

Public competition for the admission to PhD programs of Bocconi University

THE RECTOR

in compliance with the law and the rules and regulations of the University¹

DECREES as follows:

Article 1: PhD PROGRAMS

Bocconi University hereby announces the Public Call for Applications to the 42nd cycle (academic year 2026/2027) of the following PhD programs:

1. **Business Administration and Management (BA&M)**
2. **Economics and Finance (EC-FIN)**
3. **Legal Studies (LS)**
4. **Mathematics and Applications (MATH)**
5. **Social and Political Science (SPS)**
6. **Statistics and Computer Science (STAT-CS)**

The activation of the PhD programs is subject to the completion of the Ministerial accreditation process.

The number of places available may be subject to change, with subsequent provisions, should Bocconi benefit from additional external funding after the publication of this Call. However, the application deadline will remain unchanged.

For programs organized in curricula, applicants must select the curriculum they opt for during the online application. For the PhD program in Statistics and Computer Science only, candidates may apply to both curricula and consequently be eligible for admission to either or both. If a candidate applies to both curricula, they may be deemed eligible for admission to both.

A curriculum will be activated only if at least three students are enrolled.

Article 2: PLACES AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The enrollment of the qualified candidates (as per art. 9 and 10) can take place under one of the following conditions:

¹ - Ministerial Decree 14th December, 2021, n. 226 and Ministerial Guidelines 22nd March, 2022 regarding accreditation of Programs and Universities.
- Law 30th December 2010 n. 240 art. 19.
- Bocconi PhD Programs - Academic Rules and Regulations (issued with R.D. 76/2025) and PhD Programs Handbook, both published on Bocconi website).
- Deliberations of the PhD School Council, Academic Council and University Board- Executive Committee regarding programs to be offered in 2026-27.

1) **with Bocconi/TEF² fellowship:**

1.a) based on merit

or

1.b) based on merit and financial conditions (see art. 11)

2) with **payment of tuition fees**

3) with **tuition waiver**

PhD students are always required to pay the regional tax, as per current regulations (amount of regional tax: see art. 11).

The number of places available for each PhD program is described in the Annex 1 of the present Call.

Besides Bocconi and TEF fellowships, there might be fellowships funded by external donors (private or public institution)³:

- In case of “non ad personam financing” (no specific topic required for research activities), the donor signs an ad hoc agreement with Bocconi; in such case the number of fellowships is increased before the publication of admission results; the external donor fellowship is managed as all other fellowships (the recipient pays no tuition fees; replacement is possible in case the candidate declines the offer);
- in case of “ad personam financing”, the candidate receives the financial support directly from the external donor (the recipient must pay tuition fees; replacement is not possible).

Article 3: REQUIREMENTS

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.

Graduate qualifications accepted:

- Italian degrees: second level degrees (“laurea magistrale/specialistica, laurea magistrale a ciclo unico, laurea vecchio Ordinamento”);
- non-Italian degrees of equivalent level (eg. level 7 European Qualification Framework) recognised by the Admission Board.

The suitability of foreign qualifications is verified by the Admission Board in conformity with the applicable Italian and foreign rules, or in conformity with international treaties or agreements on the validity of qualifications for post-graduate education.

² Tech Europe Foundation, hereafter also referred as TEF, is a non-profit institution promoted by its founding members Fondazione Politecnico di Milano, Bocconi University, ION and FSI. TEF’s goal is to create an ecosystem that fosters collaboration between academic research, companies and startups, integrating entrepreneurial development with scientific innovation. The Foundation aims to establish an open environment where scientists, companies and startups can collaborate and grow together, helping to consolidate Milan as a center of excellence for technological and entrepreneurial innovation.

³ For example, the Government of the Country of origin of the candidate, or Foundations.

Candidates whose Italian or non-Italian degree qualifications have not yet been awarded by the final application deadline can take part in the selection process and will be admitted conditionally.

They must be awarded the required degree qualifications by 31st October 2026, or their enrollment will be void. Certifications of required qualifications must be produced by 10th December 2026.

Article 4: SELECTION DEADLINES

Application opening date	3 rd October 2025
Application closing date	15 th January 2026 (5 th February 2026 STAT-CS and MATH only)
PhD admission results (personal email about admission result)	No later than 16 th March 2026

Article 5: APPLICATION

Applications - in English - shall be submitted online at <http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd>.

To complete their application, applicants must:

- register to obtain a Personal ID and password;
(*please note that Bocconi students already have the required credentials*);
- enter the required information in the fields provided;
- upload the necessary documents;
- submit the application.

Detailed instructions can be found at

<https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/admission-phd-programs/preparing-apply>

Applicants are responsible for the accuracy of the information they provide and the validity of the documents they upload. The University reserves the right to verify such information and documentation and to exclude the students at any time, even after the completion of the enrollment procedure.

Entering data and uploading documents:

Applicants can access the online procedure more than once.

- Entering data:

Applicants will enter data on each section, then click on SAVE for each section; data can be modified and then saved by clicking on SAVE.

- Uploading documents:

Applicants will upload documents on each separate section; if changes are required, an uploaded document can be replaced with a new document, which will be saved automatically, or cancelled if applicants want no document to be uploaded.

If more than one document needs to be uploaded, a zip file is to be created and then uploaded.

