Do you or your supervisor cooperate with scientists at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg and are you organizing a research stay at FAU? Are you a doctoral candidate at FAU and are you planning to spend some time at a university outside Germany? You may be interested in a

**Binational doctoral degree (Cotutelle de thèse) at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg**

**Basic idea**
- One doctoral project carried out at two institutions in two countries
- One doctoral thesis and one oral examination by a joint examining committee
- One joint doctoral degree with entitlement to use the respective doctoral degree in each respective country (e.g. Dr.-Ing. in Germany and “Docteur” in France)
- Regulations are laid down in an individual agreement between the two partner universities

**Important aspects**
- Doctoral candidate must be eligible to pursue a doctoral degree at the relevant Faculty at FAU and at the partner university.
- At least one year of research at each university.
- Written and oral examinations take place at one university with a balanced committee from both universities.
- Grading according to the regulations of both institutions.
- Supervisors provide or acquire necessary financial means to cover all costs resulting from the joint supervision as well as the joint examination. Additional individual costs are covered by the candidate.
- One joint certificate or two certificates explicitly stating that each is only valid in combination with its counterpart from the partner university.

**Questions?**

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