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FRANCE – USA

Impact analysis of CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIPS (2014-2021)

MESR-DAEI / MEAE

2025

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GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Creation : 1981

The Chateaubriand Fellowship is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States. It supports outstanding PhD students from U.S institutions who wish to conduct part of their doctoral research in France for a period ranging from 4 to 9 months.

Total budget : around 280 k€ / year

Average budget per project : around 8 k€ / year

Number of new funded projects per year : around 45

**From 2014-2021 :
787 applications submitted
363 projects funded**

French Embassy (2014-2021)

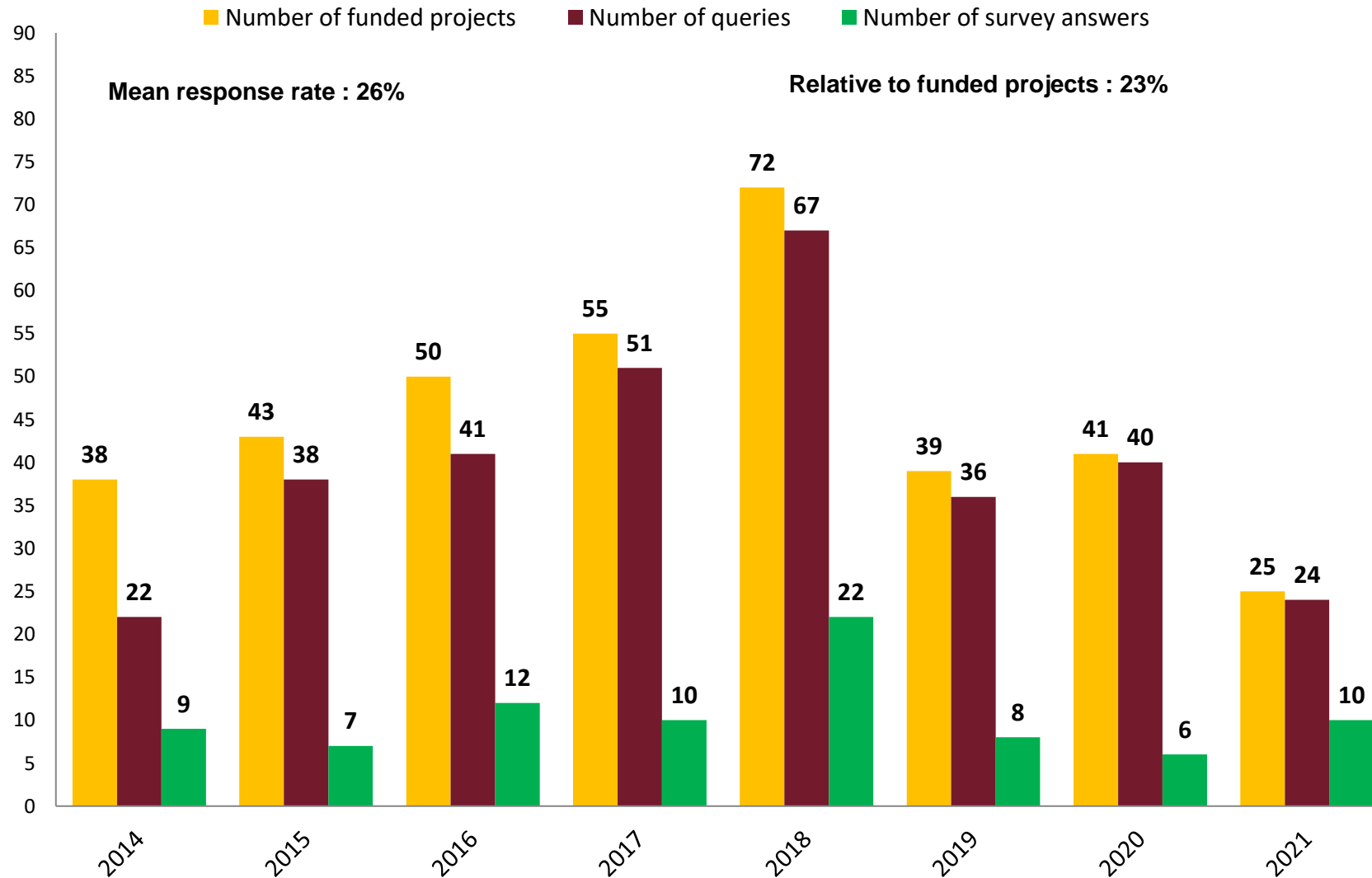
- Information about the CHATEAUBRIAND applications

Survey (2014-2021)

- Target : PhD students selected from 2014 to 2021
- Survey duration : from October to November 2024
26% response ratio (84 respondents for 323 queries)

