



Financial Support for the Travel of International Members of PhD Thesis Examination Committees

Regulations

The VAAME Doctoral School aims to promote the international openness of its doctoral candidates. To this end, in addition to its annual call for applications for **International Mobility Grants for Doctoral Candidates**, it provides financial support for the in-person participation of international members in PhD thesis examination committees, subject to the available budget (10 grants available in 2026).

1. Purpose of the financial support

The financial support is intended to contribute to the travel expenses incurred by an international researcher travelling from abroad to participate in a PhD thesis defense examination committee in person.

2. Terms and amount of the financial support

The PhD supervisor shall submit the application to the Director of the VAAME Doctoral School using the attached application form. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the decision communicated to the PhD supervisor.

Subject to the prior approval of the composition of the examination committee by the Director of the VAAME Doctoral School, a contribution of **€250** will be transferred by the VAAME Doctoral School Financial Office of the University of Angers to the institution to which the applicant laboratory is affiliated.

The laboratory will be responsible for recovering these funds from its institution and allocating them to the budget of the research team that submitted the application.

For laboratories operating under a **delegated management agreement (DGG)** with INRAE, a reimbursement agreement has been established between the University of Angers and INRAE. In this case, INRAE will transfer the funds directly to the laboratories concerned.

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Director of the VAAME Doctoral School

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