

Franco-German graduate schools

What is it?

To promote cooperation in the field of Franco-German research, the FGU supports graduate schools in all academic disciplines. Through the funding and the organisational structure, the FGU helps doctoral students to research and travel abroad.

- Mobility of doctoral students consolidates cooperation
- Exchange of academic traditions in the tertiary education sector
- Knowledge transfer and publication of academic work on an international level

What are the advantages?

- Mobility grant for doctoral candidates of €600/month for an 18-month stay at the partner university
- €12,000/year to assist with infrastructure costs
- Funding for 4 years
- Possibility to integrate a third-country partner

Who can apply?

This call for applications is aimed at collaborations between French Écoles doctorales and German institutions offering structured doctoral programmes.

Application form at:

<https://www.dfh-ufa.org/informationen-fuer/studierende-doktoranden-alumni/doktoranden/deutsch-franzoesische-doktorandenkollegs/>

Application deadline: 31-10

Cotutelles de thèse

What is it?

Since 2005, the FGU has fostered cotutelles de thèse between France and Germany, which allows doctoral students to write their dissertation under the supervision of one professor in Germany and one in France and obtain a bi-national PhD.

- Bi-national double degree
- Familiarisation with two academic systems
- International experience improves prospects on the international labour market
- Enrichment in the international context, improved language skills

What are the advantages?

- Funding of up to 14,000 to cover additional expenses during doctoral studies (such as travel to the partner country), which may also be used for publishing the dissertation
- Up to €1,000 to cover the costs of the joint defence (travel and accommodation costs for supervisors and jury members)

How do I apply?

As soon as the cotutelle agreement is signed by both universities the application form can be filled in and submitted

The "Thèse en ligne" project:

The "thèse en ligne" instrument allows the FGU to publish a wide selection of successfully completed Franco-German cotutelles de thèse enabling them to increase their visibility.

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Academic events for young researchers (workshops, summer schools)

What is it?

Over a period of two days to four weeks, the academic events for young researchers (workshops, summer schools) provide a venue for high-level academic discourse based on a specific pedagogical approach.

- Insight into the teaching and research environments in France and Germany
- Exchange of academic work and research contacts
- For doctoral and postdoctoral candidates, lecturers, researchers, graduates and advanced undergraduate students
- Possibility to organise series of events

What are the advantages?

- Depending on the duration of the event, funding of up to 15,000 to cover organisational costs
- Possibility of association with a third-country partner - if the programme takes place in the third country, a partner from this country must be involved

Who can apply?

- Lecturers of a university or a non-university research institute in France respectively Germany and - in exceptional cases - junior researchers

Three application deadlines:

Application: 15-03 / 15-06 / 15-10

Further information at:

<https://www.dfh-ufa.org/programme/wissenschaftliche-veranstaltungen-fuer-nachwuchswissenschaftler/>

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Humanities and Social Sciences

An interdisciplinary approach to international history: Franco-German-European perspectives in the 20th century. Universität des Saarlandes, Université Paris-Sorbonne, University of Luxembourg (LUX)

Collocations and discourse traditions. Universität Flensburg, Université Paris Nanterre, University Pompeu Fabra Barcelona (ES)

Construction of Differences IV. Structure - Practices - Narrative - Media. HU Berlin, TU Dresden, EHESS Paris, UCA Marrakesh (Ma)

Cultural Conflicts and Conflict Cultures in France and Germany. Universität Tübingen, Université d'Aix-Marseille

Franco-German Graduate School in Humanities, Cultural and Social Studies. Mainz-Dijon. Universität Mainz, Université de Bourgogne

Trinational Graduate School: Communication in a multilingual and pluricultural context. PH Karlsruhe, Universität Koblenz-Landau, Université de Strasbourg, PH der FHNUJ, Muffenz, Brugg-UJindisch, University Chieti Pescara (IT)

Europe's Founding Myths in Literature, Art and Music. Universität Bonn, Université Paris-Sorbonne, University Firenze (IT)

European Graduate College for Musical Interpretation and Artistic Research. HS f. Musik Freiburg, Université Strasbourg, HEAR Strasbourg

