PhD Course: NEUROSCIENCE		
Department	Centro di Ateneo "Padova Neuroscience Center"	
Duration	3 years	
Number of positions	Scholarships funded by external public or private bodies/Departments	n. 4	**1** scholarship funded by Dipartimento di Scienze Biomediche - DSB su fondi del progetto finanziato dall'Unione Europea – NextGenerationEU ID MSCA2024_0000071 - PNRR Missione 4 – Componente 2 – Investimento 1.2 – Avviso pubblico MUR 201.2024 "Young Researchers" vincitori e vincitrici di grant MSCA - CUP C93C25001920006 - resp. scientifico dott. Jacopo Agrimi e del progetto finanziato dal programma Horizon Europe HORIZON-HLTH-2024-ENVHLTH-02-06-two-stage MARKOPOLO (G.A. 101156161) - resp. scientifico prof. Nazareno Paolocci **- Topic:** Neurobiological effects of repeated male violence: a translational study on female animal models dissecting pathophysiological mechanisms; **1** scholarship funded by Dipartimento di Scienze Biomediche - DSB su fondi di cui è responsabile scientifico il prof Nazareno Paolocci **- Topic:** Impact of the acoustic contamination on the neurobiology heart-brain axis; **1** scholarship funded by Istituto di Neuroscienze (IN) del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) **- Topic:** Creating a bioinformatic infrastructure for mapping the neural correlates of perceptual awareness; **1** scholarship funded by Symrise S.r.l. **- Topic:** Development of a neuro-cutaneous system on ex-vivo human skin samples to be used as an evaluation system for topically applied cosmetic active ingredients;
	Total number of positions	**n. 4**	
Selection criteria	PRESELECTION ON THE BASIS OF EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND ORAL EXAMINATION	
Oral examination via remote interview:	Applicants who have requested it in the application form will take the oral exam via remote interview using the ZOOM videoconference tool.	
Evaluation criteria	Qualifications: points max 50 Oral examination: points max 50	
Documents to be submitted	Thesis:	Points: max 5	Applicants waiting to be awarded the entrance qualification: applicants who do not yet possess the entrance qualification (e.g. MA degree etc.), but expect those to be awarded by 30th September 2025 will need to submit a summary of the master thesis project (max. 4 pages) signed by the applicant and the supervisor. Candidates with a Master's degree obtained abroad that do non require a thesis: please attach publications of scientific works, if any.
	Curriculum:	Points: max 20	Candidates need to use the template "CV Form", available on the website of the PhD program: http://pnc.unipd.it/admission/. Candidates are

			required to provide all the information requested, carefully filling in each field in the CV form. For the academic qualifications, please provide the required information about the Bachelor Degree (in Italian: Laurea Triennale). Moreover, candidates are asked to specify the weighted average of their exam marks/grdes (based on the relative credit weights) obtained in the Master's Degree, MA (in Italian: Laurea Magistrale/Specialistica) or arithmetic average for exams taken in the "Laurea Vecchio Ordinamento" (old Italian system).
	Other documents:	Points: max 10	(i) Two letters of reference written by faculty members, to be uploaded by the sponsors (not by the candidate) onto the PICA platform before the deadline (max 5 points). (ii) Motivation letter describing the candidate's personal motivation for choosing to apply for this PhD program (max 500 words; max 5 points).
	Research project:	Points: max 15	A research project following the template ("Research Project Form") available at the PhD program website http://pnc.unipd.it/admission/ (max 15 points).
Publication of the results of the evaluation of the preselection	Within **08 SEPTEMBER 2025** the evaluating Commission will publish the results of the evaluation of the qualifications in the following website: **https://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/admission/** In order to be admitted to the examination, the candidate must get a score of at least 7/10 in the preselection.		
Publication of the timetable of remote interviews and instructions on how to use the ZOOM video conferencing	By 08 SEPTEMBER 2025 the commission will publish on the course website https://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/admission/ the timetable of the remote interviews and the instructions on how to use the ZOOM video conferencing for those applicants who have chosen in the application form to take the oral examination via remote interview and who have passed the preselection on the basis of the qualifications with a pass-mark of at least 7/10.		
Oral examination	12 SEPTEMBER 2025 09:00 - Sala Riunioni del Centro di Ateneo Padova Neuroscience Center – PNC, Palazzina F, Piano 1, Via Orus 2/B, 35129, Padova		
Language/s	**Foreign language/s assessment at the oral examination:** At the oral examination the commission will assess the knowledge of the following language/s: English. **Admission exam:** The admission exam will be taken in: English		

Examination topics	During the oral examination, candidates will be asked to explain the motivations that lead them to undertake a PhD in Neuroscience, and to describe their scientific interests in this field. During the exam, candidates will also discuss their submitted Research Project, which should be based on 1-2 research lines proposed by the Academic Board of the PhD in Neuroscience, as described on the Course website (https://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/phd-research-lines/). The Admission Committee will also discuss her/his CV and qualifications with the candidate. For those who apply for Priority Research-based fellowships (borse a tema vincolato), part of the oral examination will be dedicated to verifying the candidate's suitability and qualifications for the chosen topic.
PhD Course Website:	https://pnc.unipd.it/phd-neuroscience/
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How to apply	The application must be submitted only via the online procedure available at: **https://pica.cineca.it/unipd/dottorati41luglio** The documents must be attached in pdf format. The application and the attached documents are submitted authomatically by closing the online procedure, so no hard copy of the application and of the documents must be sent to the office.
Deadlines	Publication of the ranking lists and enrollment from **24 September 2025** Beginning of PhD courses **1 November 2025**