

# INTERNATIONAL PHD

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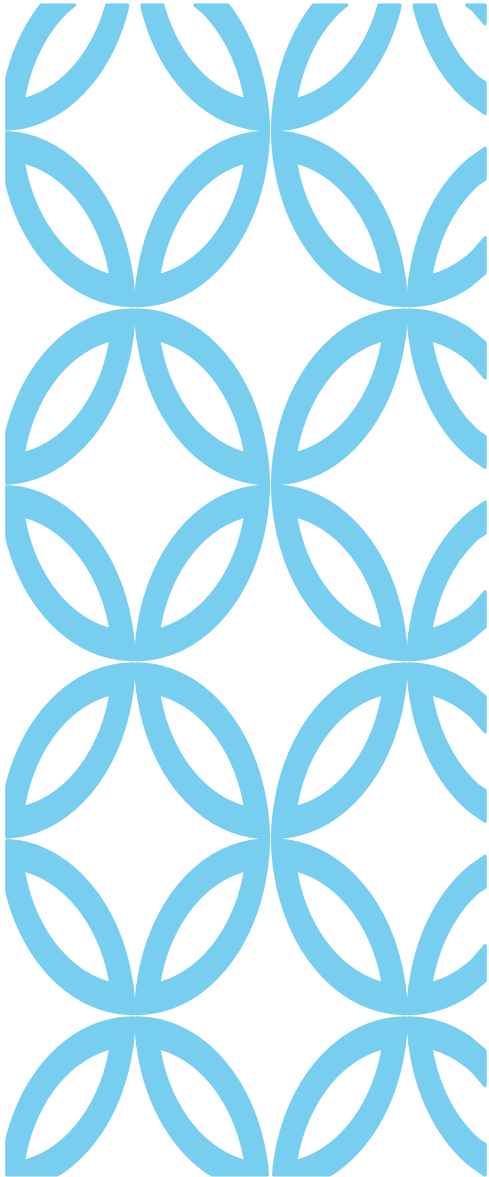
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**A high-quality international PhD  
from Università Cattolica (Milan, Italy),  
while staying at your University**

