



Enrolment Announcement for

“Quality, Safety and Sustainability of the dairy sector PhD Research school”

Article 1

General directions

The Faculty of Agricultural Food and Environmental Sciences at of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore activates the "**Quality, Safety and Sustainability of the dairy sector PhD Research school**" for the year 2023. The school will last 80 hours. Among them, 40 hours of lectures and other activities will be held in-person at the Piacenza campus of the Università Cattolica from June 19 to 23, 2023, and the remaining 40 hours will include online preparation for the course and individual study from May 22 to July 28, 2023.

Lessons will be held in English, and a certificate of completion will be awarded at the end of the school.

The PhD School is structured into 3 phases as follow:

1. a first warm-up will take place online. During this phase, a miscellany of material will be proposed (articles, videos, case studies, etc.) to focus the attention on various issues related to the school topic. In this preliminary phase, in addition to recorded lessons delivered, students will also be exposed to training materials aimed at preparing the basic skills necessary for participation in the in-person week.
2. a second phase, consisting of 5 days of in-person classes from June 19-23, 2023. This phase includes face-to-face lectures, activities, and company visits. The involvement also of foreign professors, or Italians working abroad, will allow a broader overview of the state of the art in Europe and at the broader international context;
3. a third follow-up phase by remote to conclude and consolidate the notions assimilated during the school.

The PhD School is part of a project funded by the Emilia-Romagna Region (Regional Council Resolution No. 1625 of 18/10/2021), which provides funds to the University of Parma (project leader) in relation to the "Emilia Romagna Food Science Advanced Doctoral Training Program" created by the School of Advanced Studies in Food and Nutrition. The PhD School aims to provide participants with a comprehensive view of the entire dairy supply chain and will be geared to train PhD students on emerging research topics related to the entire dairy supply chain, starting from production and reaching the consumer. Further information concerning objectives, educational programme may be found in the course presentation sheet posted on the website <https://www.phooder.unipr.it/schools/universita-cattolica-del-sacro-cuore/quality-safety-and-sustainability-of-the-dairy-sector-phd-research-school/33/>.

Attendance is mandatory.

Article 2

Admission requirements

The PhD School is thought for PhD students from all over the world who are engaged in all areas of food science and agricultural science. Participants, if they are not native speakers of English, are recommended to have at least B2 level knowledge of this language. This factor will be taken in consideration during selection.



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There are 20 available places for the school, and the course will be activated if the minimum number of 10 participants will be reached.

Article 3

Selection admission and documents submission

Enrolment for the selection should be done from March 15, 2023 to April 30, 2023 (12 p.m. Italian time) via <https://phooder.unipr.it/> and involves:

- a) Insert the required information;
- b) Send the following documents to margherita.dallasta@unicatt.it:
 1. Curriculum vitae;
 2. Motivational letter (in English);
 3. Degree certificate;
 4. Certificate of enrolment in a doctoral school;
 5. Certification or self-certification of knowledge of the English language;
 6. Double-sided copy of a valid identification document.

All candidates will be admitted to the selection with reserve; the committee, after evaluation of the qualifications and motivational letter, will select for admission those candidates who are found to possess the qualifications for admission stipulated in this announcement.

In the event of false or misleading declarations presented by the candidate for the purposes of enrolment, without prejudice to the criminal sanctions referred to in art. 76 of Presidential Decree no. 445 of 28 December 2000, the same candidate loses the right to enrol. Any false or misleading declarations may lead to exposure to juridical action for damages by the parties concerned. Any applications received after the deadline will be evaluated only if the maximum number of places available is not reached.

Article 4

Selection procedure

Admission to the PhD School is subject to a positive judgment based on the evaluation of CV, qualifications and motivational letter. Eligibility is granted with a minimum score of 60 points; the maximum score is 100. The scientific committee will meet for the evaluation of qualifications and notify applicants of admission to the school within 15 days after the close of registration.

The selection of participants will be based on academic performance (with particular consideration to possible titles and publications) curriculum vitae, and the motivations expressed by applicants.

The geographical origin of applicants will be taken into account in the selection to encourage an international dimension to the classroom.



Article 5

Creation and approval of the ranking

Eligible candidates are admitted to the PhD School who, in relation to the number of available places, have been placed in a useful position in the ranking list compiled on the basis of the total score reported. In case of ex-aequo precedes the one who obtained the highest score in the evaluation of the curriculum vitae; in case of further parity, the candidate with the youngest age precedes. Within fifteen working days after the closing date for applications, the Secretariat will notify students, via e-mail, of their admission to the PhD School.

Article 6

Registration for participants

Participation in the school is free of charge and includes food, but not lodging, which will be the responsibility of the participants. More information about the course location on the website <https://phooder.unipr.it/schools/universita-cattolica-del-sacro-cuore/quality-safety-and-sustainability-of-the-dairy-sector-phd-research-school/33/>.

Article 7

Enrolment and submission of documents

Within fifteen days of the publication of the ranking list, students will be notified by email that they have been admitted and must confirm their participation in the PhD School by sending an email to margherita.dallasta@unicatt.it. Those who fail to confirm their enrolment will be considered as having renounced and the ranking list will be scrolled.

Article 8

Final directions

The Faculty of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences has the power to arrange a possible extension of the selection admission or enrolment period. The extension of the deadlines will be evaluated in case of not reaching minimum and maximum number of participants, or for particular events or if specific educational circumstances should arise, as long as in compliance with the start date of the educational activities reported in the form attached to this announcement. Any extensions will be communicated through a specific notice which will be highlighted on the PhD School website <https://phooder.unipr.it/>.

Piacenza, 15 March 2023