PHD PROGRAM IN COMPUTER AND CONTROL ENGINEERING: WELCOME MEETING

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DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

NOVEMBER 10, 2023



39TH CYCLE STUDENTS (*)

ID	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CYCLE	SESSION	SUPERVISOR	CO-SUPERVISORS	
331846	BARTOLOMUCCI	MICHELANGELO	39	2bis	Cantoro	Nardi	
328796	BENFENATI	LUCA	39	2	Macii E.	Pagliari	
331788	BOSCOLO	FEDERICO	39	2bis	Lamberti	Borodani	
328934	CACCIABUE	DANIELE	39	2	Risso	Perroni	
330051	CALZOLARI	STEFANO	39	1	Bottino	Strada	
328667	CERRITO	FRANCESCO	39	2	Canale	Borodani	
331828	CIRAVEGNA	FLAVIO	39	2	Lioy	Basile	
331822	CORA	GIORGIO	39	2	Sterpone	Azimi	
330141	D'ASARO	FEDERICO	39	1	Bottino	Rizzo	
330183	DEPAOLI	FABIO	39	2	Macii E.	Di Cataldo	
330121	D'ONGHIA	GRAZIA	39	2	Lioy	Montrucchio	
331851	FERRO	LORENZO	39	2	Lioy	Basile	
330226	GALLEGO GOMEZ	WALTER	39	2	Macii E.	Urgese	
331824	GASCO	DIEGO	39	2	Casetti	Borodani	
328665	GIARRUSSO	GABRIELE SALVATORE	39	2	Olmo	Gumiero/Della Torre/Piccolo	
329025	GROPPO	SARA	39	2	Violante	Olmo	
328966	GUAGNANO	MICHELE	39	2	Violante	Olmo	
331872	HAMDI	MOHAMED AMINE	39	2	Pagliari	Macii E.	
330502	HUANG	KAI	39	1	Mellia	Giordano	
331830	KHOSHZABAN	REZA	39	2bis	Cantoro	Grosso	
330763	MASI	GIULIA	39	2	Olmo	Ferraris	
331940	MIOLA	DAVIDE	39	2	Risso	Mangiulli	
330197	MONACO	DORIANA	39	1	Marchetto	Sacco	
328718	MOTETTI	BEATRICE ALESSANDRA	39	2	Macii E.	Pagliari	
330089	PAOLETTI	GIORDANO	39	1	Vassio	Mellia	
330138	PAPICCHIO	SIMONE	39	1	Cagliero	Papotti	
330669	PIGNATA	ANDREA	39	1	Macii E.	Urgese	
330142	PIZZATO	FRANCESCO	39	1	Valenza	Sisto	
330106	POETA	ELEONORA	39	2	Baralis	Cerquitelli/Pastor	
328818	POLLO	GIOVANNI	39	2	Macii E.	Pagliari/Vinco	
331815	PORSIA	ANTONIO	39	2	Sanchez	Ruospo	
331834	RIPA	FRANCESCO	39	2bis	Regruto	Ceres	
330477	ROSANI	MATTEO	39	2	Marchetto	Scanzio/Cena	
330357	SCAFFIDI MILITONE	GABRIELE	39	2	Apiletti	Malnati	
330554	SETTANNI	FRANCESCO	39	2	Lioy	Basile	
330126	TURCO	VITTORIO	39	2	Sonza	Ruospo	
330104	VALENTE	LORENZO	39	2	Lamberti	Pratticò	

* As of today, additional call currently open, with activities starting in March 2024. Tutors/co-tutors as approved on October 30, 2023.

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At the end of the path, a PhD student should be able to autonomously perform research. This means:

- Identifying promising research areas
- Devising, developing and evaluating innovative ideas and solutions
- Disseminating them in the worldwide research community (writing papers, presenting his/her work at conferences, etc.)
- Interacting with other researchers from industry or academia
- Attracting resources (i.e., preparing successful research projects)
- Tutoring new researchers (e.g., MSc students)



SCUDO

It is the body in charge of

- Managing all the PhD Programs of Torino (POLITO)
- Performing most of the related administrative work
- Defining POLITO specific rules

It is ruled by a Board ("Consiglio") including

- The chairs of the Academic Boards of the different Programs
- Student representatives