Submitting application:

First step:

Applicants must click on SUBMIT DATA only when no changes are needed in the DATA entered on each section. No data changes are allowed after clicking on SUBMIT DATA.

Second step:

Applicants must click on SUBMIT APPLICATION only when no changes are needed in each UPLOADS section. No data and/or uploads can be changed after clicking on SUBMIT APPLICATION.

In summary, applicants must click on SUBMIT DATA and SUBMIT APPLICATION **only** when they have finalized their application.

Applications are completed and can only be assessed after clicking on SUBMIT DATA and SUBMIT APPLICATION.

In order to close the application and be evaluated, all the mandatory documents must be uploaded.

Applicants may apply for more than one PhD program using the same ID and password; however, if they apply for more than one program, separate online application must be submitted.

Article 6: SELECTION CRITERIA

Admission to the PhD program is decided by the Admission Board, who will evaluate the suitability of the applicants for the program.

The selection process can take place under one of the following methods, depending on the PhD program to which you are applying:

- **One step evaluation:** Assessment is based on the candidate's dossier only. The Admission Board may decide to conduct a brief online interview to get clarification about the students' qualifications. No "separate" points are given to the possible interview. *Valid for BA&M, EC-FIN, STAT-CS, MATH*
- **Two step evaluation:** Assessment is based on the candidate's dossier (first step) and then an interview in order to assess their aptitude for research in the program's subjects (second step). *Valid for LS and SPS*

The method of evaluation for each PhD program is described in detail in Annex 1 of the present Call.

Article 7: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION

All documents must be in English, except for those regarding the academic records (which can be in Italian) and publications, which can be in any language.

The table below provides a general overview of the documents that might be required during application. For each document, the characteristics that the uploaded file must have are described.

The detailed list of documents to be uploaded for the evaluation of admission to each PhD program, including information about which document is mandatory and which not, is provided in the Annex 1.

TYPE OF INFORMATION	REQUIRED online INFORMATION	DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED
Personal CV	Personal details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copy of international passport (preferred) - identity document-duly translated in English if not written in Italian (second choice); - passport photo (JPG format); - full CV (education, work experience, language skills, study/work abroad, other relevant skills and experiences.
English language requirements A B2 (CEFR) competence level of English or above is <u>required</u> to be admitted to all PhD programs	Proof of competence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognized international English language certification /test; in case of international test (TOEFL, IELTS) the result must be still valid (not expired); - University or secondary school studies in English; - internal English exam in a Bocconi degree program; - English native speaker. 	Documentary evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in case of international language certification / test: foreign language certificate; the list of recognizable certifications /tests is available in the online application procedure - in case of secondary school studies in English: high school certificate; - in case of University studies or internal English exam in a Bocconi degree program: no upload is required (info is available in the section "academic records"); - in case of English native speaker: no upload is required.
Academic records Only applicants with Italian graduate degrees or non-Italian degrees of equivalent level (7 EQF), recognised by the PhD Admission Board, can be admitted to the PhD programs. Applicants who have not achieved their degree yet are allowed to apply, but they must obtain the degree by 31 st October 2026, otherwise their enrollment will be void.	University, name of degree, field of study, type of degree (one-cycle system, two-cycle system)	Documents in English or Italian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two-cycles system, (3+2 yrs, 3+1 yrs, 4+1 yrs, 4+2 yrs, others): <u>Undergraduate degrees (6 EQF):</u> Transcript of exams and certification of degree awarded and final grade. (see "*" note below the table) <u>Graduate degrees (7 EQF):</u> Transcript of exams. If the applicant has already been awarded a degree, the certification of the degree awarded with final grade is also required: see "*") ● One-cycle system (4yrs, 5 yrs, others; 7 EQF):

		Transcript of exams. If the applicant has already been awarded a degree, the certification of the degree awarded with final grade is also required: see “**”)
International graduate admission tests score (GMAT/GRE) - <i>This document is NOT mandatory but contributes to increasing the score in the final ranking.</i>	<p>GMAT (or GRE) with date and results. A valid (not expired) result is necessary.</p> <p>Please note that GRE Test Taker Score Reports are only available 15 days after the test date. We urge applicants to take the test well in advance as the report must be uploaded before the application closing date, 15th January 2026 (5th February 2026 STAT-CS only)</p>	<p>GMAT: official score report or unofficial report</p> <p>GRE: Test Taker Score Report</p>
Statement of purpose	---	Short description (max 1200 words) of motivation for enrollment in Bocconi PhD programs, research interests and professional goals
Research proposal (LS only)	---	Detailed description of research proposal coherent with one of the curricular disciplinary fields
References (up to three reference letters) - <i>These documents are NOT mandatory but contributes to increasing the score in the final ranking.</i>	<p>Names and email addresses of referees (up to three) chosen by the applicant.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to enter and save referees’ names and e-mail addresses well before the deadline, so the referees will have time to write and upload their letters</p>	<p>Referees will be automatically asked to upload their reference letters by the application closing date, 15th January 2026 (5th February 2026 STAT-CS and MATH only)</p> <p>Applicants can access the online procedure to see whether the reference letters have been uploaded</p>
Other relevant documents (e.g. thesis’ abstract, publications, certifications in languages other than English, etc.) (LS only)	<p>-thesis’ abstract (only if the study plan of the 7 EQF degree program includes a thesis). Maximum length: one page;</p> <p>-publications;</p> <p>-certifications in languages other than English;</p> <p>-other programs attended;</p> <p>-other documents (including important medical certifications, if any).</p>	A maximum of five documents can be uploaded
“Ad personam” external fellowship (if any) See “**” note below the table	self-declaration of financial support by external donor, if any	Document attesting ad personam financial support by external donor

