



# Guidelines and Recommendations to PhD Students

1. You are required to **accumulate credits** (at least 100 hours) by following courses that are provided by:

- Our research center (LAPE PhD courses in Banking and Finance). Please refer to our website (<http://www.unilim.fr/lape/>);
- The 'Ecole Doctorale GIO';
- The 'Collège des écoles doctorales';

Registration is mandatory on ADUM (<https://adum.fr/>). You can find information on: <https://www.unilim.fr/ced/college-des-ecoles-doctorales-page-daccueil/formation-professionnalisante/#>

2. You must adopt a **Data Management and Quality (DMQ) approach** from the very beginning of a paper's development. This methodology is introduced during the Research Training Program at the start of the first year. The DMQ approach involves providing, on a dedicated publisher server, all the materials necessary for any researcher to reproduce the paper's results:

- A **database** accompanied by **detailed metadata**, allowing other researchers to understand and reuse the dataset;
- **Annotated programs**, clearly explaining their logic and components to ensure full transparency and reproducibility.

Compliance with DMQ standards is mandatory before presenting a working paper within the LAPE seminars, as well as prior to any conference presentations or journal submissions.

3. You are expected to present your work at a **PhD seminar** (internal seminar) at the end of your second year (or the beginning of your third year). This seminar will prepare you and train you for further exposure outside our research center. It consists of a 15-minute presentation of your research paper followed by a 30-45-minute discussion. One week before, you have to send:

- the last version of your working paper approved by your supervisors that will be communicated to LAPE members
- the database and the programs for the DMQ committee

**4.** You are advised to submit your work to **conferences** at the beginning of the second year. However, in all cases refer to your supervisor before submitting any paper. This is important to make sure that you are targeting the appropriate conference in your field of research. Below are further details:

- You are encouraged to present your work at one international conference and one national conference in your second year.
  - ✓ The recommended **international** conferences are: AFA, EFA, WFA, NFA, EEA, ESEM, FIRS, FMA meeting US, FMA Europe, etc.
  - ✓ The recommended **national** conferences, seminars, workshops are: GDRE, AFSE, AFFI, Journées de microéconomie appliquée, etc.
- Although the third year should be dedicated to writing the dissertation you are also encouraged to present your work at conferences. However, we recommend that you target conferences of higher level if possible.
- If you find conferences that are not on this list and that you think might be of special interest, please refer to your supervisor and ask her/him for advice.
- Ideally, you are expected to have two conference presentations (1 international and 1 national) before you finish your PhD and defend your work (or more if needed or justified). For papers co-authored with your supervisor and/or faculty members and that might be presented at several conferences you are expected to make at least one presentation yourself.

**5.** You are expected to have at least **one paper accepted for publication** in a Journal listed by CNRS/FNEGE or highly rated in international rankings before you defend your PhD. You may still, exceptionally, be allowed to defend your PhD if you get a **rejection from a very good journal** with positive detailed reviews or if you have the **approval of two anonymous referees** appointed by your supervisor.