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DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL-FORESTRY SYSTEMS - SAFAS -

Director prof. Salvatore Moricca

XLII cycle - academic year 2026/2027

CUP Pegaso Scholarships 2026

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TECHNOLOGICAL AREA	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	Department of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Forestry
WEB	www.phd-safas.dagri.unifi.it
PARTNER INSTITUTIONS	University of Pisa University of Siena
CURRICULA	1. Sustainable Management of Agri-Food and Forestry Systems 2. Precision Agriculture and Sustainability of Agri-Food Systems 3. Smart Sustainable Agriculture
POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 9 Positions with Scholarship: 9 Positions without Scholarship: <i>not available</i>	
RANKING LIST FOR STANDARD POSITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 8	2 - University of Florence 1- University of Pisa 1 - University of Siena 4 - Regione Toscana Pegaso Scholarships 2026*
RANKING LIST FOR POSITIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPIC SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: 1	Regione Toscana Pegaso Scholarships 2026** <i>*NOTE: Pegaso scholarships winners may be assigned to one of the affiliated universities</i> Thematic - "Integrating EPR spectroscopy, metabolomics, and multivariate statistics to study oxidative processes in agri-food products (OXIFOOD)." The OXIFOOD research-focused doctoral fellowship focuses on smart agrifood, specifically on high-quality agri-food production. Wine and extra virgin olive oil production are key pillars of Tuscany's agri-food system, with significant economic, environmental, and cultural impacts. World-renowned wines, along with extra virgin olive oil, contribute significantly to the region's international competitiveness. However, the quality and stability of these products are strongly influenced by complex oxidative processes, the understanding of which requires the integration of advanced analytical techniques and omics approaches. The

	development of new analytical and predictive strategies is therefore key to supporting innovation and sustainability in the Mediterranean agri-food supply chain. <i>** For Regione Toscana Pegaso Scholarships 2026 a period of training/research in an enterprise, a public research institution or other public institution (not a university) of at least 3 months is mandatorily required.</i>
STUDY/RESEARCH PERIODS ABROAD	- at least 6 months for Pegaso Scholarships 2026 in standard ranking - at least 3 months for scholarships and for Pegaso scholarship with specific research topics
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE ADMISSION	• Copy of the Identification Document • Self-certification for qualifications obtained in Italy (laurea triennale, specialistica o magistrale o ciclo unico) with list of exams taken, credits and related grade, title of the thesis and graduation mark (using the template at this page or similar forms containing the required information) • Qualifications obtained abroad (Bachelor's and Master's Degrees or combined cycle Degree) with a list of all exams taken, credits and related grade, rating scale, title of the thesis and graduation mark <i>The same documentation except for the final mark must be submitted by those who will graduate within the 31/10/2026</i>
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EVALUATION	MANDATORY • Curriculum vitae (European format) • Research Project OPTIONAL • List of publications • Any other scientific qualification document
RESEARCH PROJECT	The research project may be written in Italian or English and must not exceed 12,000 characters including spaces (excluding tables, figures, notes and bibliography). It must focus on the topics on which the research doctorate is based and explicitly indicate which of the three doctoral curricula it refers to (https://www.phd-safas.dagri.unifi.it/). The project must outline a possible research activity, to be carried out in the three-year period of the doctorate, which has high potential to bring innovative scientific contributions in the chosen topic. It must be structured as follows: title; introduction (scientific question, state of the art and objectives); materials and methods (with temporally articulated phases); expected results; bibliography. If the candidate is admitted to the doctoral course, the doctoral thesis project may deviate from the research project presented by him for admission. Candidates applying for multiple rankings must attach a separate project for each.
INTERVIEW MODE	Remotely (videocall) The interview can be taken in Italian or in English language. If in Italian, the English language knowledge is tested during the interview (level B2 at least).

EVALUATION MARKS	parameter	minimum score	maximum score
	Curriculum vitae, publications, other qualification documents	10/120	20/120
	Research Project	30/120	40/120
	Applicants who obtain a mark of at least 40/120 according to the minimum score for each parameter will be admitted to the interview		
	Interview: discussion of the research project and qualification documents	40/120	60/120
	Eligibility is achieved with a minimum score of 80/120		
FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVALUATION PROCESS	The evaluation of curriculum vitae, research project, publications, scientific qualification documents will consider the candidate's preparation and skills in relation to the research topics of the curricula of the PhD programme. Discussion of the research project and of any other academic and scientific titles and publications will aim at evaluating the candidate's interest and motivation towards scientific research in the fields of interest of the PhD curricula.		

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE		
	DATE	TIME
INTERVIEW	17 September 2026	09:30 a.m.
The list of candidates admitted to the interview and the final ranking will be published at the page PhD courses		

ENROLLMENT ROUNDS		
Enrollment must be completed within the specified mandatory deadlines, under penalty of exclusion. (as per Art. 13 of the Call for Applications - Annex 1)		
	Opening Date	Deadline for Enrollment
Enrollment (successful candidates)	Ranking's publication date (by September 30th, 2026)	by 11.59 pm (CEST) on October 7th 2026
1st round (eligible candidates)	from 12th October 2026	by 11.59 pm (CEST) on October 16th 2026
2nd round (eligible candidates)	from 20th October 2026	by 11.59 pm (CEST) on October 23th 2026
It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check their personal reserved area. No personal communications will be sent to candidates. Technical instructions for enrollment can be found here.		