HOW TO APPLY
Prior to your application, you must:
• hold a Master’s degree or equivalent demonstrating your ability to conduct research
• have identified a thesis supervisor and a thesis theme in one of the research laboratories of the Université de Lyon
• have obtained funding (or have applied for a doctoral contract or an association (doctors or research organizations) and the PhD student.

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The thesis charter of the Université de Lyon:
At time of application, you are required to carry out two separate registrations, each year:
• A “course registration” at a doctoral school
• An “administrative registration” at the institution of your choice (or research organization) and the PhD student.

Specific funding is available (joint degree scholarship, mobility scholarship)
• For further information, please contact the department of Doctoral Studies at the Université de Lyon

HOW TO FINANCE YOUR PHD DEGREE
These funding by discipline (2016 figures exclusive of doctoral contracts, other paid activities are not included):

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Several types of funding are available, in some cases, your registration is determined by your having obtained sufficient funding to complete all three years of your doctoral training.

Doctoral contracts (funded by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research)
• All PhD students enrolled in the two research laboratories under the responsibility of two institutions and conduct their research alternatively in the two research laboratories, under the responsibility of two supervisors.

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Scholarships from foundations and associations
• These scholarships are open to all PhD students, and are awarded without competition.

Contact:
• For further information, please visit the websites of the doctoral schools and research units.

To obtain funding, you must:
• Have identified a thesis supervisor and a thesis theme in one research laboratory.
• Have obtained a Master’s degree or equivalent demonstrating your ability to conduct research
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The training course catalog (French catalog) contains a wide variety of courses. Some of these courses include entrepreneurship, intellectual property, job search skills, scientific communication, knowledge management, and corporate culture.

French courses are available to non-French language students, and these courses are also available to international students.

The employability of PhD students is significant in the Université de Lyon. Therefore, the Université de Lyon provides you with opportunities to enhance your employability. For example, you will be asked to participate in a variety of professional development events, both as part of your dissertation and as career job interviews.

The Université de Lyon offers a variety of programs and courses to prepare you for your professional development, including courses in project management, teamworking, corporate knowledge, intellectual property, job-search skills, scientific communication, and French courses.

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**What PhD graduates say**

- When asked “Would you do it again?” 82% of PhD graduates answer “yes”.

- 2015, 93% of graduates who obtained their PhD in 2013, and 93% of PhD graduates in exact sciences, life sciences, and human and social sciences.

**PhD students’ employability**

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- There are opportunities for you to enhance your employability. For example, you will be asked to participate in a variety of professional development events, both as part of your dissertation and as career job interviews.

- Each year, there are opportunities to conduct research in different fields of interest. PhD students were interviewed after graduation to see if their research was relevant to their professional development.