

Program

Meeting	AUFRANDE Annual Event
Date	18-22 November 2024
Location	École Centrale de Lyon, 36 Avenue Guy de Collongue, 69130 Écully (France)

About this event

RMIT Europe and Ecole Centrale de Lyon are thrilled to bring together the AUFRANDE community for the first time. This event will gather AUFRANDE Doctoral Candidates and their supervisors. It will feature a mix of presentations, training sessions, brainstorming workshops and networking opportunities over five days, proving an opportunity to get to know each other, share knowledge and build long lasting relationships.

Agenda of the week

Monday 18/11/2024	Tuesday 19/11/2024			Wednesday 20/11/2024	Thursday 21/11/2024	Friday 22/11/2024	
	8:45 - 9:15 Arrival of the participants			8:30 - 9:00 Arrival of the participants	8:30 - 9:00 Arrival of the participants	8:30 - 9:00 Arrival of the participants	
	9:15 - 12:00 (Amphithéâtre 1)			9:00 - 12:00 (Amphithéâtre 1)	9:00 - 12:45 (Amphithéâtre 1)	9:00 - 12:00 (Amphithéâtre 1)	
(Room 17) 10:00 - 11:30 All Fellows Meeting Restricted to AUFRANDE fellows	(Room 14) 10:00 - 11:30 Meeting of the Program Committee Restricted to members	Consortium meeting - Part 2			Training: Innovation and entrepreneurship Facilitator: Rémy Cadoret	Training: Open Science and Bibliographic research Facilitator: Nicolas Jardin	Workshop: Designing a career plan Facilitator: Dominika Foretek
11:30 - 12:00 Arrival of the participants							
12:00 - 1:30 (Restaurant Universitaire)	12:00 - 1:30 (Restaurant Universitaire)			12:00 - 1:30 (Restaurant Universitaire)	12:45 - 2:00 (Restaurant Universitaire)	12:00 - 1:30 (Restaurant Universitaire)	
Lunch	Lunch			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:30 - 4:30 (Amphithéâtre 1)	1:15 - 2:30 Group A (Room 14) Building an impactful online presence Facilitator: Julia Klajnowska	1:30 - 2:30 Group B (Room 17) Meeting with the Program Manager Facilitator: Pauline Rasera	1:30 - 2:30 Group C (Amphi 1) Meeting of the supervisors Facilitators: Aman Mitchell & Christian Grillet	1:30 - 2:30 Group A (Room 17) Meeting with the Program Manager Facilitator: Pauline Rasera	1:15 - 2:30 Group B (Room 14) Building an impactful online presence Facilitator: Julia Klajnowska	1:30 - 3:00	
Consortium meeting - Part 1	2:30 - 3:30 (Amphithéâtre 1)				2:00 - 3:30 (Amphithéâtre 1)	Meeting of the Task Forces	
	Round table on the use of Artificial Intelligence in research projects			3:00 - 5:00 (Amphithéâtre 1)	Training: How to write a great abstract Facilitator: Andrea Eckersley	3:00 - 3:30 Final gathering	
Group picture	3:30 - 5:30 Focus groups: collaboration within and beyond AUFRANDE			Wellbeing during doctoral studies Facilitator: Stéphanie Gauttier			
	(Room 14)	(Room 17)	(Amphi 1)		4:00 - 5:00 (Amphithéâtre 1)		
From 4:30	Energy	Environmental Sciences	Photonics		Prepare your secondment Facilitator: Andrea Eckersley		
Time for fellows meeting supervisors	Material Sciences	Computer sciences	Physics	5:00 - 5:30 (Amphithéâtre 1) The MCAA and the MCAA France Chapter Facilitator: Hakim Ferria			
				Afterwork drinks with MCAA members TBC			
7:30 - 10:30 (Hermès II, 13bis quai Rambaud – Lyon)							
Cruise Dinner Registered participants only (closed)							

Detailed program

Monday 18 November

All fellows meeting

Doctoral Candidates only

The Doctoral Fellows Meeting will be organized by the Doctoral Candidate Committee and the local coordinators as a venue to discuss the experiences of the doctoral candidates in France and discuss and address any challenges they face.

This meeting will serve as a valuable touchpoint to strengthen connections and drive forward the program's commitment to supporting doctoral candidates in achieving academic and research excellence.

Facilitated by the Doctoral Candidates Committee

ROOM 17

Consortium meeting

All participants

The consortium meeting brings together all project members to give them an overview of the AUFRANDE Program and individual research projects progresses.

