

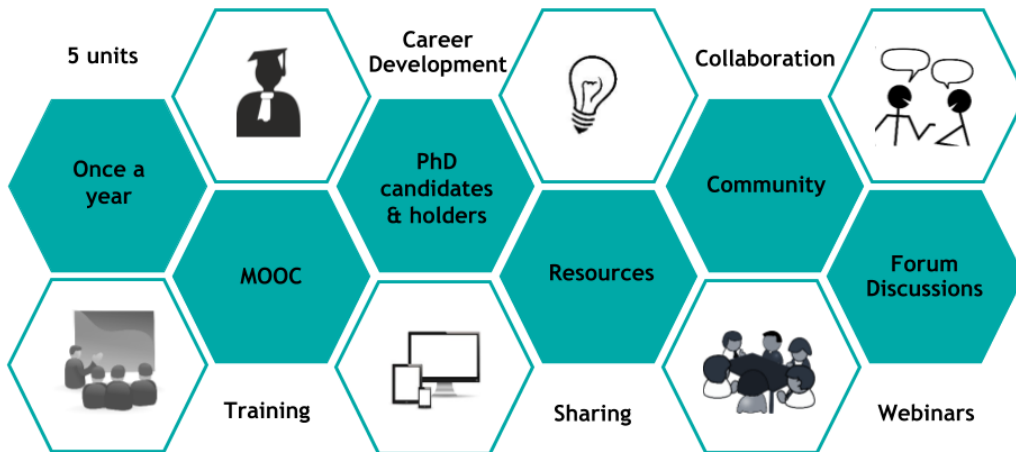
### Teaser

## AIMS OF THIS MOOC

Having a PhD degree opens the doors to a multitude of careers, but many PhD candidates and holders do not know where to start when it comes to getting the right information. They feel isolated and struggle to find time to prepare for their future. There are, however, an increasing number of initiatives designed to help guide PhD candidates and holders in their career development.

Our PhDOOC association offers PhD candidates and graduates a MOOC designed to help them familiarize with the tools and resources available for them online. This tailor-made collaborative initiative allows them to get support from a community of PhD fellows whilst getting the training they need whenever they are free and able.

Our aim is to create a space for finding/sharing and discussing information on post-doctoral careers. We hope that this MOOC will favor the creation of a community focused on sharing, collaboration and peer support.

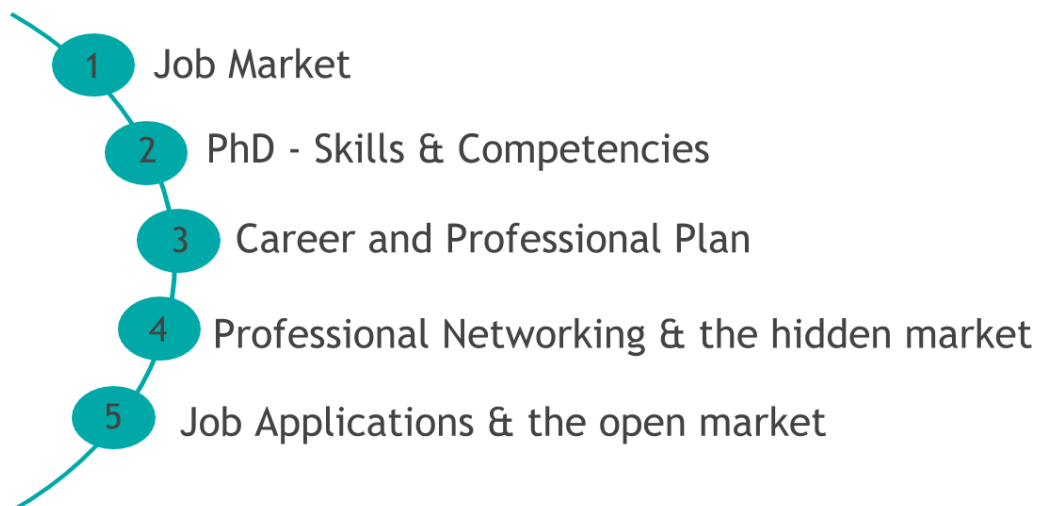


## THE SKILLS YOU WILL DEVELOP

This MOOC will enable you to:

- build your skills portfolio;
- identify suitable post-PhD career paths;
- develop your professional development plan;
- build your own communication tools/supports;
- come up with your job search strategy;
- grow your network by joining a community of learners.

