



# Funding programmes for researchers – doctoral programmes, international mobility, networking

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## Mission of the FGU

“Broadening horizons and promoting academic excellence”

### The Franco-German University (FGU)

- is a network of affiliated member universities from France and Germany. Its administration is based in Saarbrücken
- was founded as an international institution by means of an intergovernmental agreement (the Weimar Agreement) in 1997
- provides expert guidance on Franco-German university relations with the aim of enhancing university and research cooperation between the two countries



## The FGU support instruments

**Doctoral programmes**

**Cotutelles de thèse**

**Franco-German  
graduate schools  
(FGGS)**

**Franco-German  
PhD-Track Programms**

**Networking  
opportunities**

**Scientific events for  
young researchers**

**Academic encounters  
and exchanges**



## Cotutelle de thèse

Agreement on the binational joint supervision of a doctoral thesis (1997)



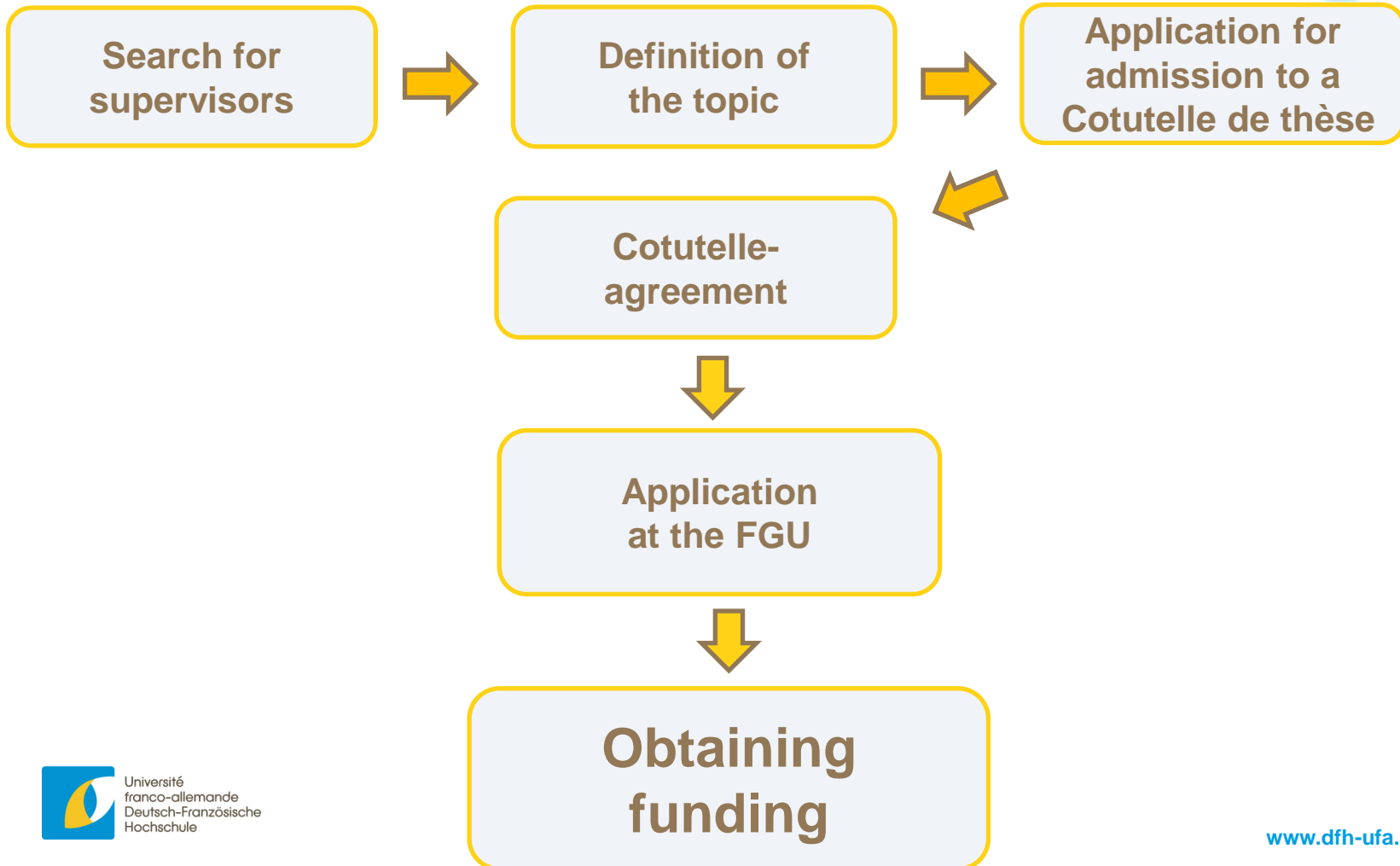
A Franco-German cotutelle system allows doctoral students to write their dissertation under the supervision of at least one professor in Germany and another in France.

