



Projet « Compétences et Métiers d'Avenir » QuanTEdu-France

2026 Call – « PhD fellowship »

Context and objectives

The Institute for Quantum Technologies in Occitanie brings together all the Occitan key-players in the field, including academic research institutions but also private companies. It aims at fostering knowledge sharing and scientific excellence in this research field, strengthening research transfer and preparing students and engineers around quantum technologies.

The Institute for Quantum Technologies in Occitanie, through the Montpellier University, the INSA Toulouse and Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, participates in the QuanTEdu-France project within the framework of the National Strategy on Quantum Technologies. This project includes the allowance of **full PhD grants for a three-year period**. The PhD topics shall focus on the following specific topics: quantum computing, quantum communications, quantum sensing and quantum simulation. The present call of the Institute for Quantum Technologies in Occitanie is for the award of four doctoral scholarships within this QuanTEdu-France project.

Beneficiaries

The thesis will have to be carried out in public higher education and / or research institutions and organizations in the Occitanie region. Eligible research units include:

- on the Montpellier campus: L2C (UMR 5221), IES (UMR 5214), LIRMM (UMR 5506), IMAG (UMR 5149), IGCM (UMR 5253), LUPM (UMR5299)
- on the Toulouse campus: LPCNO (UMR 5215), LAAS (UPR 8001), CEMES (UPR 8011), LCAR (UMR 5589), LPT (UMR 5152), IMT (UMR 5219), LCPQ (UMR 5626), LNCMI (UPR3228).

Collaborative projects, involving more than one partner at the Region level, are encouraged.

The research topic will have to target, in a short, mid or long run, applications in one or several of the following research fields:

- quantum computing,
- quantum communications,
- quantum sensing,

- quantum simulation.

Eligibility rules

The project shall last for a maximum duration of 3 years (in case of extension, the amount of aid will remain unchanged).

The eligible expenses concern solely the gross salary of the doctoral student on the basis of the wages of the PhD supervisor's associated University for a three-year period.

Application

How to apply

Download the PhD call application form. Fill the document that has to be written in English. Save the document in a single pdf file with a maximum size of 5 Mo. The file name should be the following:

2026TQO_PhD_Acronym_SupervisorFamilyName.pdf

Send the pdf file by email to bureau@iqoc.fr, by **16 January 2026, 11:59 AM**.

Applications will be acknowledged within five working days.

Selection procedure

After verifying its eligibility, each application will be sent to two independent reviewers. A steering committee session will be held **in March 2026**, in order to preselect the projects on the basis of the reviewers' reports. Final results will be announced a few days later. Non-preselected projects will receive a report thereafter. A final selection of the preselected projects will be confirmed after submission of the PhD applicant's curriculum vitae, that will have to be sent by email to bureau@iqoc.fr by **1st July 2026**.

Contact

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