

Call for a Doctoral Scholarship in Health & Environment (2025-2028)

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 Ph.D. program developing cutting-edge research in the field of vulnerability, in one of 4 relevant doctoral schools.

LIVE is built around **3 pillars** with a longstanding reputation for excellence:

- **Health & Environment:** air, water and soil quality, environmental hazards, pollution, contaminants and toxins and their impact on health.
- **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.

2) LIVE Excellence Scholarship – PhD level

Doctoral grants are allocated by the UPEC (*Université Paris-Est Créteil*) for 3 years from October 2025 to August 2028 for motivated applicants eager to work on **Vulnerability in Health & Environment** with a **transdisciplinary approach**.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria for applying Health & Environment pillar:

- Master's degree with high skills in environmental sciences, biology or health sciences.
- Candidate's excellence:
 - ☞ **A research project written in English focus on Vulnerability in Health and Environment** (social and spatial environmental inequalities, vulnerable population, in an international comparative or specific approach). **The research subject proposed must clearly show the relevance within the LIVE pillar of candidacy and the transdisciplinary dimension.** Please contact isabelle.coll@u-pec.fr to get information about the possible research subjects.
 - ☞ Interest for pluridisciplinary approach (e.g., Economics and Epidemiology).
 - ☞ Excellent skills in Sciences – either environmental, biology or medical sciences.
 - ☞ Proficiency in statistics, data science would be a plus.

- ☞ Ability to take on societal issues.
- ☞ English proficiency for non-native speakers (800 points for TOEIC test or equivalency in another international test such as Cambridge or TOEFL).
- Feasibility in 3 years

NB: The thesis supervisor must be affiliated within a research unit or hosting laboratory associated with LIVE programs (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 & Environment**: isabelle.coll@u-pec.fr or genevieve.derumeaux@inserm.fr

Research units and hosting laboratories associated:

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| ▪ Animal health laboratory (ANSES / ENVA) | ▪ Food safety laboratory (ANSES) |
| ▪ BIOTN (UPEC) | ▪ IMRB (INSERM / UPEC) |
| ▪ CEDITEC (UPEC) | ▪ Lab'URBA (UPEC) |
| ▪ CEPIA (UPEC) | ▪ LEESU (UPEC) |
| ▪ CERTES (UPEC) | ▪ LIRTES (UPEC) |
| ▪ CRRET (CNRS / UPEC) | ▪ LIS (UPEC) |
| ▪ DYNAMYC (UPEC / ENVA) | ▪ LISA (UPEC) |
| ▪ EpiDermE (UPEC) | ▪ MIL (UPEC) |
| ▪ ERUDITE (UPEC) | ▪ URC-eco (UPEC) |

Associated Doctoral Schools:

- ☞ **Health & Biology:** Life and Health Sciences (SVS – UPEC).
- ☞ **Health Economics & Public Health:** Organization, Markets, Institutions (OMI) and Public Health (EDSP) (U. Paris Saclay and UPE).
- ☞ **Health & Environment:** 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 & Environment) of candidacy and the transdisciplinary dimension; methodology, references (up to 5 pages). It must clearly show the relevance within the LIVE pillar of application.
- 📁 A letter of recommendation of the thesis supervisor validating the Ph.D. project. The supervisor must be affiliated with a EUR LIVE research unit or hosting laboratory.

For further information, please contact the head of the pillar **Health & Environment**.



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:

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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:

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3) Grant's Calendar

Submissions open:	March 21st, 2025
Deadline for applications:	April 22nd, 2025
Decisions on acceptance:	May 2025
Start of Ph.D.:	October 2025

The examination takes place in two steps: a selection based upon application and an interview on May 23rd, 2025 (only shortlisted candidates).

Selected candidates for interview will be notified by e-mail.