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1. INTRODUCTION

The PhD is a third-level academic course and it represents the highest degree in the Italian academic system. It aims at training researchers, providing expertise and knowledge about **research**. Research activities can be conducted at universities and private or public entities. According to the Italian legislation, enrolment in a PhD course guarantees the status of **"Student"** and the consequent economic benefits and other discounts (i.e. transports). The PhD course is a **full-time, exclusive commitment**. Each PhD student is **supervised** by a professor for the entire period to comply with the learning outcomes defined by the PhD Board. In Italy, PhD courses have a duration of no less than three years, and, upon thesis defense, the PhD student earns the title of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

2. HOW TO CHOOSE?

Professors and researchers of the School of Medicine at the University of Padova can be part of a PhD Board. Those who are members of a department do not necessarily belong to the Board of the PhD course proposed by that specific department. For this reason, it is important to verify which doctoral board the professor or researcher of interest takes part in. The composition of the PhD Board is available online; the web pages of the doctoral courses offered by the School of Medicine are reported in the section <u>Useful Links – Table 1</u>. In Italy, PhD candidates compete for one of the positions in a doctoral course and not for a specific position offered by a single professor. Therefore, admitted students are asked to elucidate their projects and supervisors only after enrolment. It is a good practice to contact professors of interest before applying for a PhD position to ascertain their willingness to accept PhD students in their laboratories. The links to the web pages of the research areas of each department are collected in the section <u>Useful Links- Table 2</u>. Different is the case of priority research grants proposed by a professor or researcher and expected in a grant previously won by the proposer. These positions are part of a well-defined project, and the selected candidates must stick to it. Candidates must indicate whether they are competing for priority research grants in their applications.

3. SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH BUDGET

Every year, each doctoral course announces the number of **places funded** by the university, external entities, or by a single research group that proposes a specific project named "priority research grant". A number of **unfunded places** can be included in the admission call. Winners of a place without funding have the same duties and workload as those with a scholarship, but do not have any economic sustenance. For the 2024/2025 academic year, there are also a number of places financed by Ministerial Decree n. 118/2023 within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), others financed by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan Union NextGenerationEU and others funded under Projects of Significant National Interest (PRIN) 2022 .

The annual amount of the grant, gross sum, is 16.243 euros: national insurance, and pension contributions are deducted and paid to INPS (Italian National Institute for Social Security). In Italy, PhD students benefit from **tax relief**. The PhD scholarship is paid in **deferred monthly installments**. For example, the payment relative to November 2024 will be paid on December 20 2024.

The annual scholarship amount is indicated in the admission call. PhD students are assigned a **research budget** no less than 10% of their scholarship for research activities in Italy or abroad. Expenses admitted are:

- travels
- conferences and seminars fees
- consumables
- publication fees
- specific training aimed at research
- IT supports for research and IT equipment

3.1. INCOMPATIBILITY AND INCREASE

- Grants are only awarded to those who have a yearly income (gross sum) below the equivalent of a year's grant amount for the tax years when the grant will mainly be used. The grant holders will lose their right to the grant for that academic year **if their income exceeds this limit**, and they will be obliged to repay any monthly grant installments already received.
- There is incompatibility between the PhD grant and the emoluments received in relation to the activities of the medical specialization school (see section <u>PhD programmes and Medical specialization school</u>)
- The amount of the grant is increased by 50% for periods of time spent abroad of no less than 15 days. This increase cannot be paid for more than 12 months; in the case of cotutelle or other forms of PhD courses joint with foreign institutions, this increase cannot be paid for more than 18 months. (For further information see the chapter <u>Cotutelle and International cooperation</u>). For grant holders not residing in Italy and with an academic qualification awarded abroad, the grant will not increase if the period abroad is in the country of residence.
- Anyone who has already benefited from a PhD grant, cannot do so for a second time.

4. TUITION FEES

Students enrolled in a PhD course contribute to the cost of their own preparation by paying a **regional fee** for the right of education and **stamp duty**, but are exempt from university tuition fees. The quota of the regional fee is quantified as per the ISEE (Equivalent Economic Status Index). At the University of Padova, it is possible to apply for economic benefits by submitting the "Application for benefits" in your personal Uniweb area to recalculate the regional fee, otherwise paid in full. For further information on how to obtain your ISEE and how to apply it for economic benefits, see the <u>Guide</u>. The amounts referred to the regional fee for the current academic year can be consulted in the table on the page <u>Fees and</u> <u>Contribution–Padova</u>.

