



PhD Defense Timeline



Main Message:
IT IS NECESSARY TO PLAN AHEAD

NB: this document is relative to the timeline by the ED SdV, but the final constraints are defined by the ‘scolarités’ of ENS and ESPCI.

Schedule : many HARD deadlines.

PhD Defense
Declaration=> ADUM
Final Validation Jury

Pre-defense
Interview

Reports
Submitted

**4 Months
Before
Defense**

**3 Months
Before
Defense**

**8 Weeks
Before
Defense**

**4 Weeks
Before
Defense**

**PhD
Defense**

Validation/ED SdV:
Trainings duties
Jury

Manuscript sent
to Reviewers
On ADUM

PhD Defense
Authorization
And Jury
Convocation



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Validation/ED SdV:

- Training duties
- Jury

Reviewers: Number = 2 with HDR or equivalent (experience in thesis direction for international reviewer), need to be external to PSL and to collaborators

Jury Members : Number = 4-8. Half External to PSL and with HDR. Gender Balanced

Training duties: SdV Excel sheet

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Few words about writing your PhD Manuscript

The manuscript is the student's original work.

Both the thesis manuscript and the defense must demonstrate **the work accomplished** and its value as a **contribution of new knowledge**.

The manuscript **must** include:

A **detailed introduction** outlining the scientific context of the research, the current state of knowledge in the field, and the working hypothesis; this introduction must primarily develop aspects beyond master's degree courses.

A section describing **the results obtained during the thesis**; when presented with results from other authors (for example in a preprint or a publication submitted or published), the personal contribution of the student must be visible.

A **conclusion and discussion** section to contextualize and reflect on the overall work.

The manuscript will end with a **list of the bibliographic references** used.

To encourage the production of high-quality thesis manuscripts, the ED SdV will provide a **scientific writing course in biology**.



Publication

The thesis **must contain original research results** from the doctoral candidate.

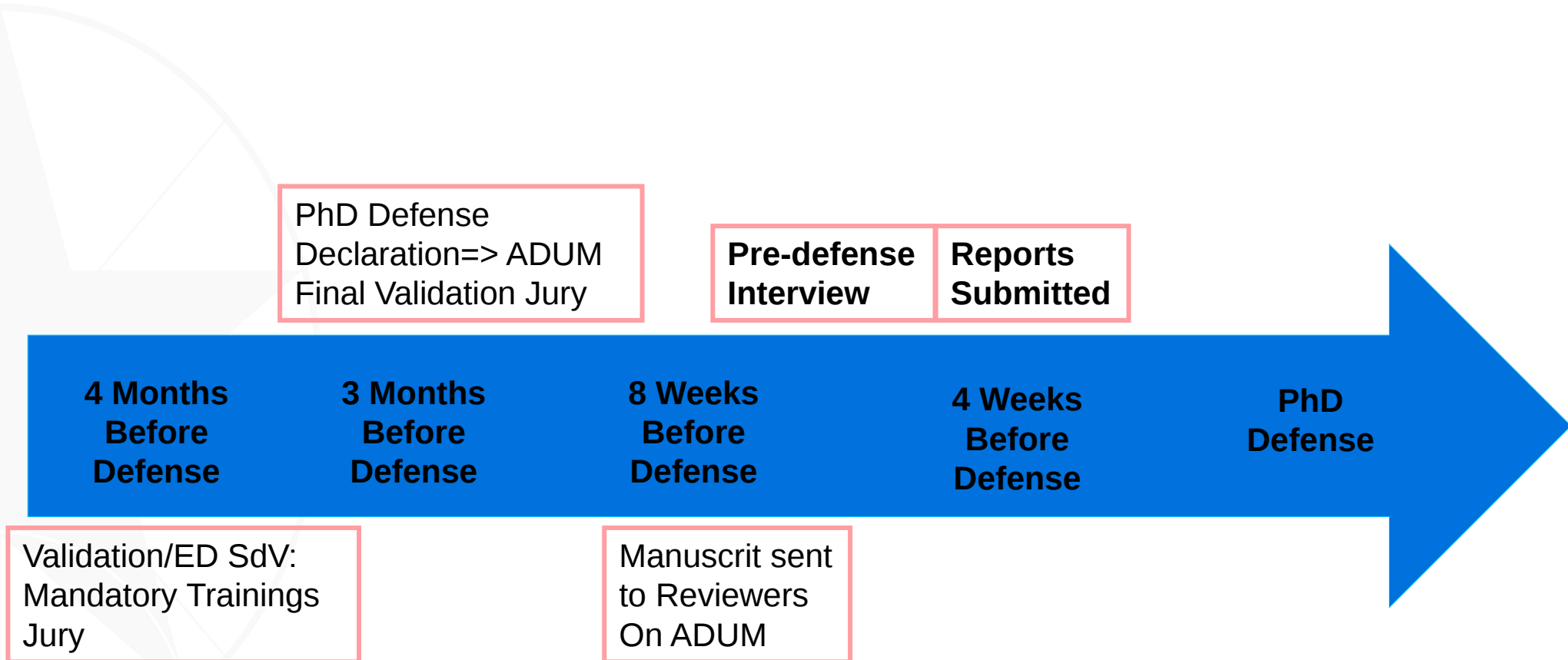
Objective of ED SvD:

