The Architectural Urban Interior Design (AUID) Ph.D. program promotes research focused on architectural design, with studies and projects aiming at different scales, contexts, and finalities. Research activities are based on the critical analysis and development of design processes and techniques, in dynamic relationships with the urgent questions related to the urban and rural environment, the green, blue, and grey infrastructure. Research is supported by the acquisition and elaboration of insights and skills precisely linked to the contemporary architecture’s theoretical and critical horizon.

The Program foresees a continuous elaboration and discussion of theoretical and operational tools. This dialectic process aims to foster the development of a critical and creative reflection on architectural design, exploring and testing experimental approaches, and delivering autonomous and innovative scientific products to be disseminate through seminars, publications, conferences.

The Program is embedded into the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU), which hosts more than 160 professors and researchers engaged in an open multidisciplinary scenario of architectural and urban studies, including every branch of design culture.
The Program offers a constant sharing of knowledge, information, and practices. AUID is a creative, open, multicultural environment where the researchers find frequent occasions of exchange with the board of professors, other research centers and doctoral institutions; the Program supports international exchanges, conferences, exhibitions, and research networks.

The Program provides opportunities for teaching and tutoring activities, which is considered an essential research complement, thanks to the close connection with the Polimi ‘School of Architecture, Urban Design, and Building Construction’. Too, the Program is included in the Polimi Ph.D. School, which gives the candidates the possibility to attend a large number of interdisciplinary courses and to be inserted into the life of a large scientific community.

The Program aims to train and prepare highly qualified researchers and professionals who will work in academic institutions, research centers, public administrations, and the private sector, in the field of architectural, urban, and interior design.

Eligible students
Eligible students hold a master’s degree in architecture or close disciplines and can read, write, and speak English fluently. A background in Architecture is mostly appreciated, but are accepted a curriculum based in Design, Media, History, and other programs related with Art and Humanities.

Scholarships
Scholarships are available on general and specific themes, following the parameters illustrated in the call for admission. Candidates supported by scholarships of other national and international institutions can have a direct access to the AUID Ph.D. program.

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