

INTERDISCIPLINARY CALL FOR DOCTORAL APPLICATIONS 2026

**Joint Ph.D. Grants of
The Graduate School for Life and Health Sciences and
The Academy of Excellence 4 "Complexity and Diversity of Living Systems"****Université Côte d'Azur****OBJECT OF THE CALL**

The present call covers 2 interdisciplinary PhD positions of 3 years each, fully funded by the [Graduate School LIFE](#) and the [Academy of Excellence 4](#). To apply for these grants, the project must be at the interface of Biology and another scientific discipline.

Application deadline: **May 11th 2026, at noon.**

RULES OF THE CALL**ARTICLE 1 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- The hosting team must belong to Université Côte d'Azur and at least one of the supervisors of the hosting team must be a member of the Graduate School LIFE.
- The main supervisor must belong to the doctoral school ED85, or to ED364 when one of the supervisor belongs to ECOSEAS.
- The main supervisor must be Habilitated to Direct Research (HDR) or equivalent.

ARTICLE 2 – EVALUATION CRITERIA

- The subject of research must be **interdisciplinary**.
- **Scientific quality** of the project (challenges involved, originality, feasibility within the time frame of the project).
- **Quality of the supervision** (CV of supervisor(s) including publications and project management in relation with the project, scientific and technical environment, availability of the supervisor(s) with respect to their supervision load, a recommendation letter of the supervisor).
- **Excellence of the candidate** (CV, academic records, motivation letter, recommendation letter...).
- Ability of the candidate to master the interdisciplinary aspects of the subject.

ARTICLE 3 – DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

The application can be either in French or in English.

**1. Research Project : a scientific presentation of the project (max. 5 pages) including:**

- a. Project summary (half a page), detailing: primary discipline, secondary discipline, primary Doctoral School.
- b. Public summary (half a page)
- c. Description of the project including scientific aim, context, methods, interdisciplinary impact, originality and feasibility (workplan).
- d. The relevance of the interdisciplinary project.

2. Documents about supervision

- a. Brief CV of supervisor (and co-supervisor, if applicable), including 5 recent publications over the past 3 years.
- b. Feasibility statement: signed by the student, the supervisor and the head of the host team or laboratory, explaining that the material conditions for carrying out the project are secured, especially for aspects regarding experimental facilities.

3. Documents about the candidate

- a. CV of the candidate.
- b. Cover letter (max. 1 page).
- c. At least 1 recommendation letter of previous supervisors/tutors.
- d. Master transcript including detailed marks and ranks (if the Master is not finished yet, a transcript of the grades obtained so far).

Please note: incomplete applications (one missing document, or more) will not be considered

ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION COMMITTEE

Applications will be examined by a Scientific Jury made up of members from the *Conseil de l'École Doctorale Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé* (ED85)/LIFE Graduate School and experts covering the complementary disciplines.

ARTICLE 5 – IMPORTANT DATES

March 31st, 2026	Opening of the call
May 11th, 2026 (at noon)	Deadline for applications
Please note: the applicant will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within one week of submitting the application	
June 2nd, 2026	Notification of the preselected candidates
June 8th to 30th	Auditions (by visioconference, if necessary) of the preselected candidates



ARTICLE 6 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- The file must be **assembled into a single pdf** file named as follows:

LastName_FirstName_LIFE_Academy4_PhD2026.pdf

- The application must be sent by one of the supervisors, member of Université Côte d'Azur, to the following address: eur-life.direction@univ-cotedazur.fr

ARTICLE 7 – FUNDING AND RECRUITMENT

- Limited term contract to begin before October 31, 2026.
- The PhD student will have to follow the rules of the corresponding primary Doctoral School.
- Monthly net salary is estimated at €2,300

ARTICLE 8 – CUMULATION OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

The position may not be combined with other activities. The recruited candidate will be expected to work full-time on the research project, except for potential teaching duties, up to 64 hours/year of teaching and in accordance with the corresponding department head.

ARTICLE 9 – NOTIFICATION IN CASE OF CHANGES

If applicable, the recruited candidate must notify Human Resources about any administrative changes that may occur during the period of the contract.

CONTACT

For any further information, please contact the Graduate School LIFE team at eur-life@univ-cotedazur.fr