PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE PHD PROGRAM

HOW TO APPLY

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.

INTERNATIONAL DUAL-DEGREE THESIS PROGRAM

A dual-degree thesis program is based on a collaboration between two laboratories:

- The PhD student carries out their thesis work under the supervision of two thesis supervisors, one from UCA and the other from a foreign university.
- This work is divided into alternating periods at each of the two institutions.
- The student is enrolled at both institutions.
- The student only defends their thesis once, but is granted a degree from both institutions.

What are the procedures?

A French higher education institution authorized to grant the PhD degree may sign an agreement with a foreign higher education institution with the same prerogatives to organize an international thesis co-supervision, which must be signed within 18 months after the start of the thesis. For more information, please visit the Doctoral School’s website.

THESIS FUNDING

Doctoral schools, laboratories and research organizations regularly publish offers for funded thesis topics on their websites. There are several types:

- **Doctoral contract funding**: your doctoral school finances your PhD for three years. It is an employment contract reserved for PhD students, regardless of age or nationality. For more information, please visit the website of the Doctoral School concerned.
- **Funding of research projects and research contracts** (French National Research Agency, Région Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, European Commission). For more information, please visit the website of the Doctoral School concerned.
- **Funding under the Industrial agreements for training through research program (CIFRE)** is a way to finance your research. For more information, please visit the website of the doctoral school concerned.
- **MAEE** (Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs) offers scholarships to support PhD students who would like to come to France. For more information, please visit the Campus France website (https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/bourses-etudiants-etrangers).
- **Some countries have set up PhD funding programs**. To find the right program for you, consult your government’s list of funding programs.
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