

## Admission as a PhD Student

If you have a Master's degree, you can apply for a PhD. This third cycle of university studies is devoted to a research work carried out generally in three years, under the supervision of a thesis director.

### The PhD overview

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The doctorate is an academic course in and through research. During their course, doctoral students acquire real vocational experience, thanks to:

personal research work, limited in time  
through complementary activities (teaching or consultancy assignments in companies, professional, interdisciplinary and transversal training).

The doctorate enables the construction, acquisition and dissemination of specialised disciplinary and interdisciplinary know-how and knowledge, combined with more generalist skills (entrepreneurship, project management, communication techniques ....).

The doctorate is the highest degree recognised at national, European and international level. It can be done full-time (3 years) or part-time (6 years maximum), in initial or on-going education. It is prepared under the responsibility of a thesis director who is a member of a research unit attached to a doctoral school.

It can also be obtained by Validation of Acquired Experience (VAE) or on work (PhD on work).



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## Standard procedure

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### To apply for a PhD:

hold a national master's degree or another degree conferring the grade of master, following a course of training or professional experience establishing an aptitude for research  
contact one of [the two UPJV doctoral schools](#).

### Applicants with foreign diplomas must apply for a validation of studies (DVE).

Applications are examined on the basis of a dossier, with an interview of the candidates.

CV  
Cover letter  
Diplomas from the last 3 years  
Description of the doctoral project  
Letter of commitment from the thesis director  
Letter from the director of the host unit attached to the Doctoral School Science, Technology, Health  
Proof of funding for the thesis

**Doctoral School Science, Technology, Health:** [edsts@u-picardie.fr](mailto:edsts@u-picardie.fr)  
**Doctoral School Humanities and Social Sciences:** [edshs@u-picardie.fr](mailto:edshs@u-picardie.fr)

In France, registration and re-registration for a doctorate is carried out on the [ADUM website](#) **after the candidate has been admitted by the doctoral school.**

### What is ADUM?

ADUM is a management and communication tool, a collaborative tool and an online community for PhD students, PhD schools and companies.

For the doctoral student, it allows in particular:

time saving at registration and re-registration  
to store descriptive data about their thesis and the follow-up of their research work  
participate in the network of doctoral students and PhDs  
consult and register for training courses  
to have a portfolio of experience and skills in which elements likely to be used in a CV and a covering letter are entered  
access online information: news from the doctoral school, the institution, job offers, announcements of defences, etc.  
to promote their research work by publishing it on [theses.fr](https://theses.fr)  
access to job offers from the network of partner companies

**Download:** [Guide d'inscription en Doctorat \(in French\)](#)

## Destiny procedure

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DESTINY is a European doctoral programme supported and co-funded by the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND programme.

Over a period of five years, it provides MSCA grants for the training of 50 doctoral students at the cutting edge of research on the batteries of the future.

[More about DESTINY](#)

The call for applications for the first cohort of doctoral students (2021-2024) is closed. 29 PhD students have been recruited.

The next call for applications for the recruitment of the second and final cohort of students will start in November 2021.

21 students will be recruited for a PhD conducted over the period 2022-2025.

For details of how to apply, see the 'Apply' section of the DESTINY website: <https://www.destiny-phd.eu/apply>

A contact form is available here:

<https://www.destiny-phd.eu/faq>

## A quality welcome for international researchers

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You will soon be a doctoral student at the UPJV? Our EURAXESS Service Centre, dedicated to the reception of doctoral students, post-doctoral students and teacher-researchers, will help you with the procedures inherent in your mobility at the UPJV.

[Visit the page of the UPJV EURAXESS Centre](#)

## Focus on the international co-supervision of a thesis

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A doctorate can be carried out within the framework of an international co-supervision of thesis. This aims to establish scientific cooperation between a French research team and a foreign research team, by encouraging the mobility of PhD students.

### **The PhD student:**

Enrols simultaneously in both higher education institutions

Carries out its work under the responsibility of a thesis director in each of the laboratories concerned. Alternate periods of residence in the two institutions for the duration of the doctorate, with a balance of mobility being sought. For the Science, Technology and Health doctoral school, a minimum annual stay of 4 months is required.

The international co-supervision of a thesis allows the award of a doctoral degree in France **and** in the partner country, on the basis of a single thesis defence.

The international co-supervision of a thesis is based on an agreement signed between the UPJV and the partner institution, in accordance with the regulations in force in the two countries concerned and the procedures of both institutions.

**The agreement defines:**

- the periods of mobility
- the rules of defence
- the payment of the registration fee
- the intellectual property rights, etc.

Each agreement is subject to negotiation and must be validated by the UPJV Doctoral Schools before being signed. It must be signed during the first year of the doctorate, by 30 April at the latest, in order to allow the administrative registration of the doctoral student. The Doctoral School must receive 6 originals.

The doctoral student must contact the Doctoral School and complete the registration process on ADUM, indicating that it is a cotutelle.