(Notes):

- (*) Candidates must upload certification of their degrees specifying: the name of the degree, home University, date of graduation, final grade (if available), exams taken and grades achieved.
Candidates who do not have completed their graduate studies must upload documents certifying their enrollment in a degree program, their full study plan, exams taken and grades achieved.
Self-certification is allowed only for Italian and foreign candidates holding Italian degrees.
Documents sent by post or email are not accepted.
- (**) Candidates must notify their *ad personam* fellowship (if any) as soon as they received official documentation attesting it; this documentation may occur at any time; therefore, the relevant section in the online application should only be completed if the applicant is certain to benefit from the fellowship before the application deadline.
Otherwise, the candidate must notify the University later (either before or after enrollment BUT WITHIN 3rd JULY 2026) by e-mailing phdadministrativecenter@unibocconi.it.
Financial support by external donors is not included in the assessment criteria, therefore it does not contribute to increasing the score in the ranking for admission results.

Article 8: RESULTS

The Rector validates the competition records and approves the ranking lists.
Candidates who have ranked highly on each list are declared admitted, provided they meet the admission requirements for access to the PhD Call for Application and enrollment in a PhD program.

Candidates are admitted to the PhD program in the ranking list order until all available positions for the given PhD are filled. Candidates on the waiting list may be offered a place if and when higher-ranked candidates decline the offer, provided that places are still available.

If a candidate is admitted to more than one program, they must choose only one PhD program to enroll in.

By 16th March 2026 each candidate will receive a personal email at the address provided during the online application, informing them about the outcome of their application.

Using their ID and password, candidates will be able to access the online procedure, for further information, including:

- if their status is “with fellowship”, “with tuition waiver” or “with payment of tuition fees”: points awarded, ranking and financial conditions;
- if their status is “in the waiting list”: points awarded and ranking;
- if their status is “not admitted”: points awarded.

The ranking of the Call for Application is published in compliance with data privacy laws on <http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd> (privacy is guaranteed).

Article 9: ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

top ranking candidates “with confirmed fellowship”	by 30 th March 2026
replacement candidates “with fellowship”	By 30 th March, if notification by 23 rd March Within 7 days, if notification after 23 rd March
candidates “with tuition waiver”	At the end of enrollment of candidates “with fellowship” and within 7 days from notification - 3 rd July as a maximum
candidates “with tuition fees”	At the end of enrollment of candidates “with fellowship” or “with tuition waiver (if any)” and within 2 weeks from final notification - 3 rd July as a maximum

Please note that:

§ **Top ranking candidates admitted with fellowship receive just one notification** (admission result + deadline for enrollment).

They must enroll by 30th March 2026.

If they do not enroll by that date, they will automatically be considered to have declined the offer.

Candidates admitted with fellowship who intend to decline the offer should decline it well before the 30th March 2026 to allow replacement applicants to receive their offer as soon as possible.

§ **all the other candidates eligible for enrollment receive at least two notifications:** in the first one, they are notified about admission results; in the last one, they are notified about their final status and deadline for enrollment. In between, they are notified about change(s) of status (if any).

Candidates who intend to decline the offer should decline as soon as possible to allow replacement applicants to receive their offer.

If students enrolled with fellowship withdraw after the end of enrollments (3rd July 2026), a further round of replacements will take place for the benefit of students enrolled with payment of tuition fees, and in any case no later than 1st September 2026.

Replacement of candidates is not allowed after the beginning of the first year of the program (1st September 2026).

Article 10: ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

Enrollment takes place online (in the ENROLLMENT Section), using the ID and password provided at registration.

The following documents must be uploaded:

- 1) the enrollment form, duly completed and signed (the form can be downloaded from the online procedure);
- 2) only for candidates admitted with payment of tuition fees: copy of receipt of first installment payment (€ 3,000).

Certification attesting awarding of the graduate degree⁴ is required in order to finalize enrollment.

Certifications can be:

- uploaded when enrolling via online procedure
- delivered to PhD School Office (by 10th December 2026).

In particular:

- + Italian degrees: certification issued by the awarding Italian University or self-certification;
- + non-Italian degrees:
 - EU countries and UK: certification in English issued by the awarding University;
 - non-EU countries: 1) certification in English issued by the awarding University; 2) diploma supplement or [CIMEA](#) certificate of comparability or other certification of value issued by ENIC_NARIC centres or “dichiarazione di valore”⁵ issued by the Italian Embassy or Consulate of the country where the degree was awarded.

Article 11: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bocconi PhD Programs Handbook (<https://www.unibocconi.eu/phds>) gives detailed information about:

- 1) fellowships, merit-based tuition waivers (granted for some PhD programs only) and tuition fees;
- 2) financial aid for PhD students, PhD candidates and fellows (remuneration for research assistantship and teaching assistantship/teaching; budget for study and research activities; financial support after completion of the last official year and for job market placement, ...).

In particular:

- 1) With reference to fellowships, merit-based tuition waivers and tuition fees:**
Bocconi/TEF merit-based fellowships (see art. 2, 1.A of the present Call) are awarded to the best ranked students, in relationship to the number of available fellowships.

