

Université PSL Awarded Permanent Idex Status

November 6, 2020 – On November 5, **Frédérique Vidal**, French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and **Guillaume Boudy**, General Secretary for Public Investment, announced that PSL has been confirmed as a permanent Idex (Initiative d'Excellence).

That decision is a testament to PSL's commitment to building a new model academic institution that combines a *grande école* and a university; to its success in taking full advantage of France's ordinance of December 12, 2018, which gave higher education the opportunity to experiment with new forms of consolidation; and to the excellence of its academic research and curriculum, which reflects its position among the world's top 50 universities in the major global rankings.

This confirmation of permanent Idex status means the non-expendable endowment awarded in 2011 is now transferred to PSL in full indefinitely. With the simultaneous confirmation of Université Paris-Saclay, six French research universities have now been awarded permanent Idex status.

Says PSL President Alain Fuchs, "The government's decision marks an important milestone in PSL's history and, more broadly, in the emergence in France of new, multidisciplinary universities whose influence can extend worldwide. For our communities, which have been working toward this goal for nearly a decade, it represents official recognition of our collective success. For France, it is an especially encouraging sign of our enhanced ability to participate in the global exchange of ideas, energy and brainpower. There can be no question that the process launched 10 years ago as part of the Investments for the Future program is starting to bear fruit. Now we must work to ensure that this reform, which has been led by successive French governments across the political spectrum, is put on a long-term footing: it is impossible to build a dozen world-class universities in under a decade. Our story is only just beginning, and more than ever we will continue to need the support of the French government."

About PSL

Located in the heart of Paris, Université PSL inspires dialog among and between all areas of knowledge, innovation, and creativity in the Arts, Engineering, Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences. Selective and committed to equal opportunity, it draws directly from current

research to train researchers, artists, entrepreneurs, and managers who are aware of their social responsibility, both individual and collective.

With 2,900 research professors, 17,000 students, 140 laboratories and 10 incubators, fab labs and co-working spaces, PSL is a human-scale university. It ranks among the world's top 50 universities according to the Shanghai, THE (Times Higher Education) and QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) rankings.

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