Total exemption from regional contribution is reserved to students enrolled in a PhD course with a level of disability officially recognized by Italian National Health Service between 66% and 100%, or to those holding certification (see Article 3 of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992). In this case, beneficiaries of total exemption need only pay stamp duty.

For PhD students with a grant, the contribution is withheld directly from the scholarship installment of the month corresponding to the deadline for enrolment. Exceptions are represented by those who matriculate in the first year and pay the fee during the enrolment procedure. Payment from winners of unfunded places must be made through PagoPA. Detailed instructions on PagoPA are available on the page PagoPA.

5. SUSPENSION FROM PhD PROGRAMME

PhD suspension is possible in case of:

- civilian service;
- documented illness;
- Other serious and duly documented reasons.

Suspension for civilian service and illness is automatic. Other serious and duly documented reasons may be valid for suspension of the programme, prior authorisation of the Academic Board up to a maximum of six months. Anyway, the sum of all the extension and suspension periods cannot last more than 18 months, with the exception of specific situations required by the law. Suspension periods longer than 30 days entail the temporary interruption of the scholarship and of the economic benefits funded by regional entities and are to be resumed when PhD students make up for the suspension periods. PhD students can make up for suspension up to thirty days throughout the programme to cover the whole of the suspension period granted. Admission to the following year of the programme or assessment of the thesis by examiners, in case of PhD students enrolled in the last year, is not possible until they fully make up for the suspension period.

5.1. MATERNITY

The maternity protection provisions granted by the law apply to PhD female students. Pregnant PhD students shall promptly communicate their pregnancy to the University, attaching a medical certificate released by a medical specialist. In the event of birth of a child, attendance of doctoral activities shall be **suspended compulsorily** starting from two months before the estimated due date and for the following three months. Subjected to authorisation by a medical specialist of the National Health Service and the relevant doctor, the suspension may run from one month before the expected date of birth and for the following four months, or for the five months following childbirth. At the end of the obligatory maternity leave, PhD students may request an additional suspension period up to six months. Such suspension may be granted to fathers/PhD male students, as an alternative to mothers. PhD students regularly enrolled in the Gestione Separata may benefit from **maternity allowance** paid by INPS.

6. AWARDING OF THE PhD DEGREE

The **Doctor of Philosophy** (PhD) title is released upon the final thesis evaluation. The **research thesis** comprises all of the results obtained and the methods applied during the PhD. Thesis, activities, and eventual publications are all evaluated by at least two examiners, Italian or international, but not by the University of Padova, and at least one of them should be an academic professor. The examiners express a written judgment that allows admission of the student to **public defense** or its rejection of a maximum of six months to complete revisions with integration or modification of the thesis. At the end of this period, during which a scholarship is not provided, the PhD student is immediately admitted to the discussion. The committee nominated to evaluate the public discussion shall be composed of at least two-thirds of professors external to the University of Padova and not more than one-third of the components associated to the course of the candidate. In any case, at least two-thirds of the committee draws up a written and motivated evaluation of the thesis and, in the case of remarkable scientific achievements, awards it with honors.

7. PhD PROGRAMMES AND MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION SCHOOLS

Students of Medical Specialization Schools, if selected, can enroll in a PhD programme (joint attendance) of the University of Padova. Joint attendance must be deemed **compatible** and authorized by the relevant **Specialization School Board**, which considers the distance between the universities and the activities and duties expected and the incompatibility between the PhD grant and the emoluments received in relation to the activities of the medical specialization school. PhD students, upon request to be forwarded within one month of the end of the joint attendance, may have the joint attendance period recognised by the Academic Board of three). Such recognition is subject to prior checks on the research activities carried out during the joint attendance year and confirmed by the Specialization School Board. The thesis and thesis assessment shall in any case be evaluated as described in this guide (see Section Awarding of the PhD degree). During the joint attendance period, students of Specialization Schools cannot be granted doctoral scholarships or other types of funding. If the Academic Board rejects the compatibility of joint attendance, students of the Medical Specialization School should suspend the frequency to the school (if permitted) or, if enrolled in the last year, they should conclude their specialty training prior to the beginning of the PhD course.

8. REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION CALL

As listed in the <u>University Regulations</u> for PhD courses (DR 2996/2022 of 20 July 2022) valid for PhD students from the 38th cycle, in force since 4 August 2022, PhD students may be admitted to the PhD programme, without any nationality limits, if they hold a **master's degree**, an old-school degree or a similar academic qualification, also obtained abroad and declared equivalent or recognised as equivalent to the aforementioned Italian academic qualifications, for the sole purpose of admission to the selection process. The suitability of the foreign qualification is ascertained by the Competition Commission for admission to the doctorate.

Candidates must obtain their degree by the date established in the selection notice for admission.

Candidates in possession of a foreign qualification who do not present the required documentation at the time of enrolment will be enrolled with reserve and will be excluded from the PhD course, with the obligation to return any scholarship payments unduly received, if:

- they do not deliver the required documentation within twelve months of the start of the course;
- upon verification, the qualification produced does not meet the access requirements described above.

8.1. NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PhD PROGRAMME

The selection notice, drawn up in Italian and English, is issued by Rector's Decree in compliance with the provisions of Article 8 of Ministerial Decree 226/2021.

The call for admission for the PhD courses 2024/25 (XL cycle) has been published on the University website at the following link: <u>PhD Programmes Calls and Admissions | University of Padua.</u>

There are also scholarships financed by Ministerial Decree 118 of 2 March 2023 as part of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan PNRR and PRIN scholarships.

8.2. APPLICATION FORM

Admission to the PhD courses is based on an open selection procedure.

Candidates must apply for admission to the PhD selection in accordance with the procedures and deadlines set out in the selection notice.

Candidates wishing to apply for more than one Course must submit as many applications as the Courses chosen. In the event that the Course is divided into curricula, candidates shall indicate the order of preference of the curricula. The preference expressed in the application shall be indicative of the candidate's interests and not binding on the Commission. In the event that the course is divided into curricula and separate rankings are drawn up for each curriculum, the candidate may apply for only one of the curricula of the course. Applicants must indicate in their application whether they are applying for **places without a scholarship, with a scholarship or with priority research grant**.

8.3. ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND TESTS

Admission to the Course is based on a comparative assessment of merit carried out by a Commission, proposed by the Board of teachers and appointed by decree of the Rector. Admission procedures will be defined by the Board of Lecturers and reported in the specific PhD Course table (<u>Appendix 1</u> of the Call for admission).

The Board may provide for possible differentiated or supplementary tests for the allocation of forms of funding other than scholarships or for scholarships aimed at particular research projects or curricula.

In the case of priority research grants, the Commission will also ascertain the suitability of the candidates for the topic. The assessment of the candidate's aptitude for scientific research will be carried out in accordance with the procedures and on the dates and locations indicated in the specific sheets of each PhD Course. The examination tests may be taken in one of the foreign languages indicated in the selection notice.

8.4. RANKINGS

At the conclusion of the selection procedures, each Commission draws up a ranking list for admission to the PhD course. In the event that admission involves separate rankings by curriculum, the Commission must draw up final rankings for each of them. The Commission also draws up specific rankings for the admission of students with degrees from foreign universities, in the case of reserved places.

The rankings are made public on the web page <u>PhD Programmes Calls and Admissions | University of</u> <u>Padua.</u>

The Commissions formulate the general merit rankings on the basis of the score obtained in the individual examinations.

8.5. ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

Successful candidates must submit their **application** for enrolment in the Course by the deadlines and according to the procedures disclosed upon ranking list publication. **The procedure and forms for enrolment** are published on the web page PhD Programmes Calls and Admissions | University of Padua. Places and scholarships will be assigned according to the order of the general merit list and as established in the selection notice. Places and scholarships reserved but not assigned at the end of enrolment, where this is possible on the basis of the type and rules of funding, may be assigned to eligible candidates in the general admission rank list for the Course. Any places that may become vacant shall be assigned according to the merit list.

