



## PhD in DESIGN - 38th cycle

Number of scholarship offered	9
Department	DIPARTIMENTO DI DESIGN

### Description of the PhD Programme

#### General description

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**Detailed information on research proposals to be developed for Ph.D application is available at: <http://phd.design.polimi.it/>**

The PhD Program in Design prepares designer-researchers who, addressing the problems and opportunities of contemporary society, are able to apply research methods to produce original design knowledge. The curriculum lasts three years, during which both training and research activities are provided. The Program develops analytical and design abilities and promotes a collaborative disposition.

**The complete list of research proposals is available at <http://phd.design.polimi.it/>.**

Once enrolled, each candidate becomes an effective member of a research group, within which she/he develops an original research project. This research activity is the fundamental core of the learning process. Parallel to this, each candidate is involved in other educational activities.

Proposing department: Department of Design.

Other involved departments: Department of Mechanical Engineering; Department of Chemistry, Materials and Chemical Engineering.

Scholarships: More details on the scholarships offered by the PhD Program in Design are available on page 2 of this document. The specific research subject will be assigned to each candidate within the first months of the PhD activity, with the agreement of both the candidate and the Board of Professors of the PhD Program. The number of available scholarships may be increased up to completion of the evaluation process.



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## OPEN SUBJECT Research Field: DESIGN

### Monthly net income of PhDscholarship (max 36 months)

**€ 1195.0**

In case of a change of the welfare rates or of changes of the scholarship minimum amount from the Ministry of University and Research, during the three-year period, the amount could be modified.

### Context of the research activity

#### Motivation and objectives of the research in this field

Research in the field of design is aimed at improving design processes and practices, with the final aim of developing domain-specific knowledge.

It includes several forms of research, like research-based design practice, research through design, and research into design. It allows investigating new phenomena and technologies connected to emerging user behaviors and socio-cultural models, in order to anticipate future scenarios.

The overall goal is exploring research fields where design is applied at different scales and complexity degrees to people, organizations, communities and social entities.

For a list of research topics proposed by the Design Department Faculty members, please visit:  
**<http://phd.design.polimi.it/>**

#### Methods and techniques that will be developed and used to carry out the research

Different methods and approaches (e.g. historical research, experimental approach; action research; meta-design; critical analysis; case study and scenario design) are being used to carry out research in the various fields of design.

A multidisciplinary integration and human-centered and participated design processes will be encouraged.

#### Educational objectives

The learning process is based on theoretical studies linked with practical activities to enhance the skills necessary to act also as a design practitioner.

The overall aim is educating design researchers with a specific attitude in exploring and devising forms of innovation able to generate value for the



	society, the economy and the environment.
<b>Job opportunities</b>	The main request will come from companies, institutions, social and public bodies, NGOs and design firms looking for a design researcher able to interact with other professionals in research and innovation.
<b>Composition of the research group</b>	8 Full Professors 16 Associated Professors 4 Assistant Professors 72 PhD Students
<b>Name of the research directors</b>	Lucia Rosa Elena Rampino

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<b>Additional support - Financial aid per PhD student per year (gross amount)</b>	
<b>Housing - Foreign Students</b>	--
<b>Housing - Out-of-town residents (more than 80Km out of Milano)</b>	--

<b>Scholarship Increase for a period abroad</b>	
<b>Amount monthly</b>	597.50 €
<b>By number of months</b>	6

<b>Additional information: educational activity, teaching assistantship, computer availability, desk availability, any other information</b>
<p>Educational activities (purchase of study books and material, funding for participation in courses, summer schools, workshops and conferences): financial aid per PhD student max 4.872,90 euros per student</p> <p>Teaching assistanship: availability of funding in recognition of supporting teaching activities by the PhD student there are various forms of financial aid both for research and teaching activities. The PhD student is encouraged to take part in these activities, within the limits allowed by the regulations.</p> <p>Computer availability: 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year: Each research group will supply PhD student with a computer, if necessary.</p> <p>Desk availability: 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year: Each research group will supply phd student with a desk.</p>