Middle Ages and Renaissance: Possibilities of Integrating National Research Approaches and Focal Points. FAU Erlangen Nürnberg, Université Clermont-Auvergne, UHfP

Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Science, Engineering
Stochastic Processes and Statistical Machine Learning. Universität Potsdam, Université de Toulouse 3

Franco-German Graduate School on Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics. Universität Mainz, CEA Saclay, CNRS Paris

Climate change impact on the sustainability of special crops and their products. HGU Geisenheim, Université de Bordeaux, ALJRI (AUS), University of Adelaide (AUS)

Functional Materials for Sustainable Energy and Information Technology. TU Darmstadt, Université de Bordeaux

Living liquids. Universität des Saarlandes, Universität Bayreuth, Universität Münster, Université Grenoble Alpes, University Mohammed V Rabat (MA)

Mathematical Image Processing. Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, Technische Universität Berlin, MinesParis Tech
Semantic, Reasoning And Coordination Technologies SeReCo. Fraunhofer-Institut für Intelligente Analyse und Informationssysteme (IAIS), Université Saint-Etienne, ENSM

Complex systems in equilibrium and non-equilibrium. Universität Leipzig, Université de Lorraine, Coventry University (GB), NASU (UA)

Wide Bandgap Nano-Structures. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Université Nice

Enzyme reactivities and their applications. Universität Freiburg, Université de Strasbourg

Perceiving Arctic Change: Climate, Society and Sustainability. ALJRI Bremerhaven, Université Paris-Saclay

French-German doctoral college „Industry of the future“. KIT Karlsruhe, Arts & Métiers Metz

Sophisticated Numerical and Testing Approaches (SNTA). Universität Hannover, ENS Paris-Saclay

Economics

Constance-Strasbourg Doctoral Programme in Quantitative Economics. Universität Konstanz, Université de Strasbourg, Aix-Marseille Université

Law

Comparative Public Law in the Light of European Integration. DUV Speyer, Universität Freiburg, Université Paris I, Université de Strasbourg, University degli studi di Milano (IT)

Franco-German Graduate School in Law. Universität Potsdam, Université Paris Nanterre

FGU doctoral programmes and funding programmes for researchers

The Franco-German University (FGU) provides expert guidance on Franco-German university relations with the aim of enhancing university and academic cooperation between the two countries. Its funding strategy for junior researchers encompasses:

- developing a joint doctoral programme
- building a network between researchers and junior researchers in France and Germany

The FGU promotion instruments:

- Franco-German PhD track programmes
 - Programmes that combine the two years of the master's programme with a further three years spent on a doctoral degree to form a five-year study period in total
 - Open to all disciplines
- Franco-German graduate schools
 - Structured Franco-German doctoral programmes
 - Encouraging the mobility of doctoral candidates
 - Possibility of association with a third-country partner
- Cotutelles de thèse
 - Bi-national procedure that allows doctoral students to write their dissertation under the supervision of one professor in Germany and one in France
 - Encouraging the mobility of doctoral candidates and of the Franco-German dissertation defence
- Academic events for young researchers (workshops, summer schools)
 - An innovative and current academic topic
 - Networking between the Franco-German and international research community & junior scientists
 - Programmes last for 2 days to 4 weeks
- The Franco-German ABG-FGU service
 - Joint offering of the Association Bernard Gregory (ABG) and the Franco-German University (FGU) aimed at accompanying and supporting French and German PhD graduates as they start their working life.

<https://www.dfh-ufa.org/informationen-fuer/studierende-doktoranden-alumni/doktoranden/>

Research guidance:

The bilingual research guidance of the Franco-German University (FGU) informs you about the funded Franco-German programmes in the field of research and the graduate schools of the FGU.

<https://www.dfh-ufa.org/programme/forschungswegweiser/>

FAQs about our funding:

- For all applications: one German and one French applicant (university or non-university research institute)
- Applications are academically evaluated
- Applications must be submitted electronically and by post; the electronic version is sufficient for observing the deadline
- Signatures may be submitted separately

Funding for preparation of an application in all subject areas and disciplines is available from the FGU upon submission of an application for a preparatory meeting



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Information on doctoral programmes and academic events of the FGU

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