

## Press Information

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### **The Board of Governors at Centrale Nantes shortlists six candidates for the position of director**

Meeting on 17 June, the Board of Governors at Centrale Nantes shortlisted the following candidates (in alphabetical order) for interview on Thursday 2 July:

- Jean Baptiste Avrillier, Operational Director, Isite NExT,
- Sophie Chauveau, Regional Representative for Research and Technology in the Pays de la Loire region,
- Pascal Pinot, Director, ENSTA Bretagne,
- Franck Plestan, Dean of Research, Centrale Nantes,
- Emilie Poirson, Dean of Studies, Centrale Nantes,
- Marc Zolver, International Relations Director, Centrale Supélec.

Following the interviews on 2 July, the Board will reconvene on 3 July to deliberate and vote. A candidate will be subsequently proposed to the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

#### About Centrale Nantes

Founded in 1919, Centrale Nantes is a French engineering school and member of the Ecoles Centrale Group. Its undergraduate, Master and PhD programmes are based on the latest scientific and technological developments and the best management practices. At Centrale Nantes, research and training are organised into three key areas for growth and innovation: manufacturing, energy transition and healthcare. With research platforms ranging from digital simulation to prototyping using full scale models and an incubator with 20 years of experience in supporting start-up projects, the school has two major tools for innovation and creation, working hand in hand with industry. Centrale Nantes promotes its teaching and research capabilities at international level through around 100 partnerships with prestigious universities and schools worldwide.

Centrale Nantes welcomes 2,410 students, including 1,440 undergraduate students, 170 Executive Education and ITII degree apprenticeship students, 270 PhD students, 430 Masters students, and 100 Bachelor/Foundation Master students on its 40-acre campus.

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