A **first-author article**, submitted for publication or deposited on an open scientific archive site.

In the case where the student would not have a first-author article at the time of submission, the results must be presented in article format, included in the thesis manuscript.



Schedule



Pre-Defense Interview

The **SdV Doctoral School** requires PhD candidates to hold **pre-defense meeting** with the reviewers to:

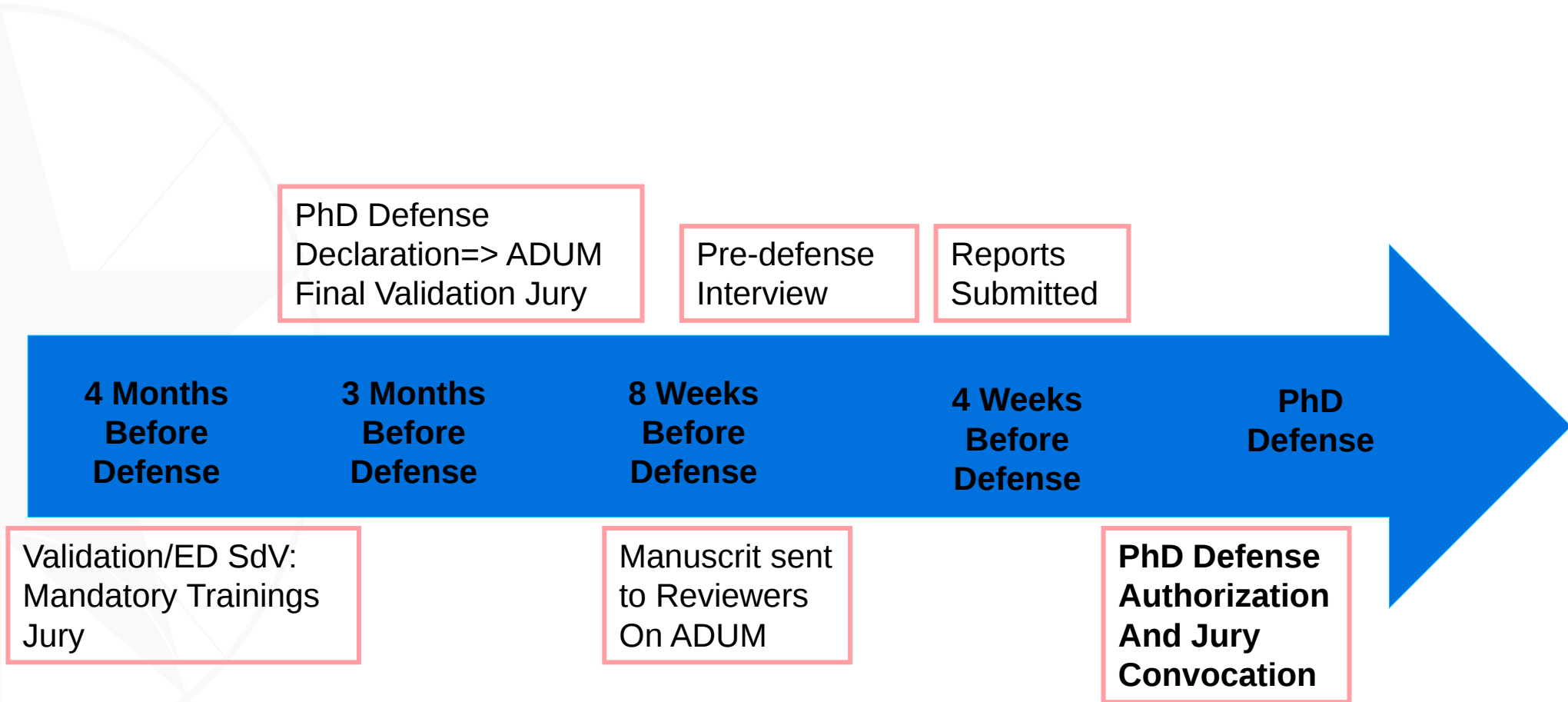
- Validate the student's mastery of the text
- Recommend corrections to the text if necessary (which can be prepared by the student ahead of the defense)
- Identify any specific points to address before the oral presentation

