

Funding programmes for researchers – doctoral programmes, international mobility, networking



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Mission of the FGU



“ Broadening horizons and promoting academic excellence”

The Franco-German University (FGU)

- is a network of affiliated member universities from France and Germany. Its administration is based in Saarbrücken.
- was founded as an international institution by means of an intergovernmental agreement (the Weimar Agreement) in 1997.
- provides expert guidance on Franco-German university relations with the aim of enhancing university and research cooperation between the two countries.



The FGU support instruments



Doctoral programmes

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researchers

Cotutelle de thèse

Franco-German
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Doctoral programmes



In order to promote cooperation in the field of Franco-German research, the FGU supports graduate schools in all academic disciplines



Doctoral programmes



„Cotutelle de thèse“

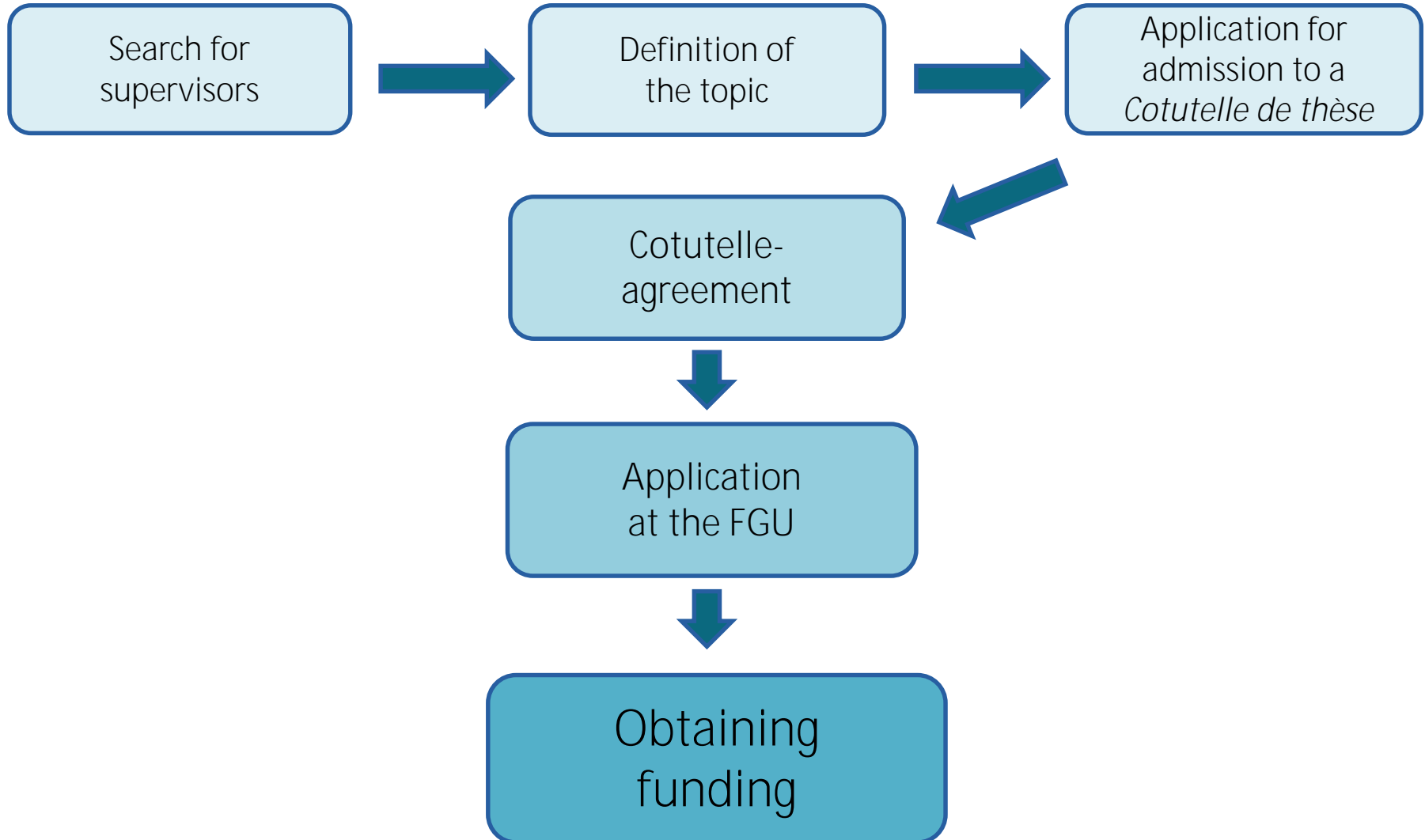
Agreement on the binational joint supervision of a doctoral thesis (1997)

A Franco-German system allows doctoral students to write their dissertation under the supervision of at least one professor in Germany and another in France.

Doctoral students are awarded a doctoral degree from both institutions after passing the joint defence.



Procedure of a *Cotutelle*





Doctoral programmes



Cotutelle de thèse:
Financial support by the FGU

Since 01-01-2015, the funding has been restructured.
Doctoral students now additionally benefit from:

1. Financial assistance for additional charges of the doctoral student
2. Refund of travel and accommodation expenses in the context of the joint defence



Call for applications:

- As soon as the agreement is signed by both institutions, it has to be handed in. The last signature of the agreement must not be older than a year.
- Application papers and abstract have to be written in French and German, English is permitted in exceptional cases.

Amount of funding:

- 1) Up to €4,000 to cover additional expenses during doctoral studies
 - Payment in two tranches: €2,000 at the beginning of the funding; €2,000 when the date for the joint defence is fixed (usually 3 years later)
- 2) Up to €1,000 to cover the costs of the joint defence
Refund of expenses up to two months after defence based on valid documentation
The doctoral student has

Doctoral programmes



Networking opportunities



Scientific events for young researchers
(workshops, summer schools)

Aims:

- to create networks
- to provide a venue for high-level academic discourse based



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Parties entitled to submit an application:

- German and French universities as well



Academic Encounters and Exchanges



The Academic Encounters and Exchanges are used as a basis for organising and holding meetings between partner universities and for supporting the development of new degree and research programmes.

The funding covers travel and accommodation expenses.

Academic Encounters



The network of the FGU in the field of research



PhD-Track-Programme

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