

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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**€10,000**  
prize money

**6<sup>th</sup> JOSEPH  
DÉCHELETTE  
EUROPEAN PRIZE**

**1 MARCH 2026**  
Closing date  
for applications



more information



The internationally renowned archaeologist **Joseph Déchelette** (1862-1914) was one of the **founders of European protohistoric archaeology**. The Association Joseph Déchelette, founded in 2010 by his great nephew Édouard Déchelette(†), would like to keep the memory of this great scholar alive and promote this discipline. It has therefore teamed up with various partners to establish the **Prix Joseph Déchelette** with a view to promoting the PhD research of a young archaeologist. This prize, created in 2016, is intended to be awarded every two years.

**The prize is open to the wider European archaeological community.** The award criteria include the values which were Joseph Déchelette's trademark: open-mindedness, intellectual rigour, practicality and international experience.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Prize partners

- French Ministry of Culture
- Roanne City Council / *musée Joseph-Déchelette*
- *Musée d'Archéologie nationale* (MAN), Saint-Germain-en-Laye
- *Leibniz-Zentrum für Archäologie* (LEIZA), Mainz
- *Laténium*, Archæology Park and Museum Neuchâtel
- *Association pour les recherches sur l'âge du Bronze* (APRAB)
- *Association française pour l'étude de l'âge du Fer* (AFEAF)
- Swiss Archæology
- Prehistoric Society
- *Société préhistorique française* (SPF)
- European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)
- Bibracte EPCC

## Application criteria

Applications will be accepted from researchers who had **their PhD thesis viva between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025**.

The research that is the subject of the thesis must concern European protohistory, understood in a broad sense, both geographically and chronologically (Bronze age, Iron Age and Romanization). The jury will pay particular attention to the European dimension of the applications.

**The language of the thesis writing is indifferent. Candidates will provide a document in French or English in 25,000 characters** including a summary of the thesis and work perspectives for the year following the award of the prize (preparation of a publication, development of a research project, etc.), a curriculum vitae indicating their date of birth and including a bibliography of their work, an article published or accepted and the thesis defence report or, failing that, two letters of appreciation for their doctoral research by recognized specialists in the subject. The presentation of the work perspectives will be divided into five parts: general objectives, one-year objectives, method, means and partnerships to be mobilized, expected form of results (publication, round table, etc.). This presentation will specify how the project is linked to doctoral research and to the future of the candidate's expected career.

The winner will be chosen by an international panel which will convene in Spring 2026.

Applications should be sent **by email**

**by 1 March 2026 to:**

[prixdechelette@bibracte.fr](mailto:prixdechelette@bibracte.fr)

The prize regulations are available at:

<https://dechelette.hypotheses.org>

## The prize

**The prize money is €10,000**, brought by Association Déchelette, the LEIZA and the French ministry of Culture. **Additional benefits** in kind to be used in the year following the award of the prize include:

- the organization of a symposium by the MAN
- a one-month research residency provided by the LEIZA
- a one-month research residency provided by Bibracte
- a one-month research residency at the library of the Musée Déchelette offered by Roanne City Council
- a one-month research residency provided by the Laténium, in partnership with the Maison Borel foundation
- membership to the SPF and the Prehistoric Society

**The prize will be presented to the winner at the Musée des Beaux-Arts et d'Archéologie Joseph Déchelette, the municipal museum in Roanne, where the scholar was born and worked all his life.**



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