







Design and Model based Public Planning, Policy Design and Management



## **The Program**

The University of Palermo (UNIPA) invites excellent students to apply for the PhD Program in Model based Public Planning, Policy Design and Management (full-time program) starting in the coming academic year. Up to three scholarships are offered to the best applicants. The application period for the academic year 2016/2017 is already open and will end on August 13, 2015.

The primary aim of the PhD is to prepare students for research and teaching in the area of Public Management. UNIPA offers a stimulating learning and research environment to outstanding students from around the world. PhD students attend courses at UNIPA as well in the universities' partners, such as the University of Bergen (Norway) and R a d b o u d University (The Netherlands).

The program is open for students, from all countries, provided they hold a Master degree. To participate in the selection process a candidate's application must be received via web. Applicants should be aware that there is a two-step evaluation procedure. The first step will take place on October 1st, 2015 (9:00 am) in Palermo, and it will consist in a written essay.

The second step will take place on October 2nd , and it will consist in an interview to assess the candidate motivations to enroll in the PhD program and to discuss the research proposal submitted.

For those candidates who apply for a position without scholarship provided by UNIPA, as private or other funds are available, the written essay is not required and the interview can be done via Skype on October 2nd

UNIPA PhD graduated can look forward to a rewarding career at leading academic institutions or Public Administrations.

The UNIPA PhD program in "Model based Public Planning, Policy Design and Management" consists of two parts: mandatory coursework and work on the PhD thesis. The students attend courses covering all major topics in Public Management, System Dynamics and methods required for doing research in the Public Management field.

During the first year, PhD students will attend courses in Palermo (1st semester) and at the University of Bergen (2nd semester).

During the second, students will attend courses at the University of Radboud -Nijmegen (almost 1 semester). The third year is devoted to write the PhD thesis.

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## How to Apply

A. Register your profile on the Student Portal (PORTALE STUDENTI) at the following links http://studenti.unipa.it. In this page, click on "CLICCA QUI PER REGISTRARTI AL PORTALE STUDENTI". On the top right side of the screen you can change the language (Italian, English). After the registration, you will receive the password by email in a few hours.

- B. Once you get the password by email, login using your username and password (http://studenti.unipa.it and then click on "ACCEDI AL PORTALE" on the left side of the screen).
- C. Click on "NUOVA PRATICA" in the left side of the screen, and select "NUOVA PRATICA".
- D. Click on "DOTTORATI DI RICERCA" and select "DOMANDA DI PARTECIPAZIONE A CONCORSO PER L'ACCESSO AD UN CORSO DI DOTTORATO DI RICERCA".
- E. Fill in the application form in all fields. Please notice that the Ph.d. program is titled "MODELLI PER IL MIGLIORAMENTO DELLA PERFORMANCE NEL SETTORE PUBBLICO" (the Italian translation of MODEL BASED PUBLIC PLANNING, POLICY DESIGN, AND MANAGEMENT).

In the application process, you will be asked to upload the following documents (each of them has to be signed by the applicant):

- 1. Curriculum vitae in Europass format (see attachment A);
- 2. List of qualifications, e.g. publications, degrees, etc. (see attachment B please notice the t you do not need to fill in the field "fiscal code");
- 3. The research project proposal (max 5 pages) you may want to develop during the Ph.D. program;
- 4. A copy of your passport.
- At the end of the application process, print the application fee payment form (Eur 50,00) to be paid by August 12th Please notice that foreign applicants (i.e., without Italian citizenship) are exempted from paying the application fee.

Deadline 13 August 2015