ANSWERS TO THE SURVEY

Average response rate to the surveys : **26 % (84 answers)**





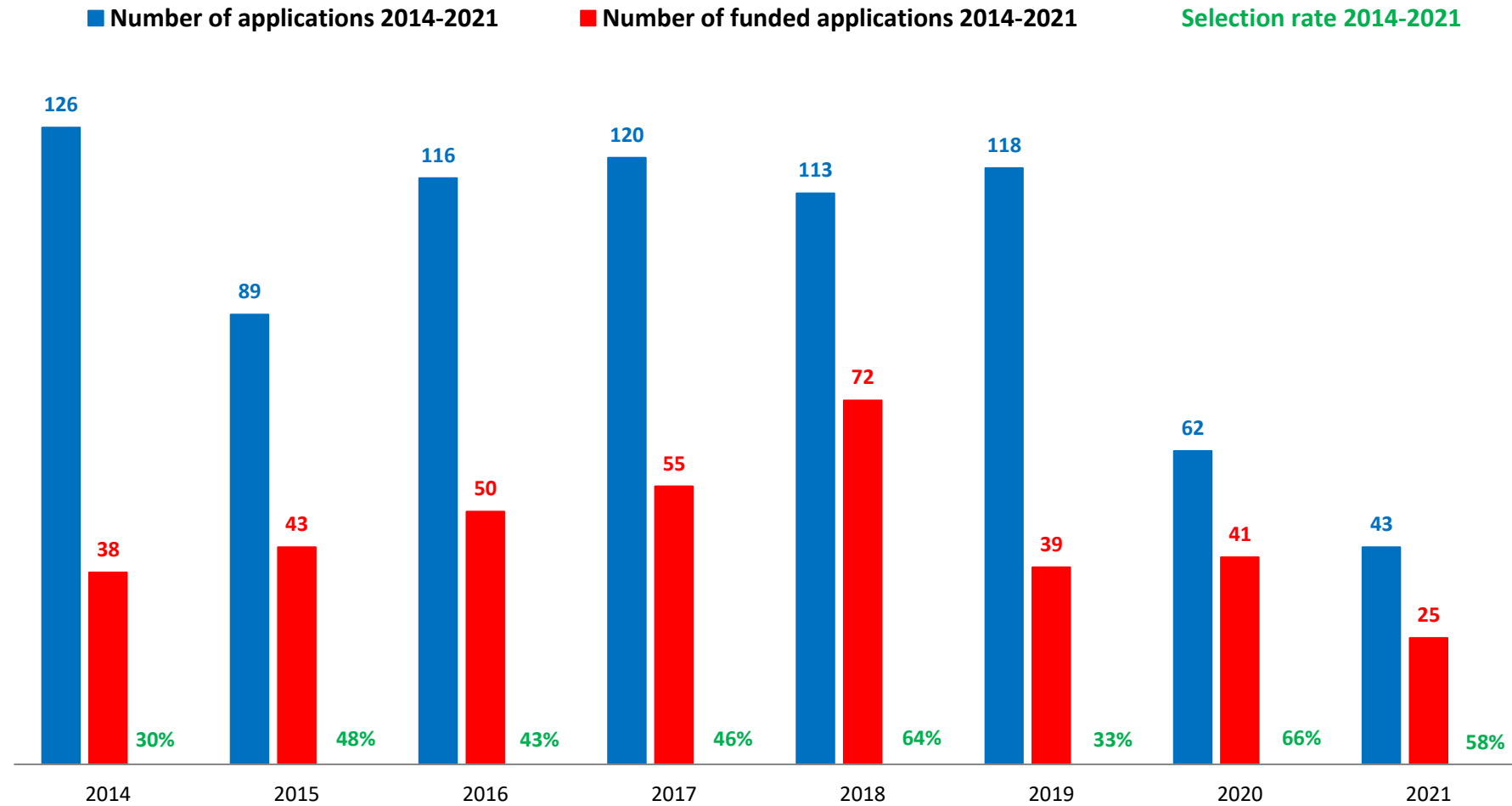