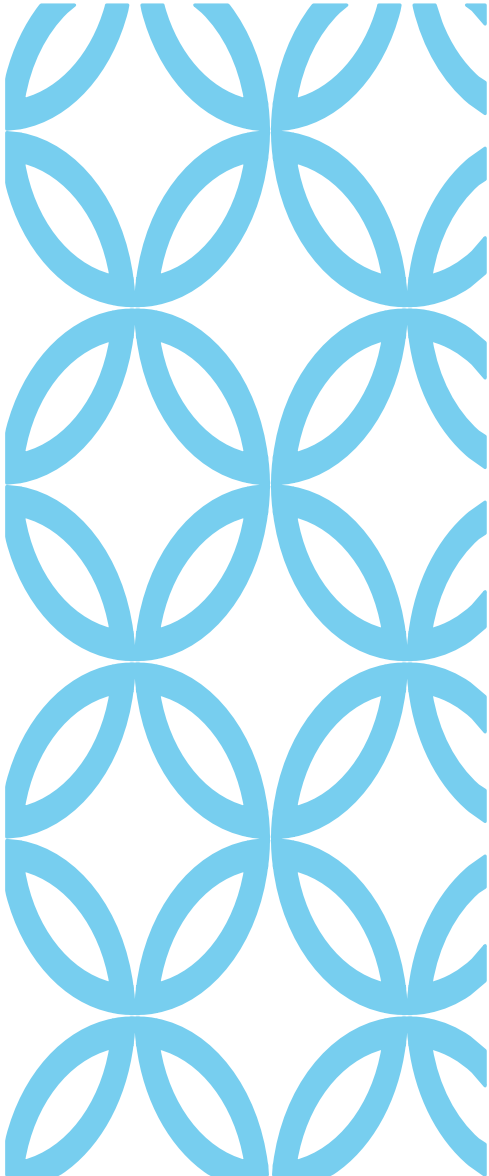
**A new step in your carrier**

**Enter in an international network of scholars,  
for publishing on international top journals**

**Contribute to enhancing  
research and teaching at your University**

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**A BIG OPPORTUNITY  
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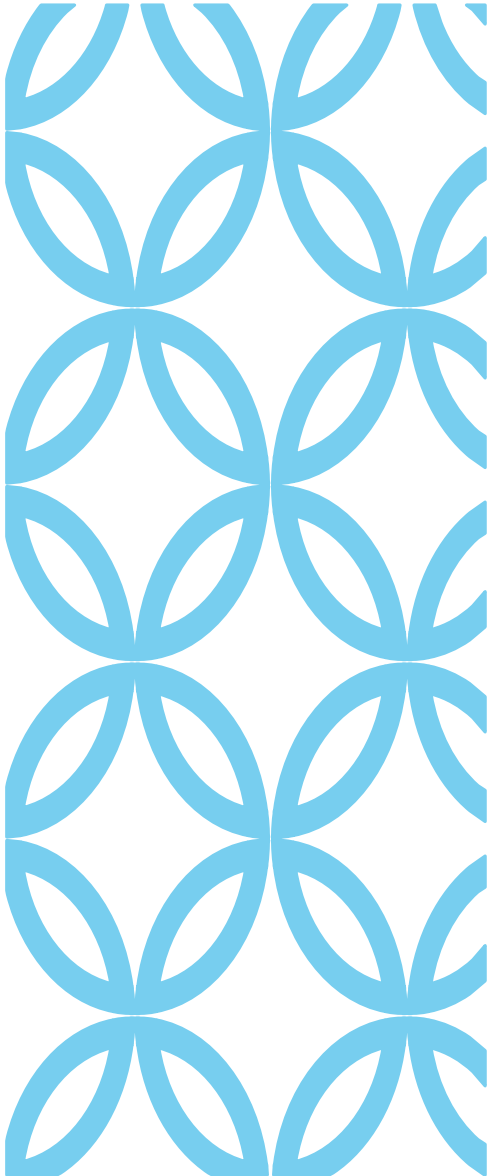
**Enhance the quality of their Faculties**

**Meet the highest standards for Faculty qualification set by National and pan-African Authorities**

**Develop opportunities for pan-African collaborations and research projects**

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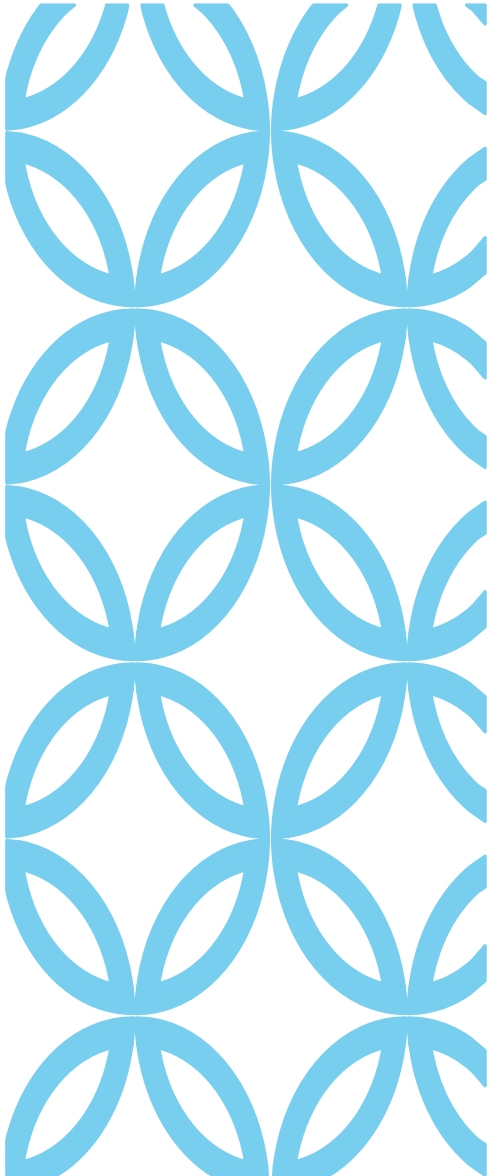
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- The PhDs consists of two **tracks within well established programs at Cattolica University**:
  - **Management and Innovation Track (MIT)**, at Milan and Piacenza campuses.
  - **Agrisystem Track (AT)**, at Piacenza and Cremona campuses.
- The first edition will start on **November 2022**.
- Due to funding reasons, each track will be limited to **3 editions**.
- Each edition has 15 participants for each track.

