



Press release
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HEC PARIS UNVEILS ITS “CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE” PROJECT

HEC Paris business school is launching an unprecedented transformation of its campus in Jouy-en-Josas, near Paris, guided by a clear vision: to create a world-class campus for the next fifty years. This €230 million project - raised through loans and philanthropic support to the HEC Foundation - goes far beyond simple renovation. It is a comprehensive reinvention of the campus, aligned with the school's mission: tackling the defining challenges of the 21st century through education, research, and action.

Three globally recognized architecture firms - Snøhetta, NeM, Pierre-Antoine Gatier (ACMH), along with RF Studio (designer) - have crafted the master plan, led by Sogelym Dixence et Linkcity. Construction, which is to be completed by the summer of 2031, is slated to begin in late 2026. The company Bouygues Construction has been designated to oversee the entire operation.

The project rests on four strategic commitments that will shape the school's intellectual and physical environment.

A Campus Dedicated to Academic Excellence and Interdisciplinary Innovation

In an era facing profound environmental, technological and social challenges, HEC Paris is designing a campus that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, creative thinking, and the cross-pollination of knowledge.

The new campus will centralize faculty into a single building and provide an ecosystem for students, researchers, and partners - an environment conducive to cutting-edge research and experimental teaching.

Purpose-built spaces will catalyze interaction between disciplines - management, social sciences, the humanities, engineering and the arts - to collectively design actionable solutions to contemporary issues.

The teaching formats will be diverse, with a focus on theory, experimentation, action, and collaboration. By accelerating dialogue across disciplines, the campus will become a living laboratory for high-impact ideas to emerge. Solutions to major challenges will be developed, in constant dialogue between academia and society.

A Modern Campus Designed for Transformational Experiences

At a time when digital technology enables learning on the four corners of the planet, HEC Paris reaffirms its core belief: the more virtual learning expands, the more essential it is for campuses to serve as a unique, human-centered space. That's why the new campus will feature connected, flexible spaces that accommodate hybrid teaching methods, while celebrating personal encounters and the diversity of individual journeys.

Classrooms and living spaces will set world-class standards. But more than infrastructure, the vision is to inspire by creating a space that fosters meaningful exchanges between students, faculty, and professionals from around the world.

At the heart of this vision is the "Campus Heart," a dynamic central hub designed to cultivate dialogue, creativity and cross-cultural collaboration.

An Inclusive Experience that Fosters Community Spirit

This project reflects a deep commitment to inclusion on a campus that brings together students, professors and staff from over 130 different nationalities. HEC Paris is dedicated to guaranteeing each student - regardless of background, origin, or life path - a transformative experience. Residences, cultural spaces and sports facilities are being reimagined to celebrate diversity, self-expression, and community living.

The new campus will offer spaces for open debate, artistic creation, student and civic engagement, fostering both personal growth and collective impact.

It will be more than a place to study: it will be a thriving, supportive community - open, engaged, and resilient, where individuals can learn, express themselves, take risks, bounce back, and succeed.

A Remarkable Natural Setting for a Truly Green Campus

Nestled in one of Europe's most picturesque natural environments, HEC Paris will further deepen the harmony between its architecture and the surrounding landscape. The new campus will preserve and enhance the site's natural heritage, with low-impact buildings designed to the highest environmental standards. It will target the BREEAM "Excellent" certification and France's "Bâtiment Bas Carbone - BBCA" (Low Carbon Building) label. Biodiversity conservation will also be a central priority, as recognized by the "Excellent" level of the BiodiverCity label.

Indeed, the project embraces a broader philosophy: creating a campus as a place where people and nature coexist intelligently. Walking and cycling paths will be expanded, restoring soil permeability will be restored, and more tree-covered zones, gardens and open views will foster reflection and

wellbeing. HEC Paris aims to be a global reference for sustainable campus design, an international model of environmental integrity.

The Project at a Glance

In total, 40,000 square meters will be built or renovated around three pillars:

The new Campus Heart: This will become the central crossroads unifying all the academic programs from master's to PhD and executive education. It will host over 5,000 students annually from more than 130 nationalities. Connected to the school's historic building, it will include a state-of-the-art library, collaborative workspaces, innovation labs, amphitheatres, and a new 850-seat auditorium opening onto the agora, as well as dining and leisure facilities.



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The 'Château and its annexes; located at the southern end of campus, this historic building will be entirely rebuilt and redesigned for executive education. It will welcome – business leaders from around the world in an exceptional setting.



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The **historic academic building**: a complete renovation will bring the school's historic educational facility up to the highest international standards, fully integrated into the revitalized campus core.



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For Éloïc Peyrache, Dean of HEC Paris, *“this project is much more than a construction initiative - it's a promise. A promise to future generations: to offer a place where academic excellence, environmental responsibility, modernity and openness come together. A place to learn, to elevate ambitions, and to make a meaningful impact on the world.”*

Jean-Paul Agon, Chairman of the HEC Paris Board adds: *“This project - the kind the School undertakes only once every 50 years - will reinforce HEC Paris's global leadership and enhance France's ability to attract top students and professors from around the world. I would like to express my deep appreciation for the decisive support of the Paris Île-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Yvelines Department, whose role as guarantors of our loan reflects strong confidence in the School's future and its impact on the region.”*

About HEC Paris Business School:

Founded in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce which is today the majority shareholder along with the HEC Foundation, HEC Paris is a leading European business school with the ambition to make a positive impact on both business and society. Its mission is driven by a unique “Think, Teach, Act” approach, aimed at fostering a more inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous world.

With 167 research professors from around the globe, HEC Paris produces and shares cutting-edge knowledge with over 5,000 students from more than 130 countries. Its campus serves as a true laboratory of innovation and dialogue, fully engaged with the world's diversity and global challenges.

Guided by its five founding values — Excellence, Curiosity, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Diversity, and Responsibility — HEC Paris offers a comprehensive portfolio of programs designed for tomorrow's leaders: Bachelor's, Grande École, Specialized Masters, MSc, Summer School, MBA, Executive MBA, TRIUM Global Executive MBA, PhD, and a wide range of executive education programs for managers and senior leaders.

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