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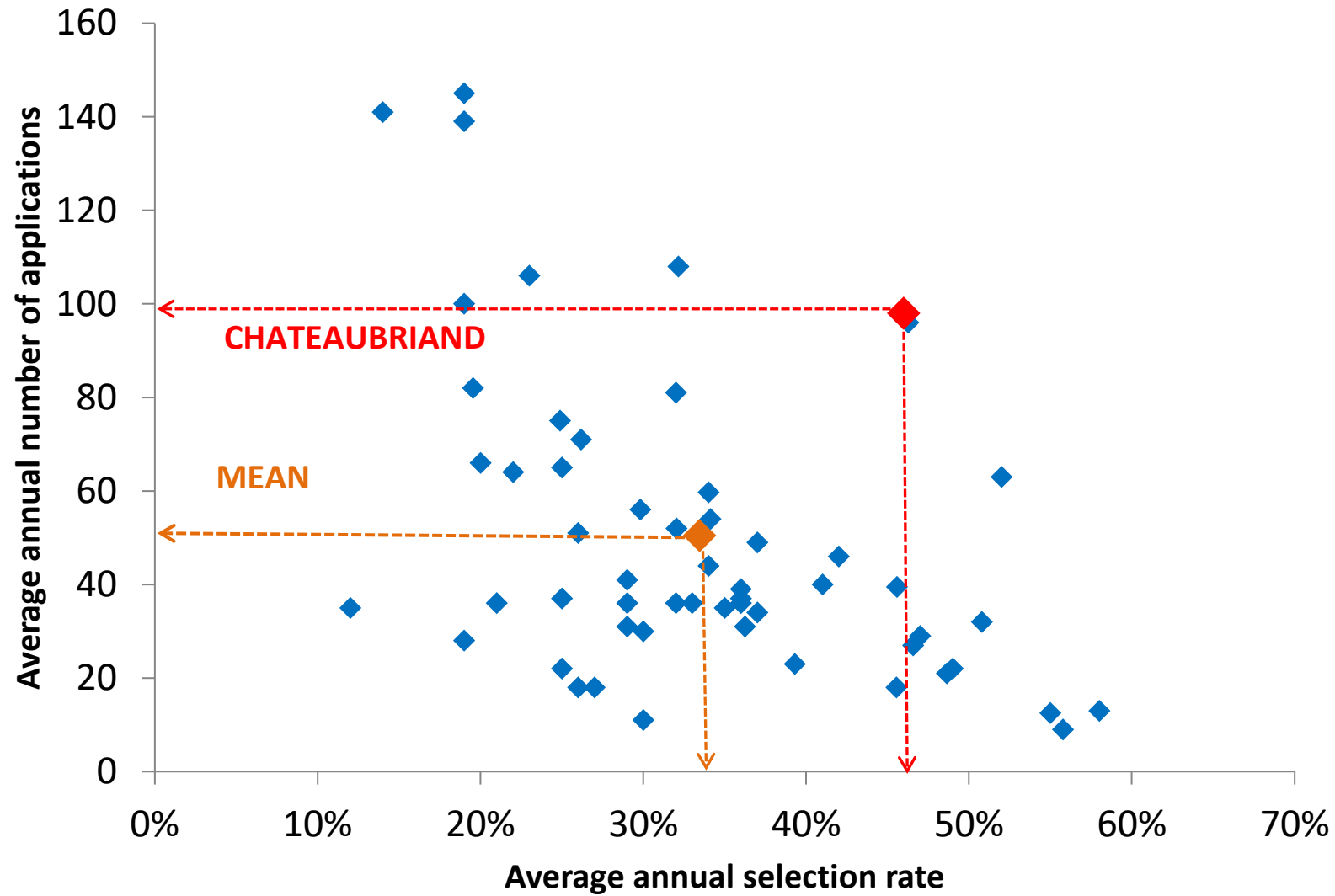
2014-2021 KEY POINTS