Chair

• Prof. E. BRUSA

Web site

 https://www.polito.it/en/education/phdprogrammes-and-postgraduate-school



PhD



POLITO DEPARTMENTS

POLITO is organized in 11 Departments, managing both teaching and research:

- Department of Architecture and Design (DAD)
- Department of Control and Computer Engineering (DAUIN)
- Department of Electronics and Telecommunications (DET)
- Department of Environment, Land and Infrastructure Engineering (DIATI)
- Department of Management and Production Engineering (DIGEP)
- Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (DIMEAS)
- Department of Structural, Geotechnical and Building Engineering (DISEG)
- Department of Mathematical Sciences "G. L. Lagrange" (DISMA)
- Department of Energy "Galileo Ferraris" (DENERG)
- Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning (DIST)
- Department of Applied Science and Technology (DISAT)



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Personnel

- More than 70 faculty members
- More than 20 staff members
- About 160 PhD students, post-doc and temporary members

DAUIN covers two major areas

- Computer engineering
- Control engineering

From an administrative point of view, DAUIN is split in "groups"

Director

• Prof. L. STERPONE

Website and Wiki (with admin procedures for DAUIN personnel)

- http://www.dauin.polito.it/
- https://dauin-si.polito.it/webapps/mediawiki-1.32.0/index.php/Home







THE PHD PROGRAM IN COMPUTER AND CONTROL ENG.

It is strictly connected to DAUIN

It is managed by a PhD Academic Board ("Collegio dei Docenti")

- 24 members and a student representative (S. Pirrera)
- Chair Prof. F. LAMBERTI, vice-chair Prof. G. MARCHETTO

The PhD board is in charge of

- Defining specific rules for the program
- Assigning tutors to students
- Evaluating their activities and deciding whether to admit them to the following year/final exam
- Identifying PhD training activities
- Facing critical situations

Administrative support by several DAUIN staff members

Web site

 https://www.polito.it/en/education/phd-programmes-andpostgraduate-school/phd-programmes/computer-andcontrol-engineering







THE PHD PROGRAM IN COMPUTER AND CONTROL ENG.



Home > Education > Ph.D. programmes and Postgraduate School > Ph.D. programmes > Computer and Control Engineering

Programme overview

The Ph.D. programme in Computer and Control Engineering is offered by the <u>Department of Control and</u> <u>Computer Engineering</u>, and it is part of the third-level offer of the Doctoral School of the Politecnico di Torino. It is a training path that leads to the achievement of the title of Doctor of Research (or Philosophy Doctor, Ph.D., according to Anglo-Saxon terminology), the highest level of education which is an increasingly common requirement for senior roles in industry, research centers and other contexts of society, as well as being necessary to undertake an academic career.



Key information

• TYPE OF PROGRAMME: PhD programme

DEPARTMENT:
 Department of Control and Computer
 Engineering

CHAIRMAN:
 LAMBERTI FABRIZIO

• VICE-CHAIRMAN: MARCHETTO GUIDO

• ADMISSION: Open, through competitive selection

Cultural context

The Ph.D. program deals with the cultural areas of Computer and Control Engineering, following the scientific research

THE SUPERVISOR

"The supervisor, assisted by one or more co-supervisor has to*:

Guide and assist the PhD student in the **definition of his/her study plan**, also with the support of the **Declaration of Intent (Dol)**

Monitor the availability of **funds and other resources** needed by the PhD students for the implementation of his/her research and formative plan

Support the PhD student in the selection of **external training and research activities**

Serve as the PhD student **point of reference** within the Academic Board and be responsible for the research activities and progress of the PhD student as well as for his/her compliance with the ethical principles of the international scientific community and POLITO Code of Ethical Conduct

Submit to the Academic Board **an evaluation** which constitute the basis for admitting the PhD student admission to the following year or to the final exam (thesis defence)

Immediately **report** any critical situations that might arise to the Chair, who will inform the Academic Board."

* Regulation for Phd Program (until 38th cycle), October 31, 2023 - Translation

DECLARATION OF INTENT (DOI)

Document through which the Supervisor and the PhD student share and agree on the principles and organization of the activities



Read each of the statements below and then assess your position. For example with statement P1, if you believe very strongly that it is the supervisor's responsibility to select a good topic you should tick '1'. If you think it is solely the PhD candidate's responsibility to select a topic, tick '4'.

