

**EMHE – Full PhD at  
Institut Pasteur, Institut Pasteur de la Guyane, or Institut Pasteur de la Guadeloupe**

**Application information for students from Peru  
EMHE PPU + EMHE FONDECYT fellowships**

**Read carefully**

## **OVERVIEW**

**An exceptional PhD program in the exciting, dynamic and interactive research environment of the Institut Pasteur, Institut Pasteur de la Guyane or Institut Pasteur de la Guadeloupe, in collaboration with French universities, in the field of “Health and Environment”.**

The EMHE PPU program is open to students from Argentina, Mexico, Peru or Uruguay, holding a Master’s degree (or equivalent) in science, medicine, environment or related fields, wishing to do a full PhD at Institut Pasteur in Paris, in the field of Health and Environment. The application call opens in November for the class beginning in October of the following year.

**The EMHE PPU program provides 2 full PhD, only at Institut Pasteur (Paris) for 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

**Additionally, FONDECYT will grant funding for 2 full PhDs for Peruvian students, hereinafter called “FONDECYT fellowships”, for 3 years:**

- FONDECYT fellowships may fund full PhD at Institut Pasteur (Paris), but also at Institut Pasteur de la Guyane or Institut Pasteur de la Guadeloupe

## **AGENDA OF THE SELECTION PROCESS**

There are 4 steps in the selection process.

- 1. November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016: 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); CONACYT (Mexico); 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 APPLICATION FORM (**see document**). The candidates fill the application form in consultation with the host laboratory. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are welcome but not required. The completed application form and the annexes must be submitted by the student to [emhe@pasteur.fr](mailto:emhe@pasteur.fr).

## **2. January 22<sup>nd</sup> – February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016: evaluations by Peruvian reviewers (for Peruvian Students)**

In December, the written applications from Peruvians are sent to FONDECYT by Institut Pasteur to be evaluated by external reviewers from the same country as the candidate. The evaluations are made on the basis of the academic qualifications of the student, previous research experience and scientific potential of the candidates. The Institut Pasteur gathers the reviews for the EMHE coordination committee.

## **3. March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Coordination committee of the EMHE program**

The EMHE Coordination committee meets in January 2016. Its role is, by discussion based on the National Evaluations, to coordinate the classification of the best candidates. It is composed by scientists and administrative representatives of the 7 institutions of the EMHE programme. The Coordination Committee selects 4 candidates to present to the EMHE PPU Admissions Committee.

## **4. March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016: final selection of 2 students by the EMHE PPU selection committee**

The 4 selected candidates by the EMHE Coordination Committee are interviewed by the EMHE PPU Admissions Committee and other scientists by Skype in the week of 9-12 February. All the interviews are in English.

The Admissions Committee examines the capacity, the general scientific knowledge, the past research accomplishments, the understanding of the proposed Ph.D. project and the motivation of the student, and considers the comments and advice of other interviewers.

It then chooses the 2 students to be offered admission at Institut Pasteur (Paris) and those to be put on a waiting list or to try other funding for their research. Candidates are informed of the decisions shortly after the Interview week; successful candidates are generally given 2 weeks to tell whether they accept admission.

Additionally, FONDECYT will select 2 Peruvian students for "FONDECYT fellowships", at Institut Pasteur (Paris), Institut Pasteur de la Guyane or Institut Pasteur de la Guadeloupe.

*As soon as the selection is completed, the students must proceed with administrative procedures (Visa, Human Resources etc.), in order to start their PhD in October 2016.*

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Diploma:** Students must be of nationality from Argentina, Mexico, 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.

2. **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.
3. **Age:** The EMHE PPU doctoral program does not have an age restriction, but students under 30 years old and students that have finished their M.S. within the last three years will be valorised
4. **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.
5. **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. This will be taken into account only for EMHE PPU Program fellowships, not for FONDECYT Fellowships.
6. **Peruvian applicants** must be registered in DINA (Directorio Nacional de Investigadores e Innovadores DINA <http://directorio.concytec.gob.pe/appDirectorioCTI/> ) and must not have any pending compliance observations with CONCYTEC / FONDECYT.

## THESIS ADVISOR ELIGIBILITY

To present a candidate to the EMHE PPU program, thesis advisors must hold an HDR (Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches: “*Accreditation to Supervise Research*”) diploma. The host laboratory must be located at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. The research team must be affiliated with a doctoral school of the University Paris-Descartes, the University Pierre et Marie Curie, the University Paris Diderot or University Paris-Sud (XI).

To present a candidate to the FONDECYT Fellowships, thesis advisors must hold an HDR (Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches: “*Accreditation to Supervise Research*”) diploma. The host laboratory must be located at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, Institut Pasteur de la Guyane or Institut Pasteur de la Guadeloupe.

If there are multiple scientists holding an HDR in a host laboratory, each one can propose a project and submit an application with a prospective Ph.D. candidate. There is no limit of one EMHE student per laboratory.

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1. Curriculum Vitae (Part I)
2. Letter of Motivation (Part II)
3. Title and summary of your previous research project (Part III)
4. 02 Recommendation Letters (Part IV)
5. Letter of introduction of the candidate by the host laboratory (Part V)
6. Description of the PhD project (Part VI)
7. Questions and personal information of the Student (Part VII)
8. Attachments (Part VIII):
  - Transcripts of all grades after highschool<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> May be submitted in Spanish, but may be required in English if selected among the best applications

- Copy of student's passport
- Copy of last diploma<sup>1</sup>

9. Commitment Letter (Part IX).

**AGREEMENT (for students granted "FONDECYT's fellowship" only)**

Students granted "FONDECYT's fellowship" will subscribe an agreement with FONDECYT that will be subject to the provisions within this document and the attachments as appropriate.

To subscribe the agreement the student must present:

- a) A promissory note for 50% of the amount stated in the grant contract that is valid for the entire duration of the contract
- b) Original documents filed in the application
- c) A DNI photocopy

Obligations of the student:

- a) Comply with the procedures set out in the Monitoring and Follow-up Unit Guideline.
- b) Submit periodic reports
- c) Achieve doctoral dissertation
- d) Publish at least 01 article relevant to the subject of the investigation in an indexed journal
- e) Communicate FONDECYT, at the appropriate time, if a problem affecting compliance with the terms of the contract occurs. In addition, if the contract requires any amendment it should be made in a timely manner and with proper justification. The request for amendment will be subject to the approval of FONDECYT
- f) Maintain the promissory note updated in force in favour of FONDECYT
- g) Return to Peru for a period of time equal to the time financed. The return must be done in a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of completion of studies. Residence must be proven by presenting migratory movement certificate issued by the Immigration Authority every six months to FONDECYT. The obligation to return may be suspended in the event that the fellow must perform functions entrusted by the State abroad.
- h) Submit a plan to return a year before the end of the doctorate.
- i) Participate in assessments or studies that FONDECYT AND / OR CONCYTEC may require and facilitate the dissemination of the various financings that could help facilitate the connection between the institution abroad and Peruvian entities.

Agreement's termination

The agreement may be terminated if:

- a) The fellow expressly declines the fellowship
- b) Grant funds are used for purposes other than those approved
- c) Data in the application and / or reports are omitted or altered
- d) The dissertation is a copy or plagiarism of another already made
- e) There is undue delay in complying with the submission of reports or repetitive reporting that do not meet the conditions to be approved by the Monitoring and Follow up Unit of FONDECYT

Other cases of breach of commitment / responsibilities generally contracted through the agreement will be resolved by the Executive Director of FONDECYT.