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Your partnership with the Franco-German University



Presentation

The Franco-German University

The Franco-German University (FGU) is a **network of more than 210 affiliated higher education institutions** in France, Germany, Europe and worldwide. Founded in 1997 with the aim of promoting excellence and mobility in higher education and research between France, Germany and other partner countries, it is headquartered in Saarbrücken, Germany.

The FGU currently offers **183 integrated study programmes ranging from bachelor's and master's to doctoral degrees** in a wide variety of disciplines: engineering, natural sciences, IT, economics, law, humanities and social sciences, and teacher training.

Each year, around **1,300 students** successfully graduate from their FGU-funded Franco-German or tri-national degree courses with a double degree. The **professional, language and cross-cultural skills** of these young Europeans qualify them as specialists and managers in business, science, politics and administration all over the world.

The FGU focuses on future-oriented topics and promotes the organisation of **scientific events** for young researchers, with the aim of fostering closer ties and renewal within the Franco-German, European and international research landscape.





Cooperation with the FGU: A Mutually Beneficial Partnership

Key Competencies of FGU Graduates: Added Value for the International Labour Market

- **Specialised technical and practical knowledge**
- **International experience abroad** gained through at least two to three semesters in the partner country
- Strong general and subject-specific **language proficiency**
- **In-depth disciplinary knowledge and intercultural competence**
- **Flexibility, mobility, commitment and drive**
- **First experiences in the working world**
- **Teamwork abilities** and a solution-oriented mindset



Opportunities for Cooperation

The FGU actively promotes dialogue and cooperation with industry to enhance **career development opportunities and prospects** for its students, students following dual work-study programmes, graduates, and early-career doctoral candidates. This mutually beneficial collaboration enables companies to connect with talented young professionals at an early stage while supporting the career development of the FGU's students and graduates.

Fund an FGU Prize

Each year, together with its partners, the FGU presents Excellence Awards to outstanding graduates of its Franco-German and tri-national study programmes, as well as Best Thesis Awards for the best FGU-funded PhD dissertations.

Benefits for You

Several thousand FGU graduates and doctoral candidates are contacted each year as part of the call for award nominations. This provides an opportunity to showcase your company and activities highly qualified young professionals with a Franco-German academic background and thus to enhance your visibility.

Prize Money

Excellence Awards for graduates of FGU degree programmes (bachelor's and master's): **from €1,500**.

Best thesis awards for young researchers who have completed their doctoral dissertation within an FGU-funded PhD Track programme, a Franco-German doctoral programme (Cotutelle de thèse), or a Franco-German graduate school of the FGU: **€2,000**

How the Cooperation Works

The FGU, together with its partners, honours outstanding students, graduates, and researchers who have completed a Franco-German or tri-national degree programme or doctorate for their exceptional achievements and special merits. Partners may select award recipients from the following disciplines:

- Economics
- Law
- Engineering and natural sciences, architecture, IT
- Humanities and social sciences, teacher training

The FGU manages the entire application and selection process, including organising the call for applications, evaluating and preselecting candidates, issuing certificates, transferring the prize money (including providing donation receipts) and organising the award ceremony.

Press and Public Relations

- Information about the cooperation with the supporting institutions and companies on the **FGU website** and on **its social media channels** (Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram) as well as in various **publications**, including the annual report.
- **Dissemination** of information across **the entire FGU network** (newsletter, info emails)
- Publication of a [press release](#) in connection with the award ceremony, which the FGU sends to its German and French media contacts, the supporting institutions and companies, and the press offices of the award recipient's higher education institutions



Ceremony at the German Embassy in Paris on 29th January 2026

Awards Ceremony

The awards, made possible through the generous support of our partners, are presented each year at a ceremony held alternately at the German Embassy in Paris and the French Embassy in Berlin. The ceremony is attended by the ambassadors, as well as German and French representatives from politics, business, academia, and public institutions.



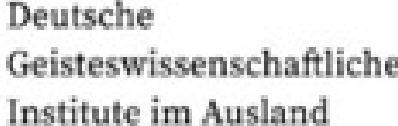
From left to right: Philippe Gréciano, Vice President of the FGU, Viktoria Lühr, Andreas Mehdorn, Stephan Steinlein, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in France

Our Partners

Among the principal partners supporting the Excellence and Best Thesis Awards are the German-French cultural channel Arte, the Association Réalités et Relations Internationales (ARRI), the ASKO Europa Foundation, the consulting firm Ignite Group Deutschland, the German-French Lawyers' Association (DFJ), the Fédération Nationale des Travaux Publics, Hertslet Wolfer & Heintz Avocats & Rechtsanwälte (hw&h), the Lions Club Recklinghausen and the Lions Club de Senlis Trois Forêts, the Max Weber Foundation (MWS), the auditing and consulting firm Forvis Mazars, the Mehdorn Family Foundation, the law firm Schultze & Braun, Ellipse Avocats Lyon, Valoris Avocats, the Union des Français de Sarre (UFS), JENOPTIK Robot GmbH and the Vasarely Foundation.







