

EMHE – PPU
Application information
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OVERVIEW

An exceptional Ph.D. program in the exciting, dynamic and interactive research environment of the Institut Pasteur in collaboration with Parisian universities, in the field of “Health and Environment”.

The EMHE-PPU program is open to students from Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru or Uruguay, holding a Master’s degree (or equivalent) in science, medicine, environment or related fields, wishing to do a full Ph.D. at Institut Pasteur, in the field of Health and Environment. The application call opens in September 2017 for the class beginning in October 2018.

The EMHE-PPU program provides 2 full Ph.D. at Institut Pasteur (3 years):

- Improving public health and environmental issues through scientific discovery
- Quest for knowledge beyond the frontiers of sciences
- Satisfying scientific curiosity in a dynamic research environment
- State-of-the-art technology platforms
- A three years stipend covering living expenses and social benefits
- Assistance with housing and visas
- Tailored courses and training to high proficiency
- Close scientific supervision
- Interactive environment for collaborations
- Dedicated student club for science and social activities

AGENDA OF THE SELECTION PROCESS

1. September 4th, 2017 – October 10th, 2017: Mutual pairing of candidates with research projects/advisors/laboratories.

Research projects of laboratories interested in recruiting a student are posted on the website of: MINCYT (Argentina); MICITT (Costa Rica); CONCYTEC (Peru); and ANII (Uruguay). Students interested in one or more research projects contact directly the thesis advisor of the project(s), sending a CV and a motivation letter. Candidates are advised to contact potential host laboratories as early as possible in order to allow sufficient time for communication between the candidate and the laboratory. Since each advisor must choose only one candidate, candidates may apply to more than one laboratory. In this case, if a candidate is accepted by more than one lab, he needs to choose only one letter of acceptance and decline the other lab acceptance(s).

The thesis advisors evaluate the applications they receive, requesting more information as desired (they may interview some candidates by Skype). Advisors are asked to notify candidates who will not be selected as soon as possible.

The candidates selected for a project then FILL THE EMHE-Pasteur APPLICATION FORM (**see document**). The candidates fill the application form in consultation with the host laboratory. The complete application form and the annexes must be submitted by the student to emhe@pasteur.fr.

2. November 1st, 2017 – December 8th, 2017: Evaluation of written applications

The written applications are sent by Institut Pasteur to external reviewers. The evaluations are made on the basis of the academic qualifications of the student, previous research experience and scientific potential of the candidates. The EMHE-PPU Admissions Committee, composed by scientists from the Pasteur Institute, gathers the reviews and selects a maximum of 4 candidates to be interviewed.

3. December 11th-15th week, 2017: Interviews and EMHE Coordination Committee

Selected candidates are interviewed by video-conference by the extended EMHE-PPU Admissions Committee, including at this stage personnel from the Institut Pasteur Human Resources. All the interviews are in English. The extended Admissions Committee examines the capacity, the general scientific knowledge, the past research accomplishments, the understanding of the proposed Ph.D. project as well as the motivation of the student, and considers the comments and advice of other interviewers. The committee chooses 2 students to be offered admission, and a waiting list is established. Candidates are informed of the decisions shortly after the interview; successful candidates are generally given 2 weeks to decide whether they accept admission.

The EMHE Coordination Committee, composed by scientists and administrative representatives of the different institutions of the EMHE programme, meets by video-conference and validates the decisions of the extended EMHE PPU Admissions Committee.

4. January, 2018: Publication of selected candidates.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Diploma: Students must be of nationality from Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru or Uruguay. They must hold a master degree or an equivalent university degree in science, medicine or related fields delivered by a university located outside of France, by the time that they begin the program. In France, a master degree corresponds to five years of academic education; students holding a B.A. or a B.S. acquired after four years of academic education may be considered if they have additional laboratory experience with a written final report or a publication. Students who already have begun doctoral training elsewhere are not eligible (except for highly unusual, justified circumstances). Students with a master's degree obtained in France are not eligible, due to our agreements with the doctoral schools of the Paris Universities.

Language: The program is run in English and therefore fluency in English is required (TOEFL or other language proficiency scores may be indicated when submitting your application). No knowledge of French is necessary.

Age: The EMHE-PPU doctoral program does not have an age restriction, but most accepted candidates are 24-26 years old and start their Ph.D. within a year of finishing their M.S., a few within 3 years.

Scientific Area: "Health and environment":

- Links between environment and health, especially the potential impacts of environmental factors on human health,
- Understood as a broad and cross-cutting issue.
- Since fundamental until applied science, in the areas of the receiving institutions.

Mobility: Students who have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in France for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the 1st day of recruitment by the EMHE-PPU Program (1st day of employment) are not eligible. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account. These rules are in compliance with the mobility rules of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions of the H2020 program.

Coordination with the general PPU program

The general PPU (Pasteur - Paris University) program is running in parallel to the EMHE-PPU program. Unlike EMHE-PPU (2 fellowships, reserved for students from Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru and Uruguay), the general PPU program has around 18 fellowships available, open to students from the whole world (inclusive Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru and Uruguay). A binomial "student / thesis supervisor" can compete only in one program, PPU or EMHE-PPU.