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# Funding programmes for junior researchers



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# Our mission

- The FGU provides expert guidance on Franco-German university relations with the aim of enhancing university and research cooperation between the two countries.
- The FGU's main tasks include initiating, coordinating and funding structured academic degree programmes for each of the three Bologna cycles.
- The degree programmes are subject to external academic evaluation by French and German experts.

## Funding programmes - overview

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## Cotutelle de thèse



Supporting PhD candidates to write their PhD thesis under the supervision of at least one professor in France and one in Germany

### Call for applications

- Ongoing

### When to apply:

- Applications can be submitted as soon as a cotutelle de thèse agreement has been signed by the participating universities. The date of the last signature on the agreement may not be older than a year.
- It is also possible to apply for reimbursement of expenses for the PhD viva only (max. €1,000). In this case, the application must be submitted at least six weeks before the PhD viva.
- Applications may be submitted in English.

### Financial support includes:

- A total grant of €4,000 maximum for three years to cover expenses
- An additional €1,000 maximum reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the joint PhD viva

## Franco-German graduate schools



- The FGU supports doctoral programmes in all academic fields.
- The Inclusion of a third country is both possible and actively encouraged.
  - Call for applications: annually
  - Application deadline: 31 Oct\*
  - *\*Prior to submitting an application, a notification of intent (via web form) must be submitted by June 30*

### Who can apply:

- French Ecoles doctorales and German institutions offering structured doctoral programmes
- Open to all disciplines of study

### Funding period:

4 years, option to submit an application for extension



## Franco-German graduate schools



### Financial support includes:

- Operating funds as a lump sum of €12,000 per year per cooperation programme
- additional funds of €5,000 to establish a field-of-study network
- Living allowance for doctoral candidates amounting to €700 per month for stays of up to 18 months in the partner country or third country
- additional international scholarships of up to €1,300 per month are available to doctoral candidates on programmes assessed as particularly excellent for stays of a maximum of 18 months each (max €46,800 per funding period).

## Franco-German PhD track programmes



Programmes combining two years of the master's programme with a further three years on a doctoral programme resulting in a five-year study period in total (open to all disciplines)

- Call for applications: annually
- Application deadline: 31 Oct\*
- *\*Prior to submitting an application, a notification of intent (via web form) must be submitted by June 30*

## Franco-German PhD track programmes



### Who can apply:

- For the doctoral degree: The call for applications is aimed at French Ecoles doctorales and German institutions offering structured doctoral programmes.

### Funding period:

5 years, option to submit an application for extension

### Financial support includes:

- Operating funds as a lump sum of €15,000 per year per cooperation programme
- Special grants e.g. for language courses and online assistance for students during their stay abroad, activities to promote the FGU programme
- Monthly living allowance for students (€ 350) and doctoral candidates (€ 700) during their stay abroad



## Scientific events for junior researchers



Calls for applications are open to all disciplines. Events should be for a minimum of two days and a maximum of four weeks.

- an individual event or a series of events are possible

Application deadlines: 15 March, 15 June, 15 Sept

### Who can apply:

- French and German universities as well as non-university research institutes. Inclusion of a third country is also possible.

### Financial support includes:

- Depends on the length of the event and number of participants. As a rule, funding is between €2,000 and €15,000.
- Financial support includes: Expenses for teaching/research assistants (in exceptional cases also for speakers' fees)
- Publicity costs (publications, website etc.)

## Preparatory meetings



- For organising meetings between partner institutions that intend to start a joint programme of study or a research project in France and Germany

### Call for applications:

- Ongoing - applications must be submitted at least one month before the meeting

### Who can apply:

- French and German universities as well as non-university research institutes
- The same faculty may only be involved in 2 applications / year

### Financial support includes:

- Reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the meeting (max. € 2 500)

## Further information



### Website

D: <https://www.dfh-ufa.org/informationen-fuer/hochschulen/ausschreibungen>

F: <https://www.dfh-ufa.org/fr/vous-etes/etablissements/appels-a-projets>

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