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION RATE

Average selection rate from 2014-2021: **46%**



NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS VS SELECTION RATE (2014-2021)

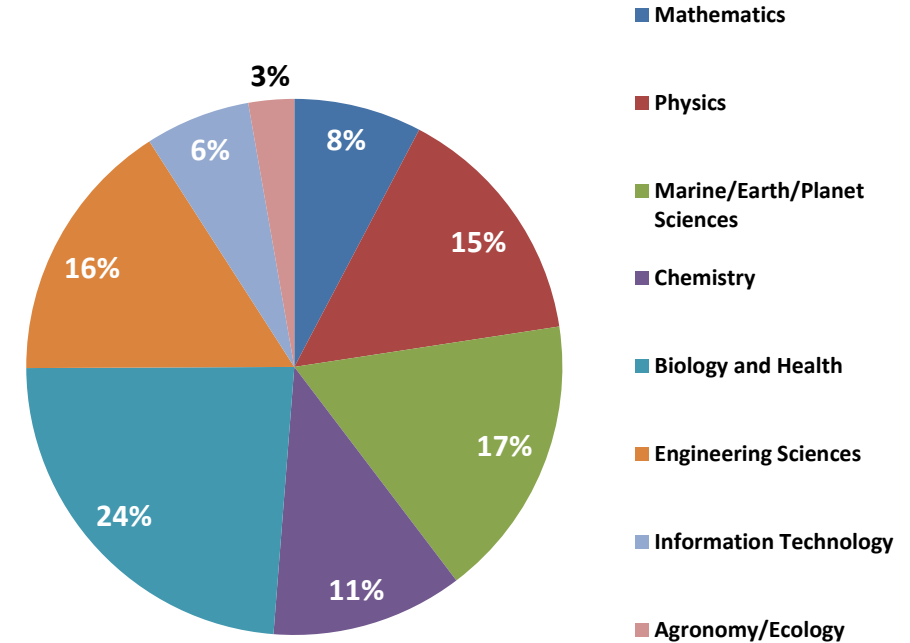
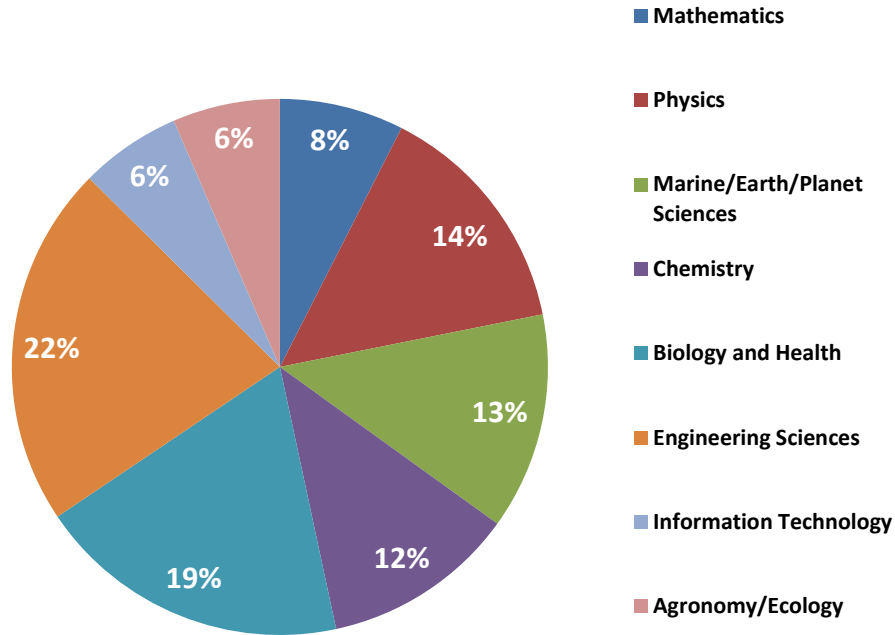