P1	It is the supervisor's responsibility to select a research topic	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate is responsible for selecting their own topic
P2	The supervisor defines which theoretical framework or methodology is most appropriate	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate defines which theoretical framework or methodology they wish to use
P3	The supervisor decides the organization of the research into tasks and short-term objectives for the PhD candidate	1	2	3	4	The supervisor leaves to the PhD candidate the organization of the research into tasks and short-term objectives.
P4	The supervisor defines deadlines and milestones for the research program	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate proposes deadlines and milestones for the research program
P5	The supervisor plans day-by-day work for the PhD candidate	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate plans day-by-day their own work to match deadlines
P6	The supervisor drives the collaborations with other components of the research group or other researchers	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate is free to start the collaborations with other components of the research group or other researchers
P7	The supervisor manages the available budget and other costs related to research	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate takes decisions on the use of the available budget and on other costs related to research
P8	The supervisor develops an appropriate training program for the PhD candidate	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate develops his training program on his/her own
P9	The supervisor plans and organizes secondments (e.g., periods abroad, Erasmus) for the PhD candidate	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate plans and organizes secondments (e.g., periods abroad, Erasmus) autonomously
P10	The supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the PhD candidate is introduced to the appropriate services and facilities of the department and university	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate is responsible for finding and getting access to all the relevant services and facilities of the department and university
P11	The supervisor plans regular meetings and checks progress with the PhD candidate.	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate decides when they want to meet with the supervisor to discuss progress
P12	The supervisor provides personal counseling	1	2	3	4	Personal counseling is not the responsibility of the supervisor
P13	In addition to guidance/advice, the supervisor plays a major contribution in working out the candidate's research tasks (e.g.: literature review, analysis, experiments, data collection, writing).	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate complete their research tasks autonomously. The supervisor provides guidance/advice and feedback with no direct contribution to the work.
P14	The supervisor checks all the research documents and outcomes before release	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate submits research documents and outcomes to the supervisor only when they want constructive criticism
P15	The supervisor assists in the writing of the thesis if necessary	1	2	3	4	The writing of the thesis is only the PhD candidate's own work
P16	The supervisor is responsible for decisions regarding the quality level of the publications and the thesis	1	2	3	4	The PhD candidate is responsible for decisions regarding the quality level of the publications and the thesis

* To be filled in as soon as possible (within 6 months as per SCUDO requests, and updated next years)

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PHD CAREER





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* With some other possible starting dates, e.g., March 1 2024 for 39th cycle

EVALUATION (YEARLY REVIEW)

At (some weeks before) the end of each year, PhD student is invited to

 Upload a PowerPoint report on the performed an ad-hoc web site (PhDMAN)



• Present them, as well as the plan for the future activities, to one of the established Evaluation Committees (three reviewers each)

His/her report and presentation will be reviewed by the Committee, which will submit its comments (public and private)

The supervisor will also be asked for an evaluation on student activities

The Academic Board will take the final decision about admission to the following year (or the final exam)

Both the Academic Board and SCUDO decided some <u>minimum</u> requirements for the admission to the following year (or final thesis discussion)

PhD students must refer to <u>BOTH</u> the Academic Board and the SCUDO rules for details

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Additional, intermediate reviews may be required in some cases (based on the outcome of the yearly review)

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EVALUATION PROCESS

PhD Program in Computer and Control Engineering Review Process

The yearly review process of PhD students enrolled in the program is organized in steps.

	Yearly report	preparation Public presentation Review Final decision						
Each student will receive during the year email reminders with the deadlines for each step.								
		The yearly report must be a Power Point presentation that MUST follow the						
	Yearly report preparation	 Research: Topic: 1 slide Results: max 15 slides that highlight the student personal contributions, with a particular focus on current year Next steps: 1 slide Teaching (1 slide): Complete study plan agreed with the tutor, including the list of hard skill and soft skill courses (recognized hours/grades, inhouse/off-site) attended and planned for the three years List of taught courses (with CPD evaluations) Other results (1-2 slides): Publication list, with a clear indication of those referring to current year 						

EVALUATION REPORT



Requires the student to provide information about (template):