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## THE PROJECT



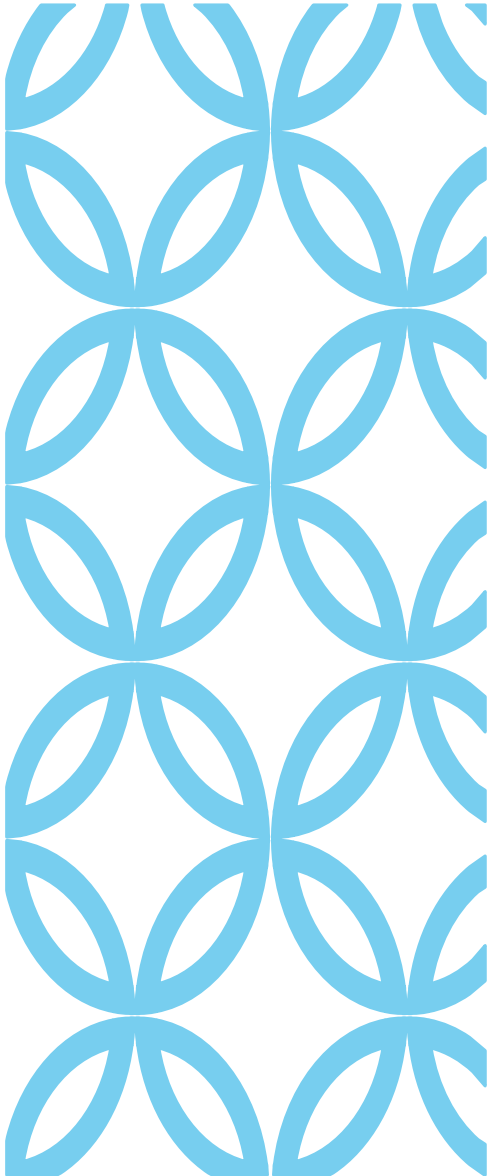
- PhD candidates must be affiliated to and **sponsored by an African University.**
- **Requirements:**
  - MA/MPhil degree
  - Be a Faculty member of the University
  - Be fluent in English
  - Have access to high-quality internet to ensure participation to all online activities
- **Candidates may be:**
  - Lecturers already teaching at the University, but without a PhD
  - Young graduates, already contracted by the University, who are starting an academic career

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# PARTICIPANTS

# COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TWO TRACKS

- Most of the didactics and research will be carried out **online**.
- Language: **English**.
- **Two short periods at UC in Italy and at UMU** (costs covered).
- Courses on research methodologies and how to publish on international journals
- **Supervisors** (online) from UC, UMU and other African and international Universities.
- Thesis will address **problems** relevant to the local context.
- Participation in **two academic conferences** to present papers, one in Africa and one outside the Continent with cost **fully covered**.
- **Graduation ceremony** via streaming (costs for attending the session in Milan are not covered).



- Tuition fee is covered by the **funding institutions**.
- The Universities to which selected candidates are affiliated only pay the PhD enrolment fee, amounting to € **1,516.00** per year.
- Each University can:
  - Define an economic contribution from the student to cover the enrolment fee.
  - Request the student commitment to stay at the University for a certain period.

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## **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

The selection will be a two-step merit-based process:

1. **Evaluation** of: cv, two letters of reference; motivational letter; research concept (for which a format will be provided).
2. **Online interviews** focused on: Candidates' skills, degree of motivation and the quality of the research project to be submitted.