This first part includes:

- Welcome addresses from the host institution
- An overview of the Program, work accomplished and upcoming milestones
- A 180-seconds presentation by each of the Doctoral Candidates to introduce their research topic to the consortium and receive feedback from the participants

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Tuesday 19 November

Consortium meeting

All participants

The second part of the consortium meeting, including:

- A presentation of the communication strategy
- A 180-seconds presentation by each of the Doctoral Candidates to introduce their research topic to the consortium and receive feedback from the participants
- Open discussion

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Building an impactful online presence: a social media guide for scientific professionals

Doctoral Candidates Group A

This training aims to guide AUFRANDE Doctoral Candidates on how to use social media to promote their academic research, achievements and other related activities. After this training, researchers should be able to understand the purpose and features of social media channels such as LinkedIn or Instagram, know how to create an engaging post and build their online presence. The training includes a group task for which the Doctoral Candidates are asked to bring their laptops.

Facilitated by Julia Klajnowska, Communication Assistant at RMIT Europe

ROOM 14

Meeting with the Project Manager

Doctoral Candidates Group B

This interactive session offers Doctoral Candidates an opportunity to establish a direct line of communication with the Project Manager, discussing their enrolment and the AUFRANDE Program's expectations, asking questions, and learn about available resources and support mechanisms. The role and composition of the task forces will also be discussed.

Facilitated by Pauline Rasera, Project Manager at RMIT Europe

ROOM 17

Meeting of the supervisors

All supervisors

This interactive session provides a forum for supervisors to share insights and exchange best practice.

Facilitated by Arnan Mitchell, Director of Micro Nano Research Facility at RMIT University, and Christian Grillet, CNRS Researcher at INL – EC Lyon, supervisors of several AUFRANDE Doctoral Candidates

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Roundtable on the use of Artificial Intelligence in research projects

All participants

During this session researchers intend to share experience and tips on how to use generative AI responsibly in research projects.

Facilitated by Alexis Giauque, Associate Professor at LMFA, EC Lyon, Kavé Salamatian, Professor at Université Savoie Mont Blanc, and Françoise Sailhan, Professor at IMT Atlantique

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Focus groups

All participants

Working groups gathering the researchers in the same field to explore collaboration within and beyond AUFRANDE. By facilitating discussions on shared research interests, these groups aim to inspire new partnerships, encourage interdisciplinary exchange, and strengthen networks among peers.

Facilitated by Kondo-Francois Aguey-Zinsou, Maryam Ikram, Virginie Monnier, Felipe Quiroga-Suavita, Arnan Mitchell, Ramya Tripathi TBC

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1, ROOM 14, ROOM 17

Wednesday 20 November

Innovation and entrepreneurship

All Doctoral Candidates

This training aims at raising awareness on the value of research results and learning on issues related to exploiting or promoting results or products within different economic and social sectors.

Facilitated by Rémy Cadoret, Responsable propriété intellectuelle at PULSALYS SATT LYON

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Building an impactful online presence: a social media guide for scientific professionals

Doctoral Candidates Group B

See Tuesday 19 November

Note: The Doctoral Candidates are asked to bring their laptops to this training.

Facilitated by Julia Klajnowska, Communication Assistant at RMIT Europe

ROOM 14

Meeting with the Project Manager

Doctoral Candidates Group A

See Tuesday 19 November

Facilitated by Pauline Rasera, Project Manager at RMIT Europe

ROOM 17

Wellbeing during doctoral studies: an evidence-based review of challenges and associated solutions

All Doctoral Candidates

The Researcher Mental Health (ReMO COST Action CA19117) was a collaborative program co-funded by the COST Association and the Horizon Europe Framework Program of the EU focusing on wellbeing and mental health within academia, a theme of strategic importance for the European Research Area. During this session, the Action's vice-chair will present insights on the impact of wellbeing and mental health problems during doctoral studies and discuss solutions that can be deployed.

Facilitated by Stéphanie Gauttier, Assistant Professor at Grenoble Ecole de Management and Vice-Chair of the ReMO COST Action

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

The Marie Curie Alumni Association and the MCAA France Chapter

All Doctoral Candidates

Learn about the MCAA, a vibrant community that brings together researchers at all career stages from all disciplines who have in common to benefit or have benefitted from MSCA funding. The MCAA is not a simple researchers' association but an alumni community beyond research, encouraging networking and cooperation, being a forum of debate between researchers, former researchers, and with the society.

The MCAA is international non-profit organization established and supported by the European Commission with a bottom-up approach at its core.

Facilitated by Hakim Ferria, European Affairs Manager at INSAVALOR and member of the MCAA board

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Thursday 21 November

Open science and bibliographic research

All Doctoral Candidates

This session will combine training and practical workshops on open science practices and bibliographic research.

