

UNIVERSITÉ PSL ARTICLE COMPETITION RULES 2025 edition

Université Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL), hereinafter referred to as the “**organizer**”, is organizing an article writing competition with the theme “**Once Upon a Time... PSL**”.

The competition is open to students from the Université PSL component schools mentioned below, hereinafter referred to as “**entrants**”.

ARTICLE 1 - ENTRANTS AUTHORIZED TO COMPETE

The competition is exclusively for **Université PSL students**.

Administrative staff, faculty, researchers, PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and other members of staff are not authorized to enter the competition.

To be eligible, entrants must meet **all** the following conditions:

- Be duly enrolled at Université PSL or one of its following component schools: Conservatoire National Supérieur d'Art Dramatique - PSL, École nationale des chartes - PSL, École nationale supérieure de Chimie de Paris - PSL, École nationale supérieure des Mines de Paris - PSL, École normale supérieure - PSL, École Pratique des Hautes Études - PSL, École supérieure de physique et de chimie industrielles de la ville de Paris - PSL, Observatoire de Paris - PSL, Paris-Dauphine - PSL, École nationale supérieure des arts décoratifs - PSL, École nationale supérieure d'architecture Paris – Malaquais - PSL;
- Be duly enrolled on a **Bachelor's or Master's degree course**, all pathways included, for the **current academic year (2024/2025)**.

The competition is open to students of **all nationalities**.

Entrants must register for the competition using their valid e-mail address from Université PSL or one of its component schools.

ARTICLE 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 Initiative and content of the competition

This competition is part of the “ambassadors” program coordinated by the Université PSL admissions department.

The program includes the [PSL Voices student blog](#). On this blog, Université PSL students share their experiences, advice and everyday life to help applicants imagine themselves at Université PSL and in Paris.

The 2025 edition of the competition features three (3) categories of subjects:

- **24 hours on my course at PSL;**
- **A “wow” experience at PSL;**
- **From the world to PSL.**

2.2 Terms of entry

This competition is limited to **one (1) entry per person**: each entrant can submit only **one (1) article, chosen from the three (3) featured categories**.

This entry is strictly personal and individual (group work is not authorized). Only **one (1) prize per winner** will be awarded.

2.3 Length and format

Articles must follow the instructions of the "[Practical guide for writing a blog article](#)", including:

- **Length:** Between **700 (seven hundred) and 900 (nine hundred) words**, title and header included;
- **Format:** The article must include a title, short introduction (header), as well as a body of text structured into several paragraphs;
- **Language:** Articles must be written **in French or English** (choice at entrant's discretion).

Articles must be submitted in the form of a Word, Open Document or PDF file.

Entrants can include one (1) to three (3) photos or illustrations with their article. However, these will not be taken into account in the evaluation of the article. If they are usable, these visuals could be used with a view to publication of the article.

2.4 Expectations

Expectations regarding articles vary according to the category and subject chosen by entrants. Here are a few examples for each category:

- **24 hours on my PSL course:** Describe a typical day on your course at Université PSL, highlighting the diversity of your activities, memorable moments, and specifics of your course, in the form of an account structured over 24 hours:
 - [24 hrs with Charlotte on the Science for a Sustainable World Bachelor's degree course](#);
 - [24 hrs with Huseyn on the Materials Science and Engineering Master's degree course](#);
 - [24 hrs with Mathilde on the Human Resources Management Master's degree course](#);
- **A "wow" experience at PSL:** Share a memorable experience you had during your academic journey at Université PSL (e.g. research internship, event you entered or organized, PSL week, etc.):
 - [My research internship in anthropology the United States](#);
 - [Immersion in PSL Weeks](#);
 - [My gap year in New Zealand](#);
 - [My first Climate Fresk workshop](#);
- **From the world to PSL:** Share your experience as an international student by addressing key aspects such as adapting to academic and cultural life, the challenges you faced, and the enriching discoveries you made. Include tips, practical advice—everything you wish you had known before arriving at PSL—to help those who are considering studying in France at Université PSL:
 - [Oui, oui, un croissant et une baguette – How important is it to know French?](#);
 - [My Etudes en France experience with Campus France](#);
 - [Choosing to study in France: the thrills and the trials](#).

