



Call for Applications - Supplementary PhD Funding

The 1H-EID Graduate School provides supplementary funding **for a duration of 3, 6, or 12 months** through a call for applications, to support French or international PhD students in their doctoral research in the field of **(Re)Emerging Infectious Diseases**.

For students in the **Healthcare sector**, funding can be requested for a period included within any of the three years of the PhD or for an extension.

For students in **Life Sciences**, funding can only be requested for an extension.

In the case of an extension request, the PhD student must be enrolled in the 4th year of their PhD for the 2026–2027 academic year.

The funding is intended to cover the salary cost of the recipient (gross salary including employer contributions and related taxes) based on the amounts of doctoral contracts established by the University.

Students must be **employed full-time** by one of the partner institutions (UPCité, Institut Pasteur, Sorbonne Université, and EnvA) throughout the funding period, conduct their PhD within one of the six partner Doctoral Schools (see below), and be affiliated with the Graduate School's Doctoral Program.

The requested period of funding must end no later than December 2027.

To join the **Graduate School's Doctoral Program**, students must send a request via email to Nicole BERTOLA (nicole.bertola@u-pariscite.fr), specifying their thesis topic, host laboratory, PhD supervisor's name, and affiliated Doctoral School (among the six partners listed below). The 1H-EID Graduate School's Doctoral Program offers students transdisciplinary doctoral training opportunities, participation in summer schools, and eligibility to apply for the Graduate School's funding calls.

The call for applications will be open from **April 7th, 2026, to May 4th, 2026, at 13h00 CET.**

A PhD supervisor can receive only one funding grant under the "Supplementary PhD Funding" call of the Graduate School.

It is the thesis supervisor's responsibility to ensure strict compliance with the rules of their Doctoral School (in particular regarding the supervision ratio, other application rules based on previously obtained doctoral contracts, etc.).

The thesis supervisor must belong to a research structure affiliated with one of the four partners of the graduate school (UPCité, Institut Pasteur, Sorbonne Université et EnvA) and be attached to one of the partner Doctoral Schools (ED):

- ED 562 BioSPC – principalement le département Infectiologie Microbiologie (UPCité)
- ED 393 Pierre Louis de santé publique (SU et UPCité)
- ED 624 Sciences des Sociétés (UPCité)
- ED 563 Médicament, Toxicologie, Chimie, Imageries (UPCité)
- ED 581 ABIES (UPSaclay AgroParisTech, ENVA, URCA)
- ED 515 Complexité du Vivant (SU)

The candidate and the thesis director must provide several documents (see **Appendix I: required documents**).

The documents must be compiled in a single PDF and sent by e-mail to the address: gradschool.1health-eid@u-paris.fr **before May 4th 2026 at 13:00 CET**.

Each application will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary and inter-partner committee.

The project must focus on **(Re)Emerging Infectious Diseases***. Evaluation criteria will include the integration of a One Health approach, originality, innovative and interdisciplinary aspects, the quality of results already obtained, and feasibility. For extension requests, particular attention will be given to the clarity of the candidate's work plan and the alignment between thesis progress and the proposed project for the 4th-year extension.

* For the purpose of this call, diseases caused in humans or animals by pathogens with a high risk of triggering a health crisis, are considered **(Re)Emerging Infectious Diseases**, based on the following criteria:

- Potentially significant clinical impact on human health
- High probability of introduction and spread
- Strong potential for evolution
- Strong societal and economic impact

For reference, check the list of pathogens considered as priority by the ANRS-MIE:

[Liste des pathogènes prioritaires ANRS-MIE](#)

This list is **not exhaustive**. A project focusing on an infectious disease, meeting the above characteristics may be considered. In particular, an infectious disease caused by agents vectored by arthropods, or by pathogens (bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi) with emerging resistance to first-line anti-infective agents and potential for pandemic evolution, will be considered as relevant.

Projects based on a “*One Health*” approach are particularly encouraged.



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Appendix I: Required Documents

Candidate

- Application form (in French, available on the Graduate School's website)
- Diploma certificate and grade transcripts (especially Masters) for first-year PhD funding requests
- CV (maximum 2 pages) specifying the supervisor's name and PhD topic, doctoral trainings attended, conference participation, and publications
- Declaration of commitment stating that the student will devote full-time efforts to their PhD throughout the funding period, co-signed by the supervisor

Project, single document containing:

- Scientific objectives, research question
- For extension requests: results obtained during the PhD and work plan for the 4th-year extension
- For first-year or mid-PhD applications: results obtained if applicable and work plan for the requested funding period
- In English or French (maximum 2 pages, including references)

Thesis supervisor

- Letter of agreement from from the unit/department head
- Letter of support from the PhD supervisor
- List of 5 publications from the supervisor, within the subject area of the project
- List of PhD students supervised by the thesis supervisor as of October 1st, 2026, specifying the date of first enrollment and the estimated defense date

The complete application must be submitted via email to gradschool.1health-eid@u-paris.fr before May 4th, 2026, at 13:00 CET.