

The status of PhD Candidates in relation to their funding

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Introduction



Financing from external funds
Work Doctoral fellowship
Contract

Standard Budget
Assistant contract

FNRS

Financing from external funds

Doctoral fellowship



- ▲ Not a work contract
 - ▲ Tax exempt
 - ▲ Subject to Belgian social security
 - ▲ Doctoral thesis
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Financing from external funds

Doctoral fellowship



- ▲ A maximum period of 48 months
 - ▲ A minimum period of 12 months
renewable
 - ▲ Full time
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A guide to help you

A guide to doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships
English version

[Fellowships_guide.pdf](#)

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Financing from external funds

Work contract



- ▲ Law of 3 July 1978 / subordinate relationship with the University
 - ▲ No tax exempt
 - ▲ Subject to Belgian social security
 - ▲ Doctoral thesis possible
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Financing from external funds

Work contract



- ▲ Fixed-term/ Permanent
 - ▲ Minimum one-third time
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Standard Budget

Assistant scientific staff



Duration

- ▲ First term 2 years
 - ▲ 2 additional 2-year terms can be authorized (2 years each)
 - ▲ Additional year (exceptional renewal)
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Standard Budget

Assistant scientific staff



Workload

- ▲ 900 hours research that must result in a PHD
 - ▲ Max 300 hours of classroom interaction with the students
 - ▲ Max 600 hours of course preparation and exam corrections...
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Standard Budget

Assistant scientific staff



Terms

- ▲ Full time or half time options
 - ▲ Half time assistants: no additional position (within the university)
 - ▲ PhD award: implications:
 - Salary
 - No renewal
 - Post Doc position
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Standard Budget

Assistant scientific staff



Useful link

[Texte coordonné des dispositions relatives à la carrière du corps scientifique et du corps académique - Portail du personnel de l'ULB](#)

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▲ FNRS/ member of the university
community

▲ Useful links:

- <https://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/documents-utiles-rh>
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