Survey 2025 : comparison of 56 programs

SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS OF PROJECTS (2014-2021)

Number of applications : **787**

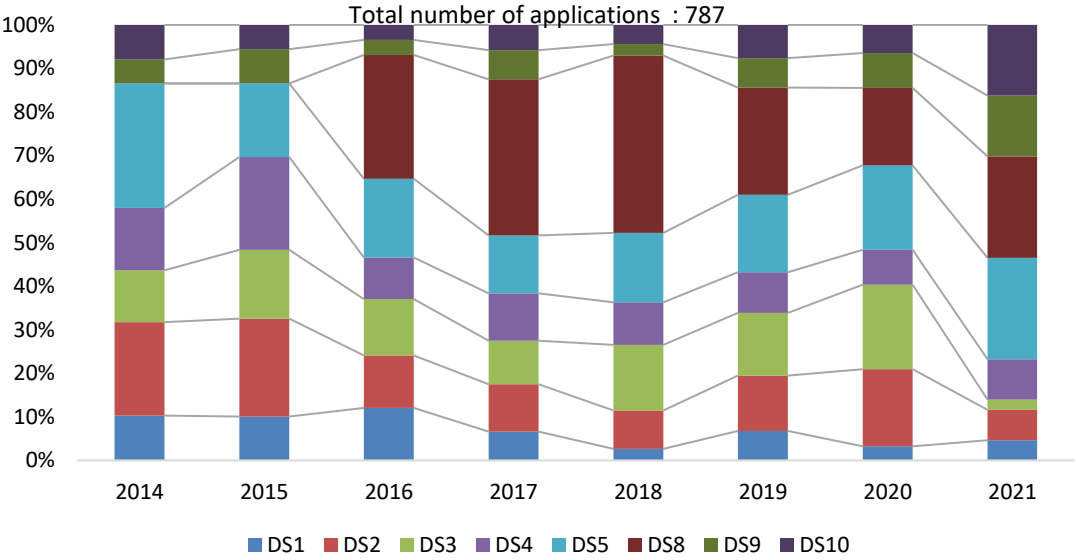
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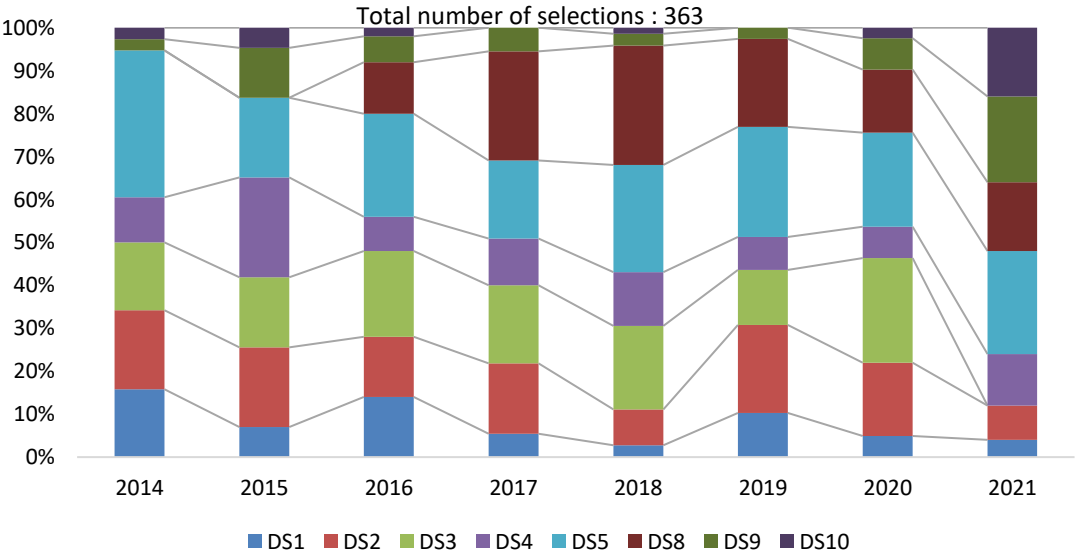
SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS : EVOLUTION 2014-2021

