

RENNES METROPOLE
MOBILITY GRANTS FOR 'INCOMING'
FOREIGN PhD STUDENTS

Call for Proposals For foreign PhD students starting a program in Rennes area
between January and August 2017

Objective: To assert itself as an enterprising and innovative metropolis, with increasing international visibility and influence, Rennes Métropole supports the development, on its territory, of a first-class and highly internationalized higher-education and research sector. This is the reason why Rennes Métropole sides with the universities, schools and laboratories and their research teams to enhance their scientific collaborations and international recognition. To pursue this objective, the metropolitan administration offers a mobility grant measure to doctoral students.

The grant applications will thus be analyzed regarding the benefit of the stay in terms of enhancement of scientific co-operations between the partner organisms and their research departments. A particular attention is brought to the resources of the PhD student for the realization of its thesis(theory). It can take the form of supervised doctoral studies periods (co-supervision, co-management,...) or free stays ; of beginning or well established partnerships ; of a stay presenting an interest for the development or the strengthening of an organism's specific research area ; or of a stay having a benefit for the international collaborations of the university/school/research laboratory.

Description of the measure: Rennes Métropole grants mobility subsidies up to 800 € per month to international doctoral students for minimum 3-month lasting stays within a university, school or research organism in Rennes. A ceiling of 4 800 € maximum is set to these grants. The grant of Rennes Metropole should be used to cover expenses relating to the doctoral student's stay out of her/his usual residence. It will be paid upon the arrival of the PhD student in the laboratory on production of a certificate of arrival and, for non EU students, of a synthetic filled form precising the conditions of her/his stay (visa, exchange agreement, co-supervision, social welfare).

Eligibility criteria:

- Be enrolled on a doctoral program in a foreign research laboratory
- Participate in a placement of at least 3 months in a research institution in the Rennes area as part of the thesis.
- Hold a letter of invitation from the host team
- Begin the stay in the laboratory in Rennes between January and August 2017

Supporting documents:

Standard file including:

- The filled in standard file
- A CV and cover letter
- A letter from the Rennes welcome team setting out the placement conditions and duration
- A partnership agreement, if necessary
- Copy of the candidate's bank details

The application forms including a recommendation from the "doctoral school" director of Rennes are to be transmitted to Rennes Metropole, up to 5 forms per "doctoral school".

The application must be completed in French
To be submitted no later than September 16th, 2016
to the Secretariats offices of the Doctoral schools
VAS, SDLM, MATISSE & SHOS

Applicants will be notified of the decision on november 2016.