Should fewer candidates be admitted to a curriculum than the number of places with scholarships advertised, or should places/fellowships remain vacant at the end of enrolment, the remaining places/fellowships may be assigned to candidates competing on other curricula in accordance with the procedures set out in the selection notice. In the case of priority research grants, the place will be awarded according to ranking to the first successful candidate. In the event that a successful candidate is eligible for more than one restricted theme scholarship, it will be up to the Commission to decide on the allocation of each scholarship.

8.6. OBLIGATIONS OF PhD STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS FROM DM 118/2023

With regard to scholarships from DM 118/2023, the PhD student winner of the scholarship associated with the relevant project must undertake the following upon enrollment:

- Produce on a six-monthly basis a report indicating the time commitment (broken down into months in the company, onsite and abroad) and a summary of the main activities carried out; the reporting will be done through the appropriate online platform and using the available forms;
- Perform the planned compulsory study and research periods abroad and in enterprise/institution/public administration. Fellowship positions from DM 118/2023 provide for in-company study and research periods of a minimum of six months to a maximum of twelve months and study and research periods abroad of a minimum of six months to a maximum of twelve months (18 in the case of cotutelle).

9. COTUTELLE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Academic activities and research activities of PhD students at the University of Padova can be carried out in Italy only, with no obligation to spend a fixed period abroad.

However, in an effort to make UNIPD's research environment more and more international, PhD students are invited and encouraged to expand their network by taking part in international collaborations with foreign research groups, prior to agreements with their supervisor. Additionally, to favor international cooperation between research groups, the University of Padova supports cotutelle PhD programs.

The term *cotutelle* indicates the collaboration between two partner Universities (UNIPD and a foreign one) with the aim of offering a joint PhD program to students enrolled in programs of either university.

This collaboration implies that the research of the PhD student is carried out both at the home university and at the partner one, ideally during alternative periods of time (the length of each period should be the same, with a minimum of six months spent abroad). The student will, therefore, be tutored by two supervisors, one for each university. At the end of the PhD program there will be one final examination and the PhD candidate will receive a double or joint degree, recognized by both Countries where the PhD program was carried out.

For more information about cotutelle PhD Programs please visit the web page <u>Cotutelle | Università di</u> <u>Padova</u>. Moreover, PhD students enrolled in cotutelle doctorate programs with French or German Universities can apply for extra funding from the partner universities. All the information is available at this page: <u>External funding | Università di Padova</u>.

Independent on the activation of a cotutelle PhD program, all doctorate students spending a period of time abroad (no less than 15 days) will benefit from a 50% increase of their scholarship.

10. **RESOURCES**

Starting from the academic year 2023/2024, students can find support from a new resource, the Academic Mediator. He/she is a professor or researcher from the Department of your doctoral program, who is responsible for giving support and listening to doctoral students who face relational issues during their doctoral course, proposing possible solutions. The full list of mediators can be found on the page: <u>Academic Mediators.</u>

11. POST-DOCTORAL OPPORTUNITIES: THE NEW ITALIAN ACT, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CALLS

11.1. THE NEW ITALIAN ACT: RIFORMA DEL PRERUOLO

The term *riforma del preruolo* indicates a series of new normatives that were abrogated by the Italian Government prior to conversion into law of D.L. 36/2022 (urgent measures to actuate the National Recovery and Resilience Plan). The new act introduces changes regarding the two pre-appointment university positions: research fellows and fixed-term researchers.

At the basis of the new act is the creation of two novel fixed-term research contracts namely "research contract" (to replace the former research fellowships) and "tenure track research contract" (to replace the fixed-term research contracts).

RESEARCH CONTRACT: fixed term employment contract that benefits from the Italian social security contributions. This kind of contract lasts *two years* and it can be *renewed for a maximum of two more years*. In the case of specific national or international needs the term of the research contract may be extended for one more year. The total length of the research contract cannot, in any case, go over five years.

Subject of the research contract is the "exclusive execution of a research project" by individuals that graduated from a PhD program or from a medical specialization school.

The call for a research contract is also open to final year PhD students, that is, those enrolled in the last year of the specialization course in the medical area, provided that the achievement of the title is expected within six months following the date of publication of the call of interest. Moreover, the introduction of the new research contract determines the suppression of research scholarships *after* the achievement of a PhD degree. Graduate students that do not own any doctoral degree may still benefit from research scholarships: these scholarships fall under the name of **pre-doc fellowships**.

