

The EDSP2 newsletter

February 2026

News

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COMSCICON 7th edition in Bordeaux

Special international edition, co-organised with the North American branch of ComSciCon (entirely in English).

Launched in the United States in 2012, ComSciCon is an original (and free !) scientific communication workshop dedicated to French-speaking doctoral students. Developed by scientists and scientific communication professionals, ComSciCon immerses you in the world of popularisation.



Applications open until **15 February** via the link <https://france.comscicon.com/candidature/>

Limited to 60 participants.

Doctoral students currently enrolled and PhD graduates who defended their thesis less than one year prior to the workshop date are eligible, regardless of their discipline or university.

Participation validated in training/Adum.



AAP Mobility and doctoral contracts Disability

Campaign documents are available on the doctoral programme website:

- **Call for applications for mobility:** Preparing and financing your mobility
Deadline for submitting applications: **6 February at 11:59 p.m.**
- **Call for applications for disability:** Financing your doctoral studies
Deadline for submitting applications to the PHASE department: **23 February inclusive.**
- **Call for applications:** Interdisciplinary and Exploratory Research:
Deadline for submitting applications: **7 April 2026 (12:00 p.m.)**

19 March: validation of ranking proposals by the Scientific Committee/EDSP2 Council

23 March at 12:00 p.m.: Submission of ED rankings/evaluations to the ED College

21 April: Deliberations by the plenary council of the ED College



Centre Émile Durkheim - New CED management

As of 1 January 2026, Sophie Duchesne and Olivier Cousin will pass on the reins of the Centre Émile Durkheim to a new management team consisting of **Caroline Dufy (Director)**, **Renaud Hourcade** and **Romain Deles (Deputy Directors)**.



EDSP2 Council

EDSP2 doctoral contract competition

Formalisation of the Doctoral School (ED) doctoral contract competition through two separate internal regulations (meetings of 4 December 2025 and 22 January 2026):

1. Internal regulations "Competition" Intended for candidates and their thesis supervisors.
2. Internal regulations for the "Jury" Defining the composition, missions and operating procedures of the jury, as well as the role of those responsible for the major fields.

Scheduled to be posted on the doctoral programme website in February.

Please note: The competition rules specify the eligibility criteria for thesis supervisors:

- Hold a HDR (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches, or accreditation to supervise research) or authorisation to enrol for a HDR, or a valid ADT (Autorisation de Direction de Thèse, or authorisation to supervise a thesis).
- Comply with the supervision ratio
- Submit only one application
- **If two winners in the last four competitions (100% or 50% thesis supervision), it is not possible to submit a new application.**

This last criterion will come into effect for the 2027 competition.



Important dates

Doctorate ceremony



The doctoral ceremony will honour the doctors from the eight doctoral schools who defended their theses in 2025.

The next doctoral degree award ceremony at the University of Bordeaux will take place on 28 March 2026 at Pin Galant in MÉRIGNAC!

Registration is open on ADUM from Monday 12 January to Monday 16 February 2026 inclusive.

■ **Upcoming events at the Doctoral School**

Supervisors' workshop

1st Doctoral Practices Workshop: 20 February 2025

2 2nd workshop: Framework elements and perspectives from specialist departments: 21 April 2025

3 Workshop: **19 March 2026 at 2 p.m., Arnozan Room, Building Q-Ground Floor, Victoire Campus** Registration: **Evento:** <https://evento.renater.fr/survey/edsp2-atelier-encadr...-nayxhxz1> Theme: Establishing good working relationships and managing difficulties

This workshop will be designed as a space for discussion and sharing experiences. To fuel the discussion, a summary document (containing various proposals) will be sent to participants in advance.

■ **ADT/HDR applications**

June session:

- application deadline: 16 February
- 2026 ED select committee meeting: 9 April 2026
- CAC: 19 June 2026

December session:

- application submission: 6 July 2026
- ED select committee: 15 October 2026
- CAC: December 2026

■ **2026 calendar for the EDSP2 doctoral contract award competition**

(The webpage will be updated in February)

21/05/2026	Validation de la composition du jury du concours par le Conseil EDSP2
	Remontée par les directions de thèse des intentions de candidature aux responsables des grands domaines de l'ED (selon leur propre calendrier)
21/06/2026	Date limite de dépôt dans Adum des dossiers de candidature
24/06/2026	Réunion de restitution des présélections des candidatures par spécialité
	Point sur l'organisation du concours (Bureau scientifique de l'ED et Jury du concours)
25/06/2026	Mail aux candidats : fin ou poursuite du concours
	Mail aux membres du jury : dossiers des candidats à auditionner
8 et 9/07/2026	Audition des candidats - Délibérations du jury (Concours du Réseau Doctoral en Santé Publique : Auditions les 7 et 8 juillet 2026)
10/07/2026	Mail aux candidats : communication des résultats



Training

■ **Mandatory training for supervisors before submitting applications to the Cac**

Management by the EDs' college

Link to access the training calendar for supervisors: <https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/application/files/2317/5888/1900>

■ **Training courses offered**

- LACES (EA 7437) seminars on public action Addictions, youth and public policy: Public action on addiction prevention among young people and young adults, current events and challenges.
5 February 2026.
- Methodological issues - Awareness of specific methodological tools: the case of indirect questioning. Eric DUGAS.
16 to 19 March 2026.
- Seminars on the theme of "Public Action" organised by LACES (EA 7437) Serge Bonnet, defending "popular religion" in the context of the 1960s. Between ritual and belief.
1 June 2026.

