The Ph.D. Program in Materials Engineering provides high educational opportunities to young talents and executives who intend to become proactive researchers and professionals skilled in the design, production and application of both traditional and innovative materials, their optimization for specific applications, the prediction and assessment of their performance, and in developing new concepts in any materials-related fields.

Highlights of the Ph.D. Programme in Materials Engineering are:
- a rigorous scientific approach to address outstanding research
- an effective interdisciplinary approach
- connection with international leading scientific and technical communities.

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The Program includes advanced research and training on:
- Research and development in traditional materials (polymers metals, ceramics, concretes, composites) and related technologies.
- Specific application areas: materials for energy, materials for environment, materials for electronics, optoelectronics and photonics, materials for cultural heritage, materials for product design and packaging, and biomaterials.
- Smart, responsive and self-healing materials, nanostructured materials.
- Materials corrosion and durability, life cycle assessment, coating and surface functionalization.

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The research activities related to the PhD theses develop with a full-time commitment along the three years of the PhD Program, to achieve original results at the state of the art. Stages in industries or in laboratories in Italy or abroad are offered.

**Career Opportunities**

The knowledge and skills of a Ph.D. in Materials Engineering enable graduates to pursue their career both in academic tenure track and in the manufacturing industry given the quest for innovation in the production, application and conservation of traditional materials and for the development of innovative materials allowing radically new, currently unforeseeable applications.

**Eligible students**

For the admission to the PhD Courses a Master degree in Scientific-technological areas is required. Skills in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Material Science, and Engineering are prerequisite for the Course attendance.

**Scholarships**

5-10 Scholarships are assigned yearly to students admitted to the PhD Course, according to the ranking obtained in the selection. Some scholarships (usually supported by public or private agencies/companies) are linked to specific research topics and assigned on the basis of specific skills and attitudes shown by the candidates.

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