The pay for a research contract is established nation-wide and it cannot be below the salary of a fixed-term researcher for the year 2024 at 26,727.00 euros gross employee and 37,370 euros gross institution.



- the research contract cannot be cumulative with other research fellowships, except for those established for international mobility
- the research contract is not compatible with the attendance of any other degree (BS, MSc, medical specialization school, PhD programs) in Italy nor abroad
- FIXED-TERM UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER CONTRACT: in tenure track researcher, namely, process of pre-appointment of young researchers. Differently from the former fixed-term research contracts (RTDB) it is not necessary to gain previous seniority through other contractual forms (for example through research grants or other types of research contracts) and the relative 12-year time limit does not apply the overall duration of the relationships established with the holders of research grants and fixed-term research contracts. The length of this contract is 6 years, not extendable. Researchers owning a PhD degree or equivalent title or medical specialization can apply. The fixed-term university researcher contract is not compatible with other working contracts (public or private), nor with research fellowships or PhD fellowships. Instead, it is compatible with scholarships aimed at promoting international research collaboration. The pay corresponds to the pay of former RTDB researchers: € 44.207,68 gross. In the case of fixed-term researchers being employed in public administration offices their research contract can be placed on hold.

1	 Starting from the end of the third year, the tenure track researcher in possession of the National Scientific Qualification (ASN) can make the transition to Associate Professor. This transition can also take place after 1 or 2 years, if the Researcher is recognized as having previous research experiences/years (Type A Researcher or Research Fellow) The transition to Associate Professor takes place through an internal University evaluation procedure which includes a didactic test.
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11.2. UNIPD CALLS

• **Research fellowships:** the University of Padova, through its departments and authorized structures, can open calls for research fellowships within the University, according to the actual Italian legislation (starting from 2024 according to law 79/2022).

These calls are published in the <u>official register</u> of the University, along with their publication on the department's website, on the <u>MUR</u> website and on the EU website (<u>Euraxess</u>).

All the guidelines regarding the research fellowships are available at the page <u>Regolamenti su</u> ricerca e valorizzazione della ricerca | Università di Padova.

STARS@UNIPD: University of Padova offers a funding program aimed at encouraging young researchers to participate in international research calls such as those proposed by the *European Research Council* (ERC, see chapter on <u>international calls</u>). STARS grants support bottom-up research projects submitted by individual Principal Investigators (PIs), of any age and nationality, who are interested in carrying out their research activities in Padova.

The main goal is to consolidate their research curriculum vitae in order to submit a competitive ERC proposal, choosing the University of Padova as host institution. In order to reward excellence and foster a high-level, open, transparent and merit-based competition, as well as promoting the increasingly broad participation of researchers in international competitive calls for proposals, the evaluation process and criteria of the STARS@UNIPD call are similar to those of the ERC: the application forms, although simplified, match the templated of the European Research Council. The program runs every two years. More information is available at the page <u>Supporting Talent in ReSearch@University of Padua | Università di Padova</u>.

 MSCA Seal of Excellence @UNIPD: initiative that funds, through a dedicated call for applications, Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Postdoctoral Fellowships projects (MSCA-PF, see chapter on international calls) that designated the University of Padova as Host Institution and, despite not being funded, obtained the Seal of Excellence MSC - Actions. It is aimed at encouraging wider participation by the most qualified international researchers in the MSCA-PF calls under Horizon Europe. The MSCA Seal of Excellence @UNIPD funding covers a research grant contract and a budget for training and networking expenses. More information available at the page MSCA Seal of Excellence @Unipd | Università di Padova.

11.3. NATIONAL CALLS

All the information regarding research calls for PhD candidates, technicians, research fellows and fixed-term researchers is available at the <u>MUR website</u>, along with the register of appointed professors.

11.4. INTERNATIONAL CALLS

The <u>International Research</u> branch of MUR is constantly updated with international funding possibilities and it publishes research calls opened by foreign institutions (including ERA-LEARN, EURAXESS, PRIMA). Moreover, it supports young researchers in the writing process of new research projects, through specific courses (in collaboration with the European Research Promotion Agency, <u>APRE</u>). Additionally, it monitors the progress of ongoing European research projects (through the Italian portal of the **CO**mmunity Research and Development Information Service, **CORDIS**).

