**Evaluation scores for admission to the**

**PhD course in**

**EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY**

**(39th cycle)**

Tables of scores assigned in the evaluation procedures

**1. Qualifications (max 30 pts. including the project)**

1.1 Final score of your degree (MSc or equivalent)

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| **Grade** | **Pts.** |
| Max. cum laude | 10 |
| >98% of max. | 8 |
| >95% of max. | 5 |
| >=91% of max. | 2 |
| <91% of max | 0 |

1.2 University exam transcript. Average of grades.

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| **Grade average** | **Pts.** |
| >93% of max. with honours | 5 |
| >93% of max. | 4 |
| >87% of max. | 2 |
| >80% of max. | 1 |
| <=80% of max. | 0 |

1.3 Publications (max 4 pts.)

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| **Description** | **Pts.** |
| Full text ISI-indexed publications will be evaluated according to the national/international journal’s visibility, position of the applicant among the authors and adherence to one or more of the following disciplines: Botany, Plant physiology, Zoology, Ecology, Anthropology, Physiology, Biochemistry, Molecular biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Virology, Parasitology or, else, one of the topics mentioned in the call.  | Up to 4 |

1.4 Other educational and research achievements (max 3 pts.)

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| **Description** | **Pts.** |
| Other post-MSc degrees, international student exchange programs for at least 3 months, fellowships for research programs in the fields of Botany, Plant physiology, Zoology, Ecology, Anthropology, Physiology, Biochemistry, Molecular biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Virology, Parasitology or, else, one of the topics mentioned in the call.. | Up to 3 |

1.5 Recommendation letters (max 2 pts.)

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| **Description** | **Pts.** |
| Two recommendation letters are requested, from active researchers with whom you have been in contact. | Up to 2 |

1.6 Research project (max 6 pts.)

Candidates are requested to propose their own research project, which is supposed to (but not necessarily) be adherent to one of the research lines mentioned in the call and can be discussed with one or more of the board members in advance. Stay within 6000 chars. (spaces included). Please note that, if admitted, your research activity will be fully concerted with your supervisor and may adhere only partially to this project.

Evaluation will consider:

* The description of the state of the art;
* The originality of the proposal;
* The suitability of the methods;
* Formal correctness;
* The project’s feasibility in light of the research lines of the PhD course;
* Adherence to the PNRR goals.

**The minimum score for admission to the oral exami is 15/30.**

 **2. Oral exam (max 70 pts.)**

Candidates are required to discuss their qualifications and their own research project.

Evaluation will consider:

* Relevance of the research project and expected results (60 pts.)

Special attention will be given to:

Originality of the content;

Ability to synthesize

Clarity

Adherence to the PNRR goals.

* Comprehension of written English and speaking skills (10 pts.).

**The minimum overall score for admission to the PhD course is 60/100.**