**Evaluation criteria for the admission to the**

**PhD Program in Neuroscience**

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**(XXXIX Cycle)**

**1. Qualifications (max 15 points)**

1.1 University final degree mark (max 5 points)

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| **Mark** | **Points** |
| 110, 110 e lode | 5 |
| 109 -108 | 4 |
| 107 -106 | 3 |
| 105 -104 | 2 |
| 103 -102 | 1 |
| <102 | 0 |

1.2 Publications (max 5 points)

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| **Descriptions** | **Points** |
| ISI (author) | 2.5 |
| ISI (co-author) | 2 |
| Contribution to a lecture/ congress | 0.5 |

1.3 Research experiences (max X points)

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| **Descriptions** | **Points** |
| Experience abroad (at least 2 months, including Erasmus) | 0.5 |
| Collaboration contracts | 0.5 |
| Training courses for researchers | 0.5 |

1.4 Curriculum Vitae and other qualifications relevant to the scientific-disciplinary sectors indicated in the PhD program: past work, stage/internship, II level master degree, Specialization, other academic degree. (max 4.5 points)

**2. Research Proposal (max 5 points)**

In the Research Proposal, the candidate must prove clear abilities to design, organize and develop the scientific research in total autonomy. The full text must not exceed 3500 words. This proposal, which must be submitted by candidates in order to apply to the call, will not be considered compulsory for the research activities of winner applicants:

* Knowledge of the state of the art
* Innovative aspects of the project
* Clarity and completeness of the specific objectives, research strategy, attainability
* Feasibility of the project
* Relevance of the project to the educational goals of the PhD program.

**3. Written Exam (max 45 points)**

Candidates who, in the overall evaluation of qualifications and the project, have achieved a score of at least 10/100 are admitted to the written test.

In particular, the following will be evaluated:

* Knowledge and competence of the topic: up to 30 points
* Ability to synthesize and clarity: up to 10 points
* Thoroughness and knowledge of the most recent scientific findings: up to 5 points.

**4. Oral Exam (max 35 points)**

Candidates who have achieved a grade of at least 30/100 in the written test are admitted to the oral exam. During the oral exam, aspects concerning the qualifications presented, the written paper and / or the project will be investigated and clarified, the scores of which will be distributed as follows:

* Discussion about the research project: (max 20 points)
* Discussion about written text exam and curriculum: capability in summarize the central points and academic qualifications (max 10 points)
* Foreign language (max 5 points).

Minimum score 20/100

**The minimum final resulting score for the admission is 60/100**