- DS1 : Mathematics
- DS2 : Physics
- DS3 : Marine, Earth, Planet sciences
- DS4 : Chemistry
- DS5 : Biology and Health
- DS8 : Engineering sciences
- DS9 : Information technology
- DS10 : Agronomy/Ecology

Percentage of applications filed by scientific domain each year compared to all applications filed in each scientific domain

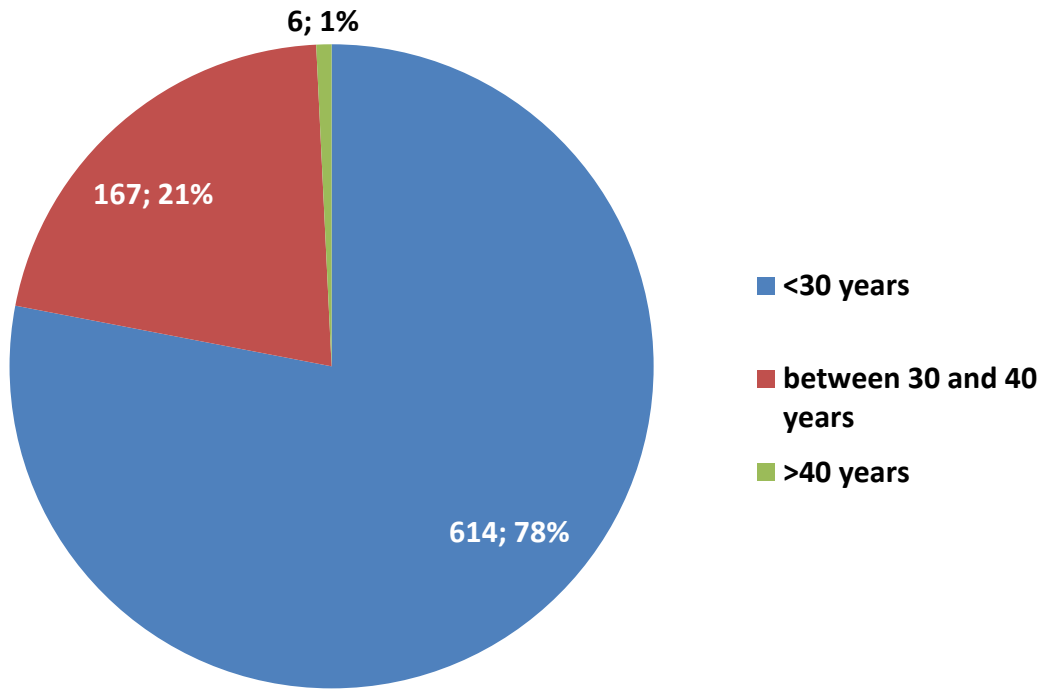


Percentage of selections filed by scientific domain each year compared to all selections filed in each scientific domain



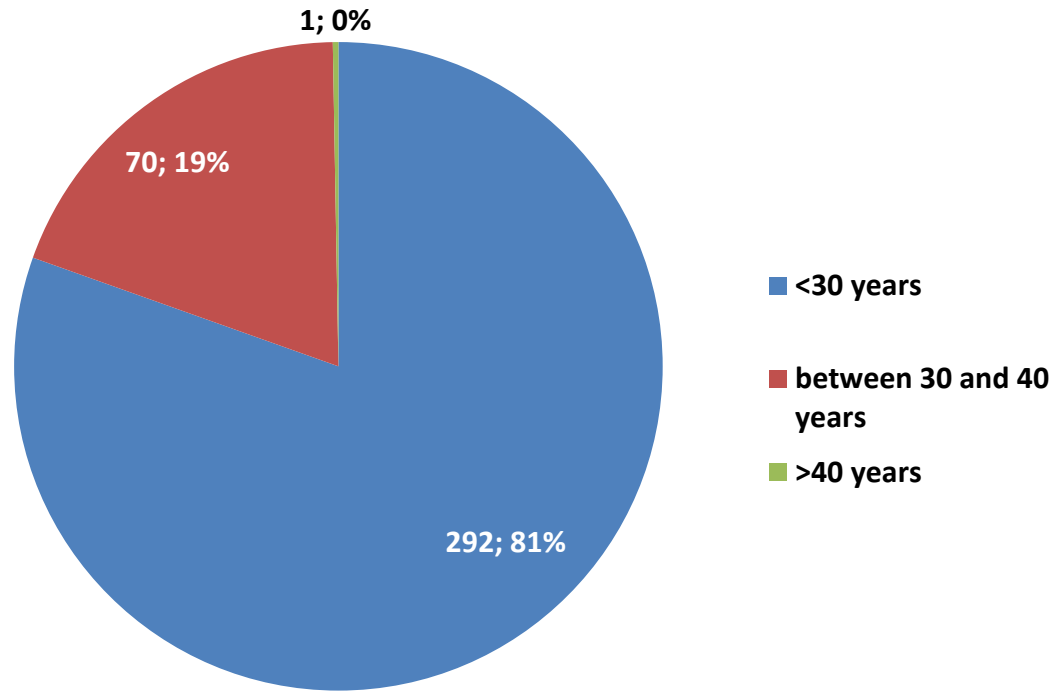
AGE OF PHD CANDIDATES AND LAUREATES 2014-2021