The FGU's Grant Schemes

Objectives

The FGU's grant schemes not only honour outstanding academic achievements but also offer recipients the opportunity to enhance their studies and strengthen their CVs. For example, they may complete an internship with the grant provider or write a final thesis in cooperation with a company. **In doing so, they gain valuable practical experience and expand their professional network.**

Benefits for You

As part of this partnership, you will have the opportunity to showcase your organisation and its activities to students and graduates with a **Franco-German or tri-national academic background**, thereby attracting highly qualified future interns or employees. The FGU promotes this partnership to its various target groups throughout the application process and, in particular, through communication related to the awarding of scholarships.

Scholarship Amount:

The grant typically amounts to **€3,000 per year and per recipient.**

How the Cooperation Works

You can select **the study programmes that best align with your expectations** from the wide range offered by our network.

The FGU liaises with programme coordinators and forwards the application documents. If you wish, you may review the application submitted in by the selected degree programmes and select the scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Award cCeremony

The scholarship award ceremony is held in **Strasbourg** as part of the [Franco-German Forum](#), which also provides business partners with an excellent platform to showcase their companies to highly qualified students and graduates.

Press and Public Relations

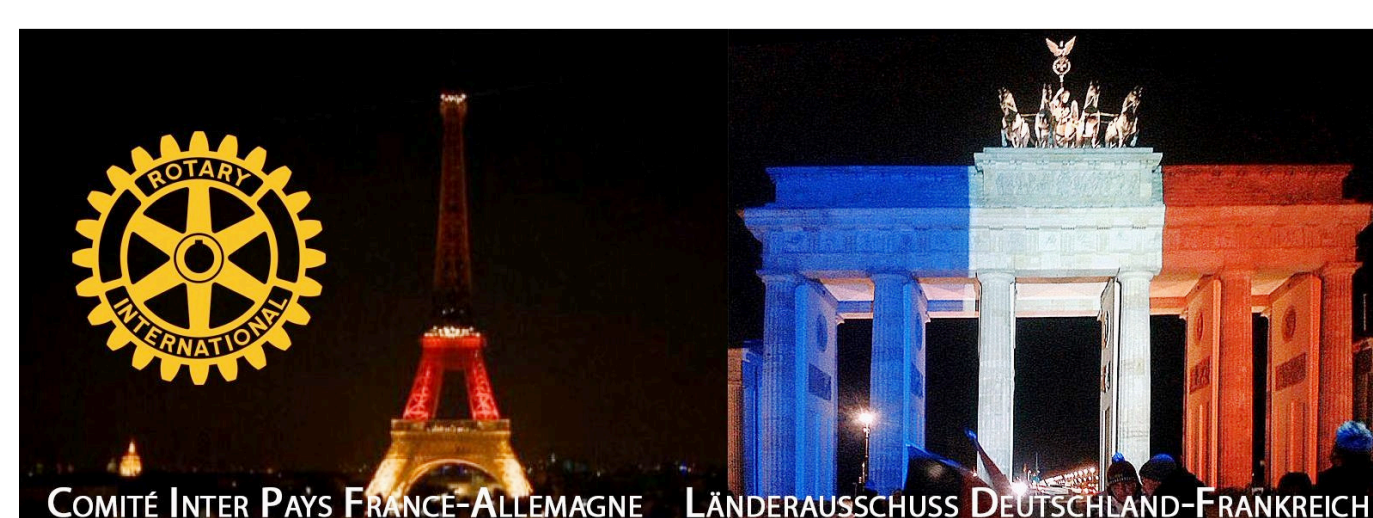
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- **Dissemination** of information across the entire FGU network via newsletters and information emails.
- Publication of a [press release](#) in connection with the Franco-German Forum



Awarding of the BNP Paribas and Ignite Group scholarships at the opening ceremony of the Franco-German Forum on 15 November 2024

Partners

Since the launch of the grand scheme in 2014, a number of renowned companies have joined the project, including BNP Paribas, the France-Germany Intercountry Committee of Rotary International, the consulting firm Ignite Group Deutschland, Michelin Deutschland, PricewaterhouseCoopers Luxembourg or Landesbank SaarLB. A full list of our past and present partners is available on our website.



Further Opportunities for Cooperation

Sharing Job and Internship Opportunities

The FGU **shares** job and internship offers to its students and graduates **free of charge** via its social media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn) and a **weekly newsletter**.

