

# PhD in ARCHITECTURAL URBAN INTERIOR DESIGN - 39th cycle

# **OPEN SUBJECT Research Field: ARCHITECTURAL URBAN INTERIOR DESIGN**

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

€ 1195.5

In case of a change of the welfare rates during the three-year period, the amount could be modified.

# Context of the research activity

The Architectural Urban Interior Design (AUID) Ph.D. program promotes research on architectural design, with studies and projects aiming at different scales, contexts, and finalities.

In AUID, research is based on the theories and practices nourishing contemporary architecture's cultural and technical debate on an international scale.

Research activities highlight the critical analysis and development of design processes and techniques.
Constant attention is given to the dynamic relationships with the urgent questions related to the environment and the design of green, blue, and grey infrastructure.

Every year, the Program focuses on specific themes to be explored theoretically and through design regarding its general directions.

Within the 39th Cycle, starting in the 2023-24 academic year, the preferential research lines follow these topics, which be pursued by choosing various viewpoints and fields:

- •Critical approaches to architecture and architectural design theories: reframing premises and goals, with case studies from the past and present times.
- •Architecture, society, and mass media: how architectural design interacts with political and social issues.
- •Architecture as a contemporary narrative: studying as research, criticism, and education produce ideas, ideologies, fetishism, and critical thought.

Motivation and objectives of the research in this field



	Research by design: exploring potentialities and applications on specific topics of the design-driven research methodology, testing the implications and the outcomes of research on/through/by design.
Methods and techniques that will be developed and used to carry out the research	The Candidate will develop a research methodology starting from the lectures and assignments of the AUID courses and the courses of the Polimi Ph.D. School. For the general frame of the research activity, AUID refers to the "Charter on Architectural Research" elaborated by the European Association of Architectural Education (EAAE), updated in 2022, to the "Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training" by the Directorate-General for Research &Innovation of the European Commission (2011) and the Regulations of the Polimi Doctoral School. Studying the different formats, methods, and expressions of research in architectural design, the Candidate will profile an original methodology considering the specificity of the selected topic, the target, and the attended results. The Program considers designing a relevant and necessary component of any research.  With the AUID Faculty and the Supervisor(s), each Candidate will find a specific position in the field, elaborating a special relationship among research, design, theory, and practice.
Educational objectives	The education of the Candidates aims to give a strong capacity of orientation, in the field of architecture, of choosing and elaborating a selected theme, of organizing appropriate methodologies of investigation and dissemination, of producing texts, drawings, and artifacts which match the requested character of scientific research: originality, relevance, and rigor, as defined in the "Charter on Architectural Research" by EAAE. The main educational goal of the Faculty is to drive the Candidate to develop research in a well-organized method through making a comprehensive survey of the chosen question, which leads to an original track and output.  The Candidate is helped to acquire the skill to organize a consistent analysis of case studies, formulate a clear

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	proposal for an original approach to a question, and elaborate innovative strategies and research methods. The Candidate will be supported to deliver autonomous and innovative scientific products disseminated through seminars, publications, and conferences.
Job opportunities	The Program aims to train highly qualified researchers and professionals who will work in academic institutions, research centers, and public administration, as well as in the private sector, in the fields of architectural, urban, and interior design:  • University researchers and lecturers in the scientific fields of Ph.D. Program.  • Researchers with an excellent scientific profile in complex architectural developments and interventions of recovering and transformation.  • Independent professionals qualified in the management of highly complex design processes.  • Designers with tasks of high responsibility in institutions and professional structures and leading manufacturers engaged in traditional residential and special utilities, cultural institutions (museums, libraries, universities, schools, cultural centers), public and private services, commercial networks, accommodation, and leisure.
Composition of the research group	12 Full Professors 27 Associated Professors 5 Assistant Professors 85 PhD Students
Name of the research directors	Alessandro Rocca

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

Scholarship Increase for a period abroad		
Amount monthly	597.76 €	
By number of months	6	

Additional information: educational activity, teaching assistantship, computer availability, desk availability, any other information

# Some of the Universities that are cooperating in the research:

- •Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Campus Sint-Lucas, Ghent
- HafenCity Universitaet Hamburg
- •TU Delft, School of Architecture
- •TU Berlin, Institute for Architecture
- University of Ljubljana
- Aarus School of Architecture

**Educational activities** (purchase of study books and material, funding for participation in courses, summer schools, workshops and conferences):financial aid per PhD student per year ("DOTE"):

1st year: max **1.624,30 euro** 2nd year: max **1.624,30 euro** 3rd year: max **1.624,30 euro** 

**Workspace:** In the AUID hall, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Bldg 12 in Leonardo Campus, are available workstations for shared use. All the Ph.D. students can use their laptops with a wireless connection.

Workstations and other equipment are available in the various departmental laboratories (Dastu) linked with the doctoral Program.