The fellowship amounts to € 27,000 for the first year and € 23,000 for the subsequent years (2nd, 3rd, 4th for BA&M, EC-FIN, MATH, SPS and STAT-CS; 2nd, 3rd for LS only).

⁴ Name of degree program, level, University, graduation date, final grade (if any).

⁵ Document certifying the “level” of university studies (first level – undergraduate – level 6 EQF; second level- graduate – level 7 EQF; third level – post-graduate – level 8 EQF).

Fellowships are renewed in the following years if the requirements to be admitted to the following year are met.

Income from the fellowship is tax free.

The amount of the fellowship is subject to INPS contributions (INPS = National Social Security Institute).

Part of contributions are covered by the University (currently 23.35%) and part by the student (currently 11.68%).

The amount of the student fellowship is gross; the part of contributions covered by the student is directly deducted from each monthly gross installment of the fellowship and transferred to INPS.

For study and research activities abroad (at least one-month, full months only) authorized by the PhD Program Director, the fellowship **is increased by 50%** of € 16,243 (ministerial amount) in proportion to the duration of the stay abroad and for a maximum total period of 12 months (except for exceptional cases provided for by law).

Fellowships based on merit and financial conditions (art. 2, 1.B of the present Call) are managed by ISU Bocconi, as per DPCM (Italian Prime Minister Decree) 9th April 2001, without prejudice to further modifications. Applications shall be sent to ISU Bocconi following the 2026-2027 public competition instructions, which will be published at: <http://www.unibocconi.eu/isu>

Tuition fees for students without fellowship and without tuition waiver amount to:

4-year PhD program: € 15,000 for year 1 and 2 and € 5,000 for year 3 and 4 to be settled as follows:

First and second year:

	DEADLINE	AMOUNT
1 st installment	date of enrollment (1 st year) 30 th November (2 nd year)	€ 3,000
2 nd installment	31 st December	€ 6,000
3 rd installment	31 st March	€ 6,000

Third and fourth year:

	DEADLINE	AMOUNT
1 st installment	30 th November	€ 1,000
2 nd installment	31 st December	€ 2,000
3 rd installment	31 st March	€ 2,000

3-year PhD program (LS only): € 15,000 for year 1 and € 5,000 for year 2 and 3 to be settled as follows:

First year:

	DEADLINE	AMOUNT
1 st installment	date of enrollment	€ 3,000
2 nd installment	31 st December	€ 6,000

3 rd installment	31 st March	€ 6,000
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Second and third year:

	DEADLINE	AMOUNT
1 st installment	30 th November	€ 1,000
2 nd installment	31 st December	€ 2,000
3 rd installment	31 st March	€ 2,000

Bocconi University will not refund the tuition fees paid by students who enrolled and then withdrew; tuition fees will be refunded only to enrolled students who replace a withdrawn student who had been awarded a fellowship or a merit-based tuition waiver.

2) With reference to financial aid:

PhD students can supplement their income with part-time remunerated work for the university; in particular:

- **research assistantship** from the second year (as an exception, during the first year, subject to Dean's approval);
- **teaching assistantship /teaching** from the second year.

These activities must be authorized in advance by the PhD Director, as students are primarily committed to their PhD research and activities.

Moreover:

- all PhD students (with and without fellowship) are granted a **research contract (minimum 7,000 € and maximum, based on merit, 17,000 €; gross amount) to cover the "PhD candidate period"** (from the end of the last year to thesis dissertation).
- in compliance with Italian law, all PhD students (with and without fellowship) are provided with an annual **budget (1,650 € per year) for "study and research activities"** (the use of the budget is always subject to the Program director approval).

The **1st year budget** is earmarked to the acquisition of a **laptop** that will be given to the student as of the start of the 2nd year (no return at PhD conferral).

The **budget of the following years** is meant to allow **the purchase of services and goods** to support study and research activities.

- all PhD students (with and without fellowship) are offered by the PhD School a **financial support for placement** (i.e. travel expenses to relevant events and workshops). The PhD School offers training and procedural support to be successfully placed on the job market (Academia). PhD students are given the opportunity to attend conferences to present their papers, meet scholars of other universities and participate in job markets events.
- PhD students are also covered by **Health Insurance Policy** provided by Bocconi which includes accidents occurring in work-related activities at Bocconi and while travelling (the travel must be previously authorized by the Program Director).

All PhD students (with fellowship, with tuition waiver and paying students) are required to pay the current **annual regional tax of € 140**, whose amount may be modified by law at a later date.

Article 12: ADMISSION BOARD

Applicants' suitability for the PhD program is evaluated by the Admission Board, who is appointed by the Rector after consulting the Faculty Board and are composed of at least three members of the Faculty Board itself.

The composition of Admission Board will be published after the Call's deadline at <https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/admissions>

Article 13: DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES

Bocconi PhD programs require full-time commitment and attendance is compulsory. The selected PhD students will have to fulfil the requirements of the PhD program's study plan that are published on the [website](#) (select the PhD program of your interest > menu on the right side > Courses and Requirements).

As mentioned in the agreement between Bocconi University and Tech Europe Foundation, TEF fellowships recipients will participate in activities organized by TEF, in addition to the mandatory activities of the PhD program. They will also be assigned a Mentor who will monitor the PhD Student's scientific progress and involve them in TEF related activities.

