

2024 PHD SCHOLARSHIPS – NOTICE – RECRUITMENT OF PHD STUDENTS

SUBJECT: 2025 PhD Scholarships - Memo - Recruitment of PhD students

Job Information		
	Organisation / Company	University of Caen Normandy
	Field of research	Construction law, insurance law
	Researcher profile	Early-career researcher (R1)
	Country	France
	Application deadline	Thursday 4 June 2026, 3.00 pm Send the single document (PDF) by email to the DROIT NORMANDIE Doctoral School. The acknowledgement of receipt will not constitute proof of the application's admissibility.
	Type of contract	Temporary
	Employment status	Full-time
	Is the post funded by the EU Research Framework Programme?	NO
	Is the post linked to a staff position within a research infrastructure?	NO

Job description		
	Description of the post and the PhD project (specified and funded)	Funded thesis topic. <i>Protecting parties to construction contracts against environmental and climate risks</i>

		<p>Brief rationale.</p> <p>The study of construction law through the lens of climate and environmental risks aims to provide an innovative perspective whilst complementing existing research in this field. Given the shortcomings of current legislation, the project will explore possible solutions for protecting parties to construction contracts.</p> <p>By examining the current legislative framework, the research project aims to highlight the evolving societal and environmental challenges and the need to rethink the entire legal system in order to provide greater protection for all parties involved in the sector.</p> <p>Examining construction law through the lens of climate events will enable us to consider not only damage arising from the construction of the structure itself, but also that resulting from natural phenomena. This will help clarify who should bear the cost of remedying defects, to what extent, and under what conditions.</p> <p>Such a subject will require a cross-disciplinary analysis spanning civil law, construction law, insurance law and town planning law.</p>
<p>Requirements</p>	<p>Salary range</p>	<p>€2,100–2,300 per month</p>
	<p>Eligibility: subject-specific requirements</p>	<p>Eligibility criteria vary depending on the project supervisor:</p> <p>To apply for the targeted PhD project funded by the University of Caen Normandy, the candidate must hold a Master’s degree in private law. A distinction (AB, etc.) must have been obtained for this degree.</p> <p>In addition, the candidate must have taken courses in construction law and insurance law at Master’s level.</p>

	<p>Admission requirements</p>	<p>Following the candidate's interview before a panel on Tuesday 9 June 2026, starting at 1.00 pm, 45, and following deliberation by the Select Committee of the ED Droit Normandie, will be admitted to undertake a thesis on the subject 'The protection of parties to construction contracts against environmental and climate risks', having met the following admission requirements:</p> <p>(1) Hold a Master's degree in private law as of 1st September 2025, with honours, and have followed an academic pathway relevant to the funded thesis project.</p> <p>(2) Be able to articulate their position on the thesis topic to demonstrate their aptitude for undertaking doctoral research on the specified subject.</p> <p>(3) Be able to present, during the interview, their academic background, the merits of their analysis of the topic, and the research schedule for the three-year duration of the doctoral contract.</p> <p>(4) Have written a law dissertation on a topic related to construction law or construction insurance. If the Master's degree is currently being undertaken, the candidate must present and justify their dissertation topic, a detailed argument, research avenues, the methodology followed and a bibliography.</p>
<p>Applications</p>		
		<p>The application must be submitted as a single PDF document with paginated pages. The document must contain:</p> <p>(1) A cover letter briefly describing the candidate's research interests and explaining the reasons for their application to the thesis project.</p> <p>(2) A thesis proposal.</p> <p>(3) A description of the three-year research programme.</p> <p>(4) A selected bibliography on the thesis topic.</p> <p>(5) A curriculum vitae (CV).</p>

		<p>(6) A letter from one or two referees or individuals in a position to recommend the candidate for the designated and funded doctoral research project.</p> <p>(7) Copies of academic transcripts, diplomas and documents certifying the completion of courses and the award of a Master's degree in private law.</p> <p>(8) The research thesis with bibliography</p>
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