The MOOC is organized in 5 units:



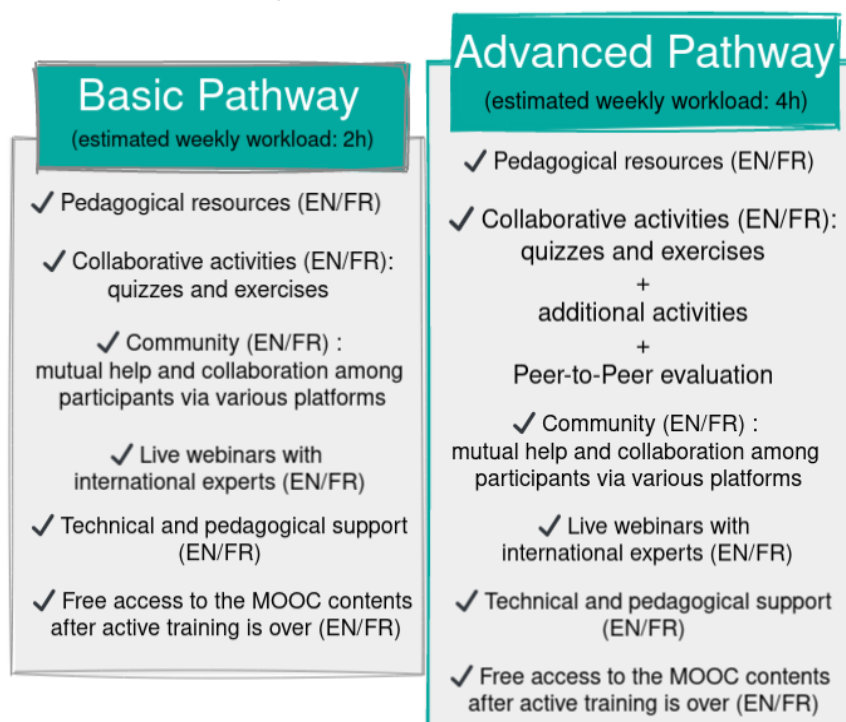
The MOOC also includes:

- an optional unit with resources and activities on the topics of entrepreneurship, the academic career path, and social innovation

## LEARNING PATHWAYS

You can follow the MOOC at your own pace. The MOOC contents, activities, and resources are available for you to read and study at any time between January 12 and February 28.

Two training pathways are available, and each participant is free to take any of them whenever they want:



- The **"basic" learning pathway** requires roughly two hours of work per week. This course is assessed through quizzes and group activities.
- The **"advanced" learning pathway** requires roughly four hours of work per week. In addition to the basic program, you will need to complete two peer assessments to pass the course.
- Both pathways can be taken **in French and in English**, and the resources have been recontextualized.

Both pathways can be accessed for free, and can be completed at any point during the MOOC season. You can register for the MOOC and [become a participant here](#).

## PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES

MOOC stands for "Massive Open Online Course", it is a free online course with unlimited participation and open access, available for a limited time only. Participants learn autonomously via educational activities and resources. They form a learning community where they help each other and can interact with the teaching team via the forum.

There are various types of MOOC. We have chosen to use the sMOOC - or social MOOC - model, from the connectivist, or MOOC, family. Learners are thus encouraged to enrich the course content and a significant emphasis is put on collaborative activities and discussions.

## TARGET AUDIENCE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



PhD  
candidates



PhDs



Career counselors



Recruiters

This MOOC is primarily for:

- PhD students in all fields,
- PhD graduates who are job-seeking or are currently employed.

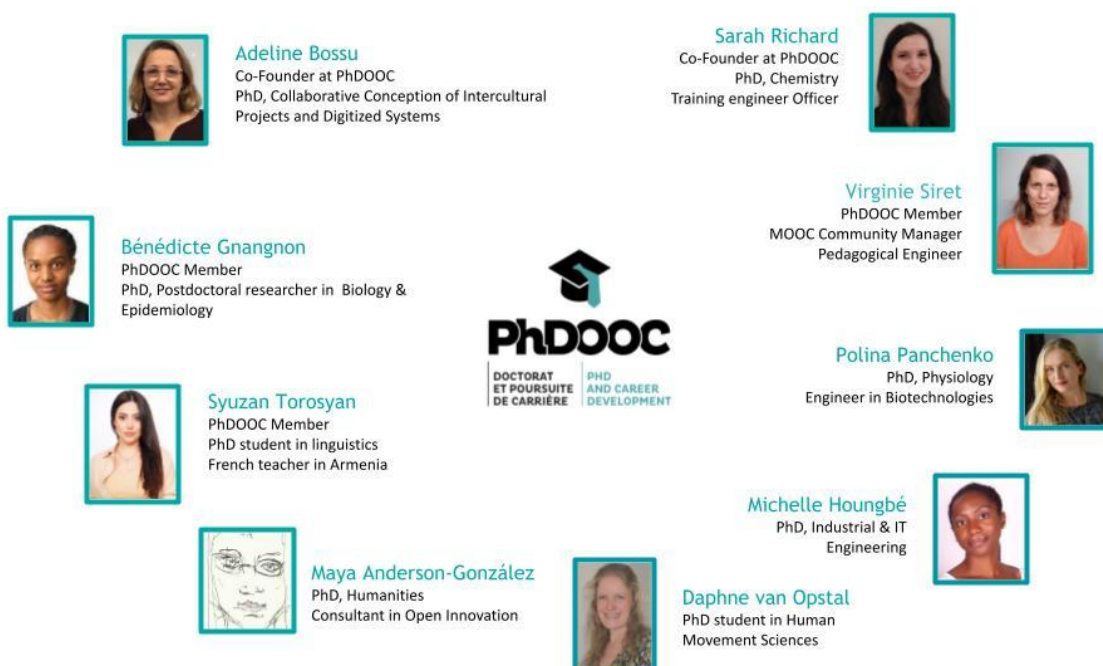
It may also be of interest to:

