

DOCTORAL CONTRACTS – 2025-2028

Allocation Procedure in accordance with the decisions of the Doctoral School of February 7, 2025

Conditions of the selection process:

The number of doctoral contracts allocated to the Doctoral School (ED) will be announced later on the school's website (<http://www.ed-despeg-univ-cotedazur.fr/>).

Prior to the selection process, candidates must submit a pre-application to the research laboratory at the University of Côte d'Azur that is expected to host the thesis. **This step is mandatory.** Any application submitted directly to the ED without first being submitted to a research laboratory will not be eligible for the selection process. The deadlines and procedures for pre-applications are posted on the websites of the research laboratories: CERDCAFF, CERDP, ERMES, GREDEG, LADIE, GRM.

Each research laboratory compiles a list of candidates for doctoral contracts. By Monday, June 30, at noon at the latest, laboratory directors must submit an evaluation form to the ED indicating how the thesis project fits into the research axes of their unit and its priority for the unit's research program. When multiple applications from the same discipline are supported by a laboratory, Directors of Research Units rank the applications in order of priority.

Candidates for doctoral contracts must meet the criteria defined by the ED as part of its doctoral student selection policy. These criteria can be found on its website. Prior to the contest, the jury for the allocation of contracts, whose composition is specified below, **may conduct a selection from the lists of candidates submitted by the laboratories** to determine those authorized to compete, particularly to maintain a balance between laboratories and disciplines. **Candidates selected for the audition will be notified by email, which will serve as their formal invitation, on July 3, 2025.**

The jury will audition the selected candidates: the thesis project presentation, lasting a maximum of 5 minutes, will be followed by a discussion lasting a maximum of 10 minutes. No video projection is planned. The audition aims to assess the interest of the thesis project and the candidate's ability to carry it out. Following the audition, the jury will rank the candidates, possibly with a supplementary list, and the Director of the ED will propose to the President of University Côte d'Azur to allocate the contracts based on the ranking.

The audition of the candidates will take place on Thursday, 10th of July 2025

Jury Composition and Selection Procedure:

The selection jury of the Doctoral School for the allocation of a doctoral contract is an emanation of the ED Council. It is chaired by the Director of the ED, who ensures the smooth running of the contest and the voting operations. Its composition will be made public by posting before the start of the contest.

Jury members may be replaced by a representative from the same laboratory, holding an HDR (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches), whose name is communicated to the Director of the Doctoral School before the start of the selection process. This replacement is valid for the entire duration of the selection process.

Voting

The votes are organized by the jury president, who proposes, after discussions and intermediate votes, a ranked list of candidates. The vote on the list and any supplementary list must receive at least two-thirds of the votes cast to be approved.

Student mobility policy

The Doctoral School pays particular attention to applications from Universities other than the University of Côte d'Azur, based on their quality and coherence with the scientific policy of the Doctoral School and the relevant laboratory. Students from external universities who wish to apply must first secure a potential research director and a host laboratory at Université Côte d'Azur.

Submission of Complete Application Files:

Complete application files must be submitted on the ADUM platform

by midnight on June 25, 2025.

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

Important Notice: Applications from candidates who have not completed the pre-application process with the research laboratories will not be eligible for the selection process, even if they submit a complete file by June 25, 2025. The deadlines and procedures for pre-applications are posted on the websites of the research laboratories: [CERDCAFT](#), [CERDP](#), [ERMES](#), [GREDEG](#), [GRM](#), [LADIE](#)

Documents to Submit on ADUM for Doctoral Contract Application:

Submit a single PDF file with the documents ordered as indicated below :

1. **A detailed CV** that must include: a) The name of the University that awarded the MASTER's degree, b) Any honors or distinctions obtained during the MASTER's program, c) The title of the research thesis or internship report and the grade obtained, and the graduation rank in the MASTER's program (if available)
2. **Complete results** obtained in the 3rd year of the Bachelor's degree, Master's 1, and Master's 2
3. **A copy of the Master's 2 thesis or internship report** (if not available, a copy of the Master's 1 thesis).
4. **A 5-page thesis project** (excluding bibliographic references). This project must include a title, a list of keywords to situate the planned research, a scientific state of the art, the methodological approach used for the research, and a projected timeline for the research.
5. **A letter of support** from the Thesis Director.

6. For candidates who wish to have the doctoral contract include **teaching duties (DCME)**, must add a motivation letter for this teaching assignment. **Please specify the disciplinary department in which you wish to teach.**