

The PhD cotutelle grant

Within the framework of the French [Maupertuis program](#), calls for proposals for 2019 are published on December 5, 2018. The deadline for applications is January 25, 2019 with decisions made by mid-February.

A fourth joint program is 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. Applications are made using the grant application system of the Foundation, <https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/>.

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.