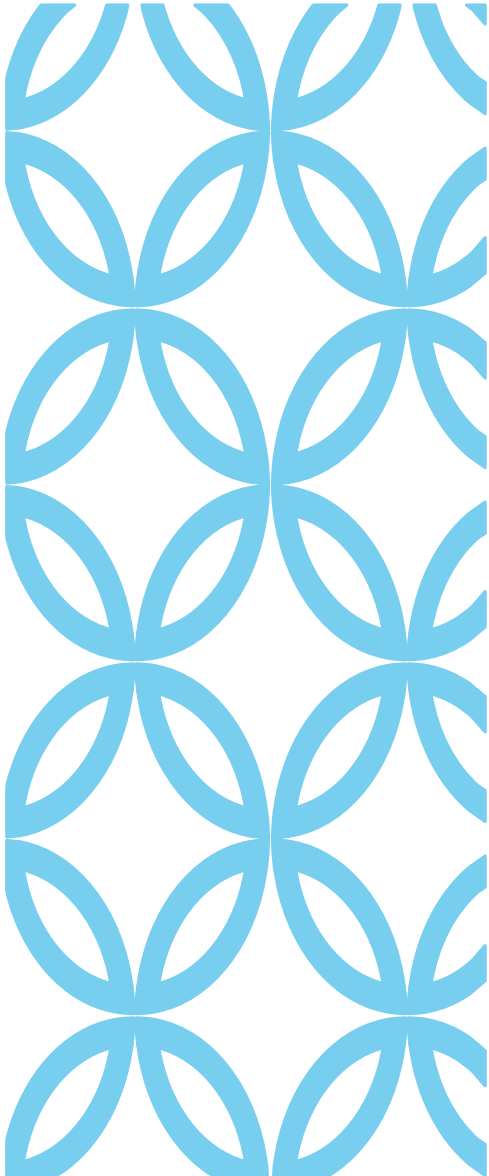
The **Commission** will be composed of Full and Associate Professors of UC and UMu.

Participants who at the end of each year have not achieved precise objectives (participation to face-to-face sessions, active attendance of online activities, low commitment, and poor results in research) will be excluded from the PhD.

Admission process for MIT	2022
Full application to UC (with research proposal)	End of July
Selection of the PhD candidates	September
Payment of Enrolment fee (1,516 € per candidate per year)	October
Start of the program	November

# ADMISSION AND SELECTION

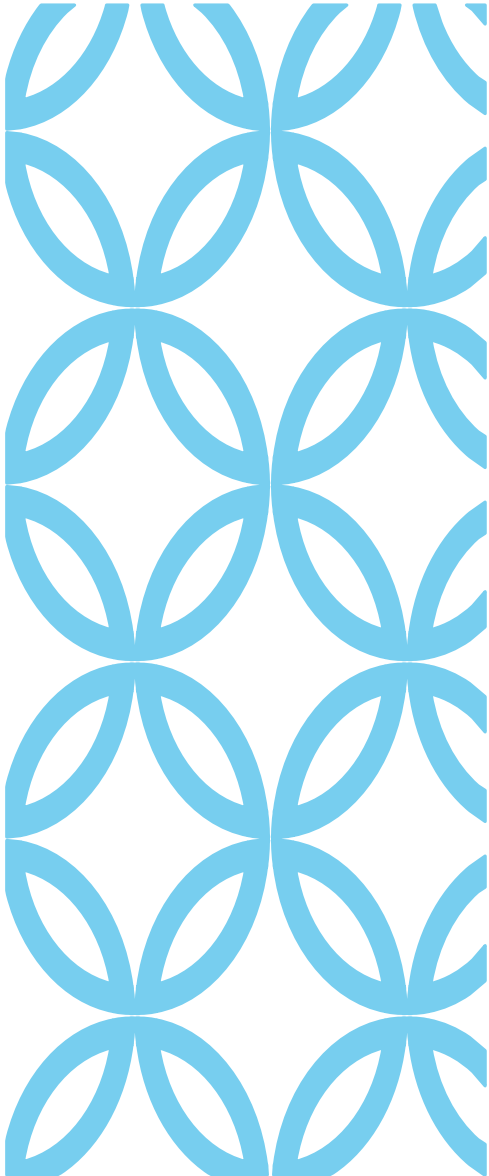




- **Tools** for both quantitative and qualitative research designs are provided.
- Support PhD students in the construction of **scientifically rigorous research**, recognized by the academic community, and at the same time relevant to the managerial community of reference
- Willingness to combine the construction of research skills with the ability to communicate the results of their research.