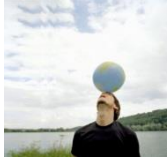
Doctoral students are awarded a doctoral degree from both institutions after passing the joint defence.



# Cotutelle de thèse

## Procedure of a Cotutelle





## Cotutelle de thèse

### Call for applications:

As soon as the cotutelle de thèse agreement is signed by both institutions, it has to be handed in. The last signature of the agreement must not be more than one year old.

→ Application papers have to be written in French and German, English is permitted in exceptional cases.

### Amount of funding (max. €5,000):

1) Up to €4,000 to cover additional expenses during doctoral studies

Payment in two tranches: €2,000 at the beginning of the funding; €2,000 when the date for the joint defence is fixed (usually 3 years later)

2) Up to €1,000 to cover the costs of the joint defence

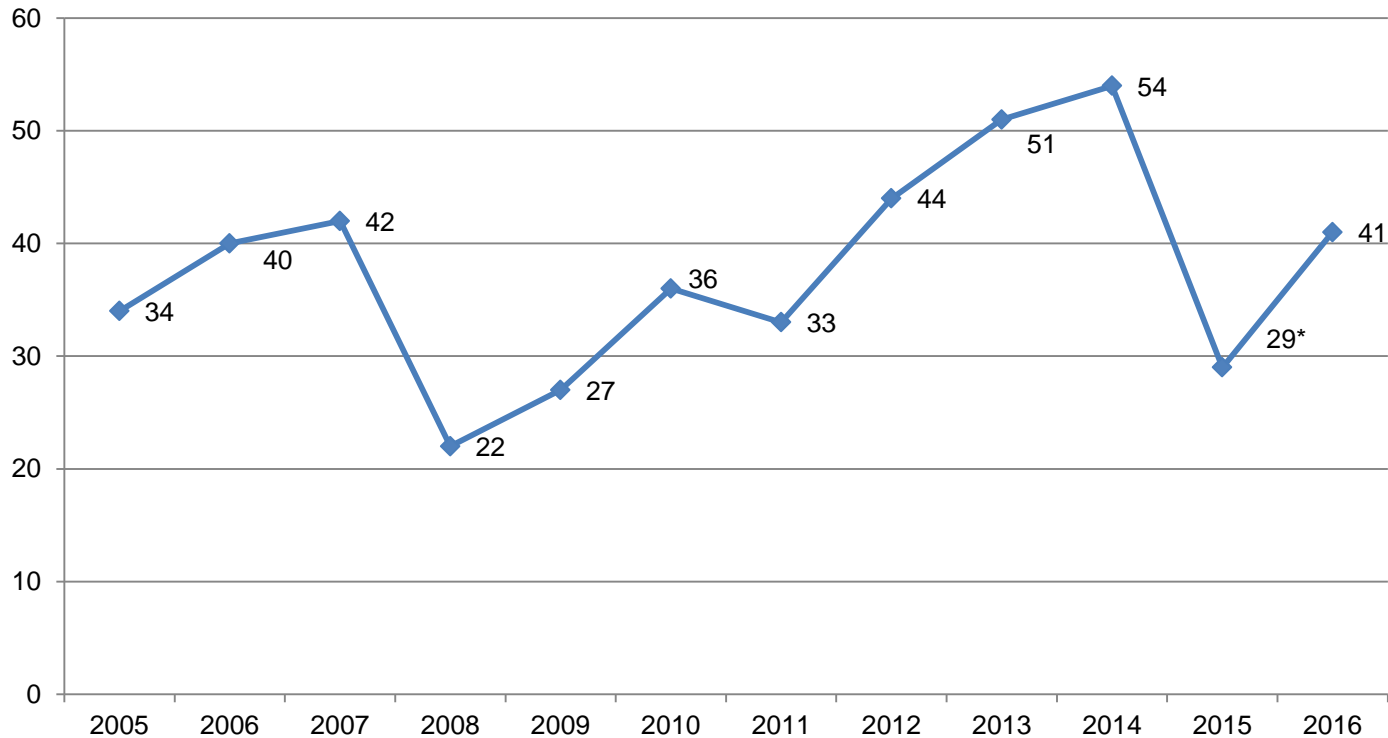
Refund of expenses up to two months after defence based on valid documentation.

