

2026 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A FUNDED PHD POSITION

Ined is recruiting one doctoral student for a research project hosted by one of its 10 research units and aligned with the priorities of Ined's scientific programme.

Please note:

this call is only open to holders of a degree from one of the three degree programmes supported by Ined: the EUR Higher School of Demography (HED), the EUR Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSST), and the European School of Demography (EDSD), for enrolment in the first year of a doctoral programme in 2026–2027

The call for proposals will close on Monday 18th May 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon, Paris time)

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1. Ined: Training for research through research

Founded in 1945, the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED, www.ined.fr) is a public research institute whose missions are to conduct research on all aspects of populations, to disseminate related knowledge, and to provide research training. INED researchers come from a broad range of disciplines: not only demography but also sociology, economics, history, geography, statistics, epidemiology and medicine. A substantial proportion of research conducted at INED is about France, but much of it also focuses on other geographical areas. In particular, INED has a long tradition of studies on the Global South.

Ined contributes to research training and learning through research by hosting doctoral students within its research units. The policy for hosting these young researchers is based on two principles:

- Doctoral researchers are research professionals. As such, their activity is remunerated on the basis of an employment contract (providing benefits such as social security, paid holidays and

sick leave).¹ Regardless of the funding source,² their research must comply with the principles set out in the French Charter for Research Integrity and with best practices in the profession.

- The doctoral student is in training and conducts their research as part of their career plan. A researcher from the Institute, who must serve as the thesis advisor or co-advisor (see the list of supervising researchers in Appendix 1), guides the student in conducting their research project and assists them in developing and advancing their career plan. Doctoral students also benefit from the guidance and support of the Office of Graduate Studies. Doctoral students also receive guidance and support from Ined's Office of Doctoral Affairs. By submitting an application in response to this call, candidates and all of their advisors (both internal and external to Ined) agree to adhere to the principles and best practices defined in Ined's doctoral policy and detailed in two documents available on Ined's website: [Policy on the Reception of the Policy on Hosting PhD Students](#) and [Ined's PhD Student Charter](#).
- The doctoral student conducts doctoral research that is part of [Ined's scientific program](#) and is based within one of the Institute's research units. The student may simultaneously be affiliated with another host laboratory outside Ined but they must spend at least half of their working time at Ined. The doctoral student participates in the scientific life of their unit as well as in activities dedicated to doctoral students at Ined (orientation day, doctoral workshop, Ined Monday seminars, etc.).

2. Call for applications

Ined is recruiting one full-time doctoral student on a three-year contract. The contract will begin on 1st October 2026 (subject to completion of the master's degree). It may begin on a different date, between 1st September 2026, and 1st January 2027, upon a justified request from the candidate and with the supervisors' approval. In this case, the successful candidate agrees to provide all required administrative documents by 24th July 2026³.

The selected PhD candidate will be hosted at Ined (Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers, France) and will be employed by the Institute. They will benefit from the support services available to researchers at Ined, and their integration into a research unit will allow them to apply for a dedicated research budget, in particular to support the dissemination and promotion of their work.

If the completion of the PhD requires specific funding (for example data collection or the organization of meetings), this call does not guarantee the financing of the associated research. Securing the necessary funding is the responsibility of the candidates and their supervisors. The budget required for the research must be estimated and included in the application file. Potential funding sources must be specified and will be taken into account when assessing the feasibility of the project.

¹ The conditions of remuneration for doctoral students' employed are set by decree. The latest, issued on 26 December 2022, can be consulted at: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000046820745>

² Applicants who have already obtained PhD funding can also apply to be hosted at INED with external funding as part of two calls for applications, by following the procedure at: <https://www.ined.fr/en/research/phd-students/applying-with-outside-non-ined-ipops-funding/>

³ Information form, copies of ID, copy of master's degree.

Apart from partial reimbursement schemes for transport costs available for Ined employees in the Île-de-France region (public transport and cycling), **travel expenses between the candidate's home and Ined, as well as between Ined and any secondary host laboratory, will not be covered by Ined.**

3. Conditions of Eligibility

There are no restrictions in terms of age or nationality⁴.

