

Choosing and Financing your Thesis

Determining your thesis topic

Prospective doctoral students have two options concerning their thesis subject. They can either choose a subject among those proposed by the research units, or propose their own subject.

The Theses Platform in Brittany Loire references all offers of theses proposed. Thesis supervisors can propose a potential thesis, associated with funding, to which future PhD students can apply. Those who already have a research project must target the research units concerned by the subject and contact the teacher-researchers and researchers who might be interested, in order to find a framework.

Financing your thesis

There are several ways to finance your thesis. The university of course recruits doctoral students, but it is also possible to find funding from other research organizations, local authorities, foundations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and associations.

Doctoral contract of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research: the doctoral student receives for three years a minimum remuneration, indexed to the evolution of remuneration of the civil service. Since 1 July 2010, it amounts to 1684.93 euros gross monthly for a research activity alone and 2024.70 euros gross monthly in case of complementary activities.

Doctoral contract financed by the Brittany Region: the remuneration amounts to 1727 euros gross monthly for three years. To apply, you must have a specific project.