



Annex A to Rectoral Decree No. 279 of 8.10.2025

**PhD Program in POLITICS
Cycle XLI - A.Y. 2025/2026**

Administrative headquarters: Department of Political Science, Luiss University
Statutory Duration of the Program: 3 years

a) Educational Goals and Research Themes:

The Department of Political Science at Luiss University invites applications for 7 fully funded PhD scholarships to commence PhD studies in the academic year 2025/2026. The PhD program is entirely in English and has a duration of three years. Supervision will be mainly provided by Professors members of the Academic Board. The program also facilitates exchanges with partner universities abroad and provides additional financial support to enable such study periods and field work.

The Department of Political Science provides excellence in a number research clusters and we invite research proposals specifically in these areas:

- Regional and global governance
- European integration
- Communication studies
- Parliaments, elections and political representation
- Politics and Institutions
- Public policy

b) Places on offer:

- **Number of places with scholarship: n. 1**

c) Selection Process:

The selection process for admission to the doctoral program consists of two phases:

1. First Phase: Evaluation of the Research Proposal, CV and the qualifications contained therein.

In this phase the Research Proposal, CV and qualifications contained therein will be examined.

- (a) The **Research Proposal (to be mandatory submitted)** It will be evaluated taking into account its relevance to the research topic specified in the call (“Energy Policy”), its academic and social significance, overall quality, methodological rigor, and potential for producing original scientific results. It must be written in English and has to include a clear statement of the research question or issues to be addressed, the state of the art on the topic complete with references to the literature, the analytical framework and methodology proposed, an indication of the sources for data collection and a brief bibliography.
- (b) **CV and qualifications (to be mandatory submitted)** will be evaluated taking into account the prior qualifications and any other relevant elements indicated in a candidate’s **curriculum vitae**.

2. Second Phase: Interview with the Selection Committee

The **interview** will focus on the research proposal submitted and will concern topics and subjects pertinent thereto (even if not directly covered by the Research Proposal itself but which relate to the areas under study in the Doctoral Program).

It is designed to assess not only the applicant’s depth of knowledge regarding the proposal submitted but also the candidate’s ability to engage in critical thinking and scientific enquiry, and to assess the candidate’s motivations and objectives in entering the PhD program.

Interviews will be conducted in English, this being the working language of the PhD Program. The interview be held in presence or remotely.

d) Assessment of PhD Applications

Selection Phase	Subject matter of evaluation	Maximum Score	Minimum score to pass to next phase
Phase 1	Research Proposal	60	36
	CV and Qualifications		
Phase 2	Interview	40	24
Total		100	60

The minimum score for eligibility (60 points) is to be understood as the sum of the points assigned from the three phases, with the candidate having attained at least the minimum score in both of the selection phases.

e) Method of Submission of Candidature:

The online application procedure is to be completed through accessing the University's website at:

<https://phd.luiss.it/politics/activities/open-calls/>

To submit an application to participate in the competition candidates must:

- go to the webpage:
<https://phd.luiss.it/politics/activities/open-calls/>
and log into the designated online platform;
- select the "Politics XLI" Doctoral Program within the platform;
- fill out the competition application in full, attaching the required documents, specifically:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION:

- **Personal Declaration Form**
Annex B to the present Call for Applications.
- **Research proposal**, Research project consistent with the research topic set out in this call ("Energy Policy"), with the educational objectives, and with the subjects covered by the PhD Program.
- **Curriculum vitae**, indicating all qualifications held (for example, master's degree, advanced courses, other PhDs, etc.), research undertaken, any publications, study and work periods either abroad or of international relevance, and certified knowledge of English and of any additional foreign languages other than English;
- **National ID card/passport;**

- **Two reference letters (issued exclusively by referees belonging to the teaching and/or academic staff);**

The letters should not be uploaded onto the platform: the candidate must insert within the platform the names and email addresses of their 2 referents, who will receive a link at the indicated email addresses through which they can compile and send a reference letter to the PhD & Education Funding Office.

The deadline for submitting reference letters is set for 17 November 2025.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FILES BE UPLOADED IN PDF FORMAT;

f) Deadlines:

- **Deadline for submission of applications: 16:00 (CET), UTC+1 on 14 November 2025.**
- **Deadline for publication of the ranking for admission purposes:** within 19 December 2025, unless extended with a specific communication on Luiss website.
The ranking order and list of those admitted will be published on the Doctoral Program website (link: <https://phd.luiss.it/politics/admission-and-ranking-list/>) and communicated by e-mail to the successful candidates in accordance with article 5 of the call for applications.
- **Deadline for sending notice of the ranking for admission purposes to successful candidates:** within 7 days, start counting the day after publication of the ranking order and list of those admitted on the University's website (<http://www.luiss.it>) and the associated concurrent notice of admission.
- **Program start:** January 2026.