The eligibility criteria concern both the applicant and all of their supervisors.

3.1. The applicant must fulfil the following three criteria:

- ✓ Hold, or be preparing during the current academic year (2025–2026), a Master's degree (M2) within the EUR HED or EUR GSST, or be enrolled in the ESDS programme granting eligibility to apply for a PhD at a French or foreign university, in a discipline related to population studies.
- ✓ The candidate must be enrolling in a PhD programme for the first time (i.e., in their first year) at a French or foreign university at the start of the 2026–2027 academic year.⁵
- ✓ The applicant's PhD supervisor or co-supervisor must be a permanent Ined researcher (see Appendix 1). Applicants should directly contact an Ined researcher whose research is related to their proposed project⁶.

3.2. The applicant's supervisor(s) must fulfil the following criterion:

- ✓ Each Ined supervisor may host a maximum of three PhD candidates at Ined at the start of the 2026–2027 academic year, and may hold no more than two Ined-funded contracts (including the PhD candidate(s) recruited through this call).

⁴ International applicants can find out more about the admission process at: info-doctorants@ined.fr

⁵ When they begin at INED, PhD students will be required to provide a registration document which mentions their INED (co-)supervision.

⁶ <https://www.ined.fr/en/research/research-teams/>

4. Mandatory information and documents

All the information and documents required for the application must be in French and/or English.

4.1. Information and documents to be provided by applicants

To submit a complete application, **the candidate** must send all items listed below exclusively to the following email address: info-doctorants@ined.fr

- The completed PhD application form (see Appendix 2).
- A Curriculum vitae
- A Cover letter (not exceeding 2 pages)
- A thesis project including their bibliography (not exceeding 000 characters including spaces⁷). The project statement is to be drafted by the applicant in close collaboration with their supervisor(s). It must include the following:
 - ✓ Scientific context and research question (demonstrating, in particular, the significance and originality of the research question based on the literature)
 - ✓ Research hypotheses and objectives
 - ✓ Methodology (data sources, data collection, methods used)
 - ✓ Main expected results
 - ✓ Work plan and timetable
 - ✓ Bibliography
 - ✓ Risk assessment and proposed solutions.

This section requires particular care (recommended length: 1/2 page), and should only be written up after detailed consultation with supervisor(s). It will allow the committee to assess the student's ability to anticipate difficulties inherent in the proposed research project and to find solutions to problems that arise (related, for example, to access to sources, data collection, funding searches, learning and applying analytic methods, writing difficulties [especially for applicants who will not be writing in their native language], etc.). The impact in terms of scheduling delays or the possibility of dropping a segment of the proposed research outline should be indicated.

- Master's (M2 or equivalent) thesis. If the final version of your dissertation is not available, a provisional version of the dissertation must be submitted (with the label 'provisional version' on the front page). Applicants who do not have a master's degree (M2) must submit an equivalent academic dissertation, along with an explanation, via the call platform.
- Master's thesis defence report. Applicants who do not have a report must file a statement from their master's thesis supervisor specifying the reason the document cannot be submitted (e.g., master's thesis defence scheduled later than the application deadline; thesis defended at an institution that does not issue reports at the master's level).

⁷ Beyond, the application don't will be considered

- Transcript of grades from the master's programme (all years: M1 and M2, for French programmes). Applicants who do not have one of these records must submit a document provided by the coordinators of the programme explaining the reasons. If the applicant's university specifies in a single document that neither a thesis defence report nor a transcript of master's degree grades can be provided, the applicant should submit this document twice: once in the place of the thesis defence report and once in the place of the master's transcript.
- [Sworn declaration](#).

4.2. Documents to be provided by the Ined (co-)supervisor/(co-)director

In order to compile a complete file, the **Ined supervisor** must submit the items listed below exclusively to the following email address: info-doctorants@ined.fr

- A completed supervisor form for each (co-)supervisor (a form must be submitted for *each* supervisor. (see Appendix 3).