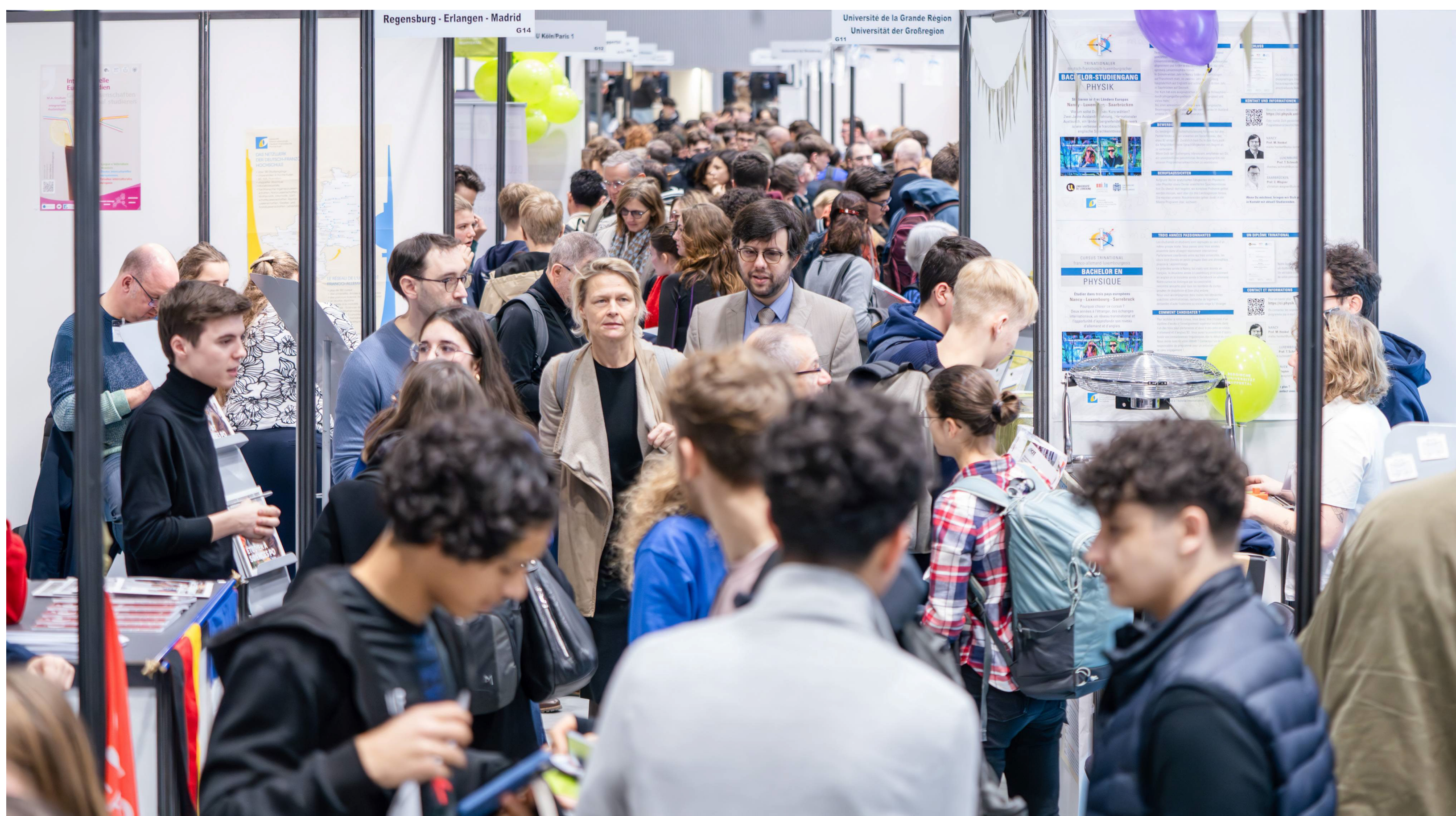
Scientific Events

In addition, FGU partners have many possibilities to become involved in events for junior researchers, for example through financial support, company tours and lectures delivered by industry representatives.

Additional FGU Cooperation Projects

Among the many cooperation projects supported by the FGU are:

- Participation in the annual **VivaTech** start-up and technology fair in Paris
- Presentation of the **Jean-Marie Lehn Researchers' Prize** at the French Embassy in Berlin, in cooperation with BASF France and Sanofi Deutschland
- Launch of the international **One Health Award** in 2022, in cooperation with Institut Mérieux and Boehringer Ingelheim, with the inaugural award ceremony held in Lyon
- Funding of **Franco-German professorships and tutorials**



High attendance at the Franco-German Forum 2024



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Communication

Information about the various cooperation projects, including the events mentioned above, is available in the press, on the FGU website, across its social media channels such as [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#), as well as in its newsletters and marketing materials.

Further information

Follow the FGU on LinkedIn:



Download our annual reports (in french or german) and other brochures here:



We would be happy to meet with you personally to discuss the cooperation opportunities that best suit your organisation.



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