

Bocconi University, Milan
PhD School

PhD in Social and Political Science

Call for Applications

The PhD in Social and Political Science at Bocconi University is a modern 4-year, full-time program designed for highly qualified and motivated students.

Our program focuses on the connections between social and political science, acknowledging how political processes, social dynamics, and economic factors intertwine. Students have the opportunity to specialize in one or more of our renowned faculty's core areas, such as demography and population dynamics, economic history, international relations, gender studies, political science, political economy, public and global health, as well as public administration and public policy.

The program provides students with an early immersion in the world of research. In the first year, all students take a set of foundational courses to build or refine their skills in mathematics, research methods, and statistics. They also develop a comprehensive understanding of social and political sciences from a multidisciplinary perspective. Between the first and second years, students are expected to participate in research internships, collaborating with our esteemed faculty. The second year features advanced courses that showcase cutting-edge research findings, with a focus on both social and political dynamics. This year culminates in a choice of three elective courses, allowing students to delve even deeper into specialized areas. Following this, students will design and execute their own research project, ultimately producing a journal-length paper. The third and fourth years are solely dedicated to dissertation research. Students engage in a research workshop, join field-specific reading groups, and attend department seminars featuring prominent scholars from around the world. Throughout this period, students work closely with their mentors and receive practical training in conducting scientific research. Additionally, during the third and fourth years, students have opportunities for international exchange experiences. Upon completion, students receive guidance on presenting their job market papers and receive advice on navigating the job market.

The faculty are World leaders in their respective research fields and hold key positions in both research and policy development. In addition to publishing in top academic journals, many faculty members are actively involved as editors for renowned international journals or work as consultants with global organizations. They have a strong track record of receiving prestigious research grants, including awards from institutions like the European Research Council and the National Science Foundation in the United States.

The PhD program is designed to prepare and foster careers either in leading academic institutions or in international think tanks; sub-, national, and supra-national governmental organizations; NGOs; and the private sector.

Applications can be submitted by candidates of any citizenship who:

- have completed or are completing their graduate studies and
- have at least a "proven" B2 (CEFR) level of competence in English.

For the **PhD in Social and Political Science**, the PhD School offers:

- a maximum of 5 places with a fellowship
- 1 place with a merit-based tuition waiver covering up to 100% of tuition fees

Tuition fees for students without a fellowship or tuition waiver amount to € 15,000 for year 1 and 2 and € 5,000 for year 3 and 4.

A candidate will be eligible for admission if he or she has obtained at least 70 points out of 100 in the qualifications assessment and at least 20 points out of 30 in the interview.

See the full official call published on the website www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd for complete information.

Applications are due by 16 January 2024.

For more information about the program, its courses and the admission procedure, please feel free to contact our Program Assistant at infophd@unibocconi.it or visit our website at www.unibocconi.eu/phdsps