5. Practical information

- **The complete application file of the candidate** must be submitted **no later than 21st May 2026 (12:00 noon, Paris time)** to the French National Institute for Demographic Studies (Ined), exclusively via the following email address: info-doctorants@ined.fr . No other submission method will be accepted.
- **The supervisor's form** must be sent separately, directly by the Ined supervisor, **no later than 21st May 2026 (12:00 noon, Paris time)**, to the French National Institute for Demographic Studies (Ined), exclusively via the following email address: info-doctorants@ined.fr . The Doctoral Affairs Office will then include it in the candidate's application file.

An application will be considered invalid if any required information or document is missing. No materials submitted after the application deadline will be reviewed.

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Protection of personal data

The collection of applicants' personal data is conducted in compliance with European and national data protection law. The information submitted on the call platform will be used for the purpose of managing applications, during the submissions process and after the submission of applications. Ined processes these data as the controller for pre-contractual coordination (see Article 6.1 of the GDPR) between Ined and the applicants.

The team managing the application process will be able to access and use the relevant information to contact applicants and supervisors as soon as this information is entered and before it is submitted. This information includes the title, first name, surname and contact details of applicants and supervisors.

You have rights under the law: to access and obtain a copy of your data; to complete or rectify your data; to object to the processing of your data; and to request its deletion or restriction. These rights can be exercised by emailing info-doctorants@ined.fr.

After submission, your data will be stored for two years if your application is rejected and for five years if your application is successful.

This processing is formally registered in the Ined CIL register under the reference 2014-CIL-0002: the Ined Data Protection Officer can provide information on the details (dpo@ined.fr). You also have the right to file a complaint with the National Commission on Informatics and Liberty (CNIL).

6. Selection procedure

The selection process is divided into three phases: validity check (*recevabilité*), initial selection (*admissibilité*) and final selection (*admission*).

Validity check (*Recevabilité*)

The aim of this phase is to verify that the application complies with the rules set out in this call. No exceptions will be made.

The organising team for the call for applications¹⁰ checks the validity of the application (fulfilment of the eligibility criteria, compliance with the rules regarding the submission of applications, and the transmission of all the necessary documents and information). Only applications found to be valid are transmitted to the committee for the initial selection phase.

If an applicant submits more than one application through the platform, only the last application submitted will be examined. The information included in the earlier applications will be disregarded.

If information comes to light during the initial or final selection phases of the selection process that calls the validity of an application into question, it may then be declared ineligible. The list of eligible applications will be made available on the Ined's website.

Initial selection (*Admissibilité*)

The selection committee is responsible for evaluating applications.⁸ All committee members are provided with all eligible applications. Two evaluators (*rapporteurs*) are appointed for each application: one from among the elected Ined researchers and the other from among the external experts. The committee will sit in June 2026. After deliberating, the committee will establish a ranked list of initially selected (*admissible*) candidates. **The list of admissible applicants is not public, and the members of the selection committee are bound by the strictest confidentiality.**

Final selection (*Admission*)

The admission panel (*jury d'admission*) consists of the Director of the Institute or their representative, the Deputy Director for Research, the Research Infrastructure Officer, the Chair of the INED Committee, and the Doctoral Affairs Delegation. They will examine the applications initially selected by the selection committee selection. They will finalise and publish a list of successful applicants (*admis*). The order of the finally selected applicants may differ from that of the initial selection.

¹⁰ The team organizing the call for applications includes the INED head of doctoral and post-doctoral affairs and the coordinator of the delegation, the IT engineer responsible for the call platform, the Director of the Institute or his/her representative, the Deputy Head of Research, the General Secretary of Labex iPOPs, the General Secretary of INED, and the Head of Infrastructure.

Notification of applicants

For each application submitted by the application deadline, the applicant and their supervisor(s) will receive a written reply by email within three weeks after the publication of the results.

If the application is deemed valid, the applicant and their proposed Ined supervisor(s) will receive a summary of the evaluation drafted by the members of the committee.