Open science, which aims to provide free and open access to publicly funded research results, has evolved over the last twenty years from a militant movement initiated by researchers to a national strategy supported by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research and research funders. Over and above the issues at stake, it is becoming an integral part of researchers' day-to-day practices, to guarantee the reproducibility and effectiveness of their research. Doctoral students today have a crucial role to play in implementing these principles and ensuring the success of this transition to a more open science.

Bibliographic research is at the heart of all scientific research. Faced with the flood of information available and the diversity of ways of accessing research results, a good knowledge of the research tools available and their specific features is now essential for finding one's way around the scientific publication landscape.

Objectives of this training

- Identify the scientific literature search tools best suited to your research needs
- Master search methods to better target relevant results
- Open science: definition, components and challenges, identify the research practices that can be put in place to practice open science
- The open access scientific publication landscape: publication channels, points to watch: predatory journals and academic social networks
- Acquire the essential practices and methods for effective FAIR research data management
- Reproducibility: why and how?

Facilitated by Nicolas Jardin and Stéphanie Lamaison, Bibliothèque Michel Serres, EC Lyon, Anne Cadiou, CNRS research engineer at LMFA), and Cyprien Carraco, SCD at University Claude Bernard Lyon 1

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

How to write a great abstract

All Doctoral Candidates

The abstract in a research article, conference paper or thesis is essentially the argument in miniature. It plays a crucial role in conveying not just what you are trying to say – the contribution to knowledge – but also its significance or importance. A good abstract is not just short; it is persuasive.

By joining this workshop, you will be able to:

- Understand the role and purpose of abstracts
- Identify the key components of abstracts
- Adopt techniques to assist with writing abstracts

Facilitated by Andrea Eckersley, Associate Professor, School of Graduate Research at RMIT University

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Prepare your secondment

All Doctoral Candidates

This session will help Doctoral Candidates to understand the typically PhD journey in an Australian university, based on the example from RMIT University, and get ready for their secondment.

Facilitated by Andrea Eckersley, Associate Professor, School of Graduate Research at RMIT University

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Friday 22 November

Workshop "Designing a career plan"

All Doctoral Candidates

At any stage of their career, researchers face numerous decisions that shape their professional development. A career plan is invaluable in navigating these choices strategically, seizing opportunities, and ensuring a coherent and fulfilling career path. Participating in this workshop will provide you with insights on how to explore the job market for Ph.Ds. using networking techniques and how to develop a career plan tailored to your personality, professional ambitions, and available opportunities.

Goals

- To overview sectors and jobs available to PhD
- To understand the importance of a career plan for your professional development
- To consider your research background and experience to build a coherent career plan
- To learn how to develop, mobilize and maintain your network to help you achieve your goals

Content

Methods and concepts:

- Self-reflection, identifying and understanding your professional needs: Construction of your career plan in 4 steps
- Exploring the job market to confront your plan to reality
- Mapping, building and maintaining your network

Exercise: Based on a matrix provided by the trainer, "Analysing your work experience": to reflect on your past roles, your skills and tastes (Individual exercise, then discussion in plenum).

Facilitated by Dominika Foretek, International Cooperation and Training Officer at Association Bernard Gregory

AMPHITHÉÂTRE 1

Practical information

Venue

AUFRANDE Annual Event is hosted by École Centrale de Lyon. Activities will take place in Amphithéâtre 1 and rooms 14 and 17.

Address: 36 avenue Guy de Collongue, 69134 Écully

Public transport: the campus is served by the C6, C6E, 3 and 55 bus lines.

Approximate travel times:

From Perrache train station: 30 min

From Part-Dieu train station: 30-45 min

From Lyon-Centre (city hall): 35-50 min

From Lyon airport: 90 min

GPS coordinates: [Google Maps](#)

Lyon public transport website: <https://www.tcl.fr/>

More information: <https://www.ec-lyon.fr/en/campus-life/access-surroundings/getting-campus>

Dinner

A Cruise Dinner has been organised for AUFRANDE Doctoral Candidates and their supervisors who have confirmed their participation before 8 November.

Boarding will start at 7:30 pm. Participants must arrive no later than 7:45 pm.

The cruise will end at 10:30 pm.

Cruise boat: Hermès II

Place: 13bis quai Rambaud – Lyon 2^e ([map](#))

Afterwork

Join us for afterwork drinks, open to MCAA members.

When? Wed. 20 November from 6:45 pm

Where? La Commune, 3 rue Pré-Gaudry Lyon 7

<https://lacomme.co/>