

BILL OF SPECIFICATIONS

EU GREEN specific Doctoral Allowances



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY:
RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT



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Introduction

Since 2022, the University of Angers is an active member of EU GREEN, an alliance of European universities composed of:

- [The University of Parma, Italy](#)
- [The university of Oradea, Romania](#)
- [The University Otto von Guericke Magdeburg, Germany](#)
- [The University of Gävle, Sweden,](#)
- [The University of Evora, Portugal](#)
- [The University of Extramadura, Spain](#)
- [The Atlantic Technological Institute, Ireland](#)
- [The University of Environmental Sciences and Life Wroclaw, Poland.](#)

In order to stimulate scientific collaborations between the universities of EU GREEN, the University of Angers launches a call to fund PhD scholarships in standard PhD with co-supervisors (French "co-direction") between the university of Angers and one or more member(s) of the alliance (the creation of a co-tutelle convention will be encouraged)

Context and objectives

> What is EU GREEN ?

EU GREEN is an alliance of 9 European public universities of medium size that gathered their strengths to place sustainability and the [Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations](#) at the heart of the major missions of universities: education, research, innovation and services to society.

As a laureate of a call from the European Commission, the alliance EU GREEN has four years (from 2023 to 2026) to experiment with several forms of reinforced cooperation. The tasks have been divided in several work packages: education, research, innovation, campus life, engagement with society, communication, etc. The University of Angers leads the work package dedicated to research, and therefore leads several tasks that aim at developing collaboration between our universities in the field of research. The Work Package Research is composed of different thematical clusters, meaning groups of researchers working on developing research collaboration through specific research projects:

- Cluster 1 - Emerging paradigm for health and well-being
- Cluster 2 - Agriculture, food and environmental sustainability
- Cluster 3 - Engineering and technology for sustainable development
- Cluster 4 - Sustainable tourism for cultural and natural heritage
- Cluster 5 - Education sciences for sustainable development
- Cluster 6 - Challenges in ecosystem biodiversity and function

A more precise definition of the scientific scope of the clusters is available [here](#).

In addition to the European Commission call, the university of Angers raised complementary funds through the ANR (French National Agency of Research Support) within the France 2030 program. This allows a co-funding for this PhD funding, and to develop collaboration between our universities.

> **Goals**

In 2024, the equivalent of four doctoral contracts full time (8 half-thesis) will be financed as followed:

- Either a 100% funding through this plan in that case the student is enrolled at UA;
- Either a 50% funding through this plan+ a co-funding brought by the director of thesis (external co-funding, partner research unit's funding, EU GREEN partners etc.) in that case the student is enrolled 50% of the time at UA.

The environment expenses can be financed (including, if necessary, the mobility expenses of the people implicated in the thesis and a research master internship).

The projects shall be codirection theses between the university of Angers and at least one partner from EU GREEN. UA will only finance the part of the PhD spent in UA, when the PhD student is enrolled at UA. The theses' topics must belong to the scope of at least one of the 6 EU GREEN clusters.

For projects with Germany or Italy, co-funding might be found here:

- for co-tutelle PhDs between France and Germany cf. <https://www.dfh-ufa.org/fr/recherche/cotutelle-de-these/>
- For co-tutelle PhDs between France and Italy cf. <http://www.universite-franco-italienne.org/appel+a+projets-fr-19-programme+vinci.html>

In the case of a co-tutelle PhD:

The PhD student shall be enrolled in both universities and will pay his enrolment fees in the university mentioned in the convention. For the University of Angers, the PhD student will have to register every year at the beginning of the school year, even if their enrolment fees are paid to the other university. The PhD student will have to renew their inscription every year, even if the enrolment fees are paid to the other university. The PhD student shall send a copy of their enrolment certificate from the other university to the University of Angers.

[Read the note on co-tutelles \(in French\).](#)

Eligibility of the project :

- Relevance to the project EU GREEN (links between the thesis topic and one of the 6 research clusters and the UN's SDGs).
- Joint supervision is suggested: one of the supervisors has to come from the University of Angers and at least one co-supervisor must come from another EU GREEN university. The quality of the supervision will also be evaluated. The rules of the doctoral schools regarding the maximum number of supervisions will be taken into account.
- The thesis supervisor from the University of Angers will be accredited to supervise research (French *HDR*, *habilitation à diriger des recherches*)

- The detailed opinion of both research unit directors is mandatory and shall be attached to the project.

The projects that will not comply with these conditions will not be assessed.

Commitments of the participants to the project:

- The PhD student commits to spend between 12 and 18 months in the partner country.
- In the event of a co-direction (not including co-tutelle), mobility of the PhD student towards the EU GREEN partner is mandatory. The length of the mobility shall be coherent with the project and will be specified in the project description.
- All the publications that will stem from the thesis works will be published according to the Open Access policy.
- The recruitment of PhD students shall conform to the French legislation and the HR4SR label with a call for candidates widely open on Euraxess. The selection jury shall include at least one member of the relevant doctoral school's bureau. The selected candidate shall not necessarily come from an EU GREEN university, but this type of application will be encouraged.

