Funding your Ph.D. Thesis

* By getting directly in contact with the relevant Professor (list of research centres and their directors) or going directly onto the websites of the university or doctoral schools, or by approaching public research bodies or even business companies.

* Check current job offers on specialised sites:

L’Intelli’agence® (formerly ABG) at / Emploi / Propositions de thèse (jobs/Ph.D. thesis topic offers)

Euraxess – the site of the European Commission Ph.D. in France

UPPA offers PhD grants with ISITE E2S Project:

https://e2s-uppa.eu/

Other research funding allowances:

Allowances can also be funded from local authority grants, whether from Regional Councils, Departmental Councils or Urban Communities, in the form of a research project submitted by the research centre or host team, as well as annual grant funding from the National Agency for Research (ANR) and other research organisations.

Funding by industrial research contract:

A Ph.D. thesis can also be funded in the form of a research project agreed between the research centre and a business company or private body.

Remuneration will vary depending on the contract agreed with the partner business.

Industrial Agreements for Training by Research (CIFRE)

CIFRE agreements involve 3 partners who commit to a research project: the business company, the young postgraduate and a research centre. Such funds are tied directly to businesses or other bodies (associations, local authorities, NGOs etc.) and are managed
by the National Association for Technical Research (Association nationale de la recherche technique).

http://www.anrt.asso.fr

This type of funding may not allow you to have a teaching activity (e.g. supervisor, substitute teacher or tutor) in parallel with research work. You should find out from the company whether they will agree to offer you the written authorisation required by the pedagogical commissions for any teaching work. A CIFRE agreement also excludes your benefitting from the doctoral student career advice scheme on our training programme.

International funding programmes

* International co-supervisors

The purpose of co-supervised Ph.D. theses is to encourage mobility for French and international students coming from different scientific and cultural backgrounds, and to develop scientific cooperation between French and foreign research teams. Specific student grants are allocated by different bodies depending on the country.

Co-supervised Ph.D. students spend one half of the year in their own university and the other half in the UPPA. For this, they must register in both universities but pay registration fees only once a year in either of the two universities concerned, on condition that they pay at least one year’s registration fees to the UPPA during their three-year Ph.D. training programme. For their Ph.D. degree to be validated, co-supervised students must respect the same regulations as UPPA doctoral students (thesis duration limit, training courses etc).

* Grants from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MAE) and other international programmes:

There are several different programmes which are announced throughout the year in the form of calls for applications on the website of the National Bureau for Research and Validation or DRV (Direction de Recherche et de Valorisation)

Some of these programmes receive supplementary funding from the MAE by means of a CampusFrance agreement:

Before signing, it is important to find out full details of the recruiting requirements, salary and social protection coverage which can vary from one country to another.