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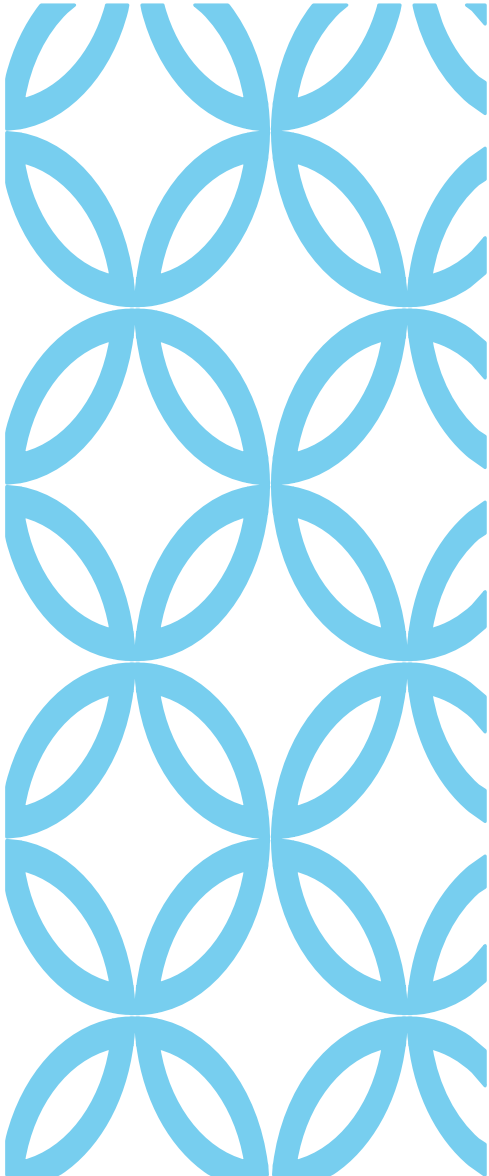
## **MIT SCIENTIFIC APPROACH**



- Develop the skills to identify a research problem both from theoretical and empirical point of views. The main output expected is a **first-year paper**.
- Although the final course list is yet to be defined, a possible list of courses will be offered:
  - Research methodologies
  - Econometrics
  - Organization Theory
  - Business Strategy
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Marketing
  - Accounting & Control
  - Public Management
  - Strategic Management & International Business
  - Economics of Innovation
  - Sustainability
  - Supply Chain Management
  - Teaching methodologies

