

Doctoral programmes at the Franco-German University (FGU)

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Franco-German University (FGU)

The 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.





Cotutelles de thèse

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.





Cotutelles 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 older than a year.
- Application papers and abstract have to be written in French and German, English is permitted in exceptional cases.

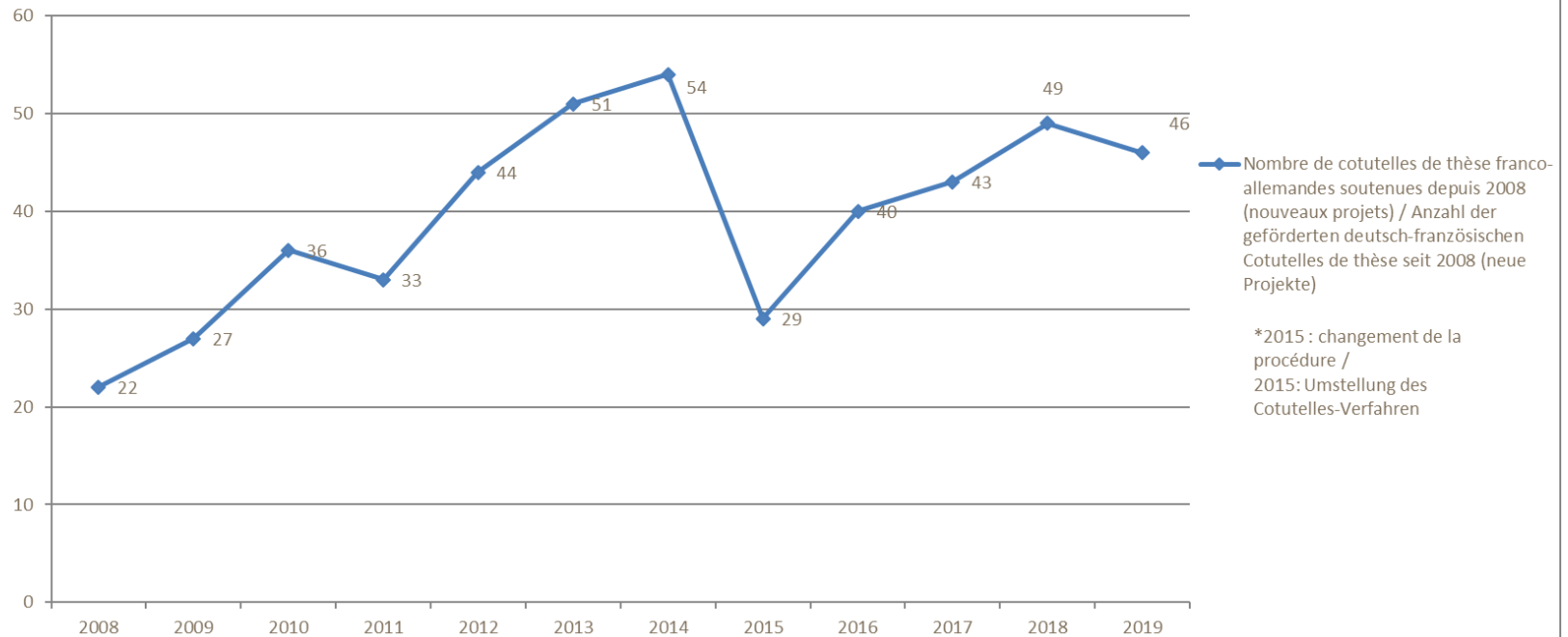
Amount of funding (5,000 €):

- 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.



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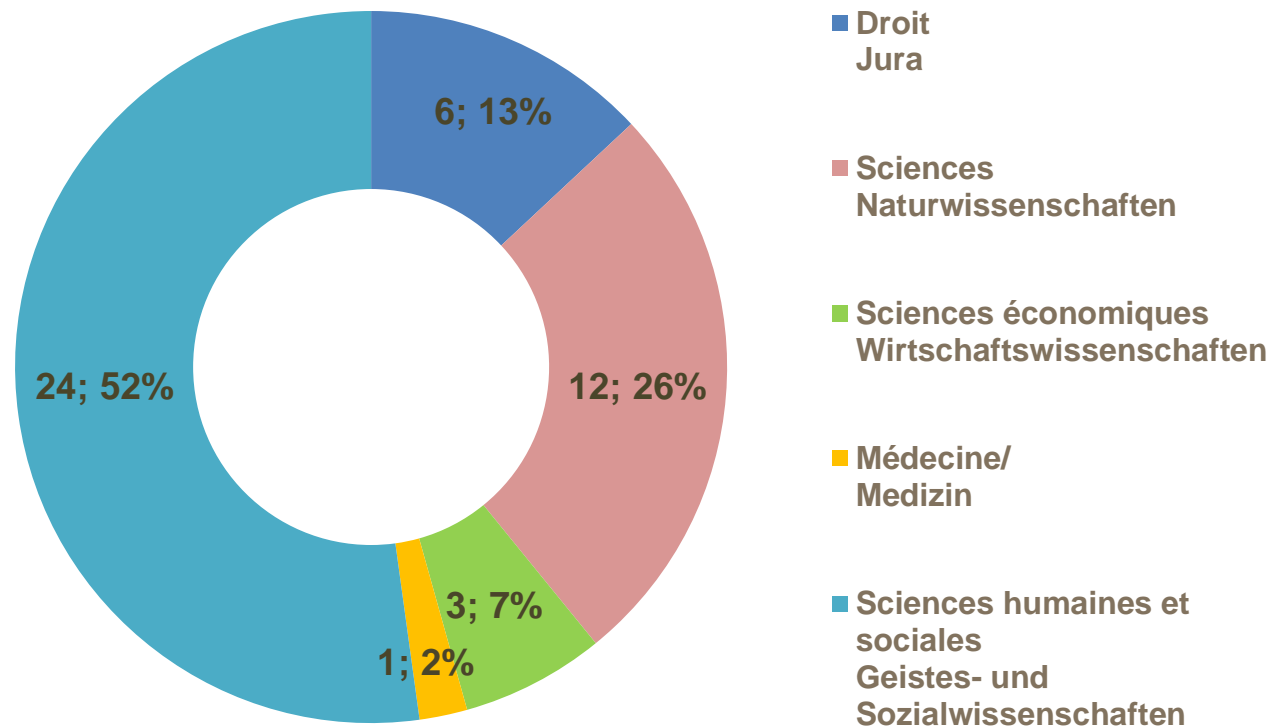
Nombre de cotutelles de thèse franco-allemandes soutenues depuis 2008 (nouveaux projets) / Anzahl der geförderten deutsch-französischen Cotutelles seit 2008 (neue Projekte)





Cotutelles de thèse

2019: 46 Dossiers





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

→ Memorandum of understanding: 15-07

→ Application deadline: 31-10



Franco-German graduate schools

Who is entitled to submit an application?

- German and French professors affiliated to universities and French *Écoles doctorales* and all German institutions offering structured doctoral programmes

Funding period:

- Four years, 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

Thank you very much for your attention!



Any questions?

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