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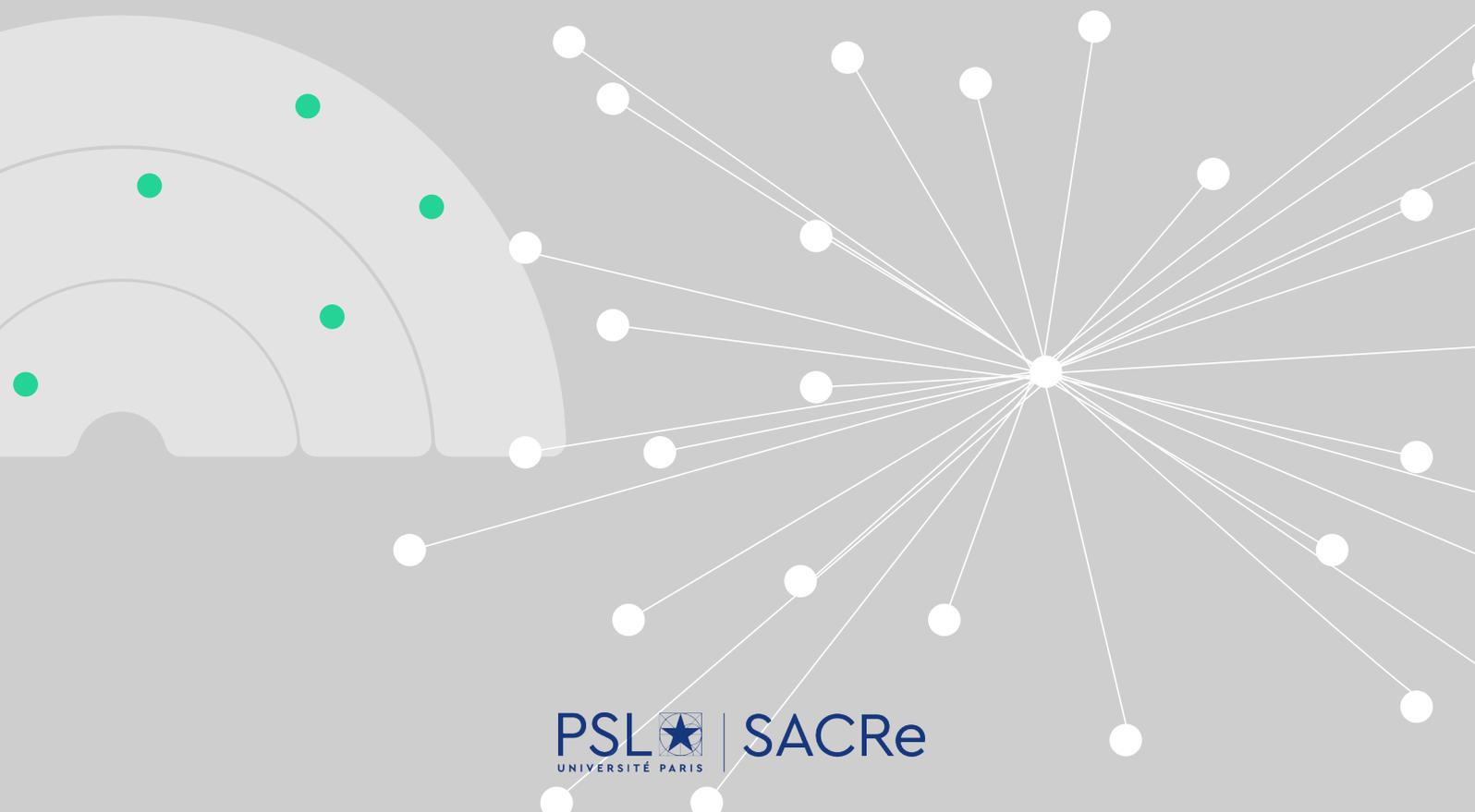
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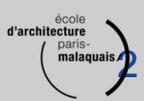
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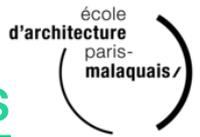


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Terms and Conditions of the SACRe Competition at L'ENSA Paris-Malaquais



Candidates for the SACRe doctoral program in architecture can register with ENSA Paris-Malaquais PSL. As the SACRe doctoral program is a full-time commitment, it is exclusive of other professional commitments (unless specific authorizations or exemptions have been granted).

