

# PhD Forum 2024-2025

Dear friends and alumni of HEAD - Genève, and anyone wishing to get involved in art and design research,

In 2016, Geneva University of Art and Design (HEAD - Genève) launched the PhD Forum: a meeting space and pre-doctoral training program with the aim to support emerging art and design researchers who are interested in pursuing a practice-based doctorate and academic research.

This year, HEAD - Genève is considerably restructuring the program that originated from the CCC Master's degree. Starting in Fall 2024, the PhD Forum will be co-coordinated by Associate Professors Olivier Desvoignes & Marianne Guarino-Huet (microsilions) and PhD Candidate Cyrus Khalatbari to offer a more structured program, preparation and individual mentorship.

In a study program of approximately 10 on-site days per academic year, the PhD Forum will offer lectures and workshops on

- 1) the mapping of PhD opportunities in art & design;
- 2) the sharing of experiences in practice-led researches and participatory action researches;
- 3) the conception of art and design PhD research projects;
- 4) the writing of state of the art and research objects;
- 5) the writing of research questions; and
- 6) the selection and elaboration of research methods and objectives.

## Pre-doctoral training program in art and design

The PhD Forum is open to everyone. A Master's degree is required to apply. The program is designed to work towards the completion of a written research plan / PhD proposal of 6-8 pages (in French or English). A certificate of recognition will be awarded upon successful completion of the PhD Forum. Participants will be individually mentored. Additional events, open to the larger PhD Forum community, will also be scheduled.

Provisional schedule:  
30, 31 October & 01 November 2024  
09 & 10 January 2025  
06 & 07 March 2025  
14, 15 & 16 May 2025

Applicants are required to submit a one-page letter of motivation, including a short bio, academic history and provisional topic and description of a PhD project, as well as a CV.

Applications for the 2024-25 PhD Forum should be sent to [microsilions.head@hesge.ch](mailto:microsilions.head@hesge.ch) by 03 September 2024.

The PhD Forum is free of charge.

More info: [www.head-geneve.ch](http://www.head-geneve.ch)