



Looking for a PhD thesis in chemistry in Université Paris Sud

The first step to register as a PhD student is to obtain the agreement of a thesis adviser and of the director of his/her laboratory. The list of the laboratories linked to the doctoral school of chemistry (ED470) may be found at the following address:

<http://www.ed-chimie.u-psud.fr/spip.php?rubrique14>

By consulting the web sites of the laboratories, the applicant may find a research group to contact. It is useful to join a detailed CV and a motivation letter, justifying the choice of the group, to the initial request.

Among the conditions required to obtain these preliminary agreements, an important one is that concerning the financial support received by the doctoral student during the preparation of his/her thesis. This support must be guaranteed for at least **36 months** with a minimum amount of **1100 euros per month**.

There are several ways to get such a financial support. It may come from industrial contracts, international cooperation agreements, regional fundings, from a scientific organization such as the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), or from our University.

Each year, our University attributes about 20 doctoral contracts for the preparation of a thesis in chemistry. The application period generally takes place in March and April and is announced on the ED web site. All the candidates have to make an oral presentation of their previous work and their project near the end of May. The preparation of the thesis starts in October.

When his/her thesis project has received the above mentioned agreements and the required financial support, the student has to start the administrative registration with Université Paris Sud. Several forms must be filled; they can be downloaded from the Faculté des Sciences web site:

http://www.sciences.u-psud.fr/fr/recherche/ecoles_doctorales/premiere-inscription-en-doctorat.html

Some of these forms must be signed by several people in the following order: the thesis adviser, the laboratory director, the thesis councillor and the ED director. To obtain the signature of the thesis councillor and the ED director a detailed thesis project (2 to 3 pages including a short bibliography) must be presented. As mentioned in the doctorate charter, it must describe the state of the art, the scientific objectives, the experimental or theoretical tools which will be used and their availability, the possible external collaborations, the main steps (milestones) of the work and the competences which will be acquired by the PhD student.

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Note: most administrative forms are in French, ask your thesis adviser when you need some help to fulfill them.