

Doctoral School "Societies, Politics, Public Health" (EDSP2)

Internal regulations for the recruitment competition: EDSP2 Doctoral Contracts

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1 - Preamble

The awarding of EDSP2 doctoral contracts is subject to a competition to recruit candidates assigned to laboratories or research teams within the EDSP2. The number of doctoral contracts available is posted on the University of Bordeaux doctoral programme website (<https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/avant-le-doctorat/candidater-en-doctorat/admission-doctorat>: select ED Sociétés, Politique, Santé Publique).

The competition schedule, the composition of the jury and the name of the doctoral student observer are subject to approval by the EDSP2 Council (available on the website).

2 - Eligibility criteria

Candidates

- Hold a master's degree or equivalent (no deadline for the year of graduation). If the degree is still being obtained, the provisional certificate of success and the marks for the last semester must be submitted to the doctoral school no later than 5 p.m. on the day before the interview days (if the candidate is selected for the interview).
- Not be enrolled in a doctoral programme.
- Not be under an employment contract at the start of the doctoral contract if successful in the competition.
- There are no age limits or nationality requirements.
- Candidates must ensure that they have the approval of their thesis supervisor and laboratory to apply for the competition.

Thesis supervisors

- Hold an HDR (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches, or accreditation to supervise research) or authorisation to enrol for an HDR, or authorisation to supervise a thesis (ADT).
- Comply with the supervision rate

The number of theses supervised by a thesis supervisor holding an HDR must not exceed 300% for Public Health-Pharmacology (6 doctoral students) and 600% for SHS (8 doctoral students), with co-supervision counting for 50%.

A thesis supervisor who has obtained authorisation to register for the HDR may officially supervise either one thesis at 100% or two theses at 50%, with the total not exceeding 100%.

This authorisation is valid for two years. At the end of this period, the supervisor must defend their HDR.

If they have previously obtained an ADT with effective thesis supervision, they must first defend their HDR in order to be able to supervise a new thesis.

The thesis supervisor who has obtained an ADT may officially supervise only one thesis on a full-time basis or two theses on a part-time basis, with the total not exceeding 100%.

The ADT remains valid for the entire duration of the doctoral student(s)' thesis preparation.

Please note: if a ^{first}co-supervision recruitment has been carried out, the ^{second}co-supervision recruitment must take place no later than three years later.

Without effective thesis supervision, the ADT is valid for two years and the application must be renewed if thesis supervision is envisaged.

The thesis supervisor must then apply for authorisation to register for the HDR and defend their HDR in order to be able to supervise a new thesis.

- Only submit one application.
- If two winners in the last four competitions (100% or 50% thesis supervision), it is not possible to submit a new application.

3 - Support for candidates with their application and interview

Thesis supervisors wishing to submit a candidate (or the candidates themselves) may contact the members of the EDSP2 Council for advice on preparing the application.

4 - How to submit an application in Adum

The application must be submitted as a single PDF file on the Adum platform (from a date specified on the doctoral programme website):

<https://adum.fr/candidature/>

The application form can be downloaded from the University of Bordeaux doctoral programme website:

<https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/avant-le-doctorat/candidater-en-doctorat/admission-doctorat>

This URL is also displayed in Adum.

To access the ED box more quickly, select "ED Sociétés, Politique, Santé Publique" (ED Companies, Politics, Public Health).

Before submitting your application in Adum, you must complete the following steps on the platform:

- Create your application space;
- Complete the online sections (personal details, contact details, qualifications, educational background, language).

After submitting your application, click on "Finalise your application". You will receive a confirmation email (which does not prejudice the admissibility of your application).

Any application that is incomplete or submitted after the deadline in Adum will be automatically rejected.

5 - Special case of the public health doctoral network competition

The doctoral school is a member of the EHESP's Doctoral Network in Public Health (RDSP). Candidates with a thesis project related to public health (regardless of discipline) are encouraged to apply.

The RDSP organises its own competition. However, candidates must first be selected by the doctoral schools that are members of the network. Candidates for the RDSP competition must therefore apply for the EDSP2 competition. Candidates should begin their online application on the RDSP website without waiting for the results of the pre-selection process carried out by the doctoral school.

Candidates pre-selected by the doctoral school undertake to attend the RDSP interview. Interviews are usually held in person at the EHESP premises located at PariSanté Campus. A good level of English and French is recommended. It is also advisable to find out about the RDSP (objectives, missions, rules, etc.).

6 - Management of applications by the EDSP2

Once applications have been submitted on the platform within the required deadline, the EDSP2 examines the administrative admissibility of the files.

A pre-selection of candidates admitted to the interviews is organised (see competition jury rules). The day after the pre-selection meeting (see competition calendar), candidates (and thesis supervisors in copy) receive the results by email (sender: edsp2@u-bordeaux.fr):

- end of the competition or
- invitation/interview for the competition
- where applicable, pre-selection by the EDSP2 for the RDSP network competition

The invitation to the interview specifies:

- The date, time and place of the interview
- The procedures for the interview
- Any missing documents that must be submitted the day before the interview
- The possibility of using a presentation (PPT) in French or English

Candidates must acknowledge receipt of the invitation promptly (no later than the following day). If you have any special requests (see below), please specify them in your email.

At the request of candidates to EDSP2:

- In the event of a justified impediment, a new date (within the two-day interview period) or a different time slot may be offered, provided that another candidate agrees to give up their place.

- Auditions may be held in English.
- Videoconferencing may be used if there are compelling reasons preventing the candidate from attending in person.

In the case of a videoconference audition, a Zoom connection link will be sent by email. Candidates must take all necessary steps to familiarise themselves with the tool and be present at least 20 minutes before the start time on the date specified in their invitation.

Candidates who are unable to provide proof of provisional completion of their Master's 2 degree and their final semester grades by the day before the ^{first} day of auditions will not be allowed to continue in the competition.

7 - The jury (see internal competition jury regulations)

8 - Publication of competition results

Candidates will be informed of the results by email (sender: edsp2).

For any requests for information about the results received, candidates and/or project leaders may contact the chair of the competition jury (Director of EDSP2). As a reminder, as the deliberations are confidential, only the rankings will be communicated.

Admitted candidates have a few days (deadline specified in the email) to confirm to EDSP2 whether they accept or decline the doctoral contract offered. If a candidate is awaiting the results of another competition, they must inform EDSP2 in order to obtain an extension.

If no response is received by the deadline, the doctoral contract will be cancelled and offered to the candidate on the supplementary list in order of merit.

Successful candidates in the competition undertake to complete the doctoral registration procedure in Adum during July (subject to obtaining a Master's degree certificate). Doctoral contracts begin either on¹September or¹October.

9 - Appeals

The jury's decision is final and no appeals may be lodged against the decisions it has taken in accordance with these regulations. Only clerical errors may be corrected.