



PhD in URBAN PLANNING, DESIGN, AND POLICY - 34th cycle

**Research Field: MORE THAN HOUSING. POTENTIALS AND CHALLENGES IN THE
INNOVATION OF HOUSING COOPERATIVES**

Monthly net income of PhDscholarship (max 36 months)
€ 1160.0
In case of a change of the welfare rates during the three-year period, the amount could be modified.

Context of the research activity	
Motivation and objectives of the research in this field	<p>The housing question has achieved relevance in Italy and in Europe. The provision of affordable housing is assumed as an essential action to contrast material deprivation and to foster social justice. In the last decades, a series of regional reforms and the emergence of new entrepreneurial actors have produced a re-orientation of public action in the domain of housing policies. Still, the supply of affordable housing and especially of affordable rental housing is far from matching an increasing demand.</p> <p>While studies concentrate on the evolution and complexification of the housing demand, the development of affordable housing supply and the re-actualization of the role of traditional providers are under-investigated. The current and critical housing question in Italy calls for the development of new forms of cooperation between public and private (profit and non profit), for the development of integrated regeneration projects on the existing housing stock and for the integration of innovative solutions both in terms of housing typologies and welfare services. Moreover, in the face of a great demand for affordable housing and innovative housing solutions, the role of housing cooperatives - as a non profit actor for which social responsibility is rooted in the primary mission and finality - remains largely unexplored.</p> <p>In the Italian context, housing cooperatives have a very outstanding tradition and significantly contributed to the development of a consistent housing stock as well as to</p>



	<p>the development of welfare services and social networks. In the recent years, as well as in several European cities, a renewed role of housing cooperatives is to be recorded in the development of pilot projects that have experimented new solutions in terms of planning, architecture, social organization and management.</p> <p>These perspectives call for adequate research and investigation on the potential roles and practices that cooperation may develop to foster the innovation of housing policies and projects for the provision of affordable housing solutions as well as for boosting a qualified debate in the academic and public realm. With a focus on the Consorzio Cooperative Laboratori in Milano-CCL (the organization funding the PhD thesis), PhD research projects are expected to develop: a) a critical overview of the trends and developments of housing cooperatives as relevant actors in the public arena and in the provision of affordable housing solutions, b) a critical analysis and evaluations of a number of projects recently developed by CCL, c) an international overview and critical analysis on the role and on the projects that housing cooperatives have developed in a selected number of cases, d) a perspective vision on the challenges and priorities that have to be considered in the design and development of strategies in order to enhance the role of housing cooperatives as frontline actors in policies for affordable housing.</p>
<p>Methods and techniques that will be developed and used to carry out the research</p>	<p>The research will develop a mixed method approach integrating different actions and methods along the development of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - public policy analysis research tools, for the recognition of regulatory systems and policy frameworks, revision of policy documents, maps of the involved actors, cases studies analysis; - quantitative analysis of funding schemes and management approaches - qualitative analysis and representation of a user-based evaluation of implemented housing projects in the perspective of the inhabitants



	- an action-research approach, implying field work and qualitative research on selected cases and contexts and supporting the interaction with potential recipient and beneficiaries of the research.
Educational objectives	The program aims at providing analytical and interpretative tools, as well as research/planning/design methodologies, able to produce further advancement in housing studies and on the role of housing cooperatives in the provision of affordable housing.
Job opportunities	The UPDP course intends to train highly qualified researchers and professionals in spatial planning, design and management of urban projects and policy, urban studies and urban governance. Doctors with such profile could be employed by Italian and International academic institutions, public bodies and research centres, public and private development agencies. In the particular case of the topic offered under this call, doctors with such a degree could be employed by national and international organisations in research, consultancy and design of housing policies and welfare services.
Composition of the research group	12 Full Professors 11 Associated Professors 1 Assistant Professors 18 PhD Students
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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)	--

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

List of Universities, Companies, Agencies and/or National or International Institutions that are cooperating in the research:

C.C.L. Consorzio Cooperative Lavoratori, Milano

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 0 euros

2nd year: max 1.534,33 euros

3rd year: max 1.534,33 euros

Housing support for Out-of-town residents (more than 80Km far from Milan):

1 place available in a Polimi student residence at a reduced rate

Computer availability:

In the PhD candidates room are available workstations for shared use, connected with the printer.

All the PhD students can use their own laptop with the wireless connection.

Workstations and other equipment are available in the various laboratories linked with the doctoral programme.