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**MIT**  
**YEAR 1**

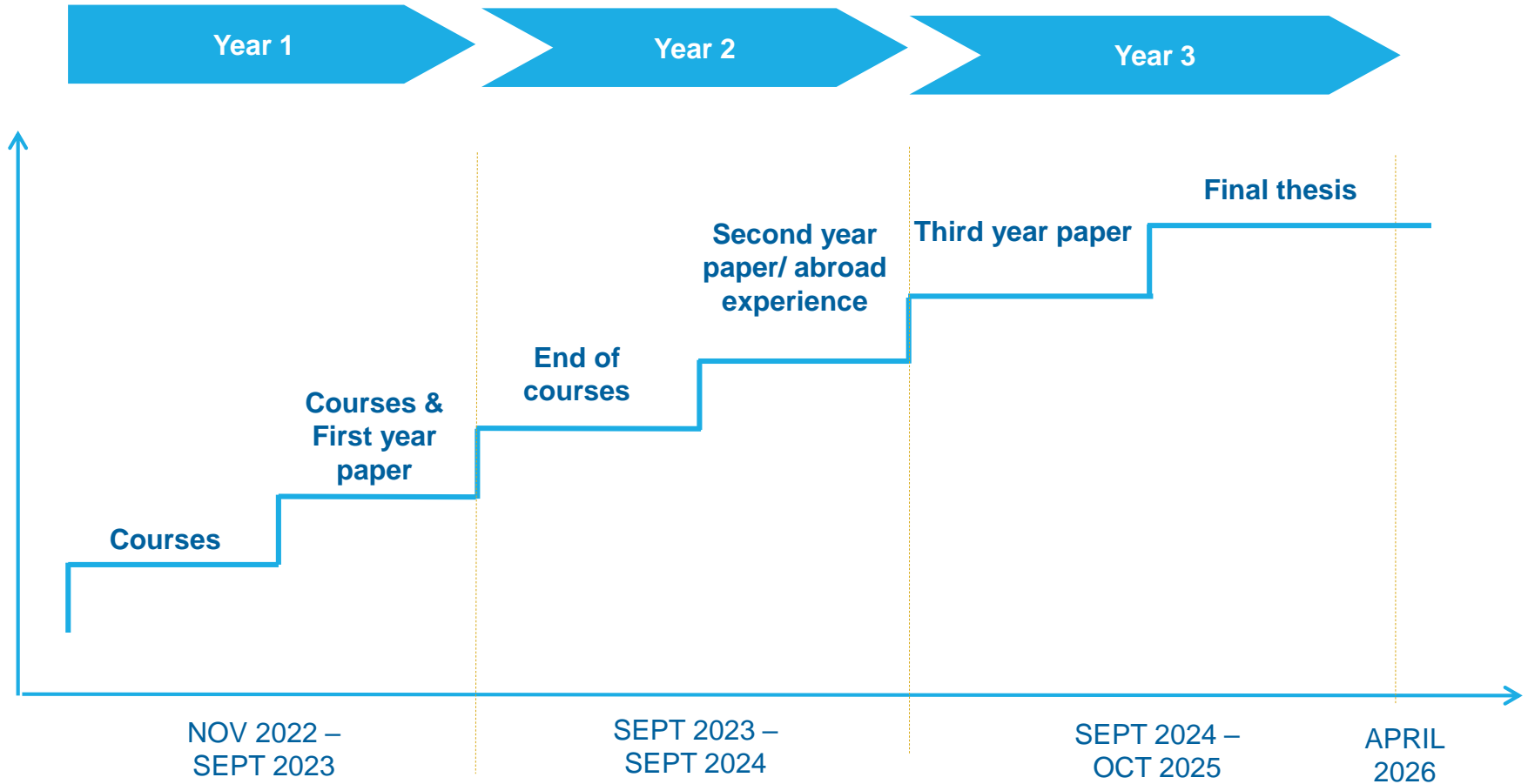


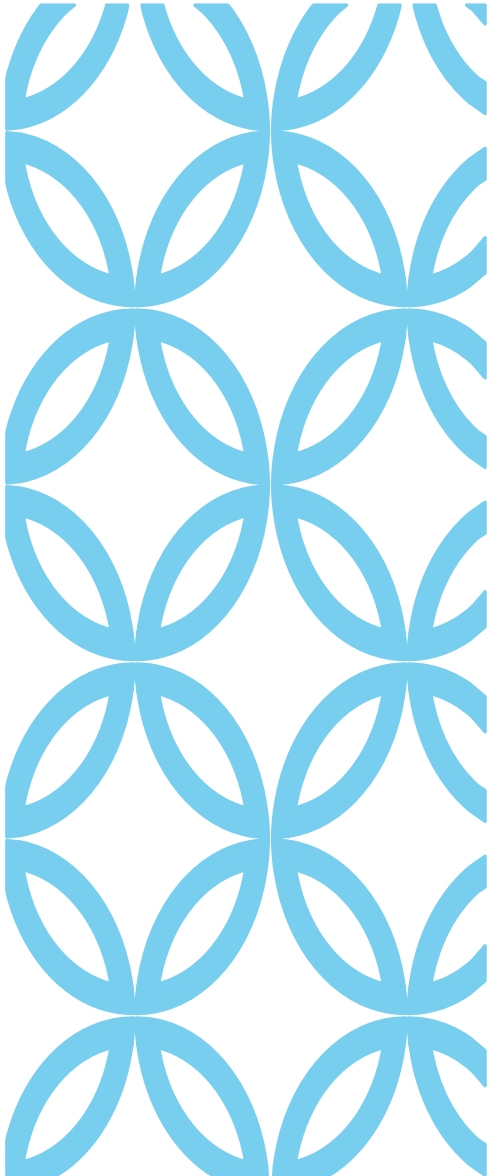
- During the **second year**, PhD students will:
  - Finish coursework
  - Begin to participate to their global scientific/academic community
  - Developing the **second-year paper**
  - Can carry out a research period in another African or extra-continental country (extra-cost)
- During the **third year**, PhD students will:
  - Deliver the **third-year paper** and therefore the **entire thesis** by 30 October 2025
  - Present their work in a thesis defense seminar

