

EDSP2 Council of 19 March 2026

On the agenda:

Plenary session

Approval of the draft minutes of the Restricted Council meeting of 22 January 2026 and the plenary session of 4 December 2025

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The Director of the Doctoral School opened the session with the draft minutes of the two previous sessions. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Information

1.1. University of Bordeaux Thesis Prize

Doctors who have defended their thesis in 2025 **are eligible**.

The call for applications (see PhD website) will take place from 15 to 29 March 2026.

Doctoral students at the Doctoral School are eligible for the Biology-Health-Environment Prize and the Humanities and Social Sciences Prize, for which the Doctoral School will have to pre-select a candidate for each of the two prizes.

1.2. AAP RIE Interdisciplinary and Exploratory Research

The 2026 call for projects is open from January 12 to April 07, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. and aims to initiate new interdisciplinary and exploratory research projects.

The dissemination of the call for proposals is relayed on the website of the research departments of the University of Bordeaux.

1.3. Bordeaux Summer Schools

On March 9, the Collège des ED communicated the information to all doctoral students.

The Bordeaux Summer Schools will take place from June to September according to a varied programme, from neuroscience to cardiology, economics, materials science and environmental transition issues. They are open to 2nd and 3rd cycle students and young researchers.

For more information: <https://www.u-bordeaux.fr/formation/choisir-une-formation/bordeaux-summer-schools>

For clarification, the ISPED Summer School (see ISPED website) offers advantages to doctoral students enrolled in Graduate Programs:

1. For the DPH program: three modules are funded.
2. For the Africa program: one module is offered free of charge.

An international module within the framework of the **IMPULSE – Enlight Thematic Network project of the University of Bordeaux dedicated to sex/gender and health issues** is integrated into the ISPED summer school: <https://www.isped.u-bordeaux.fr/FORMATION/Formations-propos%C3%A9es/%C3%89cole-d%C3%A9t%C3%A9-internationale>

- June 17, 18 and 19 in Bordeaux, in person
- Courses in English

Co-constructed and led by participants from 7 universities of the Enlight alliance, this module brings together a transversal network: public health, computer science, sociology, anthropology, general medicine, medical microbiology, pharmacy, economics, law, etc.

About 15 free registrations are reserved for students and staff of the University of Bordeaux and its partner institutions. Applications must be submitted by email to marta.avalos-fernandez@u-bordeaux.fr, before March 27.

1.4. Security situation

The Message of the Presidency, in view of the particularly deteriorating security situation in the Middle East, is relayed during the session: Suspension until further notice of all missions (internship, mobility, gap year, others) concerning staff, researchers, doctoral students and students who wish to travel temporarily to one of the following countries: Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Yemen, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Iraq.

For other destinations, refer to the instructions issued by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, which are regularly updated on the MEAE website (Travel advice: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/>).

Exceptional cases must be submitted for analysis and opinion to the establishment's security and defence officer.

1.5. The DT Newsletter

The distribution of the monthly bulletin has resumed since February, with a privileged mailing on the first Thursday of each month.

It is also available on the doctoral website: <https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/avant-le-doctorat/les-ecoles-doctorales/SP2>

1.6. EDSP2 doctoral contract competition

The Competition is posted on the website of the PhD of the University of Bordeaux:
<https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/avant-le-doctorat/candidater-en-doctorat/admission-doctorat>

12 doctoral contracts are available.

- The competition schedule
- The two rules of the competition
- The application file
- Adum information: link to access [Adum University of Bordeaux](#)
- Submission of the application in Adum: from 4 May to 21 June 2026

Members of the Council who are called upon to sit on the jury of the competition are invited to confirm their participation with EDSP2 (initially before the end of February). The composition of the jury will then be validated by the Council on 21 May.

The competition rules specify the eligibility criteria for thesis supervisors:

- Hold a valid HDR or authorization to register for the HDR or an ADT
- Respecting the supervision ratio
- Submit only one application
- If two winners in the last 4 competitions (100% or 50% thesis supervision), it is impossible to submit a new application.

This last criterion will come into force from 2027 (but remains mentioned in the IR).

This criterion, and its application from 2027, will be widely disseminated to future supervisors so that they can anticipate the preparation and submission of their application for Authorization to Supervise Theses (ADT) or authorization to register for the Habilitation to Supervise Research (HDR), within the set deadlines.

Supervisors must have obtained their authorization to supervise a thesis before their candidate submits the application for the competition on Adum, scheduled for mid-June.

1.7. The EDSP2 training framework

The new version, discussed with the PhD students elected to the Council, is available on the UB PhD website:
<https://doctorat.u-bordeaux.fr/pendant-le-doctorat/formations>

The reference framework has been revised to specify the terms and conditions for validating training hours, in particular:

- mandatory training,
- the possibilities of modulating the volume of hours,
- the types of training that can be validated,
- transversal skills requirements.

1.8. Doctoral Information Meeting

An information meeting, on April 29, 2026 at 1 p.m. (via Zoom), is open to all students enrolled in Master 2 or engineering schools who wish to find out about pursuing doctoral studies.

The training colleges concerned, UFs, schools, etc. have been asked to spread the message of the ED.