Horizon Europe: EU's key funding programme for research and innovation. It facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing the EU policies while tackling global challenges. It supports creating and better dispersing of excellent knowledge and technologies. It creates jobs, fully engages the EU's talent pool, boosts economic growth, promotes industrial competitiveness and optimizes investment impact within a strengthened European Research Area. It is structured into three pillars: Excellent Science, Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness, Innovative Europe that, in turn, comprehend specific programs. For example, MSCA and ERC belong to the Excellent Science pillars.

- **ERC**: premier European funding organization set up by the EU in 2007, funding for excellence frontier research. It funds creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based across Europe. The ERC offers 4 main grant schemes: Starting Grants, Consolidator Grants, Advanced Grants and Synergy Grants. The ERC is led by an independent governing body, the Scientific Council. More information can be found on the <u>ERC</u> website.
- MSCA: the Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions fund excellent research and innovation and equip researchers at all stages of their career with new knowledge and skills, through mobility across borders and exposure to different sectors and disciplines. The MSCA helps build Europe's capacity for research and innovation by investing in the long-term careers of excellent researchers. This program also funds the development of excellent doctoral and postdoctoral training programmes and collaborative research projects worldwide. The MSCA promotes excellence and sets standards for high-quality research education and training. Further information can be found on the official website <u>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions</u>.

The University of Padova also supports young researchers, professors and Departments in the process of writing innovative research projects through the **International Research Office**, by giving detailed information about funding opportunities. The international research office is organized in units: individual grants unit, collaborative grants unit and EU research hub. More information is available at the web page <u>International Research Office | Università di Padova</u>.

12. USEFUL LINKS

Table 1: Link to the web pages of the doctoral courses of the School of Medicine.

PhD course	Department	
Developmental Medicine and Healthcare Planning Sciences https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/developmental-medicine-and-healthcare-planning-sc iences	Department of Women's and Children's Health	
Molecular Medicine https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/molecular-medicine	Department of Molecular Medicine	
Translational Specialistic Medicine "G.B. Morgagni" https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/translational-specialistic-medicine-gb-morgagni	Department of Cardiac, Thoracic, Vascular Sciences and Public Health	
Neuroscience https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/neuroscience	Padova Neuroscience Center	
Clinical and experimental Oncology and Immunology https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/clinical-and-experimental-oncology-and-immunology	Department of Surgery, Oncology and Gastroenterology	
Biomedical Sciences https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/biomedical-sciences	Department of Biomedical Sciences	
Arterial Hypertension and Vascular Biology https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/arterial-hypertension-and-vascular-biology-arhyvab	Department of Medicine Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences	
Clinical and Experimental Sciences https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/clinical-and-experimental-sciences		
Pharmacological Sciences https://www.unipd.it/en/phd/pharmacological-sciences		

<u>Table 2:</u> Link to the web pages reporting the research areas and groups of the departments of the School of Medicine.

Department	Research areas
Department of Women's and Children's Health	https://www.sdb.unipd.it/ricerca/linee-di-ricerca/genetica-linee-di-ric erca https://www.sdb.unipd.it/ricerca/linee-di-ricerca/ginecologia-e-ostetr icia-linee-di-ricerca https://www.sdb.unipd.it/ricerca/linee-di-ricerca/pediatria-linee-di-ri cerca
Department of Molecular Medicine	https://www.medicinamolecolare.unipd.it/ricerca/laboratori
Department of Cardiac, Thoracic, Vascular Sciences and Public Health	https://www.dctv.unipd.it/ricerca/linee-di-ricerca
Padova Neuroscience Center	https://www.neuroscienze.unipd.it/ricerca/linee-di-ricerca
Department of Surgery, Oncology and Gastroenterology	https://www.discog.unipd.it/ricerca/aree-di-ricerca-0
Department of Biomedical Sciences	https://www.biomed.unipd.it/ricerca/aree-tematiche
Department of Medicine	https://www.medicinadimed.unipd.it/ricerca-0
Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences	https://www.dsfarm.unipd.it/ricerca/research-areas

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