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Session VI- Program Testimonials II
Enrolling a Ph.D. program in France: testimonial from Université Paris Descartes

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Background information

- Currently enrolled at Université Paris Descartes [http://www.parisdescartes.fr/eng](http://www.parisdescartes.fr/eng)
- Lab: Centre Population et Développement (CEPED) [www.cephed.org](http://www.cephed.org)
- Discipline: Demography- Team 2: International migrations and social dynamics
- Thesis: Determinants of the international migration of the highly skilled
- advisor: Christophe Z. GUILMOTO

Selecting the university

- Meet my needs in terms of education and teaching program, because
  - The world today emphasizes evidence based decision-making, (facts, indicators, methods, techniques…)
  - There is high competitiveness at different levels and areas among universities, (several teaching programs, international programs ,free, paid, new teaching methods, mutli-language…)
  - Research is developing fast (growing numbers of labs, research procedures, several domains…)
  - Few opportunities in Lebanon for migration studies
Ph.D. enrollment procedures in France

2 phases

Technical phase

Administrative phase

Ph.D. enrollment procedures in France

Technical phase

Find an advisor
Papers, research topics, current work and previous experience

Find a lab
Demography, International migration, quantitative approach

Find a university
French education system, Paris, accepting international students..
Ph.D. enrollment procedures in France (ctnd)

- **Technical phase**
  - Find an advisor
  - Find a lab
  - Find a university

- **Administrative phase**
  - Fill in the file and submit it to the secretariat of the university
  - Pay the fees

The day to day Ph.D.

The university offers:

- Courses, seminars and conferences at the university, in other French or European universities (discipline related courses: statistics, survey techniques, cross cutting courses: endnote, general courses: languages...)
- Full access to libraries (on campus, different sites, online, other partner institutes)
- Guidance and guidelines to draft, write, submit documents, the thesis...
- Job/ post doc/ research/opportunities scholarships...
- Finances a part of your research, conference fees
- Cultural events/ occasions/ competitions/ social media...
The day to day Ph.D. (Ctnd)

The Lab offers:

- Regular follow up with the advisor
- Access to documentation and researches, papers and publications...
- Network of researchers, specialists in the field of studies
- Job/post doc/research/opportunities scholarships...
- Finances a part of your research, conference fees, fieldwork, travel and missions

The candidate have to:

- Attend seminars, courses, trainings, seminaires des doctorants, conferences at the university, French conferences, European conferences, international conferences..
- In the second year: “Comité de suivi de thèse” defense!
- The Ph.D. can be completed in 2 years. (up to 4-5 years, special derogation is needed)
- Submit work to the advisor
- Writing papers and publications, is a must!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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