

The PhD cotutelle grant 2020

The PhD cotutelle grant within the framework of the French Maupertuis program.

A fourth joint program within the framework of the Maupertuis program was proposed for 2019, a PhD cotutelle grant in one of the fields of science (Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry and Medical chemistry) supported by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation. A second PhD cotutelle grant will be supported by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation in 2020.

International Cotutelle of thesis

Cotutelle is a mechanism that promotes mobility among doctoral candidates while encouraging scientific cooperation between French and foreign research teams. Candidates conduct their research under the oversight of, and with guidance from, a dissertation adviser from each of the two countries involved in the program. Working jointly, both advisers provide a full measure of supervision for the candidate. The candidate conducts his research in the two countries under the terms of the agreement governing the program. This agreement may introduce more flexibility in the definition of these terms and allows adapting the general framework for each student therefore improving the proper progress of the doctoral studies.

What degree does the graduate receive?

Cotutelle operates under the terms of an agreement between two institutions, one of which must be French. The rules and procedures are the same as those of French doctoral programs and doctoral programs within the foreign university. The two universities recognize the validity of the joint supervision and of the degree awarded to successful candidates —a doctoral degree from the French institution and an equivalent degree from the foreign university. There are two possibilities for the granting of the degree:

–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. (For example, Doctorat en littérature française and PhD in French literature).

–The candidate may receive two separate degrees, one from each institution. In this case, each diploma will bear the name of the degree issued by that institution, will mention that the dissertation has been jointly supervised and will specify the name of the partner university.

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.

How large, for how long, and who can apply?

The program is funded in part by the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation (the grant to the student, 24 000 euros and a contribution towards travel costs, around 2 000 euros) per year for three to four years, for the time it takes to complete the PhD-degree. The extra costs involved for the student, when he/she spends time in the French institution will be covered with French money. 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 program is open to candidates from both Finnish and French universities. Applications for 2020 will be opened on October 15th, 2019. The deadline for applications is November 30th, 2019 with decisions made by mid-February. Applications are made using the grant application system of the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation, https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/en/?noredirect=en_GB.

The terms of the grant will be negotiated with the successful applicant. At this point only one grant in the sciences supported by the Foundation is open for call, but there is the possibility that France might contribute with a second grant.

How is the application done?

The technical part of applying happens as follows. You go to the English language pages of the Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/en/?noredirect=en_GB. You should study the instructions for PhD-students, because they are valid also in the cotutelle case. On most pages there is a login-button to the application system. In this system you will have to create a username and a password for your account. If you do this from the English language pages the instructions and the application forms will be in English. If you use Google to find the web pages, you will probably land on the Finnish language pages, so you will need to change language. There is a button for that in the upper right corner of every page. On the Finnish language pages, you find the text "vaihda kieli", Finnish for "change language". Press that and make your choice. Make sure that your application is submitted before the deadline. It is not enough to save your application. 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.

Your research plan should include a few sentences about the additional benefits of the cotutelle program to your research and a statement on why you are interested in doing the cotutelle. A letter of recommendation from both the Finnish and the French thesis supervisors must be included with the application.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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