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## MIT YEAR 2 AND 3

# MIT timing

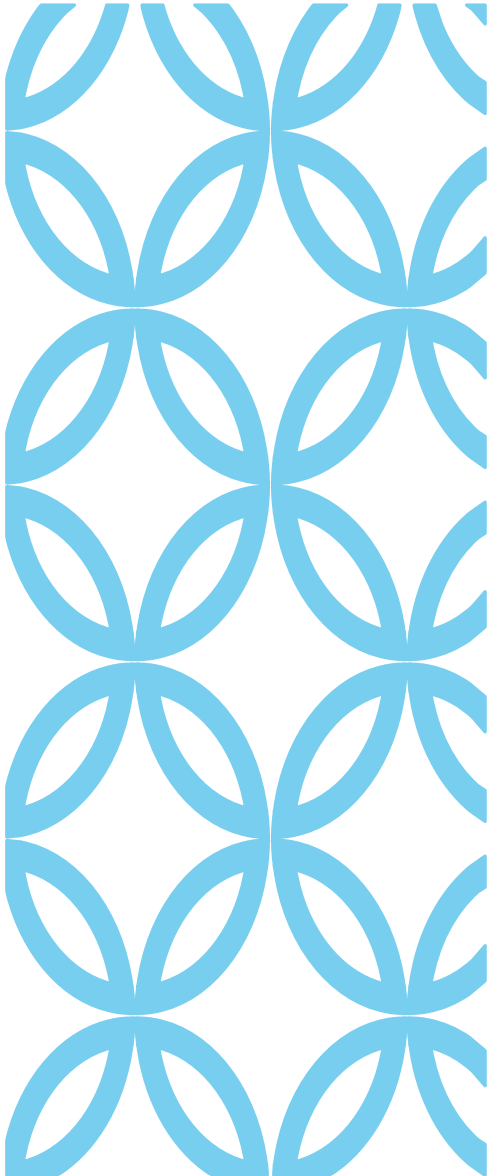




- **Interdisciplinary** training in agriculture and food science, economy and law.
- Support PhD students in the construction of **scientifically rigorous research**, recognized by the academic community, and at the same time relevant to the managerial community of reference
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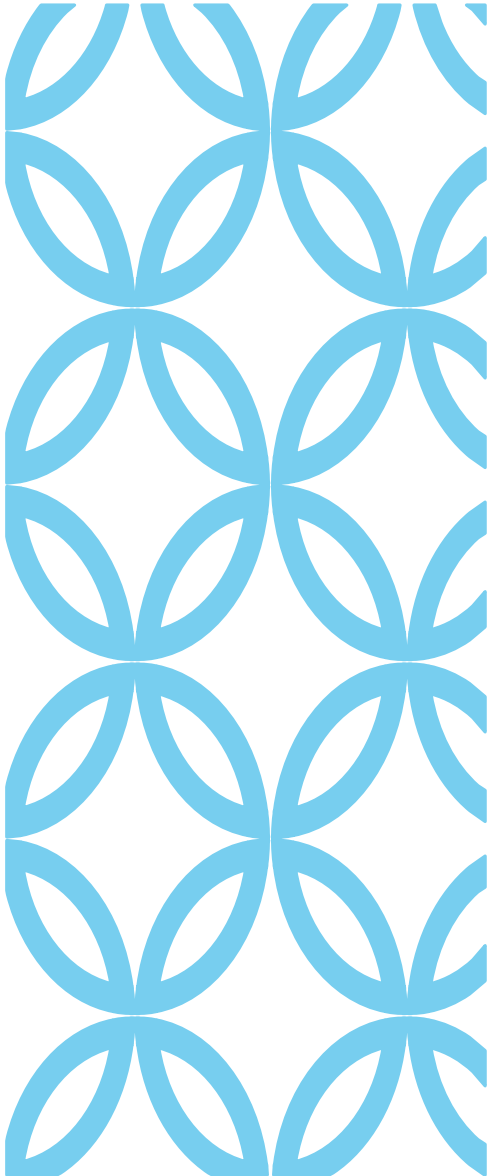
## **AGRISYSTEM SCIENTIFIC APPROACH**



- Develop the skills to identify a research problem both from theoretical and empirical point of views. The main output expected is a **first-year paper**.
- Although the final course list is yet to be defined, a possible list of courses will be offered:
  - Food technologies and sustainability
  - Sustainable livestock and crop production
  - Ecological agriculture intensification
  - Sustainability management
  - Advanced methods for agri-food data analysis
  - Business organization and human resources management
  - Food consumer psychology
  - Microbes in the agri-food chain: risks and opportunities
  - Digitalization, rural development and innovation in agriculture
  - Decision support systems in agriculture
  - Climate change
  - Environmental and Research Ethics
  - Agronomic technologies
  - ...

