

Reference Themes – 42nd cycle

In recent years, the PhD program in *Sustainability and Innovation for the Design of the Built Environment and Product System* has undertaken a participatory and shared process to deepen its scientific content, also in light of international research challenges.

This process led to the definition of thematic **maps** for the PhD program, refined in alignment with **European Union programming**, with support from the *Research Projects Process Unit* of the University of Florence.

The work, shared with doctoral candidates, resulted in the identification of the main thematic areas for the calls, with the aim of defining keywords related to **Challenges**, **Fields**, and **Actions** as a guide for future research.

Based on these premises, the keywords selected below (three for each category) **represent the main themes for the 42nd cycle call and should be considered as guidance for both the research proposal and the interview.**

The keywords were selected from the “**word clouds**” (<https://www.dida.unifi.it/upload/sub/pdf/dottorato/36/Word%20clouds.pdf>), which include all other terms that emerged during the discussion and highlight the **central role of Design** as an operational foundation.

There is no restriction on referring, during the evaluation stages (research proposal and interview), to other keywords included in the “word clouds.”

Keywords

- **Design**
- **Challenges:** Living / Environment / Climate change
- **Fields:** Public space / Resources / Ecosystems
- **Actions:** Care / Relationship / Regeneration