- Basic info (name, title, tutor/co-tutors, etc.)
- Description of the research topic, scenario, motivations
- Description of the activities performed (current year and overall)
 - State of the art
 - Idea, methodology, contributions
 - Results, conclusions, future work
- Description of next steps
- Teaching delivered (including the CPD evaluation received)
- Training activities (e.g., attended courses, schools, etc.)
- Publications (as recorded in IRIS)
- Participation in conferences and other dissemination activities
- Participation in research projects
- Time spent in research institutions different than POLITO
- Involvement in the international research community (e.g., role as reviewer, program committee member, etc.)
- Achievements (e.g., awards or recognitions)
- Other items to report

EVALUATION REPORT

PhD Program in Computer and Control Engineering – Yearly Review

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Name Surname XXXXXXth Cycle



Supervisor(s): Prof. Name Surname Research Group(s): ABC ·DANN



Name Surname – Phd Title as reported in slide 1

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TRAINING REQUIREMENTS



The PhD student <u>must</u> attend courses for a minimum of 140 hours (100 hours of hard skills, 40 hours of soft skills), <u>to be agreed with the Supervisor</u> at the beginning of the 1st year

At <u>least 60 hard skill hours</u> shall be selected from the catalogue of the PhD Program in Computer and Control Eng. (starting from 39th cycle)

Via the SCUDO Cruscotto, the PhD student can check how many hours have been registered already

SCUDO will enforce the achievement of required hours by the 3rd year

However, at the end of each year, the Evaluation Committee will judge

- Whether the PhD student attended enough courses (the Academic Board recommends the students to complete half of the hours in the first years, the other half by the end of the second year)
- Whether these courses are coherent with his/her research topic

HARD SKILL COURSES



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Computer and Control Engineering

Code	Teaching	Hours	Language
01HWMIU	Advanced data structures in Python	20	
01UKAIU	Advanced techniques for digital testing	20	
01HWFIU	Artificial Intelligence Safety	20	
01QTEIU	Data mining concepts and algorithms	20	
01DMSIU	Empirical research methods	20	
01HUTIU	Extended Reality	20	
01UJUIU	Human-Ai Interaction	20	
01UJZIU	Information visualization and visual analytics	20	
01HUSIU	Learning linear and nonlinear feedback controllers from data: theory and computation	20	

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PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The PhD student MUST produce

- At least one paper accepted for publication in an international conference with peer review or in an international journal for every year
- One paper accepted for publication in an international journal ranked Q1 or Q2 by Scopus or WoS

It is important to plan properly, considering the time of review processes

Notes

- 1. Only the journals listed either in the SCOPUS or WOS repositories will be considered
- 2. Conference papers published as they are in journals (e.g., LNCS, Procedia) are <u>not</u> considered as journal papers
- Only publications appearing in the official POLITO repository (IRIS) will be considered
- 4. Only publications after January 1, 2024 will be considered (for students who started the PhD on November 1, 2023)
- 5. If you coauthor a journal paper with other n PhD students, its weight is divided by n+1 (SCUDO consider authors as students for several months after they ended their PhD)



FINAL EXAM

The PhD student will send his/her thesis to two external referees

They will decide whether he/she will be allowed to discuss it

If yes, he/she will present and discuss the thesis in front of an Evaluation Board composed of 5 people (3 from outside POLITO), including the 2 referees



DEGREE CUM LAUDE

When admitting a student to the final exam, the Academic Board may assign him/her an excellence score

The Evaluation Board will use this score to possibly assign the Degree "cum Laude"

The excellence score depends on various aspects (rules defined by an ad hoc Committee of the Academic Board)

- Number and quality of journal publications
- Awards
- Periods abroad
- Dissemination

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THE SCUDO CRUSCOTTO

It is a web application managed by SCUDO allowing

- Students to upload information about their activities and ask for related authorizations (publications, courses, periods outside POLITO, etc.)
- Students (and Supervisors) to manage their final thesis discussion procedure
- POLITO staff to monitor the status of each student

The SCUDO Cruscotto can be accessed through the Portale della Didattica

EXTERNAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES

SCUDO recognizes hours for external training activities too (tab "Attività formative esterne" in the Cruscotto)

On-line courses

 Some rules have been defined hard skill hours by the Academic Board of the PhD Program in Computer and Control Engineering (no preauthorization required by the Chair only for selected providers like, e.g., Coursera)

Other external activities (e.g., summer/winter schools)