2.5 Competition entry and article submission

Entrants must **fill in the entry form** on the dedicated platform, found at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/xXwPBqBC9F>.

This platform can also be found via a page of the Université PSL site where the competition rules can be viewed: <https://psl.eu/en/education/blog-contest-2025>.

Once the form is completed, entrants must then submit their articles exclusively by e-mail to the following e-mail address: ambassadeurs@psl.eu, between **1 April and 18 May 2025, at midnight** (Paris time), and sent **from the entrant's PSL student e-mail address**.

Files submitted must be named according to the following format: **Article title_First name Surname**.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to entrants within 72 hours of submission of their article.

ARTICLE 3 - JURY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Four (4) winning articles will be selected:

- **One winning article for each category (3 (three) prizes);**
- **One jury prize (1 (one) prize).**

The winning articles will be selected by a jury of three (3) Université PSL students, three (3) members of Université PSL Admissions Department staff, and one (1) Université PSL alumni.

The jury will decide with complete impartiality, based on the criteria specified below without having to explain its decisions. Its decisions are final.

The winning articles will be selected based on the following three (3) main criteria:

- **Writing skills;**
- **Relevance of and editorial approach to the subject (alignment with featured themes and subjects of interest for PSL applicants and future students);**
- **Compliance with the required format.**

All entrants will receive notification of the results of the competition **in June 2025**, by e-mail, to the student e-mail address provided in the entry form.

ARTICLE 4 - PRIZES

Four winners will be selected: one winner per category as well as one jury prize.

Each winner will receive a **€100 (one hundred euros) e-gift card**.

Their articles will be **published on the PSL Voices student blog**, found at the following URL: <https://psl.eu/en/education/psl-voices/blog>.

After notification of the results of the competition, prizes will be sent by e-mail to the student e-mail address provided by the winners in their entry form.

Winning articles will be published **from summer 2025**, according to the editorial timetable set by the Université PSL Admissions Department. Winners will be notified prior to the publication of their article. If necessary, the organizer may request minor modifications to the content of the article.

Non-winning articles can also be published, with their author's consent, if they meet PSL Voices student blog expectations and requirements.

ARTICLE 5 - COPYRIGHT

Entrants guarantee that their work is original. They transfer to the organizer all rights to use their work, on a non-exclusive basis, for the full legal term of copyright, in France and abroad. This includes the right to copy, distribute and translate the work.

Articles submitted can be modified by the organizer prior to their publication, particularly for editorial reasons such as format compliance, stylistic consistency, consistent links with other Université PSL site pages or length, but the integrity of the original content will be preserved.

Authors can request at any time the deletion of their published article, provided they give a valid reason for this request.

ARTICLE 6 - INFRINGEMENTS

The organizer may exclude any entries that infringe upon the law, particularly in cases of incitement of hatred, violence or discrimination.

Any fraud will result in disqualification.



ARTICLE 7 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION

Entry of the competition implies entrants' unreserved acceptance of these rules and the principles of the competition.

ARTICLE 8 - OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

The organizer reserves the right to modify, suspend or extend the competition at any time, without compensating entrants.

The rules can be modified, and entrants will be informed of changes.

In the case of cancellation of the competition, works will be returned to their authors.

ARTICLE 9 - CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF PERSONAL DATA

In accordance with the provisions of chapter III of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC ("**General Data Protection Regulation**" or "**GDPR**"), entrants can request to view, correct or delete their personal data by contacting the following e-mail address: donnees.personnelles@psl.eu.

ARTICLE 10 - CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please contact the following e-mail address: ambassadeurs@psl.eu.