Evaluation criteria of the projects:

The applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Quality of the proposed research project (7 points):

- relevance regarding the field(s),
- topicality et originality,
- appropriate methods, feasibility,

2. Proposed supervision (6 points):

- CVs of the co-supervisors
- Organization of the co-supervision

3. A particular attention will be given to projects with co-funding (5 points).

4. A particular attention will be given to the valorisation of research works, especially to the PhD student's commitment to actions towards society (2 points).

The project will be evaluated out of 20 points with a threshold at 12 points. In case of a tie, the projects that aim at developing long-term collaboration between the EU GREEN research units will be prioritized.

Application evaluation

Dissemination of the call	September 13th 2023
End of the application period*	November 27th 2023
Evaluation by the <i>ad hoc</i> selection commission	January 2024

Information to the Research Commission	January 2024
Notifications to the laureates	February 2024
Recruitment of the PhD candidates	Between February and September 2024
Start of the thesis	Beginning of the academic year 2024 at the latest

* Only the applications that have been sent on time will be reviewed.

The *ad hoc* selection committee will be composed of the vice rectors for research, the vice rector for international, the directors of the SFR (*federative structures for research*), the deputy director, the director of the UA doctoral school, the UA referents from each EU GREEN relevant cluster(s)¹, the director of the research department, the director of the international department and the WP3 leader and coordinator.

A second call might be launched later in the year.

Procedure

The full application file must include the following elements:

- The application form (below)
- The detailed opinion of the research unit director from the university of Angers
- The detailed opinion of the EU GREEN research unit director (or their counterpart)
- In case of co-funding, the agreement and its length and sum of the co-funding.
- Description of the thesis topic (max. 3 pages in PDF) matching the criteria mentioned above.
- Provisional planning of the thesis (in PDF) and the provisional planning of the thesis and conditions of organisation of the codirection or cotutelle thesis with the partner (PDF)
- The co-supervisors' CVs.

The file shall be filled in French [through this online form](#) **before November 27th, 2 pm (Paris time)**. The detailed opinion of the EU GREEN research unit director can be in English.

The UA research unit director will receive the application by email for validation, and they will have to press "validate" at the bottom of the form if the research unit approves this application (**before November 27th, 2 pm (Paris time)**)

The UA research unit director will then have to send their detailed opinion by email at eugreenwp3@univ-angers.fr **before December 22nd, 2 pm (Paris time)**.

The EU GREEN research unit director's detailed opinion can be uploaded in the online form **before November 27th, 8 pm (Paris time)** or by email **after this date** at eugreenwp3@univ-angers.fr before **December 22nd, 2 pm (Paris time)**.

Reporting

- The reports from the CSI (French "comité de suivi individuel", a PhD committee for individual follow-up) shall be provided before the yearly enrolment.

¹ Except if this presents a conflict of interest

APPLICATION FORM

TO BE FILLED ONLINE

Please, note that the table below is for information purposes only. The applications must be sent via the online form.

Information – UA co-supervisor	
Name and surname of the person who will lead the project – thesis co-supervisor (UA)	
Email of the person who will lead the project – thesis co-supervisor (UA)	
CV of the thesis supervisor (UA)	
Research unit (UA)	
Number of theses currently supervised by of the person who will lead the project – thesis supervisor (UA) and start date	
Send the UA research unit director's detailed opinion by email at eugreenwp3@univ-angers.fr before December 22nd, 2 pm (Paris time).	
Information – EU GREEN co-supervisor	
Name and surname of the person who will lead the project – thesis supervisor (EU GREEN partner)	
Email address from the thesis supervisor (EU GREEN)	
CV of the thesis supervisor (EU GREEN)	
University of the EU GREEN partner thesis supervisor (EU GREEN)	
Name of the research unit of the supervisor (EU GREEN partner)	
Name and first name of the director of EU GREEN partner research unit	
Email address of the director of EU GREEN partner research unit	
Send the EU GREEN research unit director's detailed opinion through this form until Nov, 27th (8pm Paris time) or by email at eugreenwp3@univ-angers.fr before December 22nd, 2 pm (Paris time).	
Information regarding the thesis	
Thesis topic	
Doctoral school of the thesis	

EU GREEN clusters relevant for the project -list of the clusters available here	
Sustainable development goals relevant to the project	
How does the proposed project match EU GREEN's strategy and the SGDs? (2000 signs max.)	
Join a PDF describing the thesis topic (maximum 2 pages)	
Join a PDF of the provisional planning of the thesis	
Budget	
Detail the expenses linked to the work and environment (nature and amount) of the PhD student and the funding	
Required funding for the doctoral allowance: either 50% or 100%	
Do you have an acquired co-funding? If you do, please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The name of the funding entity and the acronym of the project - The amount of the cofunding in euros (the only co-funding will be taken into account 57 000 € for 36 months of thesis) - Please attach the acceptance notice from the financing entity or the promissory note from the financing entity - name and email address of the dedicated person within the EU GREEN partner that will deal with the funding aspect 	
Do you have pending applications for co-funding? If so, please detail the names of the funding entity.ies that was/were solicited	
Other	
If relevant, name the other institution(s) involved in the thesis:	
Does your project require the opinion of the ethic committee of the COMUE Angers-Le Mans? <i>For more information, you can refer to their website: Link or write them an email at info-comite.ethique.recherche@contact.univ-angers.fr</i>	