How to apply to CNRS Chargé.e de recherche positions (CRCN)

How to apply to Maître.sse de conférences positions (MCF)

How to apply to Chair Professor Junior positions (CPJ)

<u>Disclaimer:</u> focusing here on Section 01 of CNRS "Interactions, particules, noyaux, du laboratoire au cosmos" and Section 29 of CNU "Constituants élémentaires"...

Please check with your colleagues to which sections you belong to, recommendations may change! (If you do radiochemistry or theory you may (or not!) belong to other sections)

Examples are taken from this/last year, things may change of course next year...



- → a few years of experience after your PhD: ~0-7 years of postdoc (officially no limit)
- → openings at Journal officiel in December/January (it changed last year) (https://enrieres.cnrs.fr/en/concours-externes-des-chercheurs-h-f/, first rumours a few weeks before...
- → Recruitment done by "les sections du Comité national de la recherche scientifique"
- \rightarrow Section 01 maintains its own web site with recommendations https://section01.in2p3.fr/ and (non official) results
- → 2 steps selection: file based selection (~50%-70% of applicants are preselected) + audition
- → Exact calendar changes each year: closing of applications end of January (since last year), audition and results in Spring
- → Section 01 Committee is renewed every 4 years and consists of 18-21 members. It may change next year... Maybe 2 sections will replace Section 01... to be checked...

"Journal officiel" last year...

Section 01. - Interactions, particules, noyaux, du laboratoire au cosmos

N° 01/02 8 chargés de recherche de classe normale dont prioritairement :

- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Physique du Higgs auprès du LHC et développements instrumentaux avec l'expérience ATLAS », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit dans le Centre de Physique des Particules (CPPM) à Marseille ;
- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Physique du Higgs auprès du LHC et développements logiciels et algorithmiques innovants avec l'expérience ATLAS », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit dans le Laboratoire des 2 Infinis (L2IT) à Toulouse ;
- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Physique des neutrinos et instrumentation associée pour l'expérience DUNE », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit dans le Laboratoire de Physique Subatomique et Cosmologie (LPSC) à Grenoble ;
- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Etude des ondes gravitationnelles », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit dans le Laboratoire d'Annecy de Physique des Particules (LAPP) à Annecy ;
- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Recherche de la matière noire et instrumentation associée », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit à l'Institut de Physique des 2 Infinis (IP2I) à Lyon ;
- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Physique nucléaire théorique de basse énergie », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit dans le Laboratoire de Physique des 2 Infinis Irène Joliot-Curie (IJCLab) à Orsay;
- 1 chargé de recherche de classe normale sur le thème « Physique nucléaire expérimentale au GANIL », dont le projet de recherche s'inscrit dans le Laboratoire de Physique des 2 Infinis (LP2I) à Bordeaux.



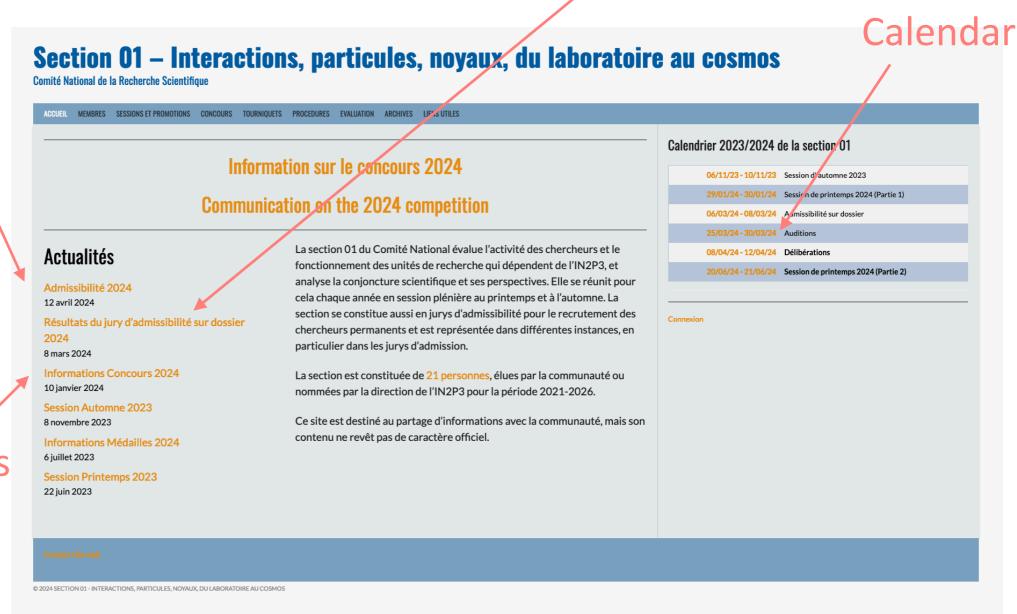
8 openings but only 7 with a specific lab and topic...
There is a "white position"!!!

