

PhD APPLICATION HELP

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- [I am not graduated yet. Can I apply anyway?](#)

Candidates who haven't received their degree yet are allowed to apply, provided that they receive it by 31st October strictly of the given year.

- [I have already submitted my application form. Can I modify it?](#)

You can modify your application form until the deadline.

- [I have a single cycle degree \(i.e., Integrated MSc, Italian *laurea a ciclo unico*\), how do I fill the Degree section in the application form?](#)

You can include the information on your degree in the "Second Level Degree" section, and write "NA" in the "First Level Degree" section.

- [I am not able to upload my documents. What should I do?](#)

If you receive an error, please ensure that:

- the name of the file does not contain spaces or special characters;
- the size of the file does not exceed 2 MB.

- [May I upload more than one document in the upload area?](#)

All the documents you need to upload (typically BSc and MSc documents) must be merged into a single pdf file (not exceeding 2 MB). Any new upload will replace the former one.

- [Am I required to contact the PIs with available positions before starting the application?](#)

No, you are not required to contact them beforehand, although you are free to contact any PI with open position to ask for info on the project. If you have a specific interest in any of them, you can indicate that in the dedicated field of the application form either if you contacted them or not.

- [What role should the referees hold?](#)

The referees should hold an academic position, or be directors/responsible of a research laboratory.

- My referees have not received a request to submit the reference letter for me. What should I do?

Please double check with your referees that the email has not landed in the spam folder. If not, please contact the SEMM Graduate Office, and they will send a new request.

- My referees are not able to reach the link to submit their reference. What should they do?

It may happen that the institutions' firewalls hinder from connecting to our website. If this is the case, they have two options:

- to reach the link through other networks (hotspots, or private networks);
- to contact the SEMM Graduate Office, which will provide a .docx template.

- Will I receive a notification when the referees submit their references?

After each reference submission, the candidates receive a confirmation email.

- If I am not admitted with the first call, can I apply to the second call of the same year?

Yes, if you are not admitted with the first call, you can apply to the second one by accessing the first application form, making few edits and submitting it again.