

Call for a Doctoral Scholarship in Health & Biology (2021-2024)

1) About LIVE Graduate School

LIVE (Life trajectories and health **Vuln**Erability) Graduate School was selected by the Research Ministry as part of Graduate Schools of Research (EUR) of the PIA3 (the third phase of the Investments for the Future Program). This Graduate school is coordinated by the UPEC (*Université Paris-Est Créteil*, France) in partnership with both INSERM and the CNRS. **LIVE** overcomes the fragmented approach to vulnerability in the setting of health care, socio-economic environment and environmental exposure and provide a **transdisciplinary and multiscale training** to selected students, by creating a PhD program developing cutting-edge research in the field of vulnerability, in one of 5 relevant doctoral schools.

LIVE is built around **3 pillars**, each of which has a longstanding reputation for excellence, but which require further integration in order to address the issue of vulnerability:

- **Health & Biology:** which relies on recognized expertise in the field of age-related cardiac and lung diseases, infectious diseases, psychiatric disorders and rare diseases.
- **Health Economics & Public Health:** which relies on better identification of socio-economic and health-related individual and contextual determinants of vulnerability and health inequalities, health-care trajectories and assessment of health-care intervention (pharmacological or not) through, cohort, panel, clinical trial and medico-administrative data.
- **Health & Environment:** air, water and soil quality, environmental hazards, pollution, contaminants and toxins and their impact on health.

2) LIVE Excellence Scholarship – PhD level

Doctoral grants are allocated by the UPEC (*Université Paris-Est Créteil*) for 3 years from October 2021 to September 2024 for motivated applicants eager to work on **Vulnerability in Health & Biology** with a **transdisciplinary approach**.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria for applying in Health & Biology pillar:

- Master's degree with high skills in Health or Biology.
- Candidate's excellence:
 - ☞ A research project written in English focuses on Vulnerability in Health or Biology in a broad sense (vulnerable populations: elderly, inherited disorders, metabolic

syndrome, etc.). The research subject proposed must clearly show the relevance within the **LIVE** pillar of candidacy and the transdisciplinary dimension.

- ☞ Excellent skills in molecular and cellular biology or animal models.
- ☞ Excellent knowledge in physiopathology (immunology, microbiology, genetics ...)
- ☞ Proficiency in statistics and medical research
- ☞ Ability to take on societal issues, openness to pluridisciplinarity
- ☞ English proficiency for non-native speakers (>800 points for TOEIC test or equivalency in another international test such as Cambridge or TOEFL).
- Feasibility of the research program in 3 years

NB: The thesis supervisor must be affiliated within a research unit or hosting laboratory associated with **LIVE** masters & doctoral schools (listed upon). The International scope of the research subject through a partnership with a foreign institution or laboratory is highly encouraged. For further information please contact the heads of the pillar **Health & Biology** pascale.fanen@u-pec.fr or sophie.hue@aphp.fr

- ☞ **Health & Biology:** Associated Masters: Anti -infectious immunity and vaccine; biotherapies: tissue, cell, gene (BTCG) – Associated Doctoral School: Life and Health Sciences (SVS – UPEC).
- ☞ **Health Economics & Public Health:** Associated Masters: Health Economics, Research in Public Health, Epidemiological surveillance of Human and Animal Diseases (SEMHA). Associated Doctoral Schools: Organization, Markets, Institutions (OMI) and Public Health (EDSP) (U. Paris Saclay and UPE).
- ☞ **Health & Environment:** Associated Masters: TES (Toxicology-Environment-Health), SGE (Environmental Engineering, UPD, UPEC). Associated Doctoral School: Science, Engineering and Environment (SIE – UPEC).

All candidates must fill out a formal application, including:

- 📁 Curriculum Vitae
- 📁 Academic transcript (two last years)
- 📁 A Ph.D. project including the following topics: problematic, literature review, Ph.D. originality, relevance within the **LIVE pillar (Health & Biology)** of candidacy and the transdisciplinary dimension; methodology, references (up to 5 pages). The project must be validated by the supervisor affiliated with a EUR-LIVE research unit or hosting laboratory, before submission. For further information please contact the heads of the pillar **Health & Biology**.

An email acknowledging receipt of your application will be sent to you. If you do not receive an email that acknowledges receipt of your application, please contact eur-live@u-pec.fr

Since the selection will begin shortly after the deadline for applications, you are encouraged to make any necessary verifications in the week following that date.

Contact & application submissions:

Health and Biology pillar (Unit Research: IMRB U955 - INSERM):

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3) Grant's Calendar

Submissions open:	May 7 th , 2021
Deadline for applications:	June 8 th , 2021
Decisions on acceptance:	July 2021
Start of Ph.D.:	October 2021

The examination takes place in two steps: a selection based upon application and an interview (only shortlisted candidates). Selected candidates for interview will be notified by e-mail.