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UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA

Resource Distribution Criteria

PhD Programme “Agri-food Science, Technology and Biotechnology” (STEBA)

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Starting from the year 2023, following the decision made by the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors in their respective sessions on July 11, 2023, and July 17, 2023, the financial allocation for the University's PhD Programs is distributed based on the following criteria:

1. **Fixed "operating" quota** attributed to each PhD Program with administrative headquarters at UNIMORE;
2. **"Per capita" quota** attributed to each PhD Program with administrative headquarters at UNIMORE, inter-university, or of national interest, in proportion to the number of enrolled students;
3. **"Reward" quota** attributed to each PhD Program with administrative headquarters at UNIMORE by applying the same indicators used for the distribution of reward PhD scholarships, excluding Indicator 1 (Composition and quality of the Board) and with weights assigned to the remaining 4 indicators reshaped as follows:
    - **Indicator 2.** Internationalization of the PhD: weight 20%
    - **Indicator 3.** Number of scholarships fully funded by external entities: weight 30%
    - **Indicator 4.** Attractiveness of the PhD: weight 30%
    - **Indicator 5.** Employment outcomes of PhD graduates: weight 20%

Within the framework of the annual allocation, each PhD program must establish internal criteria for the use of available funds.

The planned expenditure categories are aligned with the following Objectives of the University Three-Year Plan: - "RI.3 Enhancing PhD programs and fostering the qualification of doctoral students, actions 4) Strengthening the qualification and monitoring of doctoral students' activities" and 5) "Encouraging research activity and mobility of doctoral students, including through the integration of PhD programs into national and/or international networks";

The same objective is also shared in the Three-Year Plan of the Department of Life Sciences, which includes Department Action RI.3.5.1 "Encouraging research activity and mobility of PhD students from DSV doctoral programs, including through integration into national and/or international networks" and the related expected result "a) Increase in the number of doctoral students spending at least 3 months abroad".

The PhD Program in Agri-food Science, Technology and Biotechnology adopts the following resource distribution criteria:

- **70% of the total annual financial allocation** will be used for teaching and training activities, including expenses for missions of incoming professors, and for mobility of doctoral students.
- **30% of the annual financial allocation** will be used for software expenses, repairs, and co-financing the purchase of common-use instrumentation available at UNIMORE.

The eligible expenditure categories are as follows:

Expenditures for research, training, and mobility of PhD students (70% of the annual allocation)

1. **Reimbursement of incoming mission expenses** for highly qualified scientific professors and researchers providing seminars and training courses for STEBA doctoral students.
2. **Reimbursement of mission expenses and registration fees** for conferences for doctoral students presenting a scientific contribution (either oral or poster), where the student is listed among the authors.
3. **Reimbursement of mission expenses and registration fees** for workshops, seminars, and training courses on topics related to the doctoral students' research project, subject to approval by the tutors.
4. **Reimbursement of round-trip travel expenses for mobility abroad:** upon request, students will be granted payment for travel expenses, while no contribution will be provided for living expenses, which are considered already covered, at least in part, by the 50% scholarship increase provided by UNIMORE, upon request, for research periods abroad.
5. **Reimbursement of mission expenses for study and research periods** at national institutions and companies, including accommodation and travel costs.
6. **Payment of open-access publication fees** for articles in international scientific journals where the doctoral student is the first author (or in another position with an "equal contribution" statement), the corresponding author, or where the corresponding author has a UNIMORE affiliation.
7. **Establishment of an annual edition of the "Michele Stanca" Award** for scientific productivity, reserved for STEBA doctoral students, featuring three prizes of 1,100, 800, and 550 euros (gross university cost) for the first, second, and third place respectively. **Total: 2,450 euros**.

For total expenses related to the training and research activities of individual doctoral students (specifically for points 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6), incurred starting from January 1, 2025, **a limit of 3,500 euros for the three-year doctoral cycle** is set for each student, until funds are available.

The sums made available to doctoral students through STEBA funds **do not include the 10% quota of the scholarship amount assigned as an individual budget, which is instead made available for research activities by the respective tutor(s)** using funds under their own ownership.

Expenditures for software, repairs, and co-financing of common-use instrumentation (30% of the annual allocation)

Available on a first-come, first-served basis ("a sportello") until the quota is exhausted.

Funds may be used to cover costs for purchasing and renewing licenses for software of common interest, and for repairing instrumentation available at UNIMORE, shared by at least 3 research groups, as well as for co-financing the purchase of instrumentation used by doctoral students belonging to multiple research groups based at UNIMORE.

For expenses exceeding 2,500 euros, prior authorization from the Teaching Board will be required.