Moreover:

- during the first year of the PhD program, simultaneous enrollment in another program is not allowed as this would hinder active and regular participation in PhD academic activities;
- in the following years, enrollment in another study program (while still doing the PhD at Bocconi), is allowed only after notification to the Program Director and authorization of the PhD Faculty Board (if deemed not compatible, the student will be asked to choose for one of the two programs).

Students can be authorized by the Program Director to temporarily study and do research in Italy and abroad in private and public bodies and institutions.

Article 14: FURTHER INFORMATION ON PhD PROGRAMS

More detailed information about:

- PhD program attendance and evaluation;
- thesis writing and submission;
- final examination

can be found in the Bocconi PhD Programs Handbook at <https://www.unibocconi.eu/phds>.

Article 15: PRIVACY

The data will be processed under General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016.

Privacy Policy can be found online at <http://www.unibocconi.eu/privacy> (please read “Students, participants, Alumni and Donor Privacy Policy”).

Privacy Policy for Tech Europe Foundation fellowship recipients can be found online at <https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/admissions>

Article 16: RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROCEDURE

Pilar Emma, Head of Academic Planning and Monitoring, (e-mail: phdadmission@unibocconi.it) is responsible for the procedure of the Call.
Copy of the Call is available at <http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd>.

Milano, 3rd October 2025

The Rector

Prof. Francesco C. Billari

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francesco C. Billari", is written over the printed name.

PhD program in Business Administration and Management

Research interests and Faculty	<p>The PhD program in Business Administration and Management at Bocconi University is a 4-year program in English that offers training in a variety of disciplines related to management studies and emphasizes the skills necessary to integrate different approaches and develop coherent and cutting-edge research. The program provides a collaborative, supportive and intellectually stimulating research environment for discovery and dissemination of scientific knowledge applicable to the business community. Students will develop the theoretical and methodological skills required to participate and publish at the highest standards of the international scientific community.</p> <p>First-year students acquire a broad set of theoretical and methodological skills relevant to various fields in management studies through a series of common compulsory courses. They also attend courses specific to their curriculum and begin developing their own research. In the second and third year, students will attend a series of elective courses. Starting from the second year, students will more intensively research and progress their dissertations.</p> <p>Faculty members are leading scholars in their fields. They contribute to the international debate by publishing in and serving the editorial board of research journals, such as: Academy of Management Journal, Strategic Management Journal, Organization Science, Management Science, Academy of Management Review, Journal of Marketing, Journal of Marketing Research, Journal of Consumer Research, Marketing Science, and many others. Visiting professors from top international schools complement the permanent Faculty.</p> <p>For more information about the program, please visit the website: https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/phd-business-administration-and-management</p>
Opening date	3 rd October 2025
Closing date	15 th January 2026
Enrollment date	Refer to Art.9 “Enrollment deadlines” of the present Call for details
Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP	<p style="text-align: center;">9 Bocconi fellowships 2 fellowships funded by Tech Europe Foundation (TEF)*- Management curriculum only</p> <p>* TEF fellowships: Applicants are required to have a strong background in economics, statistics, engineering, or other STEM degrees. Applications from candidates with experience in software development, including back-end programming and database management, machine learning, AI, and decision science are encouraged. Selected candidates will conduct research on entrepreneurship, innovation, entrepreneurial finance, startups, firm strategy, and related areas.</p>

	<p>TEF application: During the online application, candidates must select “PhD Business Administration and Management – curriculum Management TEF” to apply for these fellowships. Candidates may apply for both Management and Management TEF by submitting two separate applications. If they do so, they can be eligible for admission to both.</p>
Available places WITH PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	2
Fellowship	€ 27,000 for year 1 and € 23,000 for years 2, 3 and 4.
Starting date	1 st September 2026
Duration	4-year, full-time program
Curricula	<p style="text-align: center;">Management Marketing</p> <p>Applicants must select during the on-line application the curriculum they opt for. No change of curriculum is allowed after admission to the PhD program.</p>
Selection Criteria (see art. 8)	<p>The assessment is based on a candidate’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Vitae (mandatory); • Academic Records (mandatory); • International Graduate Admission Tests Scores (GMAT or GRE, not mandatory); • Statement Of Purpose (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory). <p>The assessment criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of 50 points for the applicant’s curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of 15 points for GMAT/GRE score; • a maximum of 35 points for the statement of purpose and reference letters. <p>The Admission Board may decide to conduct a brief online interview to get clarification about the student’s qualifications. No additional points are given to the interview.</p> <p>A minimum total score of 60 points is required to be eligible for admission.</p>
Results	No later than 16th March 2026
Contact	phdadmission@unibocconi.it http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd
Technical support	phdhelpdesk@unibocconi.it

