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## International Selection for foreign PhD candidates

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The International Selection recruits outstanding candidates who are eager to be involved in a research-based academic curriculum in Lille.

Foreign PhD candidates are identified by the research unit and qualified students from abroad are proposed by the research unit for the selection.

For the academic year 2018/2019, the Doctoral School is offering research fellowships fully funded by the University of Lille for foreign students to attend Doctoral Courses. The duration of the doctoral courses is three years, starting October 2018 and ending September 2021. Each position will be covered by a fellowship of 1.758 €per month (gross value).

### Eligibility

In order to be deemed eligible, applicants are required to meet the following criteria by the deadline date of the call:

- to have obtained or to prepare a foreign (non-French) academic qualification recognized as equivalent to the *Master à parcours recherche* amounting to at least five years of full time university education and leading to a PhD in the country where the studies were carried out. The eligible degree must be awarded no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018;
- to have never been enrolled in the French academic system for any degree

Candidates will be admitted to the selection procedure with reserve.

The Doctoral School may, at any time, exclude applicants who do not meet the admission requirements. In that case, candidates (director and student) will be notified by e-mail.

### How to apply / Submission policies

This call for proposal is being launched by the Biology and Health Doctoral School for researchers and teachers-researchers of research units associated with the Doctoral School and fulfilling its regulatory conditions for supervising PhD students.

**Applications must be submitted by researchers / teacher-researchers to the Head of their Research Unit/Team for approbation. The Head must send the full approved application files to the doctoral school by e-mail ([EDBioSante@edbsl.net](mailto:EDBioSante@edbsl.net)) by 06.00 p.m. (French local time) of the deadline date (March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018).**

The complete application file includes the following documents:

- the identification form (page 4), completed and signed by the Head of the Research unit,
- a thesis proposal (original research plan - 6 pages maximum, in French or English),
- the candidate files, in French or English, including :
  - a detailed Curriculum Vitae,
  - an identity document,
  - a covering letter,
  - the description of the academic degrees, with the indication of when and from which university it was/will be awarded;

- scanned copies of the certificates of the academic qualifications with the list of the examinations and marks.
- any additional information that might support the request for academic equivalency of candidate French Master degree (mainly for Master or other diploma from outside the European Union) such as : Ms thesis, publications, official document specifying that the diploma gives access to the PhD in the country where the qualification was issued,...

The application must be completed in French or English. All attached documents must be in French or English, or accompanied by a translation in French or English.

## Pre-selection procedure

The Doctoral School will check for recognition of candidates' qualifications and preselect candidates based on the submitted documents. Candidates deemed ineligible will not be entitled to proceed to the next phase of the selection process.

Candidates who pass the pre-selection process, and considered eligible, will be evaluated by a jury on their scientific excellence.

## Evaluation procedure and interview

The best applicants will be competitively selected and a maximum of eight interviews will be conducted by the jury by video conferencing. Interviews will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The jury will consist in

- 6 experts for each thematic fields of the Doctoral School (cancer, cardiovascular and metabolism diseases, infection - inflammation and immunity, neurosciences, drug science, glycobiology),
- 3 judging coordinators and
- the Vice President for Research of the university that fund the grants or his designated representative.

A research grant will be awarded to the first candidates in the ranking, subject of passing their Master degree or equivalent.

## Technical specification for a valid interview

The interview must be conducted on a H.323 based video conferencing system (most common video conferencing protocol). It provides a secure and reliable service for documents, voice and video sharing. Most of the universities provide video conferencing service you can book. Applicant should perform a test call within the previous 15 working days before the interview.

Each applicant will give a 15 minutes talk on his/her research project.

The presentation will be followed by a discussion lasting 15 minutes.

Time zone of the interviews will be the Paris (FR) time. Given the time zone difference, it may be impossible to schedule interviews that fell within the workday of a specific time zone. In that case, the concerned applicants will rapidly contact the doctoral school to determine the conditions of the interview.

**Postponement of the interview won't be possible if the interview is cancelled due to technical issues. The president of the jury is entitled to evaluate the hearing conditions and to take the final decision on stopping or cancelling the interview.**

## **Additional information:**

For the year 2018, the University of Lille will offer Doctoral contracts under this call for proposals.

Each applicant is not allowed to register to more than one subject. Applicants for this international selection are not allowed to also compete for the classical on-site PhD grants selection (selection in Lille, 29<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, no video conferencing allowed) although the research topic can be submitted by the lab in both selection procedures. Applicants should define the selection procedure they compete (foreign by video or classic on-site).

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## Fiche signalétique récapitulative

à joindre aux pièces du dossier décrites en page 1

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<sup>(1)</sup>Nom du responsable de l'Unité et/ou équipe de recherche déposant la demande :

<sup>(2)</sup>Unité et/ou équipe de recherche :

<sup>(3)</sup>NOM et Prénom du directeur de thèse déposant la demande (remplissant les conditions réglementaires d'encadrement doctoral) :

Sujet de thèse proposé :

NOM et Prénom du candidat présenté au concours sur le sujet :

Nationalité du candidat :

Je soussigné, <sup>(1)</sup> .....

responsable de <sup>(2)</sup> .....

émets un avis favorable à la demande de <sup>(3)</sup> .....

et la transmets à l'Ecole Doctorale.

En cas de demandes multiples émanant de mon Unité/équipe de recherche, je classe cette demande à un niveau de priorité .... sur .... demandes.

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**N.B. : toute demande incomplète et/ou non transmise à l'ED par le responsable d'unité ou d'équipe sera non recevable**