

EDSP2 Council meeting on 20 March 2025

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PLENARY SESSION

1. Working group on the doctoral skills portfolio (RNCP) - project led by the Collège des écoles doctorales (College of doctoral schools)

The Order of 22 February 2019 defines the **common skills of doctoral graduates and registers the doctorate in the national register of professional certification**. The aim is to ensure that non-academic recruiters a clear understanding of the doctorate.

The Doctorate form registered with the RNCP is divided into 6 blocks of skills common to all doctoral students:

1. Design and development R&D, studies and forecasts
2. Implementing an R&D, research and foresight approach
3. Developing and transferring the results of R&D, studies and forecasts
4. International science and technology watch
5. Training and dissemination of scientific and technical culture
6. Management teams dedicated to R&D, research and forecasting

The catalogue of training courses offered and managed in Adum is also presented by RNCP skills block (the lecturers/trainers have selected skills). For any training taken outside the Adum catalogue, the ED asks doctoral students to tick at least one skill from the RNCP blocks.

Most of the RNCP skills are stated too generally. Doctoral students have difficulty building their portfolios and taking stock of the RNCP skills they have acquired or need to acquire.

The EDSP2 working group (membership to be defined) is responsible for providing concrete examples, according to its specific characteristics, for each skill associated with one of the 6 RNCP blocks.

To this , the group will be able to draw on the work carried out by two project groups: Bourgogne Franche Comté University and the Science and Environment ED at Bordeaux University.

The work must be completed before the end of the academic year, so that doctoral students can have access to the document at the start of the next academic year.

Estimated working time: 3 meetings of 2 hours each

2. Information

2026 qualification campaign

Ma thèse en 180 secondes (My thesis in 180 seconds)

Interdisciplinary thesis prize MSHBx

Bordeaux Summer Schools ED newsletter

Doctoral School Day

3. Doctoral students speak out

Given the national context, doctoral students ask whether the ED is affected by budget cuts.

To date, the University Presidency has kept its promise to maintain the budget of the College of Doctoral Schools. To , the number of doctoral contracts allocated for the 2025 competition remains the same.

4. Ranking proposals from the EDSP2 Scientific Bureau

Before the Board meeting, the teaching and research members received the candidates' dossiers and the proposed rankings.

4.1 Mobility AAP

As part of the Winter Call Mobility AAP, 3 applications come under EDSP2 (in total, 21 applications have been declared eligible by the ED College).

Eligibility requirements: must be registered as a doctoral student at the time of application and throughout the mobility period, must be staying for between 2 and 12 months, and must be hosted by a foreign university or institution.

As a reminder, there will be the Mobility Summer Call:

Applications in June-July / Results in October / Departures possible from November onwards

All three applications are very good. A ranking without ex-aequo is requested. Detailed opinions are given. Preference was given to applications that were essential for the progress of the thesis. The ranking should not be unfavourable to doctoral students ranked 2 and 3, as up to now all the mobility requests approved by the doctoral schools have been accepted (except if the SDF did not authorise the trip due to a classified risk zone).

The classification is approved by the Council.

4.2 Disability

Three applications come EDSP2 (a total of 7 applications have been submitted to the ED College). The

University of Bordeaux allocates two contracts and the Ministry may add a third grant.

It should be noted that the Director of the ED did not take part in examination of the dossiers as he presented a candidate.

The proposed ranking is accompanied by the opinions of the Scientific Board for each application.

In 1st position, the project is part of the national Atypie-friendly project (building inclusive higher education) involving the University of Bordeaux. The candidate is valedictorian of her M1 and M2 classes, a factor that will help her to complete her thesis successfully.

In rankings 2 and 3, the projects are rated from excellent to interesting and the candidates' backgrounds are in line with the project. The project in position 2 could have been integrated into Atypie-friendly.

The classification is approved by the Council.

4.3 EDSP2 interdisciplinary thesis prize

The Board examined 8 applications, half of which were from SHS disciplines.

Even taking into account the fact that the most recent winners of the prize were doctors in public health, the Scientific Committee felt that the applications in the social sciences and humanities did not meet the criteria for interdisciplinarity. Consideration is being given to making the criteria defining interdisciplinarity more explicit, particularly in the social sciences and humanities.

The Board approved the name of the winner, a doctor in public health, who wrote a thesis that involved several scientific fields: public health, digital sciences and social sciences.

4.4 The FRM AOs and an ad hoc Bureau

The "FRM doctoral contract" call tenders is reserved for doctoral schools whose themes in line with the FRM's missions (around thirty 3-year doctoral contracts at the start of the 2025-2026 academic year).

A late addition was the Prix Béziat-Rouanet call for tenders (two 3-year doctoral contracts at the start of the 2025-2026 academic year in the field of cardiology).

For each call for tenders, the EDSP2 could submit an application to the FRM **by 19 March 2025 at the latest**. The FRM then provides applicants with an access to enter and submit their application online.