PhD program in Economics and Finance

Research interests and Faculty	<p>The PhD program in Economics and Finance at Bocconi University is a 4-year program in English that is multidisciplinary, featuring three curricula linked by a common core. Students can choose from a wide range of electives.</p> <p>First year core courses develop a broad set of theoretical and empirical skills relevant to advanced research in the chosen curriculum. The second year offers advanced core courses in the field of specialization within the chosen curriculum, and a wide range of electives. In the second year, students also start working on their first research paper. The third and fourth years are largely dedicated to thesis research work, but students are expected to attend the regular research workshop series presented by internationally renowned speakers.</p> <p>Students have opportunities to enhance their development and network through short visits to other leading overseas universities. International exchanges are promoted within the framework of the European Doctoral Group in Economics (http://www.edge-page.net). Bocconi faculty publish regularly in leading international journals and are active members of the international academic community. The PhD program lays the foundations for successful international academic careers and places great emphasis on preparing students for the international academic job market. However, the research skills and competences developed during the program also open up career opportunities in central banks, governments, international organizations, investment banks and asset management companies. The tutors and career service of the PhD School are always available to assist candidates.</p> <p>For more information about the program, please visit the website: https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/phd-economics-and-finance</p>
Opening date	3 rd October 2025
Closing date	15 th January 2026
Enrollment date	Refer to Art.9 “Enrollment deadlines” of the present Call for details
Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP	16 Bocconi fellowships
Available places WITH PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	3
Fellowship	€ 27,000 for year 1 and € 23,000 for years 2, 3 and 4.
Starting date	1 st September 2026
Duration	4-year, full-time program
Curricula	Economics Finance Accounting

	<p>Students may request for a change of curriculum at the end of the first year and before enrolling in the second year, provided they have met the requirements needed to enrol in the second year.</p>
Selection Criteria (see art. 8)	<p>The assessment is based on a candidate's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Vitae (mandatory); • Academic Records (mandatory); • International Graduate Admission Tests Scores (GMAT or GRE, not mandatory).; • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory). <p>The assessment criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of 50 points for the applicant's curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of 10 points for GMAT/GRE score; • a maximum of 40 points for statement of purpose and reference letters. <p>The Admission Board may decide to conduct a brief online interview to get clarification about the student's qualifications. No additional points are given to the interview.</p> <p>A minimum total score of 60 points is required to be eligible for admission.</p>
Results	No later than 16 th March 2026
Contact	phdadmission@unibocconi.it http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd
Technical support	phdhelpdesk@unibocconi.it

PhD program in Legal Studies

Research interests and Faculty	<p>The PhD program in Legal Studies at Bocconi University is a 3-year program in English, which is organized through courses, specialized seminars, working groups and seminar series and the writing of a final dissertation. After a first semester in common, focused on methodological training (theory and technique of legal interpretation, law and economics, empirical research for legal studies, and socio-legal research), the PhD program diversifies into two curricula: Business and Social Law International and European Law.</p> <p>The curriculum in Business and Social Law (BSL) focuses on the laws governing corporations and their relationships with different constituencies, combining an interdisciplinary approach and an international perspective. It focuses on the following fields: Corporate Law and Financial Market; White-collar Crimes; Labor Law; Competition Law; Bankruptcy Law; Commercial Contracts/Commercial and Consumer Regulation.</p> <p>This curriculum is designed to foster an academic career, in Italy or abroad, but opens several career opportunities, including national and international organizations, regulatory agencies, and legal practice. In the last few years, PhDs and PhD candidates have joined law faculties in Italy and abroad, been hired by regulatory authorities such as the Italian Stock Exchange Commission (Consob), become judges or joined leading international law firms.</p> <p>The International and European Law (IEL) curriculum seeks to foster world-class research on any topic within the two broad subject areas of international law and European law. Potential fields of interest include, but are not limited to, general public international law, international trade law, international investment law, international cultural heritage law, international criminal law, private international law, European economic law, European trade law, European internal market law, European external relations law, European Citizenship, European constitutional law, EU fundamental rights, and European social law.</p> <p>PhD graduates from this curriculum have obtained employment in international and Italian academia, as well as in professional practice activities and international organizations (including the EU, the IMF and the World Bank).</p> <p>For more information about the program, please visit the website: https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/phd-legal-studies</p>
Opening date	3 rd October 2025
Closing date	15 th January 2026
Enrollment date	Refer to Art.9 “Enrollment deadlines” of the present Call for details
Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP	4 (BSL) Bocconi fellowships + 4 (IEL) Bocconi fellowships

Available places WITH PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	2
Fellowship	€ 27,000 for year 1 and € 23,000 for years 2 and 3.
Starting date	1 st September 2026
Duration	3-year, full-time program
Curricula	<p>Business and Social Law International and European Law</p> <p>Applicants must select the curriculum they opt for during the on-line application. No change of curriculum is allowed after admission to the PhD program.</p>
Selection Criteria (see art. 8)	<p>The first step assessment is based on a candidate's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum vitae (mandatory); • Academic records (mandatory); • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Research proposal (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory); • Other relevant documents (e.g. thesis' abstract, publications). <p>The qualifications assessment criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of 50 points for the applicant's curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of 40 points for statement of purpose, research proposal and reference letters; • a maximum of 10 points for other relevant elements. <p>The Admission Board will interview (on-line) candidates who have obtained at least 70 points in the qualifications' assessment.</p> <p>The second step assessment is based on the on-line interview, whose maximum score is 30 points.</p> <p>A candidate is eligible for admission if they obtain at least 70 points in the qualifications assessment and at least 20 points out of 30 in the interview.</p>
Results	<p>First step: 20th February 2026</p> <p>Second step: no later than 16th March 2026</p>
Contact	<p>phdadmission@unibocconi.it</p> <p>http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd</p>
Technical support	phdhelpdesk@unibocconi.it

PhD program in Mathematics and Applications

Research interests and Faculty

The **PhD Program in Mathematics and Applications** at Bocconi University is a newly established four-year program taught in English. It is a strategic initiative that builds on the Department of Decision Sciences' internationally recognized faculty, vibrant research environment, and Bocconi University's mission to foster interdisciplinary innovation. The Department has a strong tradition in both pure and applied mathematics, with several faculty members holding prestigious ERC grants.