How to apply to CNRS - CRCN

Section 01 website is very useful to find important information https://section01.in2p3.fr/

File based preselection results

Ranking after auditions



Recommendations of section 01!

Recommendations of Section 01... complementary to the information given in the "candidate's guide" which are valid for the 41 CNRS sections...

To be checked before your application...

CNRS competition 2024 : Communication from the section

/!\ Résultats du jury d'admissibilité sur dossier 2024

Dear colleagues

Section 01 will stand as the "jury d'admissibilité" for the CNRS competition number 01/01 and 01/02, published in the Official Journal of <u>January 9th 2024</u>, and on the <u>website</u> of the CNRS competition: <u>01/01</u> and <u>01/02</u>. The <u>candidate's guide</u> is also published on the website of the CNRS competition.

The methodology and selection criteria of Section 01 are available here (in french) and (in english).

Regarding the O1/O2 competition (CRCN), the section strongly encourages any applicant whose profile relates to the section's topics. Among the eight positions open to the competition, seven are thematically and geographically « coloured ». For these positions, the section points out that the "coloring" is only an indication of scientific priority, but does not exclude applications from people presenting a project on a different topic and in another laboratory of the institute.

Consequently, a personal research project, whether or not accompanied by one or more projects corresponding to the possible thematic indications of the position, will be favorably considered by the jury.

The jury will assess the scientific excellence of the candidates firstly on the basis of the research activity and scientific work carried out during the thesis and any post-doctoral stays, being careful to identify the personal contribution of the candidates to the results presented. The second element of evaluation of excellence will be the research project(s).

Concerning the competition for senior scientists (DR2), the section emphasizes that the CNRS has opened up about fifteen additional positions for external candidates in all fields: therefore, the section strongly encourages any person whose profile relates to the section's theme to apply for the 01/01 competition.

For letters of recommendation from scientific personalities, applicants are invited to consult the procedure described in the candidate's guide. The candidate's guide mentions that the proposed research project may be accompanied by a letter of support from the director of the laboratory. This is not mandatory and its absence does not jeopardise the candidate's application.

For the 01/02 competition, the auditions will be held in person from March 25 to 30, 2024 at GANIL (Caen-France). However, we remind you that adaptations of auditions are possible for people in a situation of disability under the conditions provided for by the decrees opening the competitions. For candidates residing abroad, pregnant candidates and candidates whose state of health justifies it, the audition is organized in videoconference on request to the central competition service.

A few subtleties to know...

- The final decision is made by the **jury d'admission** in June/July (# from the jury d'admissibilité). The proposed list by the **jury d'admissibilité** is longer that the list of available positions...
- "Avis de personnalités scientifiques" are in fact usual recommendation letters (at Section 01), please ask your referees to respect the deadlines...
- It's also possible to apply as external director of research (DR), the number of openings is announced "in CID 50" but one has to apply to the internal DR competition in Section xx (usually competition 01/01 for Section 01)
- It's good practice to contact the group where you are applying to, to have an informal discussion, learn more about what they are doing, do a seminar etc.

How to apply to MCF positions at University - CNU

One needs to be "qualified" by the Conseil national des Universités" (CNU).

Section 29 of CNU for experimental and theoretical particle physics & nuclear physics: https://conseil-national-des-universites.fr/cnu/#/entite/entiteName/ CNU/idChild/33/idNode/4013-4040

Thématiques de la section :

Il est admis que sont considérés comme relevant de la 29^{ème} section du CNU, les thèmes suivants:

- Physique théorique et expérimentale du noyau : Structure nucléaire ; Physique des réacteurs, fusion, fission, aval du cycle électronucléaire ; Astrophysique nucléaire ; Physique hadronique ; Plasma quark-gluon ; Applications médicales des rayonnements.
- Physique théorique et expérimentale des particules : Quarks, leptons, modèle standard et au delà ; Astroparticules et cosmologie ; Ondes gravitationnelles ; Matière sombre et énergie noire.
- Physique théorique: Champs classiques et quantiques, relativité générale et gravitation, symétries, supersymétrie, théorie des cordes, branes, dimensions supplémentaires; Modélisation et simulation; Physique statistique; Phénomènes non-linéaires; Systèmes dynamiques, systèmes intégrables, processus irréversibles, chaos classique et quantique; Physique mathématique.
- Applications : Accélérateurs ; Instrumentation nucléaire.

