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PhD program in Social and Political Science (SPS)

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 science, sociology, demography, public management and administration, international relations, and political economy, equipping graduates with the skills and experience needed to compete at the highest international level. The program is 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.

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	The program 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. For more information about the program, please visit the website: PhD in Social and Political Science
Opening date	3rd November 2026
Closing date	18 January 2027
Enrollment date	Refer to Art. 10 "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 per year for four years Students can benefit from an extension with fellowship up to one year (see art.3)
Starting date	1 September 2027
Duration	4-year, full-time program
Curricula	--
Selection Criteria (see art. 5)	The **first step** assessment is based on a candidate's: • Curriculum vitae (mandatory); • Academic records (mandatory); • International graduate admission tests scores (GMAT or GRE,

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	not mandatory); • Statement of purpose (mandatory); • Up to three reference letters (not mandatory but strongly encouraged). The qualifications **assessment criteria** are as follows: • 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. The Admission Board will interview (on-line) candidates who have obtained at least **70 points** in the qualifications' assessment. The **second step** assessment is based on the on-line interview, whose maximum score is **50 points**. **A candidate will be eligible for admission if he or she has obtained at least 70 points in the qualifications' assessment and at least 25 points out of 50 in the interview.**
Results	First step: no later than19 February 2027 Second step: no later than 15 March 2027
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