

Section 39

Sociology and legal studies

All these criteria are open, non-exclusive, non-hierarchical and not strictly cumulative

The recruitment of researchers

As well as the criteria set out below, the practical recommendations for competitions drawn up by section 39 are set out in the appendix to this document.

Access to the CRCN grade (research fellows)

- The quality and originality of a candidate's research
- The quality of a candidate's publications (scientific journals, particularly those that are peer-reviewed and/or recognised in the candidate's discipline).
- The quality, coherence, originality and feasibility of the candidate's project
- Innovative themes and issues
- The scope of the research project and the relevance of the methodology used
- The candidate's research experience(s), involvement in national and/or international academic life.

Access to the DR2 grade (senior research fellow- grade 2)

- The quality, originality and consistency of the candidate's scientific output
- The scope and relevance of his/her empirical and theoretical research
- His/her supervision of collective projects and structures
- National and international recognition of the candidate's work
- The candidate's ability to supervise research and manage national and/or international group projects
- The candidate's involvement in laboratory life and research administration
- Teaching and scientific research technology transfer

Access to the DR1 grade (senior research fellow- grade 1)

- The quality, originality and consistency of the candidate's scientific output
- Extensive theoretical and methodological contributions.
- The candidate's contribution to the renewal of scientific subjects, issues or methods
- The candidate's thematic openness
- National and international recognition of the candidate's work
- Collective responsibilities (project management, research administration, etc.)
- Supervision of research and theses
- Teaching and scientific research technology transfer

**The recommendations made by section 39 of
the National Committee for Scientific Research (CoNRS)
regarding CNRS competitive entrance examinations for researchers**

The conditions for registering and taking part in these competitions are set out in a practical guide available at:

<https://www.cnrs.fr/en/competitive-entrance-examinations-researchers-womenmen>

Section 39 recommends that you read this guide carefully and also strongly advises candidates to consult the information on the scientific policy of the CNRS and the INSHS in particular (important themes, the organisation's strategy, etc.). Section 39 provides more detailed information on the various competitive examinations it manages and how to put together an application file for these.

Practical advice for competitive examinations

Section 39 above all makes it clear that candidates may not under any circumstances seek help from its members at any stage of the competitive examination.

CRCN competitive recruitment examination

Putting together your application file

The work report: This report should describe the candidate's career and past scientific activities. It is not a CV (which must also be provided). It is a written text that should enable the jury to make a precise evaluation of a candidate's experience in the given field of research. The purpose of the candidate's work report is to shed more light on the candidate's activities, research subjects, orientations and methodological choices.

The section prefers this work report not to exceed 20,000 characters including spaces (but not including the bibliography).

List of publications: either in the application file or on a personal website accessible via a link. Candidates are invited to classify their publications, making careful distinctions between the different types of publication (books, collective books directed by candidates, articles in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, articles in non-peer-reviewed journals, reports, case reports or notes, reviews, dictionary entries, etc.). It is important to provide a certificate from the publisher or journal and/or print proofs for texts that have been accepted for publication but not yet published.

Thesis jury report: Candidates who obtained their PhD from a French university are strongly recommended to enclose a copy of their PhD defence report and the PhD manuscript with their application. Candidates who defended their PhD at a university in another country are also invited to submit the defence report or its equivalent if available (translated into French in principle).

Research programme: Candidates are invited to pay great attention to their research programmes as this subject is considered an essential part of the application file. Their report on this should enable the jury to clearly identify and assess the subject, issues and research approach that a candidate intends to implement if recruited to the CNRS. More particularly, this project report must set out the specific methodological aspects and also include an indicative bibliography. The research programme report should make it possible for the jury to evaluate the feasibility of the planned research over five years and if it is likely to be extended beyond that timeframe. The Section prefers the research programme report to be 50,000 characters long including spaces (but not including the bibliography) in font size 12 and with a justified text.

CNRS host laboratories: Candidates are invited to indicate one or several research laboratories (a research unit linked to the CNRS - generally a joint research unit or UMR) where their work could be carried out. The section recommends that candidates indicate a maximum of two host research laboratories which do not need to be ranked in order of importance. Candidates can ask for advice from members of their chosen research laboratory(ies) when preparing their application file, particularly for the research project report. The candidate's research programme must fit with one or more of the scientific areas of their chosen research unit(s).

Competitive examination procedures and stages (including pre-selection based on applications)

First, the application files are examined during a pre-selection phase. This is a highly selective stage during which the competitive examination jury pays particular attention to the quality of the candidate's project and how well the application fits with the section's scientific areas. At the end of this stage, a shortlist of candidates is compiled on the basis of their applications.

During the second stage of competitive examinations, the candidates on the shortlist are interviewed by the Section's jury. The composition of the jury is not confined to one discipline and, as section 39 covers both legal studies and sociology, candidates will be auditioned by a jury made up of members from both fields.

Candidates will be informed of the length of the interview in the invitation.

At the end of the interviews, the admissibility jury meets to draw up the list of candidates to be declared eligible for recruitment. These results can be consulted on the CNRS website.

The admissions jury determines the list of candidates admitted in June.

Promotion to the CRHC grade (exceptional grade researchers)

Candidates for promotion to this grade must demonstrate regular scientific activity, involvement in collective research activities and/or collective institutional responsibilities.

Competitive recruitment examination for the DR2 grade (senior research fellows)

The evaluation criteria for this competitive examination tend to put emphasis on the candidate's research career and his/her project.

The Section encourages candidates to submit their HDR (authorisation to supervise research) defence report, their manuscript and work report.