→ The doctoral student has to keep the FGU posted about any delays concerning the dissertation, otherwise the claim shall expire



# Cotutelle de thèse

Cotutelles funded since 2005:  
Number of new projects funded every year

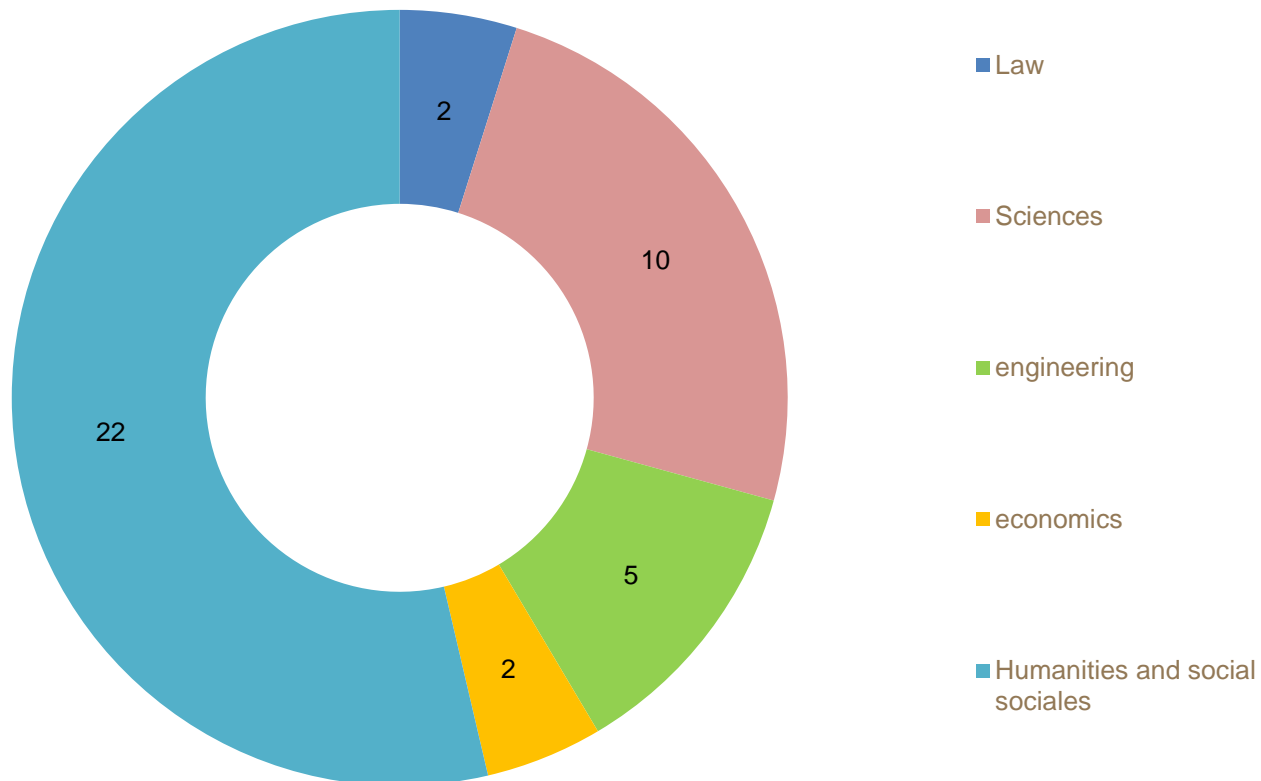


\* In 2015, the funding has been restructured



## Cotutelles de thèse

Distribution per discipline of new projects of the cotutelles de thèse in 2016







## Doctoral programmes

### Franco-German graduate schools

In order to promote cooperation in the field of Franco-German research, the FGU supports graduate schools in all academic disciplines. It's possible to associate a third country.

The funding primarily supports the research activities and travel opportunities of doctoral students.

Call for applications: annually

Application deadline: 31-10



## Doctoral programmes

### Who is entitled to submit an application?

- French Écoles doctorales
- all German institutions offering structured doctoral programmes

### Funding period:

Four years (since 2016), it's possible to submit an application to renewal

### Amount of funding: max. €261,800

- Funds of infrastructure: €12,000/year
- Funds for establishing a network: €5,000
- Mobility grant: max. 18 months x €600 for 15 doctoral students during their stay in the partner country
- International scholarships for proposals which have been evaluated 'excellent': max. 18 months x €1,300 for max. two doctoral students during their stay



## Doctoral programmes

### Franco-German PhD track programmes

In the Franco-German PhD track programmes, the two years of the master's programme are combined with a further three years spent on a doctoral degree to form a five-year study period in total. Supporting the students' mobility is one of the main priorities.

The programme is open to all kinds of disciplines. The association with a third-country partner is possible.

Call for applications: annually  
**Application deadline: 31-10**



## Doctoral programmes

### Who is entitled to submit an application?

- Universities or non-university research institutes offering a programme which leads to a Master or an equivalent degree
- Institutions providing a doctoral training which, on the French side, is part of an École Doctorale

### Funding period:

5 years, possibility to submit an application to renewal

### Amount of funding:

Infrastructure costs: €20,000/year

Mobility grant during the master programme: €270/month

Mobility grant during the doctoral programme: €600/month

International scholarships for applications which have been evaluated 'excellent': €1,300/month for two doctoral students



## The network of the FGU in the field of research



- 23 Franco-German graduate schools, 8 of them in cooperation with a third country (e.g. Morocco, Ukraine, Switzerland)
- 10 PhD track programmes
- Ca. 150 doctoral students enrolled in a cotutelle-system
- Ca. 80 Scientific events for young researchers (2017)



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