- organizations, institutes and anyone who is working with PhD candidates and graduates;
- businesses/companies, especially recruiters;
- the general public - anyone who wants to learn more about career opportunities after a PhD!

The course requires the use of a device connected to the Internet and a basic level of IT skills.

## THE TEACHING TEAM

PhDOOC is an association, constituted under the French law of 1901, whose aim is to train and support PhD students and graduates, and enable the creation of a community. To do this, we have launched the first MOOC in France on career development for PhD candidates and graduates in all fields. Our aim is to create a space dedicated to information sharing, discussion and mutual assistance on this topic. Our team is currently composed of 7 volunteers who build and run the MOOC:



The image displays the teaching team members of PhDOOC, arranged around a central logo. The logo features a stylized graduation cap above the text 'PhDOOC' and 'DOCTORAT ET POURSUITE DE CARRIÈRE' and 'PHD AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT'. The team members are:

- Adeline Bossu**: Co-Founder at PhDOOC, PhD, Collaborative Conception of Intercultural Projects and Digitized Systems.
- Sarah Richard**: Co-Founder at PhDOOC, PhD, Chemistry, Training engineer Officer.
- Bénédicte Gnanon**: PhDOOC Member, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher in Biology & Epidemiology.
- Virginie Siret**: PhDOOC Member, MOOC Community Manager, Pedagogical Engineer.
- Syuzan Torosyan**: PhDOOC Member, PhD student in linguistics, French teacher in Armenia.
- Polina Panchenko**: PhD, Physiology, Engineer in Biotechnologies.
- Maya Anderson-González**: PhD, Humanities, Consultant in Open Innovation.
- Michelle Houngbé**: PhD, Industrial & IT Engineering.
- Daphne van Opstal**: PhD student in Human Movement Sciences.

## THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

For a fee, a certificate of achievement can be obtained for either pathway. The certificate will state which pathway has been taken (i.e. either basic or advanced), as well as the number of hours of training completed (12 or 24 hours). This will enable you to gain recognition for your work (it is up to participants to do this themselves). A fee is charged for this certificate, which enables the association to continue to operate and offer access to the MOOC free-of-charge for everybody.

There are two ways to obtain this certificate:

- For PhD students/candidates from partner institutions ([TBA for season 6](#)), please sign up with your institution by clicking on the corresponding link. PLEASE NOTE that you will need to use the same email address to sign up to both the MOOC platform and your university website.
- For everyone else, once you have signed up to the MOOC platform, you can pay for your certificate at any time on the PhDOOC HelloAsso page ([TBA for season 6](#)). PLEASE NOTE that you will need to use the same email address used to sign up to the MOOC platform to make the payment on HelloAsso.

Please feel free to dig a bit deeper to get to know if your institution partnered with us for the edition of the MOOC. If they did not, feel free to encourage them to engage in a partnership with us!

## **EXPERTS INVITED TO SPEAK AT WEBINARS**

[TBA for season 6.](#)

## **VOLUNTEERS**

In previous seasons, participants have helped improve the MOOC and contributed to its development. We are extremely grateful to all those who provided their assistance and skills to this project. [If you would like to get involved with us in our association, and contribute to our projects, while getting ready for your next career step, please join us as a volunteer to take part in the MOOC animation as an e-pathfinder for this MOOC season. If you feel excited about this opportunity and can dedicate about 4 hours per week over 6 weeks to it, please contact us at \[phdooc@gmail.com\]\(mailto:phdooc@gmail.com\)!](#) We would love to have you join us!

## **AWARDS**

This project was awarded the Open Education Awards for Excellence 2019 from the Open Education Consortium and the Prix PEPS 2017 award by the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, in the category "Educational Innovation". [Click here](#) to see a report on the project made for this event.



## PARTNERS

Because we are stronger together, you will find below our communication partners, as well as institutions that allow us to find e-pathfinders, or even people who share useful resources with us. Many thanks to all of you for your support!

TBA for season 6.

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