

## Note of April 30, 2020 to the attention of the applicants

### The SACRe Call for applications in the context of the Covid-19 outbreak

The call for applications for SACRe-PSL doctoral contracts and for access to the SACRe-PSL doctoral training was opened on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and is closing on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4 pm (Paris, France, local hour). On the basis of the official texts<sup>1</sup> and in order to respond as much as possible to the potential difficulties encountered by the applicants, the following decisions have been taken:

#### 1 - APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In all schools, **applications are now only made electronically**, either on a dedicated platform or by sending the file electronically according to the terms of the call for applications in each school. The additional submission by post, which may be required, is now optional. Consequently, no application file can be considered invalid on the grounds that documents have not been sent by post.

#### 2 - DOCUMENTS

Due to the context, some documents necessary for the constitution of the application may be more difficult to access or may be issued later than in previous years. In response, it is agreed that :

(a) the **master's degree** may exceptionally and temporarily be replaced :

- either by a certificate of registration in Master 2<sup>2</sup> accompanied by an e-mail from the directorate of studies to which the candidate belongs ;
- or by a transcript of grades attesting to the successful completion of a Master 2<sup>3</sup>.

Where applicable, the candidate selected by the full selection board will **be subject to presentation of the diploma at the time of administrative and pedagogical registration for the PhD and, at the latest, by September 30th, 2020**. If you have not submitted your degree by that date, recruitment will not be finalised and selection will resume in the order set by the complementary waiting list presented by the selection board and validated by the full selection board.

(b) the **proficiency certificate** in French at level B2 may exceptionally be replaced by a document or additional test certifying your level of French, the details of which will be decided by each school's selection board.

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<sup>1</sup> Loi n°2020-290 du 23 mars 2020 d'urgence pour faire face à l'épidémie de covid-19 ; Ordonnance n°2020-351 du 27 mars 2020 relative à l'organisation des examens et concours pendant la crise sanitaire née de l'épidémie de covid-19 ; Ordonnance n° 2020-347 du 27 mars 2020 adaptant le droit cadre applicable au fonctionnement des établissements publics et des instances collégiales administratives pendant l'état d'urgence sanitaire ; Décret n°2020-437 du 16 avril 2020 pris pour l'application des articles 5 et 6 de l'ordonnance n°2020-351 du 27 mars 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Or in last year of an equivalent master's degree.

<sup>3</sup> Idem.

### 3 - AUDITIONS

Exceptionally, in view of the twofold impossibility of physically bringing together the members of the jury and the applicants, on the one hand, and an unstable schedule of disconfinement, on the other hand, it is decided that in order not to compromise the recruitments planned for the start of the academic year 2020-2021, **the auditions of the applicants concerned by the second round of the SACRe call for applications will be held by videoconference** during the months of June or July.

To these candidates, **an accompanying note on the conduct of these auditions will be sent in due time** in order to ensure both the equality of each candidate before the exercise and the quality of the exchanges. Although they are not part of an examination or competition procedure, these auditions will follow the videoconference procedures laid down by decree n° 2020-437 of 16 April 2020 taken for the application of articles 5 and 6 of ordinance n° 2020-351 of 27 March 2020 relating to the organisation of examinations and competitions during the health crisis caused by the Covid-19 epidemic.

### 4 - SCHEDULE

In view of the length of the opening period of the call for applications, the modifications proposed to candidates and the information currently made available to the higher education community, **the dates of the opening of the call for applications are definitively maintained as such.**

The dates of the 2nd round juries, in June or July, will be brought to the attention of the candidates selected in the 1st round.

The date of the full selection board is set for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### 5 - INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

In accordance with the terms of Ordinance n°2020-351 of 27 March 2020, decisions concerning changes in recruitment channels are made public. Candidates are informed of the decisions and the modalities of execution. Each establishment shall publish on its own institutional website the changes made, in accordance with this general note.

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