4 applications were received with thesis directors from Bordeaux Population Health, involving in particular the head of the Public Health major field and the deputy director of the ED, both members of the ED's scientific committee. This is why an ad hoc Scientific Committee was set up, made up of 3 members of the ED Board.

The rankings are discussed at the meeting.

2. ED competition

The Select Committee meeting on 5 December was devoted to this subject. Proposals emerged from the discussions (text in blue) which could not be adopted in January due to lack of time.

Conditions eligibility

The candidate must hold a Master's degree. [If the M2 is in the process of being obtained, a provisional pass certificate and the marks for the last semester must be submitted to the ED no later than 5 p.m. the day before the competition.](#)

Details of thesis supervision

Holder of a [valid HDR or ADT](#).

Not applicable for the 2025 competition but adopted for the 2026 competition: [Thesis directors who have had two laureate candidates in the last 4 competitions \(whatever the ratio of supervisors to laureates\) may not present a new candidate.](#)

Competition file

A minimum of 5 pages has been approved. An assessment will be made at the end of the 2025 competition. The maximum and minimum word counts will be indicated on the proforma.

The jury

[The jury is made up of 5 members from each major field, plus the director of the ED who no longer votes. The deputy directors of the ED are members of the jury.](#)

The Social Sciences sector already has 5 members, including 3 "political science" members: one of them will have to step down to give up his place to Andy Smith, deputy director of the ED.

The Human Sciences and Humanities sector has 4 members. As the ED director is no longer voting, a 5th member will be appointed by the ED management.

[In the event absence, a replacement is appointed by ED management on the proposal of the laboratory director to which the absent teacher-researcher is attached. The appointment is validated by the ED Council.](#)

[Before the hearings, the members declare any conflicts or links of interest on a form \(attached to these minutes\). The form is sent to the jury members by the ED once the list of candidates selected for the competition is known. It will contain the candidates' names. If a conflict or link of interest is declared, the jury member will not be authorised to intervene in discussions concerning the candidate\(s\).](#)

The jury has a common grading grid with the following headings: Previous experience; Written project; Oral performance. [The "Context" section has been removed.](#)

The first two must be completed before the auditions. The ED does not collect the ratings. Each member votes on the basis of his or her own ratings.

Pre-selection meeting

The Scientific Board (the management of the doctoral school and representatives of the three main research) and [the members of the jury](#) meet to :

- deliberate on all the pre-classifications in order to retain a maximum of 30 candidates
- [remind you of the jury's operating procedures](#)

After each hearing ([maximum 10 minutes](#) requested during the meeting instead of 5 minutes) and in the absence of the candidate being heard, the Chairman of the jury will ask the same two questions to the representatives of the domains (principle of fairness between candidates):

- relevance of the presentation
- relevance of the candidate's answers

The five representatives of the area concerned will be able to express their views.

Deliberations

1st vote: procedures to be discussed at the next Board meeting. Renaud Becquet will present a voting method.

Discussions (on the remaining candidates)

The 1st criterion is the excellence of the candidates.

The balance of major fields/disciplines will only be discussed for candidates of equivalent level. Discussions will focus solely on the quality of the oral presentation, the written dossier and the candidate's background.

Rules to be observed: friendly debate; members of the jury speak only after being invited to do so by the jury chairman; a jury member in a conflict of interest situation must refrain from taking part in the deliberations concerning the candidate concerned.

Consensus or 2th your systematic.

The Board approved the proposals shown in blue.

3. EDSP2 2025 competition timetable

Thursday 17th April Validation of the composition of the competition jury by the EDSP2 Council

Thesis supervisors submit their application intentions to the heads of the 3 main areas of the ED (according to their own timetable)

Sunday 22nd June Deadline for submitting applications to Adum

Thursday 26 June at 2pm Pre-selection feedback meeting by speciality Update on the organisation of the competition (ED Scientific Bureau and competition jury)

Friday 27th June Mail to candidates: end or continue the competition
Mail to members of the jury: files of candidates to be auditioned

Tuesday 8th July Candidate auditions - Jury deliberations
Wednesday 9 July (EHESP competition: Auditions on 9 and 10 July
2025)

Thursday 10th July Mail to candidates: notification of results
Display of results on the doctoral website

1. Feedback on the doctoral practice workshops

The 1st Workshop took place on 20 February 2025 and was attended by around thirty participants.

Supervision of theses within the EDSP2: Discussion of two questionnaire surveys

The minutes of the session were circulated at the same time as the announcement/registration for the 2nd workshop.

The 2nd Workshop will be held on 17 April from 2 to 4 p.m. (Victoire campus - room currently being booked) Theme Background and views of specialist services

Speakers: The University of ombudswoman and referents from the Sciences Po Bordeaux monitoring and listening unit.

Content of the presentation : Functioning of the department - cell
 Types of problems reported and how they are dealt
 with Confidentiality

University presidency has asked ED management to come and present this initiative.