

Joint supervision Cotutelles de thèse

Call for applications 2017
Submission deadline
31 March 2017

Funding for travel and
living expenses

Is your PhD project a cotutelle de thèse?

Your PhD project qualifies as a cotutelle de thèse if you are researching and writing your PhD thesis at a Swiss university and a university abroad under the joint supervision of two experts; your doctoral degree will subsequently be awarded by both partner institutions.

A cotutelle de thèse offers the following benefits:

- *guidance of two PhD supervisors, each of whom contributes his/her own specialist knowledge and preferred methodological approaches,*
- *access to structures offered at each university and to local networks – for instance, programmes offered in conjunction with doctoral study,*
- *knowledge of different research, university and academic cultures, and*
- *cultivation of contacts in the academic world of two countries and the resulting advantage on the labour market in both academia and other sectors.*

To cover travel and living expenses incurred in connection with a cotutelle de thèse, the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) grants an allowance of up to CHF 10,000.– for projects that are regulated by a formal agreement between a Swiss university and a partner university in Europe or Israel.

You are eligible if you:

- *are matriculated as a PhD student at a Swiss university,*
- *are a Swiss citizen or hold a residence permit B, C or G,*
- *have studied at least one year at a Swiss university (Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral level), and*
- *are not over the age of 35.*

Further information on eligibility requirements is available via the link on the next page.

Interested in applying?

The two partner universities are responsible for approving your cotutelle de thèse project: please enquire with your PhD supervisors and the office responsible for cotutelles de thèse at your (Swiss) university. The partner universities regulate the modalities (deadlines and scope of responsibilities) of your project in a cooperation agreement. This agreement forms an integral part of your application for funding.

You must submit your application to swissuniversities via the responsible office at the Swiss university by 31 March 2017 at the latest.

Please note that the universities may also set their own deadlines – be sure you hand in all necessary documents on time.

Questions about the programme?

swissuniversities – the Rectors' Conference of Swiss Higher Education Institutions – is responsible for administration of the cotutelle de thèse programme. swissuniversities launches calls for applications, manages the evaluation process and communicates decisions.

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<https://www.swissuniversities.ch/en/topics/promotion-of-young-talent/cotuelles-de-these/>

You can download the documents for the application period 2017 at our website, where you will also find information about contact persons at the participating universities.

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The call for applications is open to cotutelle de thèse projects with partner universities in the Bologna Area as well as with partner universities in Israel.