■ **Regulatory focus**

EDSP2 scheme: Adjustment of a minimum of 50 hours of training during the doctoral programme in the event of difficulty in completing the minimum of 100 hours of training (see Doctoral Charter)

Who is it for? Doctoral students engaged in professional activities other than their thesis and/or doctoral students with disabilities who request it (not identified by EDSP2).

This scheme is subject to eligibility conditions and the approval of the ED management. Form to be requested from edsp2@u-bordeaux.fr

Reminder: Doctoral students in joint supervision and CIFRE beneficiaries automatically benefit from the adjustment.



Training (*continued*)

■ **Focus ADUM**

Un nouveau champ est à renseigner concernant les données personnelles:

Informations sur la thèse

Thèse impliquant un traitement de données à caractère personnel

* (Veuillez sélectionner une valeur) ▾



Thesis defences

Thesis defence schedule:

<https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/pendant-le-doctorat/calendrier-des-soutenances-de-these>



Ongoing initiatives

EDSP2 Interdisciplinary Thesis Prize

AAC sent to doctoral students on 9 January (2025 defences), with copies sent to thesis supervisors

Applications open on Friday 9 January 2026

Application deadline: Tuesday, 3 February 2026 at 4 p.m. Submission of applications: edsp2@u-bordeaux.fr

Selection of the ad hoc jury – jury deliberations

(February/March) Results will be announced on Friday, 10 April 2026

The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 during School Day
Scientific quality is the primary criterion.

The interdisciplinary criterion is explained in a statement of intent and by completing a self-assessment grid.

An ad hoc jury will be composed of six EDSP2 lecturers and researchers from the three main fields of the ED (Humanities, Social Sciences, Public Health).

Application form and interdisciplinary self-assessment grid:

<https://filesender.renater.fr/?s=download&token=8b515233-ee96-4f21-9f0d-dff3439bb970>

■ **Appointment of CSI tutors**

The tutor is a non-specialist member from outside the field of research covered by the thesis.

They are appointed by EDSP2 for each new entrant by the end of February. An email will be sent to the doctoral student and their tutor so that they can exchange information.

The tutor does not participate in the annual meeting between the other members of the Committee, the doctoral student and the thesis supervisor. Each year, they meet alone with the doctoral student at the end of the ^{first} year of the thesis. Their role is to ensure the quality of the relationship between the doctoral student and their thesis supervisor (trust, regular meetings, calm supervision) and to offer confidential support in the event of difficulties not discussed during the monitoring committee meeting.

■ **Doctoral school day**

Victoire campus (Gintrac lecture theatre, Atrium)

28 April 2026

On the
programme:

- Lecture by Renaud Hourcade (CNRS researcher – Centre Emile Durkheim) On the theme: Transition and transformations in research practices
- Communications or poster by doctoral students **(all specialisations)**
- Testimonials from doctoral students
- Awarding of the Interdisciplinary Thesis Prize (thesis defences in 2025) Calls for papers are open to doctoral students and PhD graduates. Application form for doctoral students: <https://filesender.renater.fr/?s=download&token=948736b6-cc02-42e6-bf39-3bc9d369b33e>

Application form for postdoctoral researchers: _

<https://filesender.renater.fr/?s=download&token=db3a2df8-81dd-4db8-b213-510ba5c00a69>

Submission of applications: edsp2@u-bordeaux.fr

Timetable:

Call for papers opens: 22/01/2026 Call for papers closes:

23/02/2026 Results of selected papers: mid-March



Ongoing actions (*continued*)

International students

We would like to remind you that the EDSP2 management team is available every Wednesday afternoon for video appointments (please send an email to edsp2@u-bordeaux.fr to request an appointment).

You can also contact us directly by email with any questions or difficulties you may have.

In order to better support you, we will be organising a Zoom meeting in March/April with a representative from BACI (Bureau d'accueil des chercheurs internationaux), a service dedicated to supporting international scientists on mobility programmes in Gironde.

A presentation of the ED (missions, activities, regulations, etc.) in English is currently being prepared.

Bordeaux Métropole support for doctoral students

The 2026 call for applications is now open.

All the information, the consultation rules and the application form are available at:

[Support for doctoral student mobility - Call for applications - 2026 | Bordeaux Métropole](#)

Soutien de Bordeaux Métropole aux

DOCTORANTS

Vous êtes doctorant en sciences humaines et sociales dans un établissement d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche de la métropole bordelaise ?

Vous souhaitez assister à une rencontre scientifique dans le cadre de votre doctorat ?

Bordeaux Métropole vous propose une aide financière pour y participer.

CANDIDATEZ

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Vérifiez votre éligibilité et déposez votre candidature sur la page internet dédiée: tmet.ro/mobilite-doctorants

