

The spirit of this Charter

The EDT PhD students Club brings together the PhD candidates of the Engineering Digital Twins program, as well as any PhD student working in France on digital twins that registers and respects the EDT PhD students charter.

Its mission is to foster a vibrant scientific community, encourage peer exchanges, and support young researchers throughout their doctoral journey, despite the geographic dispersion of host teams. The club organizes monthly seminars, an annual day, and runs a space for sharing and mutual support open to all.

This Charter is not a contract. It is a shared agreement on the human and intellectual posture members adopt towards each other. Joining the Club means making this posture one's own.

Who can join

Membership is open to any PhD student enrolled in a French graduate schools and whose work bears on engineering digital twins, broadly understood. Being **funded by the EDT programme is not a requirement**.

Registration is made through the EDT website, with a short statement of motivation, confirmation of the PhD supervisor's approval and [EDT Programme validation](#).

What the Club offers

Joining the Club opens practical access to its own activities, to EDT-organised scientific events, and to dedicated channels for staying connected with the community.

- **Club seminars.** Regular short seminars where members present their work in a low-stakes setting and receive feedback from peers, alongside shared readings and informal exchanges.
- **EDT scientific events.** Access to the EDT programme's summer schools, scientific seminars, workshops, and the annual PhD Students Club Day — as participants and, when relevant, as speakers.
- **Mailing list and communication channels.** A dedicated mailing list for sharing references, calls for help, opportunities and announcements; complemented by a chat platform and a shared file space for day-to-day exchanges.
- **A network.** Connections with PhD students working on engineering digital twins across French institutions, with EDT supervisors, and with the programme's industrial and academic partners.
- **Alumni continuity.** At the end of the PhD, an invitation to join the Club's alumni mailing list, to stay in touch with the community and contribute back occasionally.

PhD Students Clubs Membership Charter

Five principles

These five principles together define the Club's culture. Members are expected to embody them in their interactions with one another.

Listening Pay genuine attention to other members' ideas. Ask before you respond.	Benevolence Critique the work, not the person. Assume good faith.	Sincerity Share honest thoughts, including doubts, dead ends, and ongoing uncertainties. The Club is a place where unfinished thinking is welcome.
Reciprocity The Club lives by what its members bring to it. Present your work, attend others' seminars, contribute to shared readings, welcome newcomers.		Curiosity Engage with approaches, methods, and questions that lie outside your immediate field.

What members do

Active membership is not merely passive attendance. It means showing up, contributing, and helping the Club live. Concretely, members are expected to :

- present their work to the Club during their PhD, at a stage they find appropriate;
- welcome newcomers, especially first-year PhD students, and help them find their bearings in the community;
- contribute to shared resources - readings, references, tools - when they prove useful to the wider group.

Joining, staying, leaving

Membership lasts for the duration of the PhD. There is no formal renewal, but members who have been inactive for a long period may be contacted to confirm their wish to remain in the Club.

On completing their PhD, former members are warmly invited to join the Club's alumni mailing list, to keep in touch, attend public events, and occasionally come back to share their experience with current PhD students.

A member may leave the Club at any time, with no formality beyond informing the Club's organisation.

Adhesion

Adhesion to the Club Signing formalises acceptance of Charter principles and opens access to Club's activities and to associated EDT events.