

## The « Beauté(s) » Chair launches its call for applications to hire doctoral students.

*This call is intended to recruit two doctoral students.*

### Chair presentation

Text: What defines beauty? Plural, elusive and yet omnipresent, beauty carries notions of aesthetics and truth. It holds a universality quest: the human pursuit of beauty spans every civilization. Beyond its infinitely diverse manifestations, can we reveal invariants among conceptions of beauty? Doesn't beauty live through science?

Confronted to such issues, neurosciences, sociology, history and anthropology, philosophy, mathematics, physics, all sciences and arts may find answers; but by joining forces, these many disciplines will offer new answers that none of them could reach on their own.

To do so, a new chair financed by L'Oréal will provide an ecosystem dedicated to interdisciplinary studies related to the notion of beauty. For four years, a seminar and a lecture series will rally and interbreed sciences with artistic creation in order to grasp every aspect of the complex but crucial notion of beauty. The Chair will be directed by a scientific steering committee and by a pool of young researchers, after recruiting two doctoral students, two post-doctoral, fellows and a scientific coordinator.

Each year, a ceremony dedicated to researches on beauty will be held to award the PSL-L'Oréal dissertation prize.

The Chair will offer a comprehensive environment for studies and research and will disseminate its discoveries to students, then to a larger audience, through seminars, lectures, internet broadcasting, various multimedia contents and a final publication.

### General conditions of the call

As part of this call, two doctoral students will be selected.

	Doctoral studies
Degree requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master's Degree or an equivalent</li> <li>- A post graduate diploma, either foreign or French</li> </ul>

Specific requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Candidates are not allowed to pursue another doctoral degree at the same time</li> <li>- No age limit</li> </ul>
Submission of the application	By the candidates themselves
Contract	PSL doctoral contract for three years
Language	The dissertation has to be written in French, subject to exceptions

Candidates may have graduated either from academic programs within PSL University or from any other institution in France or abroad.

### **Doctoral contract's conditions**

Within two years after starting the dissertation work, the doctoral student is expected to have published in a scientific journal at least one article as the first author of an original research; and at least one article of a popularized version. Both publications are mandatory before the dissertation defense.

The doctoral student also will have to contribute to the development of the Chair (by organizing scientific events, lectures, etc.).

### **Decisions on admission**

Eligible dissertations must have been defended between January 2016 and March 2019 in a French or foreign higher education institution. They can be written in French or in English. The scientific steering committee of the Chair is composed of Rémi Carminati (physicist), François Jouen (neuroscientist), Nadeije Laneyrie-Dagen (art historian), Jacques Leclaire (physicist and biochemist), Alexandra Palt (Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer & Executive Vice-President of the L'Oréal Foundation), Kaouther Adimi (program supervisor for the L'Oréal Foundation, writer), Anne-Marie Turcan-Verkerk (text historian), Frédéric Worms (philosopher). The committee may call on external experts on the requested topics. The jury will pay a close attention to interdisciplinarity, and to the suitability of the research for the scientific agenda of the Chair. The award will be announced following the inaugural conference of the Chair at the end of September 2019.

### **Recruitment schedule**

- Deadline for applications: May 31, 2019 to: [chaire.beautes.cd@psl.eu](mailto:chaire.beautes.cd@psl.eu)
- Publication of the results: June 2019
- Contracts start date: September 2019

### **Required documents (in French or English):**

- Copy of the required diploma (Master's degree or equivalent);



- a cover letter detailing your specific interest to fit in the framework of this chair;
- a résumé;
- a letter which mentions the intended PhD adviser's support;
- PhD project (10 typed pages, 20 pages maximum including visual appendix presenting the candidate's ambitions);
- a short summary of the PhD project (a single page);
- the application package, downloaded and filled in;
- a copy of the identity card, the passport, or the residence permit;
- for candidates from non-French-speaking countries, a certificate from institution approved by the French government, giving evidence of your level in French;
- every other useful element, such as an artistic project in case of research & creation dissertation.