Curriculum and timeline.

The first year provides rigorous core training at the heart of Mathematical Analysis—bringing students quickly to the research frontier and enabling them to launch a substantive research agenda—and is complemented by electives that may cover other areas of mathematics or, depending on their interests, economics, finance, statistics, or machine learning. The second year completes this preparation, offering a view toward applications and providing advanced, research-oriented courses, also taught by visiting professors. The program is structured accordingly: research begins in the first year and develops progressively thereafter. Years three and four are devoted fully to research and thesis writing, with opportunities for international research visits and exchanges.

Interdisciplinarity

In addition to a strong core in cutting-edge Mathematical Analysis, the program offers distinctive opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration in economics, finance, decision theory, and computer science, in line with Bocconi's tradition in the social sciences.

Faculty and visiting scholars

The faculty includes internationally acknowledged researchers in Mathematical Analysis, Applied and Computational Mathematics, Decision Theory, and Mathematical Finance. The program also benefits from authoritative visiting professors who deliver short monographic courses on frontier topics.

Careers

The PhD in Mathematics and Applications is designed for highly motivated students aiming for first-rate research careers in academia, research institutes, and quantitative roles in industry and finance, as well as strategy consulting, operation research, optimization, and AI/ML labs.

Admission profile.

Highly qualified and motivated candidates with MSc degrees in Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Economics, Data Science, Engineering, or related areas are encouraged to apply.

	<p><i>Student support.</i></p> <p>The PhD School's tutors and Career Service are available to support candidates during the application process and students throughout their studies.</p> <p>The PhD program in Mathematics and Applications at Bocconi University is a newly established 4-year program taught in English. It is a strategic initiative that builds on the Department's internationally recognized faculty, vibrant research environment, and the university's mission to foster interdisciplinary innovation. The Department of Decision Sciences has a strong tradition of excellence in both pure and applied mathematics, with several faculty members holding prestigious ERC grants that enhance the program's global attractiveness.</p> <p>The program underscores the belief that even the most abstract mathematical discoveries drive innovation, shaping algorithms, applications, and entrepreneurial ventures. As a cornerstone of the academic ecosystem, it enriches undergraduate and master's education, fosters a research-driven culture, and acts as a benchmark of scientific rigor across STEM disciplines.</p> <p>The program structure includes a first year devoted to coursework in core mathematical areas, along with electives selected from other Bocconi PhD programs (e.g., in Economics, Finance, Statistics or Computer Science). The second year includes further coursework and marks the beginning of the individual research path. The third and fourth years are fully dedicated to doctoral research and writing thesis.</p> <p>In today's era of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and complex scientific challenges, the program equips researchers with deep expertise in areas such as optimization, probability, algebra, geometry, and differential equations—preparing them to lead transformative technological advances.</p> <p>Aligned with Bocconi's tradition in the social sciences, the program opens unique opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration in economics, finance, game theory, and decision theory, strengthening the formal and methodological foundations of these fields.</p> <p>Finally, the PhD program is a cornerstone of long-term academic strategy: it attracts and nurtures top talent, enhances the department's international visibility, and consolidates its role as a hub for mathematical excellence and innovation.</p> <p>For more information about the program, please visit the website: https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/phd-mathematics-and-applications</p>
Opening date	3 rd October 2025
Closing date	5 th February 2026
Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP funded by Tech Europe Foundation (TEF)	4 TEF fellowships

Fellowship	€ 27,000 for year 1 and € 23,000 for years 2, 3 and 4.
Starting date	1 st September 2026
Enrollment date	Refer to Art.9 “Enrollment deadlines” of the present Call for details
Duration	4-year, full-time program
Curricula	--
Selection Criteria (see art. 8)	<p>The assessment is based on a candidate’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Vitae (mandatory); • Academic Records (mandatory); • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory). <p>The assessment criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of 60 points for the applicant’s curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of 40 points for statement of purpose and reference letters. <p>The Admission Board may decide to conduct a brief online interview to get clarification about the student’s qualifications. No additional points are given to the interview.</p> <p>A minimum total score of 60 points is required to be eligible for admission.</p>
Results	No later than 16 th March 2026
Contact	phdadmission@unibocconi.it http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd
Technical support	phdhelpdesk@unibocconi.it

PhD program in Social and Political Science

Research interests and Faculty

The **PhD in Social and Political Science** at Bocconi University is a rigorous and innovative four-year, full-time program designed to train highly motivated scholars for successful careers in academia, research, and policy. The program offers advanced training across political economy, political science, demography, public management and administration, and sociology, equipping graduates with the skills and experience needed to compete at the highest international level.

Open to outstanding students with a strong aptitude and passion for research, the program combines solid methodological foundations with the flexibility to specialize in one of several fields through a wide range of elective courses.

In the first two years, students acquire state-of-the-art theoretical and methodological tools that inform their specialization. By the end of the second year, they produce an original research paper under the guidance of faculty mentors, ensuring early engagement with independent research. The third and fourth years are devoted to dissertation work, allowing students to develop ambitious projects that make a significant scholarly contribution.