All these activities will be validated only if an exam has been passed

- In order to have the hours recognized, the student must
 - Upload related information on the SCUDO Cruscotto, including the documents stating that he/she
 - Attended the course/school (for a certain number of hours)
 - Passed the exam

EXTERNAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

If the student spends any time in external research activities (<u>REQUIRED</u> for some positions), he/she can have them recognized by SCUDO (tab "Attività fuorisede" in the Cruscotto)

The procedure for recognition requires

- The approval by the Chair BEFORE the departure
- The uploading of a report by the student AFTER the student returns
- The validation by the Chair

Only start and end dates of the activity are acceptable (travels excluded)

The whole procedure must be performed through the Cruscotto

You should inform by email the Chair when you need any action by him (otherwise he receives weekly reports)



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If the activity is performed outside Italy, the student gets a 50% increase of his/her grant for the corresponding period*

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Other grants from Erasmus+ can be obtained



TRAVELS ("MISSIONI")

When a PhD student has to travel (e.g., to attend a conference, etc.), he/she <u>MUST</u> preliminarily ask for a permission, filling an on-line form through the POLITO website (at least 7 working days before the departure date)

After his/her request

- 1. The owner of the money the student will travel with must approve the travel
- 2. The DAUIN administration will check whether the specified money is eligible for this purpose
- 3. The PhD Chair will finally approve the request

The above request concerns money, insurance aspects, etc.

The student <u>SHALL ALSO</u> submit the authorization request through the SCUDO Cruscotto (this request is needed for the recognition of activities)



The economical support for the PhD student activities (e.g., for equipment, travels, publications, etc.) is in charge to the Supervisor/group



TEACHING ACTIVITIES

DAUIN PhD students can perform some teaching activities (course assistants) for a maximum of 60 hours yearly

If they decide to do so, they receive some extra money

If interested, it is important <u>to inform the supervisor/the</u> <u>Department</u> as soon as possible, since assignements are made a lot in advance





Starting from 2015, several Awards have been established to recognize the best PhD students

- At the end of the path (2500€), 3 awards this year
- At the end of the 2nd year (1200€), 8 awards this year



AWARDS

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- At the end of the curriculum
- At the end of the 2nd year (120)

The PhD board set specific requirements, periodically revised by an ad hoc Committee, which consider, among others, <u>achieved</u> <u>publications</u>, external research activities, periods abroad, participation to projects and dissemination events, teaching activities, awards, etc.





DAUIN and POLITO organize events involving / of interest for PhD students like, e.g., the PhD Day, PitchD, etc.





KEY POINTS



1 Publication EACH year (conference/journal)
 1 Journal (Q1/Q2) by the 3rd year



100 Hard Skills (min. 60 from catalogue of the PhD Program) 40 Soft Skills



60 hours/year max. (paid)

Report and oral presentation EACH year



DOI and Questionnaire



Awards

Events



Cruscotto \rightarrow Supervisor \rightarrow PhD Chair \rightarrow DAUIN \rightarrow SCUDO

GOOGLE SCHOLAR / LINKEDIN

DAUIN PhD students are requested to

- Own a Google Scholar account
- Own a LinkedIn account
- Send the corresponding links to dauin.dottorato@polito.it by <u>November 17, 2024</u> writing «DAUIN PhD Scholar/LinkedIn links» in the subject

Google Scholar



PERSONAL WEBPAGE

DAUIN PhD students are requested to

- Keep their personal webpage <u>up-to-date</u>
- Start inserting basic information
 - Photo
 - Title of the research
 - Google Scholar and LinkedIn account
 - Research interests (keywords)
 - Biography
- Have the page approved by the Supervisor (changes to the page always need to be approved by the Supervisor) by <u>November 17, 2024</u>

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Let us know any news which could be distributed to promote and make more visible our PhD Program (e.g., awards, initiatives, achievements)

SUGGESTIONS

- Try to make your PhD period as much productive as possible
- Make a plan for your activities, and periodically check whether you are matching the plan deadlines and objectives
- Interact as much as possible with your Supervisor
- In case of problems, contact the Chair of the Academic Board
 - Unless the subject is personal, add your Supervisor in cc
- Learn Italian (for foreign students)
- Constantly update the POLITO databases (IRIS, Cruscotto)
 - For publications, as soon as you receive a notification of acceptance

Enjoy your PhD period!

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