

SUMMER 2025 Newsletter

What an exceptional month of June in Jouy-en-Josas!

The 2025 graduation ceremonies were truly historic: with 2,345 graduates over two days, HEC Paris once again made a powerful impression. The extraordinary speeches by the guests of honor—Fidji Simo (H.08, Member of the Board of Directors at OpenAI) and Jean-Noël Barrot (H.06, French Minister for Foreign Affairs)—brilliantly complemented Dean Eloïc Peyrache’s call for graduates to “dare the impossible,” with their insights on creativity and courage, respectively. Just a few days later, the very first “10-Day” brought together five cohorts for an unprecedented anniversary celebration on campus—an extension of the now-traditional “MBA Reunions,” which gather MBA alumni every five years in Jouy, and which also saw record participation this June.

During the 10-Day, one cannot help but highlight the exceptional generosity of the H.05 class, who made a landmark birthday donation during their return to campus—celebrating 20 years of the “Class Gift” initiative, which annually rallies a graduating class to support the School. Alumni and their campus clearly share a deep bond. For many, it was the place where core convictions took shape, lifelong friendships were built, and first ventures were launched. For most, it remains a springboard—or even a revelation. It is a true symbol of the “secret sauce” that defines HEC.

Yet it was under the ornate ceilings of Hôtel Potocki in Paris, during the June 23rd General Assembly of the Association, that the major campus transformation project was unveiled—officially shared with the public the following day via the press. With a new “campus heart” building and a reimagining of learning spaces, a new chapter in HEC’s story is beginning. Contributing to the renewal of the campus is now becoming a central mission for our community. Save the date: November 25th, for a grand evening that will unveil all the details of this truly exceptional vision!

The 3-minute update



HEC Paris Launches a Bold Transformation of Its Campus

HEC Paris is embarking on an unprecedented transformation of its campus in Jouy-en-Josas, just outside Paris — driven by a bold vision: to create a world-class academic environment for the next 50 years. This €230 million project, financed through a combination of loans and philanthropic support via the HEC Foundation, is far more than a renovation. It represents a complete reinvention of the campus, fully aligned with the School's mission: to address the defining challenges of the 21st century through education, research, and action.

[Find out more.](#)



The initiative:



Together, Let's Write the Next Chapter of HEC's Story - November 25

On November 25, the HEC community will come together for an exceptional evening at the Pavillon Gabriel in Paris. The program includes an exclusive first look at the new Campus project, the official launch of the Foundation's fundraising campaign, and a celebratory gala dinner.

A unique moment to come together, celebrate our shared ambition, and help shape the future of our School.

Please note:

- places are limited — early registration is strongly recommended
- current registrations apply to the conference and cocktail only. Individual registrations for the gala dinner will open in September
- it is already possible to [reserve a Corporate Table](#) for the gala dinner

[Register.](#)

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Long Live 10-DAY!

A truly unforgettable day back on campus: over 650 alumni gathered with their families to celebrate their lasting bond with HEC. With masterclasses, campus tours, class photos, and a garden party, the first edition of 10-DAY brought generations together and sparked a new tradition.

[Check out the photos.](#)

Your Association



Champagne Summer Party at the HEC UK House

The start of July saw another unforgettable Summer Party at the [HEC UK House](#). From awards to lively exchanges, the Summer Party brought our community together in the best possible way. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event so memorable!

Our HEC Stories Selection



In thrift mode – Special report

Opting for second-hand fashion isn't just about saving money – it's also a way to help the planet. Each pre-owned item purchased saves around 1,000 liters of water otherwise used in its production, as well as 15 kg of CO₂ emissions generated during manufacturing and shipping.

[Read HEC Stories article.](#)

On Campus



A Historic Mobilization for the 20th Anniversary of the Class of 2005!

Twenty years after launching the now-established tradition of the student Class Gift, the Class of 2005 has once again made history. During the recent 10-Day event celebrating their 20th anniversary, 235 generous alumni came together to raise an outstanding €1,002,005 for the [HEC Foundation](#). This exceptional show of solidarity will directly support HEC's initiatives in equal opportunity, research,

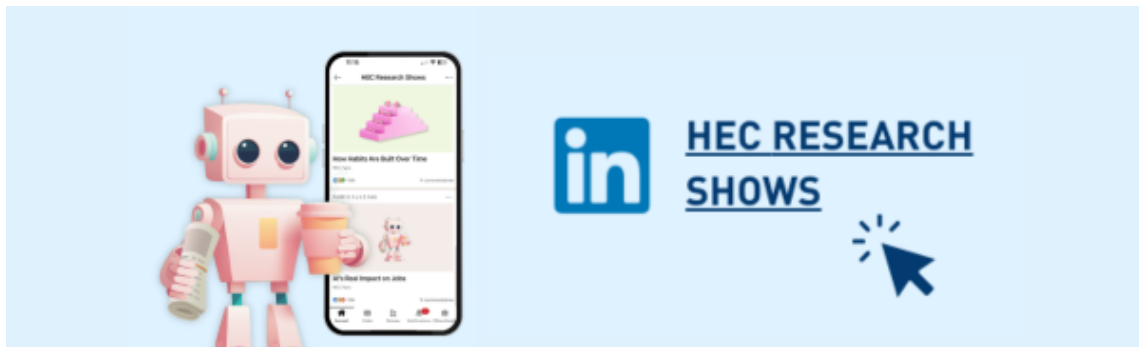
and innovation. A heartfelt thank you to the H.05 “Pêcheurs de Lune” class — a shining example of the HEC spirit at its best!



HEC Paris Shines in the 2025 French Tech Next40/120 Ranking

HEC Paris reaffirms its position as a leading institution for nurturing entrepreneurial talent with a strong showing in the 2025 French Tech Next40/120 ranking. This year’s selection once again highlights the School’s consistent presence in the most strategic segment of the French Tech ecosystem — a testament to the strength and maturity of startups emerging from the HEC community. These ventures are not only innovative but built for scale, structure, and long-term impact.

[Find out more.](#)



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