APPLICANTS



Data from 787 applications

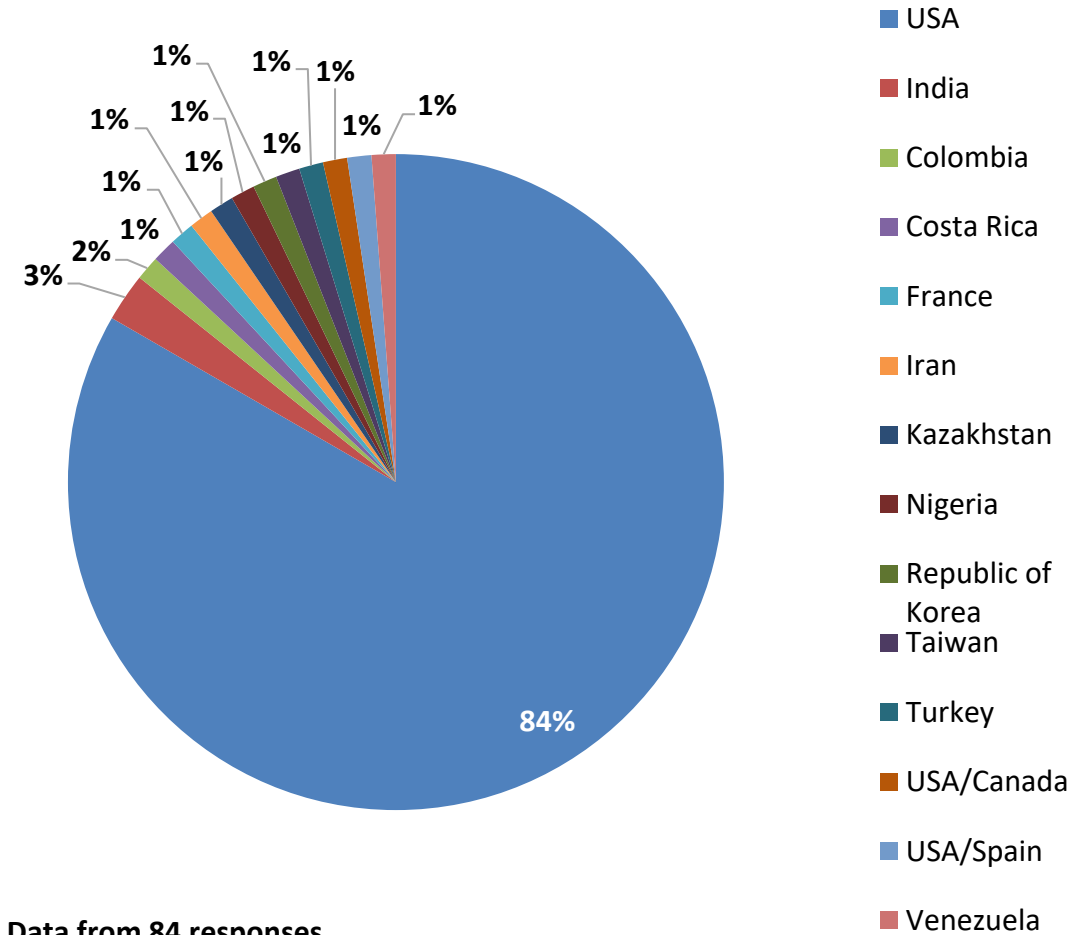
LAUREATES



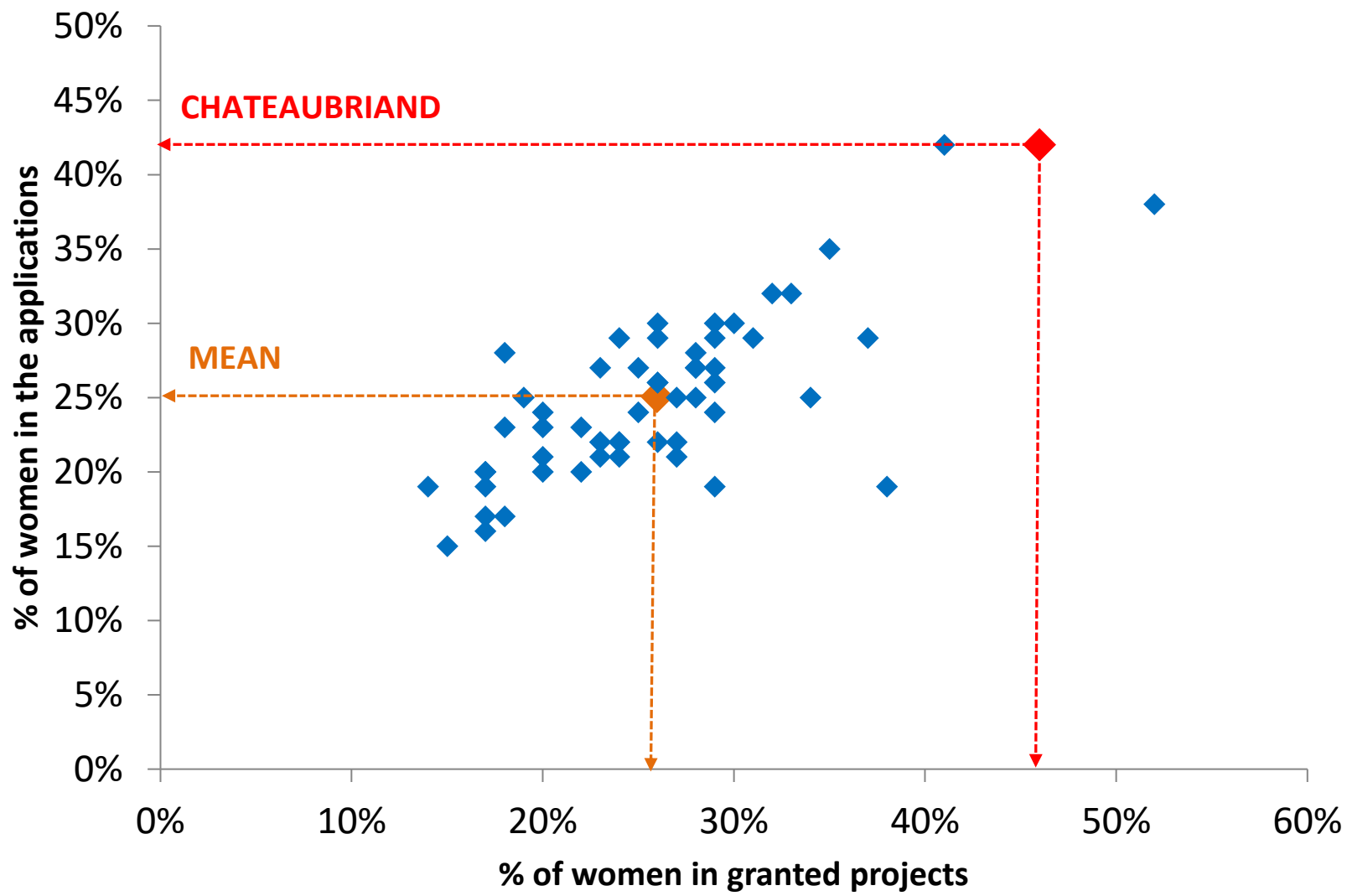
Data from 363 selections

NATIONALITY OF PHD LAUREATES 2014-2021

(DATA FROM THE SURVEY)

