

Center for Doctoral Studies (CED)  
Doctoral School in Sciences, Engineering, Environment (SIE - ED 634)  
Doctoral School on Cultures, Societies, Territories (CST - ED 633)

# Université Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB) / France

# General information on starting a PhD

## Access conditions:

- ✓ Master's degree or equivalent
- ✓ Approval of the project by the supervisor(s), the research lab., the doctoral school
- ✓ Material conditions (funding, job...)

Duration: 3 years (full time) or 6 years (part time)

## Is the doctoral training compulsory?

**Yes** - at least **120 hours** of training







(provided or approved by USMB / wide choice, flexibility including online training)

- *Disciplinary/Scientific training*
- *Ethics and scientific integrity*
- *Professional training*
- *Soft Skills training*

Fields Covered: All fields except medicine

## More precisely (fields covered by the two doctoral schools):

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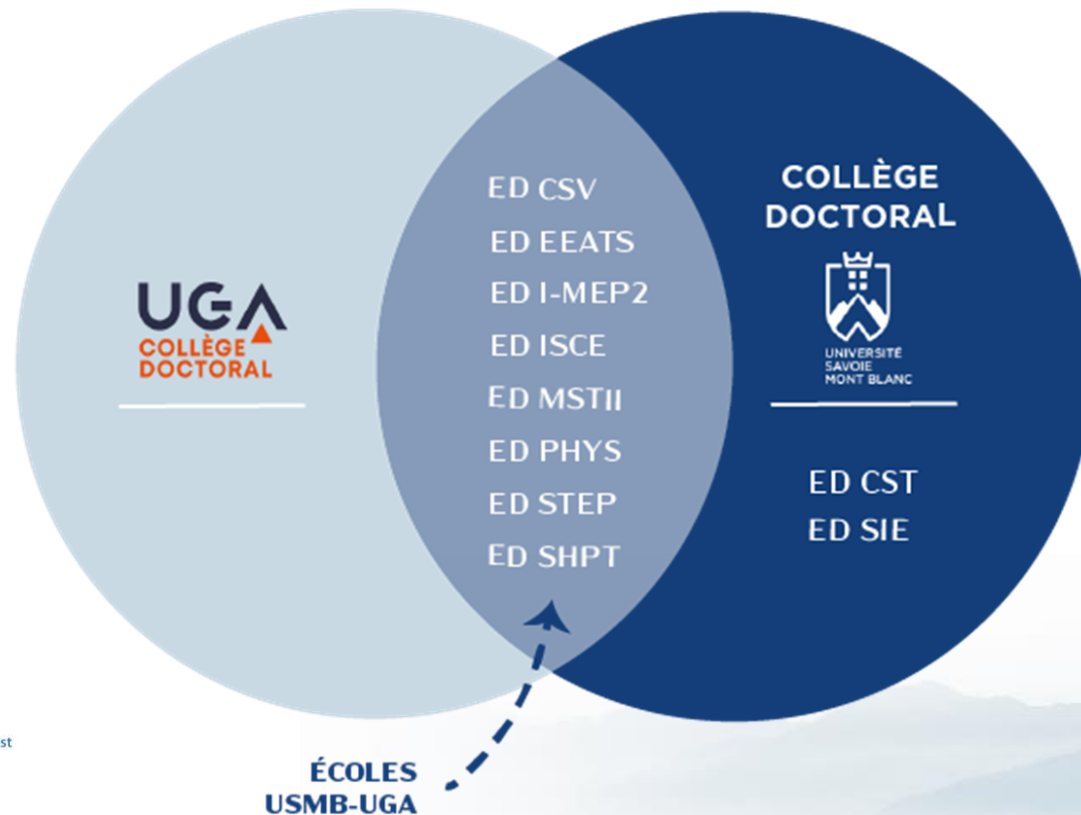
					
Biomechanic	Mecatronics	Energy and buildings	Limnology Ecology Biogeochemistry	IT, AI, systems and networks	Geosciences Geography Chemistry

### Doctoral School on Cultures, Societies, Territories (CST - ED 633)

			
Law	Economics & Management	Literature & languages	Environment, territories, mountains

# Other PhD opportunities at the USMB

- 8 Doctoral Schools coaccredited with UGA (Grenoble)



✓ Fields concerned in connection with USMB laboratories and research teams

- Physics
- Mathematics
- Materials
- Electronics/Photonics
- Psychology
- Ecology



# How a programme is run: Guidance

## Thesis supervisor:

- ✓ 1 main **supervisor**, responsible for the PhD project
- ✓ + possibly 1 **co-supervisor**
- ✓ For PhDs with a partner from the **socio-economic** world:  
+ possibly 2 **co-supervisors**
- (Co)-supervisors: full professors or with research habilitation (French HdR) or authorized by USMB's Research Council

## Thesis commission:

After 6 and 18 months: PhD monitoring committees

Individual training plan at the beginning of the first year

# How a programme is run: Funding

Level of salaries for PhD students with a doctoral contract (Fr legislation):

Monthly salary before taxes:

1 866 € in September 2021 (~ 1380 € after taxes)

1 975 € in September 2022 (~ 1460 € after taxes)

Level of scholarships

Minimal monthly amount (USMB): 900€

Doctoral contracts or other three-year contracts (15 Feb 2022)

- DS SIE : 54 over 103 PhD students, among which 9 private contracts
- DS CST : 22 over 103 PhD students, among which 8 private contracts
- Other DS: 40 over 275 PhD students USMB

# How a programme is run: Conditions for the defence

Publications: not required

## Defence:

- ✓ Mandatory in France
- ✓ **Authorization of the defence** based on 2 reports from external reviewers (full professors or with research habilitation) accredited by the doctoral school.
- ✓ **Jury:** 4 to 8 members, 50% full professors or with research habilitation, 50% from outside USMB, gender parity
- ✓ Public **defence** by the PhD candidate:
- ✓ Presentation by the candidate (~ 45 min) and Questions from the jury and discussion

## Participation in regular doctoral seminars?

Should be Part of the 120H of doctoral training