1.9. SP2 Doctoral School Day: Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Victoire Campus

[On the program](#)

Speaker: Renaud HOURCADE, CR CNRS, CED
Proposed theme: Transition and transformations of research practices
Communications de 10mn
Posters
Doctors' testimonies
Presentation of the EDSP2 Interdisciplinarity Thesis Prize

1.10. 3rd EDSP2 Supervisors' Workshop

The workshop is organized this afternoon, March 19, 2026, at 2 p.m., Salle Arnoz, Bât.Q-Rdc, Victoire campus.

It will focus on the theme "Building good working relationships and managing difficulties" and will be designed as a space for exchange and sharing of experiences. The objective is to better understand the situations encountered, to identify any support needs and to contribute to a reflection on the prevention of tensions.

In order to feed the exchanges, a questionnaire was sent to holders of the HDR or an ADT, on their overall experience of doctoral supervision.

During this workshop, the following will be presented and discussed:

- Answers to the questionnaire;
- A digital tool to be completed annually, jointly or separately, by the thesis supervisor and the doctoral student, in order to support dialogue, identify points of vigilance and facilitate adjustments (relational and scientific);
- A guide to good supervision practices for thesis supervisors.

2. Hear from the PhD students

The elected doctoral students, solicited before the Council as part of the "Doctoral Students' Voice" item, did not bring up any subjects.

3. New designations

The new representative of the EDSP2 Humanities field is Bruno QUINTARD, Professor of Health Psychology (LabPsy). He succeeds Éric DUGAS, professor of education and training sciences (LACES), who was responsible for the handover of the main activities. This designation was made after consultation with the laboratory directorates concerned with this large field.

As a reminder:

Antoine ROGER, representative of the Social Sciences field.

Cécilia SAMIERI, representative of the Public Health Field.

New members of the EDSP2 Council

- Sébastien CHAILLEUX, Lecturer at Sciences Po Bordeaux (CED), succeeds Sophie DUCHESNE, DR CNRS (CED) The latter introduces himself: his work focuses on public policies and the environment and he recently defended his HDR. He is looking forward to joining the Doctoral School Council.
- Florian LARRUE, PhD, Head of the Human-Centered Systems Unit, CATIE (Aquitaine Centre for Information and Electronic Technologies) is designated "Competent external personalities in the socio-economic sectors"

4. The proposals of the EDSP2 Ad hoc Scientific Bureau

The Scientific Bureau (the heads of the 3 main fields and the management of the ED) has been reshuffled into specific offices to avoid any conflict of interest during the examination of applications submitted in the context of calls for projects or applications:

- of the College of Doctoral Schools
 - AAP Mobility Winter Call
 - Disability Doctoral Contract (in conjunction with MESRE)
- of the Foundation for Medical Research (FRM)
 - Targeted doctoral contracts for doctoral schools
 - Béziat-Rouanet Prize (doctoral contracts)

4.1. AAP Mobility Winter Call

The ranking proposed by the Scientific Bureau and submitted for validation at this session, will be reported to the College of Doctoral Schools by March 23 at the latest. The results will be known in April and presented to the Council on 21 May. Beneficiaries will be able to plan their departure from May.

Eligibility conditions: be enrolled in a doctoral program at the time of submission and throughout the mobility, complete a stay between 2 and 12 months, be hosted in a foreign university or institution

The Scientific Bureau composed of B. N'Kaoua, C. Vigour, A. Roger, R. Becquet, F. Mougin, examined 7 applications from the doctoral school (all EDs combined, 29 applications were declared eligible by the College of Doctoral Schools).

The opinions given on each application are posted and commented on during the meeting.

The members of the Council are in favour of the classification thus presented.

4.2. Disability Doctoral Contract

Every year, the College of Doctoral Schools participates in the Ministry's campaign to award "disability" doctoral contracts. The University of Bordeaux reserves 2 "disability" doctoral contracts

The timetable set by the Ministry is as follows:

- submission of applications with a ranking by the institutions between 16 March at 12 noon and 11 May at 12 noon;
- meeting of the scientific committee in mid-June;
- Transmission of results from Monday 22 June.

The Scientific Bureau, made up of Bernard N'Kaoua, H. Jacqmin-Gadda, C. Vigour, C. Samiéri, A. Roger, examined the 2 applications received. The members of the Council are in favour of the classification thus presented.

4.3. The FRM's calls for applications

The Doctoral School was asked to disseminate the two calls for projects and to pre-select one candidate per call:

- FRM doctoral contract" targeted ED (about thirty 3-year doctoral contracts at the start of the 2026-2027 academic year). 4 applications received.
- Béziat-Rouanet Prize 2026 (two 3-year doctoral contracts at the start of the 2026-2027 academic year in the field of cardiology). No applications received.

The Scientific Bureau composed of B. N'Kaoua, H. Jacqmin-Gadda, C. Vigour, A. Roger, F. Mougin, preselected a candidate: The preselection was communicated to the FRM due to the constraints of the foundation schedule (no later than March 15).

5. The EDSP2 interdisciplinary thesis prize

The Scientific Bureau made up of C. Vigour, C. Galéra, C. Samiéri, Luc Robène, F. Sabatier, D. Ambrosetti, S. Chailleux, will meet at the beginning of April.

15 applications were submitted. The results will be communicated to the next Council.

6. Other business

The EDSP2 Council of April 9, 2026 will meet in restricted session (teacher-researchers and researchers) and only by videozoom:

- Winning proposal of the EDSP2 Interdisciplinarity Thesis Prize
- Review of applications for ADT and authorization to enroll in the HDR

The agenda being exhausted, the meeting of the Council was adjourned.