Beyond coursework and research, students benefit from a dynamic intellectual environment. They engage with world-class faculty and visiting scholars, participate in seminars and workshops, and present their work in front of international audiences. The program also supports exchanges and research internships with leading universities and policy institutes worldwide, providing students with invaluable professional networks and experience.

Graduates of Bocconi's PhD in Social and Political Science are exceptionally well prepared for the academic and research job market. With rigorous training, close faculty mentorship, and strong institutional support, they enter the next stage of their careers ready to contribute to cutting-edge scholarship and to address the pressing social and political challenges of our time.

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-,

	<p>national, and supra-national governmental organizations; NGOs; and the private sector.</p> <p>For more information about the program, please visit the website: https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/phd-social-and-political-science-cohort-2021-22</p>
Opening date	3 rd October 2025
Closing date	15 th January 2026
Enrollment date	Refer to Art.9 “Enrollment deadlines” of the present Call for details
Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP	6 Bocconi fellowships
Available places WITH PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	1
Fellowship	€ 27,000 for year 1 and € 23,000 for years 2, 3 and 4.
Starting date	1 st September 2026
Duration	4-year, full-time program
Curricula	--
Selection Criteria (see art. 8)	<p>The first step assessment is based on a candidate’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum vitae (mandatory); • Academic records (mandatory); • International graduate admission tests scores (GMAT or GRE, not mandatory); • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory). <p>The qualifications assessment criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of 50 points for the applicant’s curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of 10 points for GMAT/GRE score; • a maximum of 40 points for statement of purpose and reference letters. <p>The Admission Board will interview (on-line) candidates who have obtained at least 70 points in the qualifications’ assessment.</p> <p>The second step assessment is based on the on-line interview, whose maximum score is 40 points.</p> <p>A candidate will be eligible for admission if he or she has obtained at least 70 points in the qualifications’ assessment and at least 20 points out of 40 in the interview.</p>
Results	First step: 20 th February 2026 Second step: no later than 16 th March 2026
Contact	phdadmission@unibocconi.it http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd

Technical support	phdhelpdesk@unibocconi.it
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PhD program in Statistics and Computer Science

<p>Research interests and Faculty</p>	<p>The PhD program in Statistics and Computer Science at Bocconi University is a 4-year program taught in English that provides students a strong statistical, computational and mathematical background.</p> <p>The program features two curricula: Statistics (STAT) and Computer Science (CS). Candidates may apply either to a single curriculum or to both curricula.</p> <p>The first year comprises both shared and curriculum-specific courses that are compulsory for all enrolled PhD students. These provide a wide range of theoretical, methodological and computational skills that are essential for research in the chosen curriculum. The second year features specialized courses on cutting-edge research topics for students in the Statistics curriculum and reading groups for students in the Computer Science curriculum. Students receive dedicated mentorship throughout their time at Bocconi.</p> <p>The faculty includes internationally recognized leading researchers in Statistics, Computer Science, Machine Learning, Probability, and Statistical Physics. The program also benefits from contributions of distinguished visiting professors who deliver short monographic courses.</p> <p>The PhD in Statistics and Computer Science is designed for highly motivated students aiming to pursue first-rate research careers in academia, research institutes and industry. Career opportunities also extend to central banks, financial institutions, government agencies, international organizations, and public health institutions.</p> <p>Highly qualified and motivated students with MSc degrees in Statistics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Data Science, Economics, Physics, Engineering or other quantitatively oriented, are encouraged to apply for admission.</p> <p>For more information about the program, please visit the website: https://www.unibocconi.it/en/programs/phd/phd-statistics-and-computer-science</p>
<p>Opening date</p>	<p>3rd October 2025</p>
<p>Closing date</p>	<p>5th February 2026</p>
<p>Enrollment date</p>	<p>Refer to Art.9 “Enrollment deadlines” of the present Call for details</p>
<p>Available places WITH FELLOWSHIP funded by Tech Europe Foundation (TEF)</p>	<p>6 (STAT) TEF fellowships 6 (CS) TEF fellowships</p>

Available places WITH TUITION WAIVER	2
Available places WITH PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES	2
Fellowship	€ 27,000 for year 1 and € 23,000 for years 2, 3 and 4.
Starting date	1 st September 2026
Duration	4-year, full-time program
Curricula	<p style="text-align: center;">Statistics Computer Science</p> <p>Candidates can apply either to a single curriculum or to both curricula. If they opt for both curricula, they can be eligible for admission in both curricula. No change of curriculum is allowed after admission to the PhD program.</p>
Selection Criteria (see art. 8)	<p>The assessment is based on a candidate's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Vitae (mandatory); • Academic Records (mandatory); • International Graduate Admission Tests Scores (GMAT or GRE, not mandatory); • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory). <p>The assessment criteria are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of 50 points for the applicant's curriculum vitae and academic records; • a maximum of 10 points for GMAT/GRE score; • a maximum of 40 points for statement of purpose and reference letters. <p>The Admission Board may decide to conduct a brief online interview to clarify aspects of a student's qualifications. No additional points are given to the interview.</p> <p>A minimum total score of 60 points is required to be eligible for admission.</p>
Results	No later than 16 th March 2026
Contact	phdadmission@unibocconi.it http://www.unibocconi.eu/admissionphd
Technical support	phdhelpdesk@unibocconi.it