

The Association of Ph.D. Graduates

In January 2013, the Confederation of Junior Researchers (CJC) and National Association of Ph.D. Graduates (ANDES) launched their “*Doctorat à la loupe*” (or “Ph.D. under the microscope”), an online monthly publication of files to download, aiming to assist the different actors involved and disseminate best practices at each stage of the doctoral process. These files may interest doctoral students and researchers qualified to supervise Doctoral School research. See the Internet site of “Doctorat à la Loupe” : <http://cjc.jeunes-chercheurs.org/doctorat-a-la-loupe>

Association of Ph.D. graduates of the UPPA (ADUPPA)

The Association of Ph.D. Graduates of the Université of Pau and Adour Area (ADUPPA) was first officially set up in 2014, on the initiative of a small group of volunteer Science Ph.D. graduates of the UPPA. It is open to all Ph.D. graduates of the university, whether they come from the hard Sciences or from the Social and Human Sciences, and whatever the sector they are active in, public or private, industry, teaching or research, or whether they have now retired.

The twin aims of the association are :

1. To offer support to young doctoral students and facilitate their gaining access to the workplace by sharing the experience of their elders,
2. To create a point of reference allowing Ph.D. graduates to remain in touch with each other and with their university all through their careers,
3. To encourage the sharing of experience and information by means of all communication methods,
4. To build a true spirit of community and solidarity, with a common pride of the kind observed in most of the renowned French “grandes écoles”.

Over the last two years, we have already been able to organise “Question & answer” forums addressing Ph.D. students; we have also taken active part in the university’s “Career Access Support Open Days” and are regularly invited to attend Doctoral School meetings. We have now also started to organise “coaching” and mentors especially for Ph.D. students. Our Internet site (<http://aduppa.univ-pau.fr>) will continue to be developed to improve communication between doctoral students and enable the association to be better known outside the university. We will be working to further expand our activities with plans to organise site visits and theme conferences attended by new members now active in the workplace, as well as examining the feasibility of practice sessions for job interviews.