

SEPTEMBER Newsletter



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Dear HEC Alumni,

We are proud to share that **HEC Paris** has joined forces with Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Université Paris-Saclay, and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to launch the **Entente Cordiale Paris-Saclay – Oxford-Cambridge AI Initiative**.

Announced during the French President's state visit to the UK in July, this historic partnership unites Europe's leading institutions to foster ethical, responsible, and world-class artificial intelligence.

For **HEC Paris**, this builds directly on the work of **Hi! PARIS**, our interdisciplinary center for AI and data science, already a cornerstone of the **France 2030** strategy.

With **Oxford and Cambridge** alongside us, we are now scaling that ambition to a European level, strengthening research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in AI.

For you, this is not only a milestone in academic cooperation but also a source of pride. It reflects **HEC's role** as a catalyst for transformation at the heart of one of today's most important global challenges. As leaders and innovators, you are part of this momentum, ensuring that AI serves business, society, and the common good.

As this initiative unfolds, we look forward to keeping you connected to its progress—and to creating opportunities where the **HEC community** can play an active role in shaping the future of AI.

Warm regards,

The 3-minute update

Info

Exclusive preview !

HEC launches the series “**Did you know?**”

Every week, a noteworthy (and often little-known) fact about HEC will be delivered straight to your inbox and shared across our social media channels.

👉 A short, direct, and inspiring format to (re)discover 144 years of history, innovation, and transformation at our School.

🔗 Follow the launch very soon on your mailbox and on our LinkedIn accounts of [HEC Paris](#), [HEC Alumni](#), and [Fondation HEC](#).

Initiative



Back-to-school Resolution? Host your Event at the HEC UK House in London!

Looking for the perfect venue to kick off the new season? Our doors are open and our team is ready to bring your event in London to life!

Special benefits for HEC alumni: enjoy an exclusive rate and special attention by contacting us before October 15!

[Contact the team](#) and let's start planning your event!

If you are visiting London, check out the [HEC UK Chapter Agenda](#)

Your Association



Shaping the Future of HEC Paris – Launch of the new HEC Foundation

Campaign and Gala Dinner

On November 25, HEC will open a new chapter in its history. This event will be a remarkable opportunity to reconnect with HEC, to reflect on its future ambitions, and to present the major campus project that will shape our school for the next fifty years.

[Register now !](#)



Mercure HEC Special Jury Prize Celebrated in Seoul

In Seoul, the Korea chapter proudly presented the Mercure HEC 2025 Special Jury Prize to [Julien Herveau \(H.05\)](#), recognizing his outstanding achievements and contributions.

[Discover the Korea Chapter.](#)



HEC Graduates Dive into China's AI Ecosystem

HEC alumni visited Legend Holdings—the parent company of Lenovo and one of China’s largest private enterprises—in Shenzhen for a discussion on AI. The visit continued with a tour of a robotics startup from their portfolio, offering a firsthand look at China’s fast-evolving AI scene.

[Discover the China Greater Bay Area Chapter.](#)

Lebanon Chapter Hosts Warm Summer Gathering in Beirut

The Lebanon chapter organized a memorable evening in Beirut on August 6, **with newly admitted Lebanese students** for a warm summer dinner. This gathering celebrates the tradition of welcoming new students and embracing them as part of our wider, supportive community.

[Discover the Lebanon Chapter.](#)



Benin Community Spotlight: Graduates, Guitars and Good Times

In July, the Benin chapter came together for an Afterwork to celebrate two new graduates and kick off the summer. The evening turned festive as three alumni picked up guitars and filled the night with music and song.

[Discover the Benin Chapter.](#)

Our HEC Stories Selection



Gustave Emmanuel Roy: Who Is the Founder of HEC?

Born in 1823 into a Protestant family of merchants in Reims, Gustave Emmanuel Roy quickly made a name for himself in Parisian industrial and commercial circles at the head of Roy Frères, where he ardently defended the ideas of free trade.

[Read the HEC Stories article.](#)

On Campus



The French Minister for Ecological Transition Gives HEC Students Their First Lecture!

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, Agnès Pannier-Runacher (H.95) addressed 400 new Grande École students at the opening session of François Gemenne's course on the economics and politics of ecological transition. As an HEC alumna, former business leader, France's negotiator on climate and biodiversity, and Minister, she shared her vision of ecology — balancing both gravity and optimism. "One of the key challenges of your education is to give you the courage to assume your responsibilities and to demonstrate that ecology is not a constraint but the very condition of freedom," she told students during this back-to-school lecture, now available in replay on YouTube.

[To watch the replay, please click here.](#)



23 Research Insights, 100,000 Subscribers, One Mission

In just one year, our [*HEC Research Shows Newsletter*](#) — released every two weeks on LinkedIn — has reached more than 100,000 subscribers worldwide. From AI and leadership to sustainability and well-being, discover 23 key insights to fuel change in the way professionals think, work, and lead.

[To learn more about the article, click here.](#)



An Unforgettable Start to the Year Focused on Sustainability

The 400 new students of HEC Paris' Grande École program kicked off their studies with three inspiring days in Chamonix with hiking, climbing, glacier exploration and solidarity workshops. This immersion, part of their engagement track, was launched in 2019 with the Joly Family Chair in Purposeful Leadership, thanks to an exceptional gift from Hubert Joly (H.81) and the support of many donors. Today, this collective generosity offers students a unique opportunity to reflect on their role as future responsible leaders.

[!\[\]\(10f8862fc183b400327470ea85afe9ae_img.jpg\) Watch the Chamonix adventure *\(in French\)*:](#)

Meetings Not to Be Missed

September 15th from 8 p.m (GMT+2) - Paris

HEC Talks Live with Doctolib's Founder, Stanislas Niox-Chateau (H.10)

From HEC Paris to building Europe's leading healthtech unicorn, Stanislas Niox-Chateau (H.10) returns to campus to share his journey and his vision of

innovation that benefits everyone. Discover how technology and AI can transform healthcare — and join the conversation live at HEC Talks.

[Register.](#)

September 24th from 4.30 p.m to 8 p.m (GMT+2) - Paris

Alumni Networking Consulting Event on Campus

Join us for the 8th edition of the "Alumni Networking Consulting Event" on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in Jouy-en-Josas. A unique opportunity to connect with HEC students passionate about consulting and share your journey in an inspiring and friendly atmosphere.

[Register.](#)

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