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## Aide Aux Cotutelles Programme

### Objectives

The Aide Aux Cotutelles joint supervision support programme supports the international mobility of doctoral students registered at the University of Avignon as part of a joint supervision. It aims to encourage the establishment of thesis joint supervision by guaranteeing a minimum income for doctoral students during the periods of mobility planned in the context of the joint supervision, and by contributing to travel expenses.

This aid depends on the situation of the doctoral student:

- For doctoral students whose thesis is mainly carried out at University of Avignon: this grant aims to support outgoing mobility to the joint supervision institution;
- For doctoral students whose thesis is mainly done abroad: this grant aims to support incoming mobility to University of Avignon

This support covers a mobility period of between 2 months (minimum) and 12 months (maximum).

### Eligibility criteria

Candidates must be in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of their thesis, and up to date with their registration at University of Avignon. Doctoral students entering their 4th year of study during the mobility period are not eligible.

Eligibility for the programme is extended to 6 years for students doing their doctoral studies part-time.

Only joint supervision doctoral students are concerned: if the joint supervision agreement has not yet been signed, you must at minimum have obtained authorisation for joint supervision registration.

The mobility must last for a period of at least 2 months (cannot be split up) and be of a maximum of 12 months cumulated over the first 36 months of the thesis (can be cut by 2 months).

For 12-month mobilities, the following splits are allowed: 2 x 6 months, 3 x 4 months, 4 x 3 months and 1 x 12 months.

### Resources allocated

The amount of aid granted will depend on the needs expressed in the application. It consists of:

- An amount for travel expenses (one return flight or train), up to a maximum of €1,500 with receipts,

- A monthly allowance of a maximum of €1,230 per month (equivalent to the net minimum wage in France in the year of application). *From this sum, all grants and financial support received by the doctoral student during the current year of mobility must be deducted. For example, an incoming*



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*doctoral student who is already receiving a grant of €800 per month from his/her country of origin may apply for a monthly allowance of up to €430 during his/her stay in France.*

- The maximum amount of support over the 36 months of the thesis is €1500 (travel expenses) + €1230 x 12 (monthly allowance) = €14760

The allowance is paid monthly, except for stays of less than 3 months (single payment on arrival), after receipt by the Research and Innovation Support Department (DARI) of the certificate of reception in the host research institution, signed by the local manager (for outgoing mobility).

The grant can be cumulated with other funding that may be granted to the doctoral student, but these must be explicitly mentioned in the application file.

#### How to submit the application

The Aide Aux Cotutelle programme follows the same schedule as the Perdiguier grants. This is posted on the university's website: <https://univ-avignon.fr/recherche/dispositifs-d-appui-a-la-recherche-et-a-l-innovation/>

The file to be submitted to the Doctoral School must include

- the application form duly completed and signed by the doctoral student, the thesis supervisor and the relevant laboratory director at the UofA;
- proof of scholarships or other financial support already received during the mobility period;

All applications must be submitted at least 2 months before the first mobility.

#### File review

The validation of the support is granted, after study of the application, by a specific committee. This committee is made up of the CED office and a representative from UofA's International Relations Department. It may draw on the advice of experts called upon from time to time.

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