Created in 2004, UCA’s Doctoral College unites the site’s 5 Doctoral Schools:

- Literature, Human and Social Sciences (ED LSHS);
- Economic, Legal, Political and Management Sciences (ED SEJPG);
- Fundamental Sciences (ED SF);
- Engineering Sciences (ED SPI);
- Life, Health, Agronomy, Environmental Sciences (ED SVSAE).

Some figures on the Doctoral College:

- **1000 PhD students**
  - 44% of whom are international

- **Employment rate for doctors 3 years after degree (class of 2014)**
  - 96% which are international

- **190 to 220 Thesis defenses**

- **100 to 150 Dual-degree thesis programs**

Our main missions:

- Coordinating doctoral training at the Doctoral College by bringing together all of the site’s schools and training courses and ensuring the preparation of the PhD degree.
- Encouraging transdisciplinarity by offering PhD students a broadening of their scientific culture.
- Organizing cross-disciplinary actions for the Doctoral Schools (My Thesis in 180 Seconds, Prix jeune chercheur or Young Researcher Award from the city of Clermont-Ferrand, graduation ceremony, etc.).
- Managing the socio-professional training program (broadening of knowledge, methodological supervision).
- Developing national and international relations (with other Doctoral Colleges in France and abroad).
- Facilitating exchanges between PhD students and researchers in France and abroad.
- Acting as a gateway to the economic world.
- Assisting students with professional integration (job fairs).
To apply for admission to a UCA Doctoral School, you must:

- Hold a Master’s degree or any other degree awarding the title of Master.
- Have defined a thesis subject beforehand with the agreement of a thesis supervisor affiliated with one of UCA’s research laboratories.
- Have obtained funding.

For more information, please visit the Doctoral School’s website.