This meeting is an **independent discussion** between the student and each reviewer, **after reading the thesis manuscript and before submitting the reviewers' report**. The PhD supervisor does not assist to the discussion.

It can be held **remotely or in person**, lasting approximately **30 minutes to 1 hour**.
No presentation is required from the student and it must be centered on the manuscript



Schedule

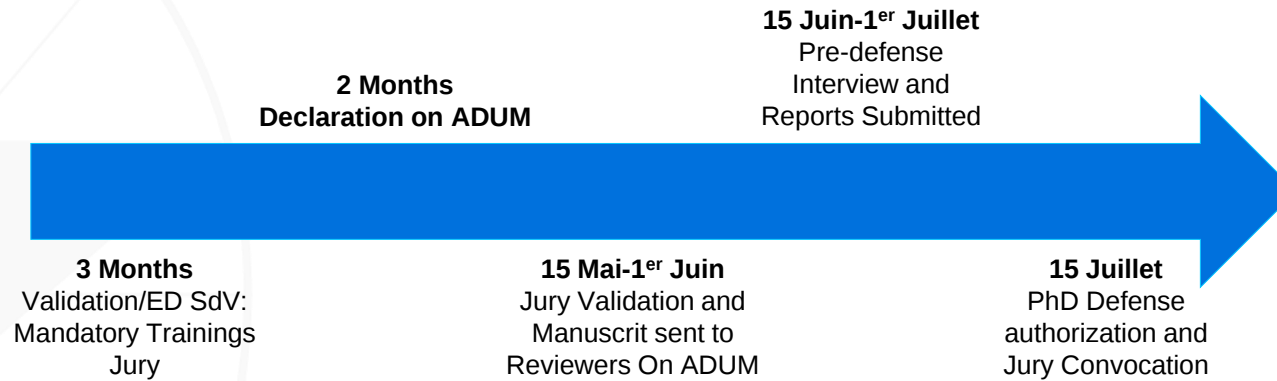


Defense: 45 Minutes
In front of Jury and
open to public

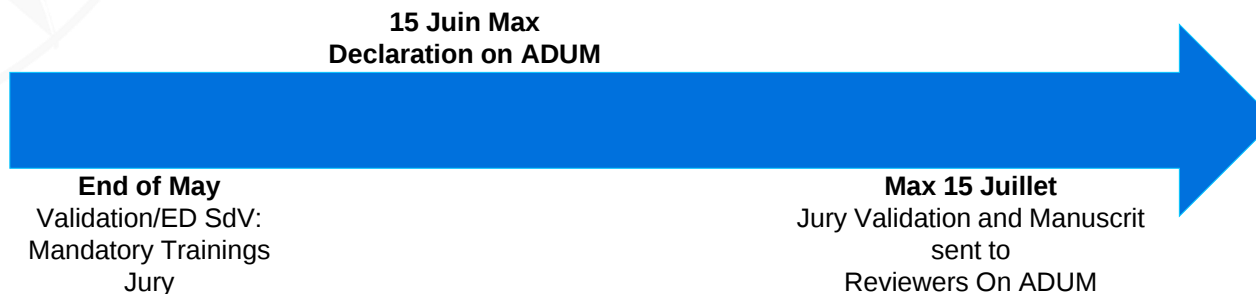


Calendar=> PhD Defense Scheduled in September and Beginning of October

PhD Defense scheduled 3 first weeks of September



PhD Defense scheduled 3rd week of September or 3 first week of October





Take Home Message:
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