Publication of results and acceptance of applicants

The list of admitted applicants will be published on the website for the call for applications⁹ on **25th June 2026 at 2 pm (Paris time)**. The Delegate for doctoral affairs will notify the selected applicants by email. Applicants will have four business days from the publication of the results to accept or decline the proposed doctoral contract by sending an email indicating their decision to info-doctorants@ined.fr. Applicants must accept the contract themselves (supervisors and heads of research units are not authorized to respond on the applicant's behalf). A timely response from candidates who do not intend to accept the offer will help ensure that those on the waiting list can take advantage of the proposal. If the applicant fails to reply within four working days, Ined reserves the right to offer the contract to an applicant on the waiting list.

Applicants who are selected for INED funding via this call for applications but obtain funding from another source can accept that funding and be hosted at Ined by applying for a PhD position with [outside funding](#).¹⁰

Contract

After accepting the offer, the applicant will be asked to provide the information and documents needed to establish the contract before 24th July 2026. INED reserves the right to offer the contract to another applicant if the applicant does not supply the required documents within four weeks of accepting the offer. Successful candidates who have not yet defended their master's thesis when they accept the contract will need to provide evidence of the date of their defence at least 6 weeks prior to the contract start date.

Applicants who have difficulties finalising their files (for example, foreign applicants) may request an extension, with justification. Ined's Human Resources Department (sce-rh@ined.fr) and International Affairs Department (drip@ined.fr) are available to provide assistance and can send a Welcome booklet for foreign researchers.

In accordance with the applicable legislation, the researcher's salary will be paid into a French bank account at the end of the month following the beginning of the contract. They will thus be asked to prepare financially for their arrival in France. The researcher is responsible for any travel and moving costs they may incur in order to take up the position – INED will not cover these costs.

¹⁰ This procedure will be simplified if your application was selected through this call. For more information: <https://www.ined.fr/en/research/phd-students/applying-with-outside-non-ined-ipops-funding/>

Appendix 1

List of INED research supervisors

Applicants must contact potential research supervisors directly:

<https://www.ined.fr/en/research/researchers/>

ATTANE Isabelle (DR ¹¹ , HDR ¹²)	DESEQUELLES Aline (DR)	LE ROUX Guillaume (CR)
BARBIERI Magali (DR)	DIETRICH-RAGON Pascale (CR)	LETURCQ Marion (CR, HDR)
BEAUCHEMIN Cris (DR, HDR)	DUTHE Géraldine (DR)	MAZUY Magali (CR)
BECQUET Valentine (CR ¹³)	FLORIAN Sandra (CR)	MOULIN Léonard (CR, HDR)
BERGSTRÖM Marie (CR)	FROMENTIN Julie (CR)	OBUCINA Ognjen (CR)
BONNET Carole (DR)	FONTAINE Roméo (CR)	PAILHE Ariane (DR)
BONNET Florian (CR)	FROMENTIN Julie (CR)	PENNEC Sophie (DR)
BOUCHET-VALAT Milan (CR)	GAILLARD Claire-Lise (CR)	RABATE Simon (CR)
BOUSMAH Marwân-AI-Qays (CR)	GOLAZ Valérie (DR, HDR)	REGNIER-LOILIER Arnaud (DR)
CAHEN Fabrice (DR)	GOSELIN Anne (CR)	REMILLON Delphine (DR, HDR)
CAMARDA Carlo-Giovanni (DR)	GUERIN-PACE France (DR)	ROZEE Virginie (DR, HDR)
CAMBOIS Emmanuelle (DR)	GUILLOT Michel (DR)	SIMO FOTSO Arlette (CR)
CARON Louise (CR)	HADDAD Marine (CR)	SIMON Patrick (DR)
CAYOUCETTE-REMBLIÈRE Joanie (CR, HDR)	HAMEL Christelle (CR)	SOLAZ Anne (DR)
COUNIL Émilie (CR)	ICHOU Mathieu (CR)	THIERRY Xavier (CR)
DE LA ROCHEBROCHARD Elise (DR, HDR)	KESZTENBAUM Lionel (DR)	TRABUT Loïc (CR)
	LAMBERT Anne (CR, HDR)	TRACHMAN Mathieu (DR)

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