1 Application Formalities

The call for applications is open from March 5 to May 5, 2026, at 4 p.m. (Paris time, UTC +1). Applicants should send their application to sacre@paris-malaquais.archi.fr, attaching all required documents in a single PDF file named with the applicant's first and last name, no later than May 5, 2026, at 4 p.m. (Paris time, UTC +1).

Illegible or incomplete applications will not be considered. The total file size must not exceed 15 MB.

Required Documents

(to be organized in the order below).

Curriculum vitae

The curriculum vitae (maximum two pages) presents the candidate's education and career path, as well as their scientific (publications, teaching, participation in exhibitions or study days) and architectural activities. Copies of diplomas must be attached. A master's degree (or equivalent qualification) in architecture is essential.

Cover letter

The cover letter (maximum two pages) explains why the candidate wishes to pursue this training and what they expect from the SACRe program.

- #### Thesis proposal

The thesis proposal is a document of no more than five pages that presents the research project for the three years of the doctoral program and clearly articulates architectural practice and scientific investigation.

It explains the practical dimension of the research and details the planned outputs and tools to be used. It includes a reasoned presentation of the issue, the methods proposed to investigate it in relation to the discipline of architecture, the creative project(s) envisaged, and the positioning of the project in relation to the state of the art, supported by a bibliographic and/or architectural corpus.

This document may contain (if necessary) links to audio or video content. Finally, it includes a proposed timeline for the thesis project and one or more funding proposals.

④ **Portfolio**
The portfolio (maximum 5 pages) will allow the research project to be linked to the candidate's previous projects and highlight the proposed creative and experimental protocol.

⑤ **Letters of recommendation**
Letters of recommendation and/or letter of acceptance from a thesis supervisor
One or two letters of recommendation may be added to the application file, written by researchers or prominent figures in the world of architecture or design who are familiar with the candidate's work. A letter of acceptance from a thesis supervisor for the scientific or architectural part of the thesis is preferred.

⑥ **Proof of French language proficiency**
For applicants who are not nationals of French-speaking countries, a certificate from an organization approved by the French government must be provided, attesting to a level of French language proficiency at least equal to C1 on the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Alternatively, a copy of a higher education diploma obtained in a French-speaking program certifying an equivalent level of French.

② Registration Formalities

The SACRe competition consists of two parts: eligibility (at ENSA Paris-Malaquais in two stages) and admission (at PSL).

① Eligibility

A preliminary selection is made by an internal committee composed of researchers, architects, representatives of ENSA Paris-Malaquais, and the SACRe doctoral program based on applications sent by email (stage 1). The results of this preliminary selection will be announced at the end of May 2026.

The institution selects candidates and invites them to a 30- to 45-minute oral interview (stage 2) on June 5, 2026, during which the candidate will discuss their motivations and thesis project, emphasizing its scope and creative protocols. At the end of this interview, the jury will rank the candidates and may, if necessary, draw up a supplementary list (waiting list).

② Admission (see general terms and conditions above)

Based on the eligibility list drawn up by the institutions, the admission phase is organized according to the terms and conditions set out in the generic SACRe call for applications, as outlined above.

Eligible candidates are specifically asked to note that they will be required to participate in a second interview before the jury of qualified individuals appointed by PSL, which awards the five doctoral contracts funded by PSL. After final admission, dual administrative enrollment at ENSA Paris-Malaquais and ED 540 at ENS-PSL is required in order to sign the doctoral contract and attend the program.

