

Regulations of the International PhD College of the Collegio Superiore

Art. 1 – Definition

1. The Collegio Superiore, which is based in Bologna, is a branch of the Istituto di Studi Superiori of the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna. Its governance, organisational structure and regulations are laid down in accordance with the goals, purposes and organisational plan referred to in the Regulations of the Istituto di Studi Superiori, as established by the Rectoral Decree D.R. ref. no. 234/2014, protocol no. 17925 of 27/03/2014, pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 26 of the University Statute.
2. The Collegio Superiore provides its training activities to Collegiate students enrolled in a first-cycle, second-cycle or third-cycle degree programme at the University of Bologna.
3. The third-cycle, called “International PhD College” (hereinafter, the “I-PhD College”), is a training and research course held by the Collegio Superiore in agreement with the Institute of Advanced Studies (hereinafter, the “ISA”) and is complementary to the University of Bologna PhD programmes. It covers two main disciplinary areas:
 - a) The humanities and social sciences, which includes PhD programmes in the humanities and in legal, political, economic and statistical sciences.
 - b) The scientific and technological area, which includes PhD programmes in biological, geological and agricultural sciences, engineering studies, mathematical, physical, chemical and astronomical sciences, and medical, pharmaceutical and veterinary sciences.
4. These Regulations shall govern the aims and organisation of the Collegio’s training and research activities.
5. Students who are admitted to the I-PhD College and who are enrolled in PhD programmes lasting longer than three years, must complete their I-PhD activities within three years, after which they retain their status of non-resident I-PhD College members for the time required to complete their University of Bologna PhD programme .

Art. 2 – Aims of the I-PhD College

1. The I-PhD College aims to promote interdisciplinary and advanced research and training pathways that are complementary to and do not overlap with students’ PhD programmes. The I-PhD College accepts PhD students who are enrolled at the University of Bologna and who have passed an entrance exam, and provides them with extracurricular research and training courses. All students are provided with accommodation in the College’s Halls of Residence,.
2. The I-PhD College works in close collaboration with the ISA, the University of Bologna’s PhD programmes and Departments, and similar institutions in Italy and abroad.

Art. 3 – Training and research activities

1. I-PhD College students are expected to develop interdisciplinary research projects and co-working activities on cross-cutting topics, to be completed by the end of their three-year period at the I-PhD College. Co-working activities are research activities that the I-PhD College students carry out in small groups overseen by a University Tutor appointed by the Collegio Superiore. After completing their activities, the students are required to submit at least one product that makes a contribution to civil society in terms of the dissemination and communication of science and knowledge.
2. The interdisciplinary topics for students’ research projects and co-working activities will be proposed by the Scientific Board of the ISA together with the Scientific Council of the Collegio Superiore when each new cohort is enrolled. The topics must be approved by the Scientific Council of the Collegio, taking into account any suggestions put forward by the students and their Tutors.
3. The I-PhD College students must actively participate in meetings and projects arranged by the ISA, as well as attend at least 8 ISA Lectures each year (4 ISA Lectures correspond to 1 CFU).

4. The I-PhD College students must obtain at least 3 CFUs over the three years of their third cycle, consisting of specially prepared interdisciplinary training activities which are presented at the beginning of each academic year as part of the Collegio's teaching programme.
5. At the end of each academic year, each I-PhD College student must submit a short written report on their activities and on the progress of their interdisciplinary project. The deadline for submission will be communicated by the Scientific Council of the Collegio.
6. In order to promote international and interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration, the Collegio may provide bursaries for international exchanges with other national and international Higher Institutes and Schools.

Art. 4 – Tutors: definitions and responsibilities

1. Each I-PhD College student will be supervised by a University Tutor, who will be a faculty member from a different disciplinary area (in accordance with Article 1), who will be selected from among the Tutors of the Collegio Superiore or members of the Scientific Board of the ISA.
2. The Tutor's responsibilities are:
 - i) Support the I-PhD student in identifying the topic of their interdisciplinary research and supervise their research activities, also in cooperation with Tutors overseeing other students in the same co-working group.
 - ii) Support the I-PhD student in identifying results from their research which can be made available to the community/civil society;
 - iii) Submit an annual report on their Tutee's activities, to certify whether or not the Tutee has met the requirements for continued enrollment in the I-PhD College.

Art. 5 – Collegio Superiore Diploma

1. At the end of a student's three-year enrollment at the I-PhD College, they must pass a final exam which consists of a public presentation and discussion of their co-working research activities and results. The exam will be scheduled at the beginning of each academic year.
2. I-PhD College students who meet the requirements of the programme, as outlined in these Regulations, will be awarded a Diploma by the Collegio Superiore after obtaining their PhD degree.

Art. 6 – Admission

1. Students are selected for admission to the I-PhD via call for applications, which is published annually, as part of the application procedures for the University of Bologna PhD programmes. The number of positions available shall be established by the Institute for Higher Studies on an annual basis.
2. All students who have been admitted to a PhD programme at the University of Bologna are eligible for admission to the I-PhD College.
3. Applications for admission to the I-PhD College will be evaluated by a committee composed of the Tutors of the Collegio and members of the Scientific Board of the ISA, appointed by the Director of the Collegio.

Art. 7 – Conditions of enrollment

1. Accommodation will be provided on an annual basis (12 months starting from 1 November), renewable for a maximum of 3 years (including for students enrolled in 4-year PhD programmes), subject to a positive assessment by the Scientific Council of the Collegio. The assessment will be based on the annual report submitted by the PhD student and their Tutor and will take into account any failure to comply with the Regulations of the Istituto di Studi Superiori and its different branches as well as any disciplinary issues.
2. Accepting accommodation in the facilities of the Collegio, whether managed directly or by third parties, will imply full acceptance of the appropriate regulations.
3. I-PhD College students must comply with the disciplinary rules and are subject to the measures laid down in the Regulation of disciplinary procedures for students. Students must maintain a respectful conduct among themselves and with the staff of the Collegio and the ISA.
4. At any time, an I-PhD student can:
 - i) Submit a motivated request to give up their accommodation to the Director of the Collegio; if the request is granted by the Scientific Council of the Collegio Superiore, the student can give up their

accommodation while remaining enrolled in a University PhD programme and retaining a status as “non-resident I-PhD College student”. The accommodation must be vacated within 30 days of the request being approved; however, the PhD student undertakes to complete their co-working research activities within the three-year period of their PhD programme. If the requirements laid down in Article 5 are met, the PhD student will be awarded a Diploma of the Collegio Superiore Diploma.

ii) Withdraw from their position as I-PhD College student. Their accommodation must be vacated within 30 days of the withdrawal being notified; the student will stop their co-working research activities and the rest of the work group will be free to make use of any results achieved so far.

Art. 8 – Entry into force, final and temporary provisions

1. Unless otherwise specified, these Regulations come into force 15 days after the date of publication in the Official University Bulletin, and apply to PhD students admitted to the I-PhD College from the academic year 2022/23 onwards.

2. Any matters not explicitly covered by these Regulations shall be governed by current national and European Union legislation and by the applicable University Regulations, Regulations of the Collegio Superiore and Regulations of the Istituto di Studi Superiori.