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# Labour, Development and Innovation

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**MEET OUR PhD - Admissions for the 2026/2027 A.Y.**

# What is a PhD

## RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The highest degree awarded in many countries of the world. PhD courses aims at training PhD candidates in understanding, executing, enhancing, organizing research and innovation.

## FUTURE LEADERSHIP

Designed to train highly qualified professionals to fill autonomous roles of high responsibility both in academia as well as in national and international organizations

# Programme overview

The PhD in Labour, Development and Innovation is an advanced research programme **focusing on the core intersections of modern work and society.**

- Promoted by: Marco Biagi Dept. of Economics
- Collaboration: Marco Biagi Foundation
- Duration: 3 years (Start: 1 Nov 2026)
- Location: Modena (Marco Biagi Foundation)

# Primary goal: Sustainable and Innovative society

To train highly qualified professionals capable of combining research activity with the ability to develop innovative projects with an impact on the national and international territory, to interpret and manage the processes of transformation and development in the world of work, public and private organizations, and territories, from the perspective of sustainable **and** inclusive innovation.

# Research focus

Understanding the dynamics of today's "major transitions" — technological and digital, environmental and energy-related, demographic and social — and to analysing their transformative effects from a legal, economic-financial, and organisational-managerial perspective, including their intersections with issues of inclusion and environmental, economic, and social sustainability in the world of work, business, and local ecosystems.

The research areas are consistent with the major national and European multidisciplinary fields of research and innovation identified in the Italian Ministry of University and Research's **National Research Programme 2021–2027**, and with the objectives and action priorities set out in the **Pact for Work and Climate** and the **Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation 2021–2027** of the Emilia-Romagna Region.

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<https://www.phdlavorosviluppoinnovazione.unimore.it/aree-di-ricerca/>

# Approach

- ❑ Mixed methods
- ❑ Comparative and international perspective
- ❑ Multidisciplinarity (Law, Economics, Management)
  - Part of the E4E School  
(<https://www.e4e.unimore.it/>)

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# Integration with social and economic stakeholders

Managed in collaboration with the Marco Biagi Foundation, the programme promotes integration with the productive sector and with social and economic stakeholders

- Research on specific projects with external partners;
- Participation in national and international calls for funding for research on specific topics of shared interest
- Dissemination initiatives for non-specialist audience

# Integration in the international community

- **PhD Academic Council:** academics from foreign universities and research centres
- **Visiting professors** involved in the Programme's training activities
- **Mobility: 6 months study/research period abroad** for doctoral candidates
  - 50% scholarship increase abroad + annual research fund (10% of the scholarship annual amount)
  - Partnership with universities in Germany, Poland and Spain, Brazil and UK



# Call for applications 42° cycle

Funding Source	Scholarships	Research Theme Focus
Marco Biagi Foundation + ER Region	1 position	The Role of Collective Bargaining and Participation in the Protection of Vulnerable Workers: Current Realities and Future Prospects
Fondazione AGO Modena Fabbriche Culturali	1 position	Development, Innovation and Sustainability in cultural industries
UNIMORE	3 positions	Consistent with the PhD main research areas
Fondazione di Modena	1 position	Consistent with the PhD main research areas

**€17,000 gross per year** for the recipient, corresponding to approximately **€1,250 net per month**

**3-year, full-time programme**

**Research budget equal to 10% of the scholarship amount**, available from the first year

**Scholarship funding sources:**

Deadline to submit: June 30 2026, 1:00 p.m.