

Factsheet no. 10

PhD Programme in Translational Medicine

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| Language | English/Italian |
| Duration | 3 years |
| Academic Objectives | The overall aim of the Ph.D. programme in 'Translational Medicine' is to educate and train graduate students from different academic backgrounds who are highly motivated to pursue a career in experimental biomedicine and/or clinical research. Particular emphasis is placed on approaching timely problems and attendant mechanisms by interdisciplinary means, with the ultimate goal of translating the results of laboratory, experimental, and clinical research into innovative and more effective diagnostic tools and therapeutic strategies. Teaching activities take place over three years and are aimed at developing the skills required for conducting research in the bio-medical field. From the first year of the course, Ph.D. students develop their research projects in a multidisciplinary environment, with the opportunity to share their ideas with people from very different, but often complementary, scientific backgrounds. Direct access to high-quality research facilities is guaranteed by numerous ongoing agreements with the best research institutes in Italy and abroad. |
| Available Positions | no. 5 positions with a scholarship funded by Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna |
| Additional documentation to be attached to the online application | Mandatory documents (in addition to those listed in Art. 3 of the Call for Applications): Candidates who obtained their degree in Italy are required to indicate the arithmetic mean of the marks obtained during the course, also highlighting honours. Candidates who obtained their degree abroad are required to indicate, where appropriate, the minimum and maximum scores for the qualification itself as well as the arithmetic mean of the marks obtained in individual exams, highlighting the minimum and maximum score achievable. The Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum and the research project (max 5000 words), as required by the Call, must be preferably written using the models attached to this form (Annex 1 and Annex 2). Optional: Copy of any other certification or publication that the candidate deems relevant to the programme |
| Evaluation Criteria | Assessment of qualifications – maximum score: 70 The Selection 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 , feasibility , and relevance to the lines of research indicated on the Ph.D. programme in the Web page presentation. On completing the assessment, the Committee will express a concise evaluation and assign a score out of seventy. Candidates with a score of at least 49/70 will be accepted for interview. Candidates are not required to be present through the assessment of qualifications. |



| Interview –maximum score: 30 | |
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| During the interview with the Selection Committee, candidates will present their CVs and the research project in a short PowerPoint presentation. The interview aims to evaluate the research vocation and the candidate's ability to propose an innovative, coherent, and autonomous research program. | |
| Candidates obtaining a score below 21/30 in the interview will be excluded from selection. | |
| The interview can be conducted as a video conference. In this case, the document of identification provided when registering online must be presented before starting the interview to confirm the identity of the candidate. | |
| The minimum score for inclusion in the final ranking list is 70/100. | |
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