

Petition to support the recognition of the doctoral degree

**UGICT-CGT – CJC – UNEF
and the higher education and research unions CGT**

supported by « collectif Sauvons La Recherche », SNESup-FSU, SNCS

Call for signatures:

In 2004, the exceptional mobilisation of the research community and young researchers in France has triggered a nationwide consultation process called « Etats Généraux (EG) » that have been prepared and debated at the level of universities and research institutes all over the country.

A new law (Loi d'Orientation et de Programmation - LOP) is soon to be presented by the government. It should be based on the reflections and propositions that have arisen during the EG process.

This law must guarantee the adequate links and exchanges between private and public sectors, applied and basic research, in order to better fulfill the current needs and allow the development of corporate jobs.

Research, higher education, but also our society as a whole, need more and more highly skilled people.

In general, the private as well as the public sectors must now take into account the new schemes embedded in the Bologna process (Bachelor - Master - Doctoral degrees) to ensure that the degrees and qualifications are properly recognized as such.

In particular, the Doctoral degree can be distinguished from a Master degree because it involves 3 years of professional experience in research. These years must receive proper recognition so as to offer the appropriate career paths for PhDs.

Therefore the signatories require :

The proper recognition of the Doctoral degree,

both in terms of qualifications and as a basis for recruitment, in all of the 'unions & corporate employers agreements' (so called « conventions collectives ») and in the 3 different branches of the public sector.

Sign the petition on line:

<http://www.ugict.cgt.fr/nvsite/site/index.php?rubrique=8-0&scriptsuite=oui&script=pagepetition.php>

The recognition of the doctoral degree has consequences well beyond academia. It shall be circulated within other professional or private circles.

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Web Sites :

UGICT-CGT: <http://www.ugict.cgt.fr/>

CJC: http://cjc.jeunes-chercheurs.org/presentation/index_en.html

UNEF: <http://www.unef.asso.fr/>

SLR: <http://recherche-en-danger.apinc.org/>

SNESup: <http://www.snesup.fr/>

SNCS: <http://www.sncs.cnrs-bellevue.fr/index.php>