Hosted by the Mathematics Department, this programme aims at training high level researchers in advanced areas of applied mathematics. Since a successful approach to practical applications depends on a deep understanding of real-world phenomena as well as on the knowledge of mathematical tools for their description, Ph.D. candidates are expected to go thoroughly both into modelling and methodological aspects.

Ph.D. candidates carry out their research both in the development of new mathematical methods and in the implementation and improvement of advanced techniques in connection with specific contexts and applications. Candidates working in appropriate research areas may develop their activities within the MOX (Modeling and Scientific Computing) Laboratory. Candidates are expected to acquire scientific expertise and improve professional skills in several ways. They are encouraged to attend seminars, conferences, workshops and summer schools. A limited teaching activity to undergraduate students, approved by the Faculty, is also encouraged. Periods spent in other Institutions, especially abroad, are welcome. Candidates may complete their preparation, establish scientific contacts and collaborations, and work on their Ph.D. thesis while visiting hosting Institutions. The most important activity carried out by the candidates is the preparation of the Ph.D. thesis. On a yearly basis, the Faculty Board examines the work progress of each thesis. Ph.D. theses must contain original results of appropriate level, and are expected to lead to one or more publications on high-level international journals. The Faculty defines appropriate refereeing methods for the Ph.D. theses. Candidates defend their theses against a Board composed by a majority of external experts.
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