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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>
- **Lab:** Centre Population et Développement (**CEPED**) [www.ceped.org](http://www.ceped.org)
- **Discipline: Demography-** Team 2: International migrations and social dynamics
- **Thesis:** Determinants of the international migration of the highly skilled
- **advisor:** Christophe Z. GUILMOTO



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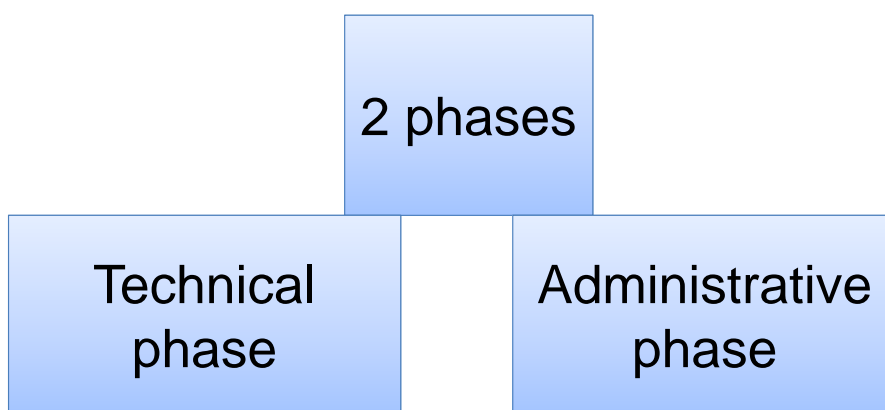
## Selecting the university

- 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

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## Ph.D. enrollment procedures in France

### Technical phase

#### Find an advisor

Papers, research topics, current work and previous experience

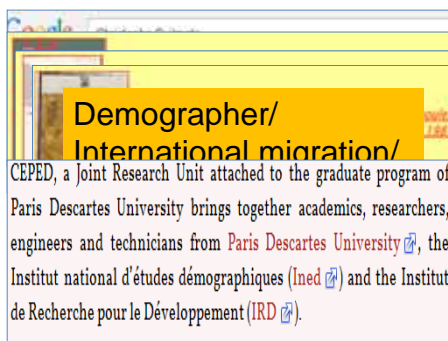
#### Find a lab

Demography, International migration, quantitative approach

#### Find a university

French education system, Paris, accepting international students..

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Université Paris Descartes "one of the most prestigious French universities in medical sciences, biomedical sciences, social sciences, as well as law" Wikipedia..

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## 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

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## 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...

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## 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

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## The day to day Ph.D. (Ctnd)

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!

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