

Faculty of Education

PhD-programme in Linguistics

PhD programme in cooperation between the Universities of Bozen-Bolzano and Verona

Website: <https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/education/phd-linguistics/>

Duration: 3 years

Academic year: 2024/2025

Start date: 01.11.2024

Official programme languages: English, Italian, German,

Available positions: **6 positions supported by a scholarship**

2 scholarships are linked to specific research topics

- 1 scholarship is reserved for a project sponsored by the Agenzia regionale per la lingua friulana (ARLEF). Title of the project: 'Comparative analysis of the policies for the protection of the Romansh, the Brixino-Tyrolean Ladin and the Friulian Ladin' ([for details see here](#))

Candidates interested in this project must state their interest in the research proposal that they submit.

- 1 scholarship is reserved for the International Doctoral Track in cooperation with the University of Marburg ([for details see here](#))

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Each candidate may submit no more than one research proposal. With this proposal candidates compete for scholarships linked to specific research topics (if they state their interest in the proposal) as well as for the scholarships linked to the general research topics of the PhD programme.

Research areas for which research proposals can be submitted

- Phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, lexicon;
- sociolinguistics;
- dialogue analysis, conversation analysis, discourse analysis;
- language acquisition;
- language teaching;
- Germanic and Romance Philology and Historical linguistics;
- language contact, Germanic and Romance dialectology, minority languages and multilingualism;
- language policies and language planning.

(for further information about the PhD programme see the web page)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Requirements:

- MA degree (all disciplines)
- MA degrees according to Italian law previous to the introduction of D.M. 509/1999
- Master of Science/Arts or equivalent degrees obtained outside of Italy

Language requirements

Language skills for English and for either German or Italian are evaluated during the admission interview. The language skills must be adequate for carrying out the research proposal submitted by the candidate.

Admission procedure and evaluation criteria

The selection process consists in the evaluation of the qualifications of the candidates (max. 40 points) and in an admission interview (max. 60 points). Only applicants obtaining a minimum of 25/40 in the evaluation of their qualifications are admitted to the admission interview.

The following documentation attesting qualifications is evaluated and must be uploaded to the selection platform:

- MA thesis: max. 10 points
- research proposal written in English, German or Italian, with a description of the PhD project that the candidate wants to pursue. The proposal must not exceed the length of 9,000 characters (including spaces, excluding the bibliography): max. 25 points
- further attestations: curriculum vitae: max. 5 points

Admission interview

The admission interview will be held in English and, according to the choice of the candidate, in either German or Italian.

During the exam the submitted research proposal is discussed and language skills in English and in German or Italian are evaluated.

Candidates pass the admission interview when they reach a minimum of 40/60 points.

The admission interview takes place at the Faculty of Education, Bressanone-Brixen, Regensburger Allee 16, seminar room 2.01.

Candidates who make a motivated request by 11.07.2024 can participate in the admission interview online via MS Teams.

Date and time:	24.07.2024 , from 9 a.m.
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Committee

Alber, Birgit (unibz) chair

Cantarini, Sibilla (UniVR)

Spreafico, Lorenzo (unibz)

Substitute members: Abel, Andrea (unibz), Irsara, Martina (unibz), Rabanus, Stefan (UniVR)

Expert: scholarship ARLEF: Videsott, Ruth (unibz).

At the end of the exam period, the Admission Board will draw up a rank list of candidates (*see Article 6 of the public competition announcement, general Call*).

For the scholarships funded by external partners (ARLEF), and for the scholarship reserved for the IDT in cooperation with the University of Marburg separate ranking lists will be established containing candidates who are also eligible according to the general ranking and who in addition indicated a preference for such scholarships and have a scientific profile that is particularly suited to the specific topics associated to the scholarship.

APPLICATION:

The following documents are required **for the application** to the doctoral programme (*see Article 3 of the public competition announcement*):

- **Degree certificate/exam transcript.** In the case of Italian university qualifications, the certification MUST be substituted by a **self-declaration** or by the Diploma Supplement.
- **Curriculum vitae** (in English or German or Italian)
- **Research proposal** (PDF/A file) written in English, German or Italian. The proposal must not exceed the length of 9,000 characters (including spaces, excluding the bibliography)

Candidates who apply for the scholarships linked to specific research topics must state their interest for this scholarship in the research proposal.

Each candidate may submit no more than one research proposal with which they will compete for the scholarships linked to specific research topics as well as for scholarships linked to the general topics of the PhD programme.