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# AGRISYSTEM YEAR 1

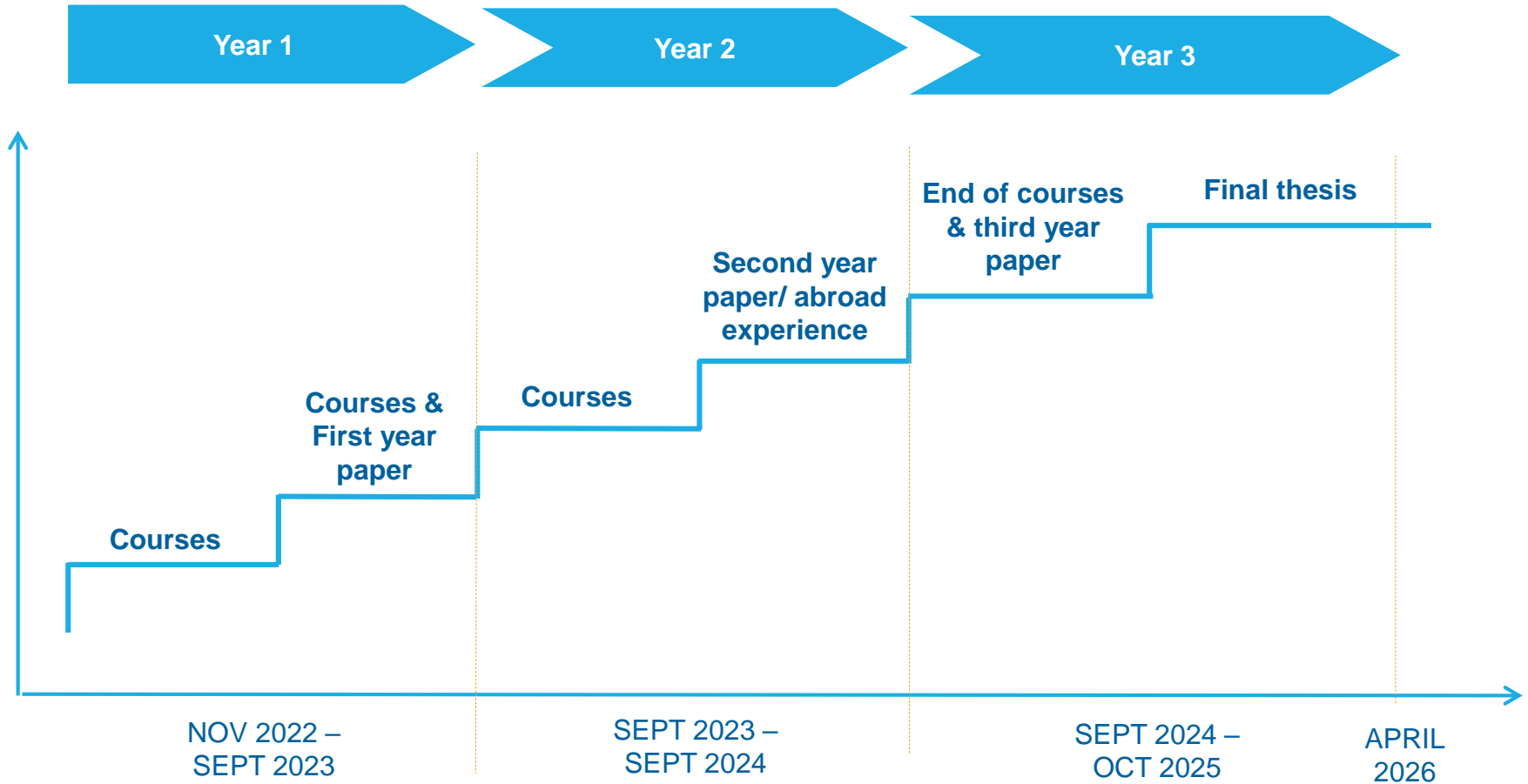


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# AGRISYSTEM YEAR 2 AND 3

# AGRISYSTEM timing





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