of the evaluation of the preselection	Within 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 the evaluating Commission will publish the results of the evaluation of the qualifications in the following website: https://www.phdanimalfoodscience.org/application.html In order to be admitted to the examination, the candidate must get a score of at least 7/10 in the preselection.		
Publication of the timetable of remote interviews and instructions on how to use the	By 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 the Commission will publish on the course website https://www.phdanimalfoodscience.org/application.html the timetable of the remote interviews and the instructions on how to use the ZOOM video conferencing for those applicants who have chosen in the application form to take the oral examination via remote interview and who have passed the preselection on the basis of the qualifications with a pass-mark of at least 7/10.		

ZOOM video conferencing	
Oral examination	14 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 09:00 - AULA BONSEMBIANTE, Stecca 1 - Dipartimento Agronomia Animali Alimenti Risorse Naturali e Ambiente, viale dell'Università 16, Legnaro (35020 Padova), Italia
Language/s	Foreign language/s assessment at the oral examination: At the oral examination the commission will assess the knowledge of the following language: English Admission exam: The admission exam will be taken in: English or Italian
Examination topics	The oral examination will be based on the candidate's motivations, the general knowledge and research aptitude in animal science (with reference to animal breeding and genetics, animal feeding and nutrition, welfare and production systems of beef, dairy, pigs, poultry, rabbits and aquaculture) and food science (with reference to production, transformation, and assessment of the quality of animal and plant food products). The research aptitude of the candidate will be assessed by discussing previous research experiences, including those regarding the master thesis.
PhD Course Website:	https://www.phdanimalfoodscience.org/
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How to apply	The application must be submitted only via the online procedure available at: https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati42luglio The documents must be attached in pdf format. The application and the attached documents are submitted automatically by closing the online procedure. So, no hard copy of the application and of the documents must be sent to the office.
Deadlines	Publication of the ranking lists and enrollment from 23 September 2026 Beginning of PhD courses 1 November 2026
The gross annual amount of the scholarship for this PhD Course is € 18,643.00, determined by the amount of €17,443.00, increased by an annual additional supplement of €1,200.00	