

PhD Student International Mobility Programm of ITEM

DEADLINE

2 project submission dates per year

January 21, 2024 / June 16, 2024

More information about ITEM (Institut pour la Transition Environnementale en Méditerranée): www.univ-amu.fr/ITEM

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1. General framework and objectives

1.1 Main Objective

The ITEM doctoral program aims to improve teaching through research, developing students' disciplinary and interdisciplinary skills and knowledge, and internationalizing students' training courses.

For this purpose, the ITEM PhD program is launching a call for international mobility for PhD students, for periods ranging from 1 to 3 months outside of France. The philosophy of this call is to enable PhD students to carry out their own projects in the field of environmental transition.

Laureates will be provided with a budget suitable to realize their mobility, which can serve different purposes:

- Get the “Doctorat Européen” label which requires a 3-month mobility and other rules related to the PhD defense (reviewers, jury members, language)
- Move to another laboratory to acquire new skills or techniques
- Start collaboration with fellow PhD student or senior researcher,...
- Experimenting with ideas or hypotheses in a laboratory with the appropriate equipment
- Any other good motivation related to the field of environmental transition
- Mobility within the CIVIS European Campus is strongly encouraged (see [appendix 5.4](#))

1.2 Eligibility

The doctoral student must be enrolled in one of ITEM's member doctoral schools ([see appendix 5.2](#)), and the PhD research topic should align with ITEM's research focuses ([see appendix 5.1](#)).

- The PhD supervisor or co-supervisor must belong to a lab affiliated to ITEM ([see appendix 5.3](#)).
- If relevant, the doctoral student's contractual or employer must allow the student's mobility.
- The host institution can be located anywhere worldwide except within France.
- The proposal must be fully completed (form filled out) and include the agreement of the PhD supervisor(s) as well as the host institution's consent.
- The mobility period must be in 2024.

2. Evaluation

The evaluation will be conducted by a committee within ITEM, based on the project submitted by the PhD student.

Reviewers will be affiliated with Aix-Marseille University and one of them will be external to the ITEM's Comex (executive committee).

Evaluation will take place twice a year, following project submissions in January and June.

3. In practice

3.1 Submitted project: contents

The scientific project must be co-constructed with the host institute. The mobility project must be written in English and include (see template):

- Context, motivation and objectives, scientific description,
- Personal and academic impacts,
- Work plan,
- Relevance of the project to Environmental Transition and ITEM's topics,
- Budget, with a rationale for required resources required and additional funding if relevant.

The project must receive approval from the PhD supervisor(s)

The project must secure agreement from the host institution

3.2 Duration and ITEM's Funding

The funded mobility will span from 1 to 3 months with a monthly stipend of €1,200, limited to €3,500 for a 3-month mobility.

4. Timeline and submission process

The project must be sent to: item-bureau@univ-amu.fr.

There are two submission dates per year: 21st January and 16th June.

Departures must occur during the calendar year for which funding is granted.

5. Appendix

5.1 ITEM's research topics

The doctoral student's research topic must align within one of the 9 priority themes of the Institute's scientific project, as depicted in the diagram below.

| RESEARCH AREAS | RESEARCH TOPICS | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| Analysis of socio-environmental changes | Biodiversity Ecosystem Functioning | Carbon cycle Integrated approach | Water resource |
| Resource management | Multiple contamination | Resource cycle | Environment and Health |
| Resilience of societies to risks | Risk characterization Knowledge diversity | Risks and territories in a multi-hazard context | Expertise in Tension and Participatory Sciences |

French version:

| Axes | Thèmes de recherche | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| Analyse des changements socio-environnementaux | Biodiversité, fonctionnement des écosystèmes [Résilience ...] | Le cycle du carbone Approche intégrée [Neutralité carbone ...] | Ressource en eau [gestion durable ...] |
| Gestion des ressources | Contaminations multiples [atténuation naturelle et risques à faible dose ...] | Cycle de la ressource [Recyclabilité – Eco. Circulaire ...] | Environnement et Santé [Exposome ...] |
| Résilience des sociétés face aux risques , | Caractérisation des risques et diversité des savoirs [compréhension des enjeux ...] | Risques et territoires dans un contexte « multi aléas » [gestion intégrée du risque ...] | Expertise en tension et sciences participatives [rétroaction chercheurs / citoyens ...] |

5.2 Doctoral Schools affiliated with ITEM

The doctoral student must be affiliated with one of the 4 doctoral schools of ITEM

| Label | Name |
|--------|--|
| ED 67 | Legal and political sciences |
| ED 251 | Environmental sciences |
| ED 355 | Spaces, Cultures, Societies |
| ED 372 | Economic and management sciences |

5.3 ITEM laboratories

The doctoral student's supervisor or co-supervisor must be affiliated with a laboratory associated with ITEM:

| English version | French version |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BIAM - Biosciences and Biotechnologies of Aix-Marseille ▪ CEREGE - European Centre for Research and Education in Environmental Geosciences ▪ CERGAM - Aix-Marseille Center for Management Studies and Research ▪ DICE - International, Comparative and European Law ▪ ESPACE - Studies of Structures and Changes in Space ▪ IMBE - Mediterranean Institute of Biodiversity and Marine and Continental Ecology ▪ LCE - Environmental Chemistry Laboratory ▪ LIEU - Interdisciplinary Laboratory in Urbanism ▪ LPED – Population – Environment -Development Laboratory ▪ MESOPOLHIS - Mediterranean Center for Sociology, Political Science and History ▪ MIO - Mediterranean Institute of Oceanology ▪ RECOVER - Risks, Ecosystems, Vulnerability, Environment, Resilience ▪ TELEMME - Time, Space, Language, Southern Europe-Mediterranean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BIAM - Institut de Biosciences et biotechnologies d'Aix-Marseille ▪ CEREGE, Centre Européen des Géosciences de l'Environnement ▪ CERGAM, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche en Gestion d'Aix-Marseille ▪ DICE, Droit International Comparé et Européen ▪ ESPACE, Étude des Structures, des Processus d'Adaptation et des Changements de l'Espace ▪ IMBE, Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie marine et continentale ▪ LCE, Laboratoire de Chimie de l'Environnement ▪ LIEU, Laboratoire interdisciplinaire en urbanisme ▪ LPED, Laboratoire Population Environnement Développement ▪ MESOPOLHIS, Centre méditerranéen de sociologie, de science politique et d'histoire ▪ MIO, Institut Méditerranéen d'Océanologie ▪ RECOVER, Risques, Ecosystèmes, Vulnérabilité, Environnement, Résilience ▪ TELEMME, Temps, Espaces, Langues, Europe Méridionale – Méditerranée |

5.4 CIVIS

CIVIS is a European University Alliance established under the European University Statute, and merging together 8 universities: l'université d'Aix-Marseille, l'université libre de Bruxelles, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Stockholm Universitet, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, University of Bucharest, Sapienza Università de Roma, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Glasgow University, Salzburg University.

You are free to contact any laboratory within the CIVIS alliance.

More information about CIVIS: <https://civis.eu/fr>