



The Franco-German University (FGU)

Support Programmes

Funding programmes for universities, students and researchers – programmes, international mobility, networking

The Franco-German University (FGU) promotes and funds integrated degree programmes and also supports cooperation in the fields of structured doctoral programmes and Franco-German research. Here is some initial information about the different funding programmes.



Franco-German study programmes

Integrated and partially integrated programmes

The Franco-German University (FGU) promotes bi- and tri-national study programmes leading to two (or three) individual national degrees of equivalent level (double or triple degree) or to a single joint degree:

- Publication of the call for applications in May 2026 for degree programmes starting from 2027/2028.

PhD track programmes

The FGU backs the development of Franco-German programmes combining a two-year master's degree with three years for a PhD into a five-year programme altogether. Integration of a third country partner is also possible:

- Publication of the call for applications in May 2026 for PhD track programmes starting from 2027/2028.



Structured doctoral programmes

Franco-German graduate schools (FGGS)

The aim of the Franco-German graduate schools is to foster structured doctoral programmes, in all disciplines, which require candidates to research in both France and Germany. The association with a third-country partner is possible. The funding primarily helps doctoral students to research and travel abroad.

Within the scope of its structured doctoral programmes, the FGU backs Franco-German joint

graduate schools. The call for applications is published annually.

- Publication of the call for applications in May 2026

Cotutelle de these

A Franco-German *cotutelle* system allows doctoral students to write their dissertation under the supervision of at least one professor in Germany and another in France. Students are awarded a doctoral degree from both institutions after passing the joint defence.



Scientific events for junior researchers

Workshops and summer schools

This call for applications for the funding of research workshops and summer schools in the context of training and networking is aimed at French and German universities as well as non-university research institutes. The events are open to all disciplines, designed for a period of two days to four weeks and provide a venue for high-level academic discourse based on a specific pedagogical approach. They can be organised as individual events as well as a series of events, where events build on one another and which is aimed at building a network. Depending on the duration and design of the event, it is called either workshop (events of up to five days) or summer school (duration of more than six days).

Preparatory meetings

The preparatory meetings are used as a basis for organising and holding meetings between partner universities and for supporting the development of new degree and research programmes. The funding covers travel and accommodation expenses.



The Franco-German University (FGU) is a network of affiliated member universities from France and Germany. Its administration is based in Saarbrücken. The FGU was founded as an international institution by means of an intergovernmental agreement (the Weimar Agreement) in 1997.

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.

The French and German governments, as well as the German federal states, provide equal funding to the FGU.

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