The PhD Program of Architectural Urban and Interior Design (PAUI) promotes research studies and projects focused on architectural design, considered in its different scales, contexts and programs. Research activities are based on the analysis, interpretation and development of design processes and techniques, and are supported by the acquisition and elaboration of insights and skills precisely related with the theoretical and critical horizon of contemporary architecture.

The Program foresees the continuous elaboration and discussion of theoretical and operational tools, a dialectic process which aims to foster the development of a critical and creative reflection on architectural design, exploring and testing experimental approaches, and elaborating autonomous and innovative scientific products.

The Program is embedded into the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), a large structure of thematic and interdisciplinary research. The Department hosts more than 180 professors and researchers engaged on a wide horizon of studies, including every branch of architectural and urban design.
The Program offers a constant sharing of knowledge, of information and of practices, a creative environment strictly related with the researchers engaged in the ongoing activities of the Department, and promotes frequent occasions of exchange with the board of professors, with other doctoral institutions and among the candidates themselves, and participation at international conferences, exhibitions and research networks.

The Program provides opportunities of teaching activity, which is considered an important complement of the research activity, thanks to the narrow connection with the Polimi ‘School of Architecture, Urban Design and Building Construction’. The Program also makes part of the larger Polimi PhD School, which gives the candidates the possibility to attend a large number of interdisciplinary courses and to participate at relevant scientific events.

The Program is aimed to train and prepare highly qualified researchers and professionals, who will work in academic institutions, research centers, public administrations, as well as in the private sector, in the different fields of architectural, urban and interior design.

Eligible students hold a master degree in any discipline and are able to read, write and speak English language fluently. A background in Architecture is appreciated.

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