Peuvent être considérés comme relevant de notre section (l'appartenance à la section est estimée au cas par cas par étude des dossiers, notamment les journaux dans lesquels les candidats publient):

• la modélisation, la simulation, le traitement des signaux et des données, l'instrumentation, si développés dans le cadre de notre champ disciplinaire et valorisés dans d'autres domaines comme la biologie, la médecine, l'économie, l'environnement.

Par contre, <u>ne doivent pas être admis comme relevant de notre section</u> les candidats présentant uniquement des profils de spécialistes en Astrophysique, Electronique, Biologie, Mécanique, Chimie, Optique, Physique expérimentale du Solide ou des Matériaux.

How to apply to MCF positions at University - CNU

The CNU qualification takes place the year before you apply to MCF positions. Example for this year...

File to be submitted between end of September and beginning of November 2023



Qualification

Ouverture et début de dépôt des pièces sur l'application Antares : jeudi 21 septembre 2023, 10h (heure de Paris)

Clôture des inscriptions (date unique): vendredi 10 novembre 2023, 16h (heure de Paris)

Date limite de dépôts des pièces (y compris les pièces complémentaires) * dans l'application :

- 01. Pour les candidats dont la soutenance de thèse ou HDR est soutenue avant le 24 novembre 2023 : vendredi 15 décembre 2023, 16h (heure de Paris)
- 02. Pour les candidats dont la soutenance de thèse ou HDR est soutenue entre le 24 novembre et le 12 janvier 2024 inclus : vendredi 19 janvier 2024, 16h (heure de Paris)

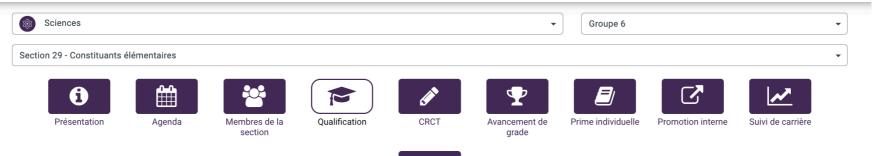


Some additional delay if you defend at the end of the year or very early in January...

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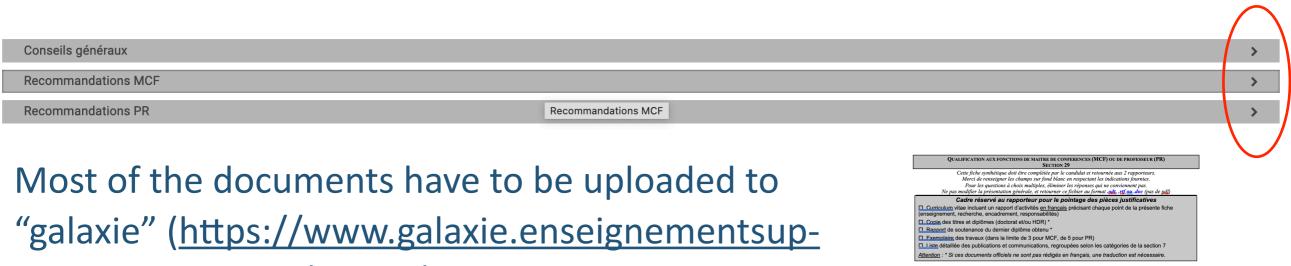
What is "qualification"?

One needs to have taught at <u>University</u> and have an <u>adequate level of research</u>. You are expected to be fluent in French.



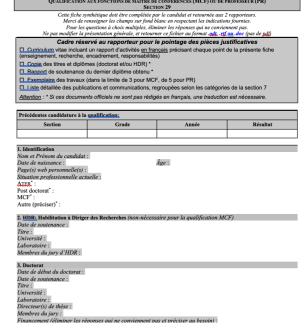


Check the bottom of the page to check the guidelines and needed documents.



Referees are not anonymous, the "fiche de synthèse" has to be sent to them, this is mandatory...

