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# A word from the President

Michel Hochmann, EPHE - PSL President

Founded in 1868, l'École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE - PSL) is a major institution that is part of l'Université Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL), as well as a founding member of Campus Condorcet, a hub for social sciences and humanities that is under construction in Aubervilliers.

Its history—along with its approach to producing and transmitting new knowledge in earth and life science, the historical and philological sciences, and religious sciences—have lent it a unique position in the French and international landscape of higher education and research. Its national and international standing is reflected by its success in major national and international calls for proposals (ANR, ERC).

EPHE - PSL has established even closer ties with civil society and research through its three institutes: the European Institute of Religious Sciences (IESR), the Institute for Linguistic Heritage and Diversity (ILARA), and the Transdisciplinary Institute for the Study of Aging (ITEV).

For over 150 years, EPHE - PSL has evolved and met the challenges facing it, all while remaining faithful to the principle that guided its creation: to provide research training through research practice. It is simultaneously rooted in its prestigious history, and firmly oriented toward the future. That is why we wish to accelerate its development and expand its role as an interface between society and research, with a view to better addressing new issues relating to the contemporary world.

To this end, we have established major projects built around four strategic focuses: supporting innovation and research, training the talent of the future, preserving and transmitting the knowledge of ancient worlds, and establishing ties with social and economic actors.

These developments require additional resources, which is why we are conducting a fundraising campaign entitled More than a research and higher education institution: A Commitment to Science and Knowledge. By contributing to our ambitious fundraising goal, you will take part in the history of the internationally recognized EPHE - PSL, committing at our side to meet the scientific challenges and societal issues of the 21st century, as well as to develop critical thinking and project into the future, with a view to building the world of tomorrow.

We are counting on you.



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# The cradle of contemporary research

EPHE - PSL was born in 1868 with the aim of transforming the French academic landscape, and introducing research through practice in higher education. While conceiving education in the form of a seminar, promoting research learning through practice in laboratories, and establishing personalized tutoring for students have become widespread today, they were thoroughly innovative 150 years ago.

Many scientists have found a space of liberty and innovation across the generations, including Henri Poincaré, Henri Moissan, Paul Broca, Louis Pasteur, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Jean-Baptiste Charcot, Emile Roux, Germaine Tillion, Marcel Mauss, Georges Dumézil, Germaine Rouillard, Claude Lévi-Strauss, André Chastel, and Emile Benveniste, with their work spreading across the globe.

Numerous research centers, laboratories, and institutes have transformed or developed in connection with EPHE - PSL. Today it is a place where new ideas can be developed in diverse fields and rare disciplines.

**An institution “beyond the walls” that is accessible to all, grounded locally and open internationally.**

## Knowledge accessible to all

Students pursuing a degree specific to EPHE can attend courses, with no prerequisite to have a degree. Master's and doctoral students enjoy the personalized supervision of an EPHE academic.

## Grounded locally

Its teaching and research activities are anchored in universities and research centers across French territory: Aubervilliers, Bordeaux, Caen, Dinard, Evry, La Tronche-Grenoble, Lyon, Montpellier, Nantes, Paris, Perpignan, and Mo'orea in Polynesia.

## Open internationally

EPHE - PSL enjoys considerable international standing through its scientific partnerships with laboratories in Canada, China, the United States, Italy, Lebanon, Switzerland, and Vietnam. Its teams also help preserve remarkable heritage sites, notably in Albania, Greece, Iraq, Italy, Lebanon, Uzbekistan, and Egypt. This international network contributes to its attractiveness, with more than 20% of its students coming from abroad.

## A unique model in the higher education landscape

EPHE - PSL currently enjoys a unique position for approaching the major problems that human societies will face in the coming decades:

- develops high-level basic research in rare disciplines, all while remaining attentive to the concrete applications that can be drawn from them;
- establishes dialogue between humans and their environment, the sciences, and the world;
- promotes research training through research practice;
- fosters interdisciplinary dialogue.

Innovative by virtue of its approaches to research, and agile in developing new training, EPHE - PSL must secure the means to respond to the issues it faces today.

**More than a research and higher education institution, a commitment to science and knowledge**

Our students, young researchers, alumni, and professors are committed to building a more responsible society. Their work has an impact on the development of gene therapy, the preservation of biodiversity, and coastal protection. They provide access to a preserved material and immaterial heritage, thereby promoting intercultural dialogue.

Nearly  
**270**  
academics and teachers

Nearly  
**2000**  
students

More than  
**30**  
research laboratories

More than  
**600**  
doctoral students

**Aging and the environment are issues that concern biologists, as well as sociologists and anthropologists. Research on writing and its medium—from the earliest inscriptions to today—involves the gesture of writing, the transmission of memory, and the conservation of writing in the digital age.**

## 3 sections

Earth and Life Sciences  
Historical and Philological Sciences  
Religious Sciences

## 3 institutes

Transdisciplinary Institute for the Study of Aging  
Institute for Linguistic Heritage and Diversity (ILARA)  
European Institute of Religious Sciences (IESR)



# 4 strategic focuses, one goal: supporting science and knowledge

## 1\ Investing in cutting-edge research

EPHE - PSL develops and defends basic research, all while remaining attentive to the concrete applications that can be drawn from it. It creates new interdisciplinary approaches to help solve the environmental, medical, health, social, religious, ethical, and cultural issues facing the contemporary world.

### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

**Identify and protect sponges in marine animal forests;** understand their acclimatization capabilities to environmental changes

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**500,000€ over 6 years** is required to shed light on the ecological importance of these animals and raise awareness among decision-makers and the general public about the necessity of protecting marine animal forests.

**Combating Typhoid Fever in Indonesia:** A Genomic Approach to Save Lives

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**190,000€ over 3 years** is required to lay the groundwork for sustainable typhoid fever surveillance in Indonesia and push back this disease, which primarily affects children.

## 2\ Supporting our students and young researchers

Cultural and social diversity are considerable assets for an institution open to the world such as EPHE - PSL. In the face of the economic crisis threatening and adversely affecting our students, it is more important than ever to provide the financial support and resources they need to blossom and calmly pursue their studies.

### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

**Funding for language grants**

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**60,000€ per year** to fund language certifications for our Master's students.

**Mobility grants**

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**50,000€ per year** to award international mobility grants: field missions, internships in laboratories, research trips, conferences.

## 3\ Preserving and transmitting the history of ancient civilizations and worlds

The treasures contained in archeological sites are under threat everywhere, as are ancient languages and texts. We are acting in the field across the globe to raise awareness regarding the importance of preserving and transmitting this material and immaterial heritage. Our documentary collections are full of sound recordings, old photographs, and precious books that have marked the history of international relations, diplomacy, war, medicine, and religion. Our research helps develop critical thinking in the service of a globalized world.

### EXAMPLE OF PROJECT

**Protecting the Tanis Necropolis, a Prestigious Heritage Site and the Spearhead of French Egyptology**

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**150,000€ over 4 years** is required to implement a global protection plan for the necropolis, a prerequisite for the continuation of research and restoration work and for showcasing this exceptional heritage to the general public.

## 4\ Establishing ties between social and economic actors and research

The goal of our three institutes is to train, diffuse, and highlight the state of knowledge in the fields of aging and associated pathologies; history and recent events in secularism and religious issues; and rare languages.

They establish ties between academia, businesses, local authorities, and civil society. In addition to reflecting on these subjects, they guide and advise public and private strategies, and offer training for the professions of the future.

### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

**Training of Life Coordinators** by the Transdisciplinary Institute for the Study of Aging

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**90,000€ over 3 years** to fund the training of a new class of caretakers each year

**Development of the Institute for Linguistic Heritage and Diversity,** center for training, expertise, and resources in rare languages, with or without a written tradition

→ **Fundraising objective**  
**100,000€** to fund the institute for 2 years

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## WHY SUPPORT US

If you are a private individual, company, or foundation, become a sponsor to co-construct projects in keeping with your philanthropic approach, sponsorship strategy, or social responsibility efforts.

### **By supporting the discoveries made by our academics**

*> you enable their practical application in hospitals, retirement homes, museums, and territories, as well as in the non-profit sector, companies, and civil society.*

### **By helping develop our training offerings**

*> you help drive training not only in the world of science, but also in society as a whole.*

## HOW TO SUPPORT US

### **Making your donations:**

- Online at [ephe.psl.eu](http://ephe.psl.eu), under the "support us" heading
- By check made out to the "The EPHE Endowment Fund," and sent to: EPHE Mécénat  
4-14 rue Ferrus 75014 Paris
- Or contact us at:  
[mecenat@ephe.psl.eu](mailto:mecenat@ephe.psl.eu)

### **If you are a private individual**

66% of your donation is deductible from your income taxes, up to a limit of 20% of your net taxable income. Contact us if you are eligible for the IFI (French property wealth tax).

### **If you represent a company**

60% of your donation is deductible, up to a limit of 0.5% of your revenues.

### **If you live abroad**

Take advantage of the tax incentives provided for by the legislation of your country of residence. Contact us for further information.

## A dedicated endowment fund

The goal of the EPHE endowment fund is to develop EPHE - PSL and marshal the resources needed to conduct and fund general interest activities in support of its missions.

Its purpose is to sustain a community of companies, foundations, major donors, and general interest organizations connected to the school.

It is authorized to receive donations, life insurance, and bequests exempt from inheritance tax. Seek advice from your notary or contact us.



*This commitment at our side creates a dynamic that goes far beyond the confines of EPHE - PSL.*

*As a sponsor, you enjoy privileged access to our academics through conferences and laboratory visits, in addition to greater visibility in our network in both France and abroad.*

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