

# Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation

## Support for

# French-Finnish PhD Cotutelles

The annual call of the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation is open to research in the framework of a French-Finnish *PhD cotutelle* in sciences supported by the Foundation: Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry and Medical Chemistry. This opportunity is open to candidates from both Finnish and French institutions.

### PhD cotutelle

*PhD cotutelle* is a mechanism that promotes mobility among PhD candidates while encouraging scientific cooperation between France and Finland. Candidates conduct their research under the oversight of, and with guidance from, a dissertation adviser from each of the two countries. Working jointly, both advisers provide a coordinated supervision for the candidate. The candidate conducts her/his research in the two countries under the terms of the agreement between the two institutions of the candidate.

The rules and procedures are the same as those of the French and Finnish doctoral programmes. The two institutions recognise the validity of the joint supervision and of the degree(s) awarded to successful candidates. The successful candidate may receive:

- A single doctoral degree conferred jointly by the two institutions. The diploma will carry the name of the degree in two languages;
- Two separate degrees, one from each institution. Each diploma will bear the name of the degree issued by the respective institution, will mention that the dissertation has been jointly supervised and will specify the name of the partner institution.

In both cases, the dissertation is defended in just one of the institutions participating in the joint supervision agreement, as determined by the two research advisers.

The *PhD cotutelle* is funded in part by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation: 24 000 euros to the student and 2 000 euros for travel costs per year for three to four years. The extra costs involved for the student when he/she spends time in the French institution is covered with French funding. The grant is awarded always for one year at a time, with the option of renewal upon application for a total of three or four years if the project develops as planned. The terms of the grant will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applications for the next year are open annually from October 15 to November 30. Decisions are expected by mid-February. Applications are made using the grant application system of the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation.

## Application

Instructions for applicants are provided by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation at <https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/en/instructions-for-applicants/>.

In addition:

- Include information about the French institution and supervisor;
- Explain in your research plan the added value of the *PhD cotutelle* for your research and provide a statement on why you are interested in doing a *PhD cotutelle*;
- Include a letter of recommendation from both the Finnish and the French supervisors;
- Show readiness and ability of the French institution to allocate the necessary funds for the collaboration.

The *PhD cotutelle* grantee must during the first year of studies apply for the right to conduct PhD studies also at the respective French institution.

Your application will also be considered for an ordinary graduate student grant if you are not chosen for the *PhD cotutelle*.

Make sure that your application is submitted before the deadline. Just saving your application does not submit it. After saving your work you may always return to it afterwards and continue working on the application up to the deadline. After submitting your application, it is received by the system, and you can no longer make changes to the application.

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