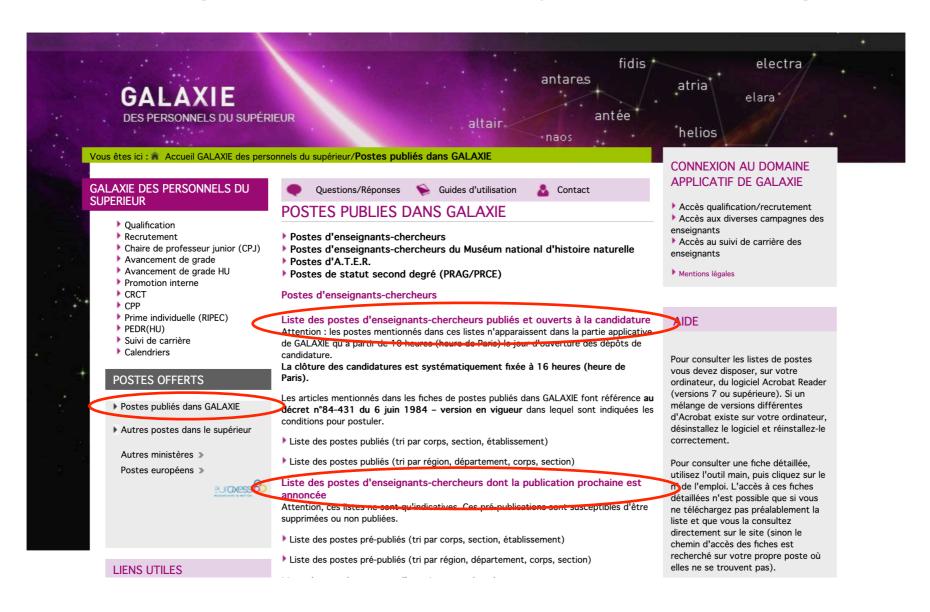
recherche.gouv.fr/ensup/candidats.html)



How to apply to MCF positions at University

MCF opening are visible in "galaxie".

Each university defines its own rules: usually file based preselection + audition. Sometimes "a teaching exercise" has to be presented during the audition as well.



| 1006/7072 | UNIVERSITE COTE D'AZUR | 275 | СРЈ | PR | Non | 29 | 30 | 34 | 01/09/2024 | 25/04/2024 | 12//05/2024 | Ondes gravitationnelles: des détecteurs à l'astronomie multi- messagers | NICE |
|-----------|--|------|------|----|-----|----|----|----|------------|------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| 10673021V | UNIVERSITE DE STRASBOURG | 4994 | 46-3 | PR | Non | 29 | | | 01/09/2024 | 16/04/2024 | 16/05/2024 | Physique subatomique | Strasbourg |
| 0691774D | UNIVERSITE LYON 1 (CLAUDE BERNARD) | 4804 | СРЈ | PR | Non | 29 | | | 01/09/2024 | 15/04/2024 | 15/05/2024 | Atmospheric Molecular Nanodroplets | villeurbanne |

Chair Professor Junior (CPJ) positions

- → "Tenure track like system", after 3+3 years the candidate is expected to become Director of research at CNRS or University Professor if validated
- → for more experienced candidates than for CRCN or MCF
- \rightarrow in place since 2-3 years
- → 64 hours teaching at University a year

Example in 2024:

- 3 IN2P3 positions at CNRS (https://carrieres.cnrs.fr/recrutement-postes-de-chaires/)
- 2 at Universities (related to CNU Section, https://
 www.galaxie.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/ensup/cand_CPJ.htm)

A few recommendations...

Irritate

- Rule number one: "don't piss off the referees", meaning respect the rules, provide all the requested documents even with redundant information.
- Get help from your colleagues to understand the system :-). It's complicated and rules change from time to time. Ask them to read your application and to organise (a) rehearsal(s).
- Present your results in a clear, concise, pedagogical and scientific manner.

 Not only your research will be evaluated but also your maturity and motivation :-).

 Remember they want to hire "physicists and lecturers for >40 years".
- No need to oversell things :-) or to be super self-confident :-). Just explain the work done and the physics and put things into perspective. On the contrary no need to underestimate yourself and not try... or to develop an impostor syndrome.
- It's evaluation by peers, they know a lot about you, your collaboration/collaborators and physics...:-)







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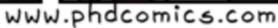












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