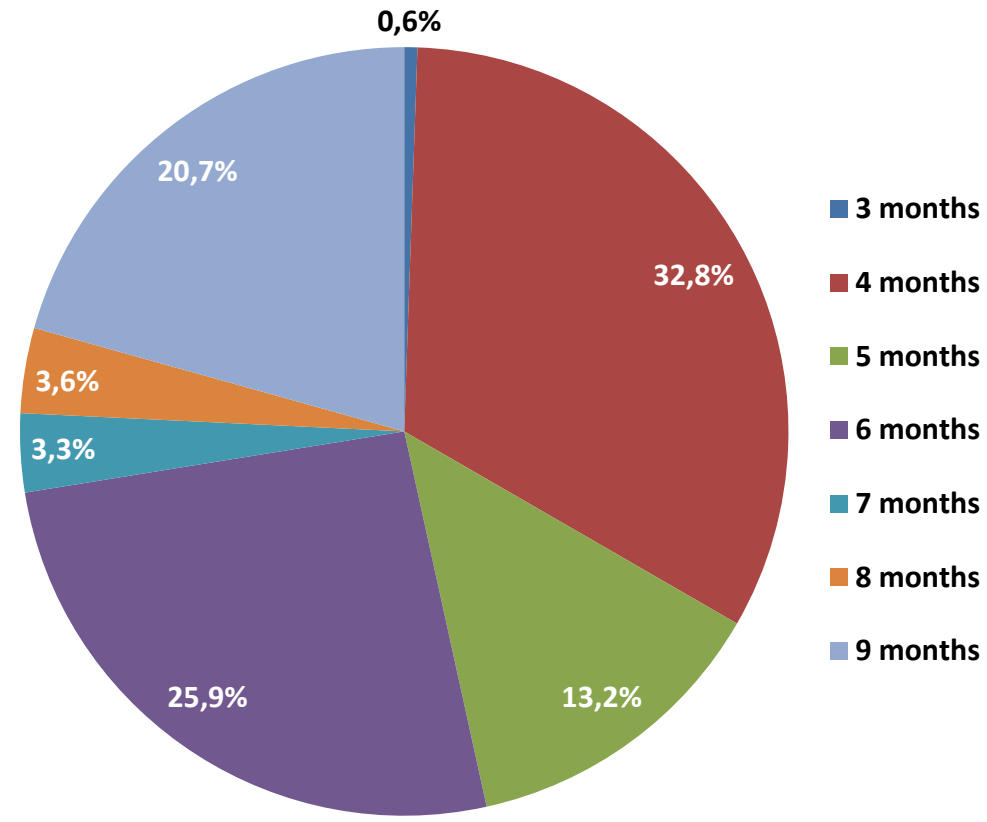


IMPLICATION OF WOMEN (2014-2021)



Survey 2025 : 56 programs

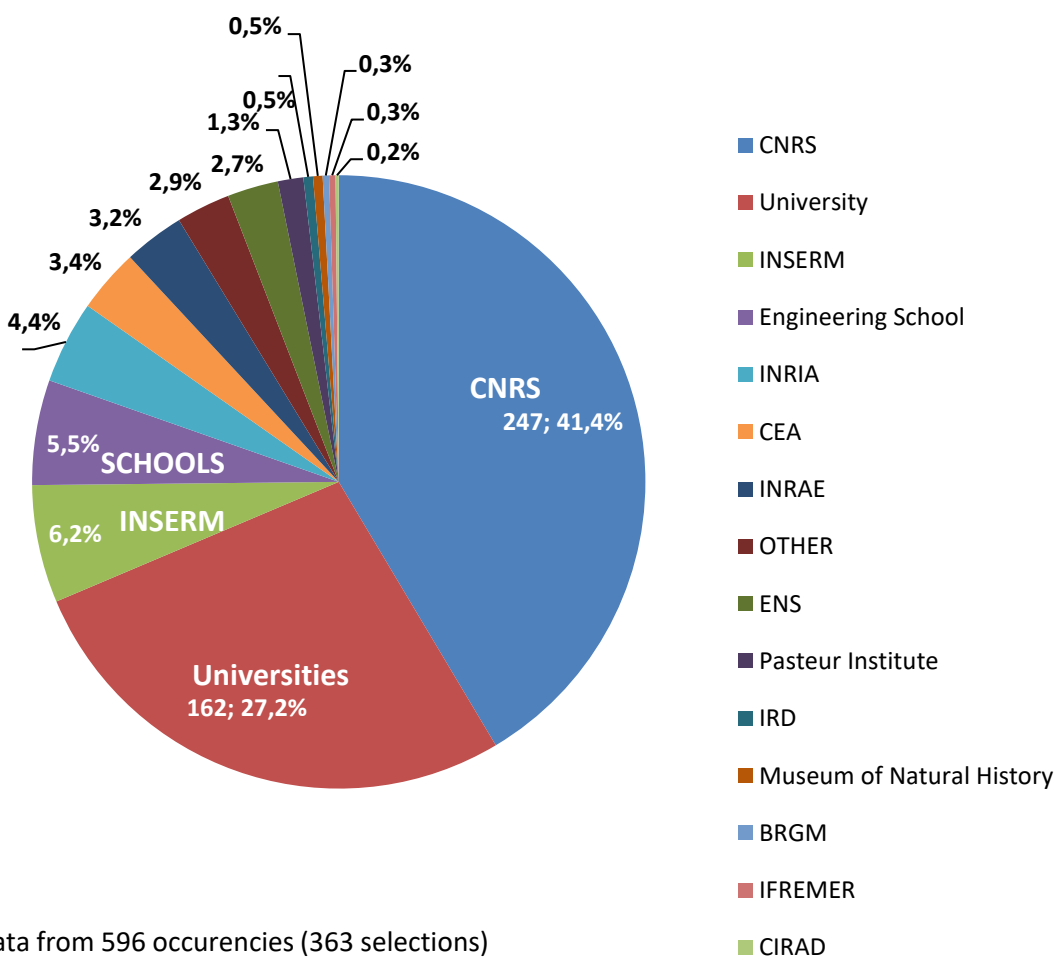
MOBILITY DURATION 2014-2021



Data from 363 mobilities

FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)

Institutions of laureates



Data from 596 occurrences (363 selections)

Regional percentages of selections

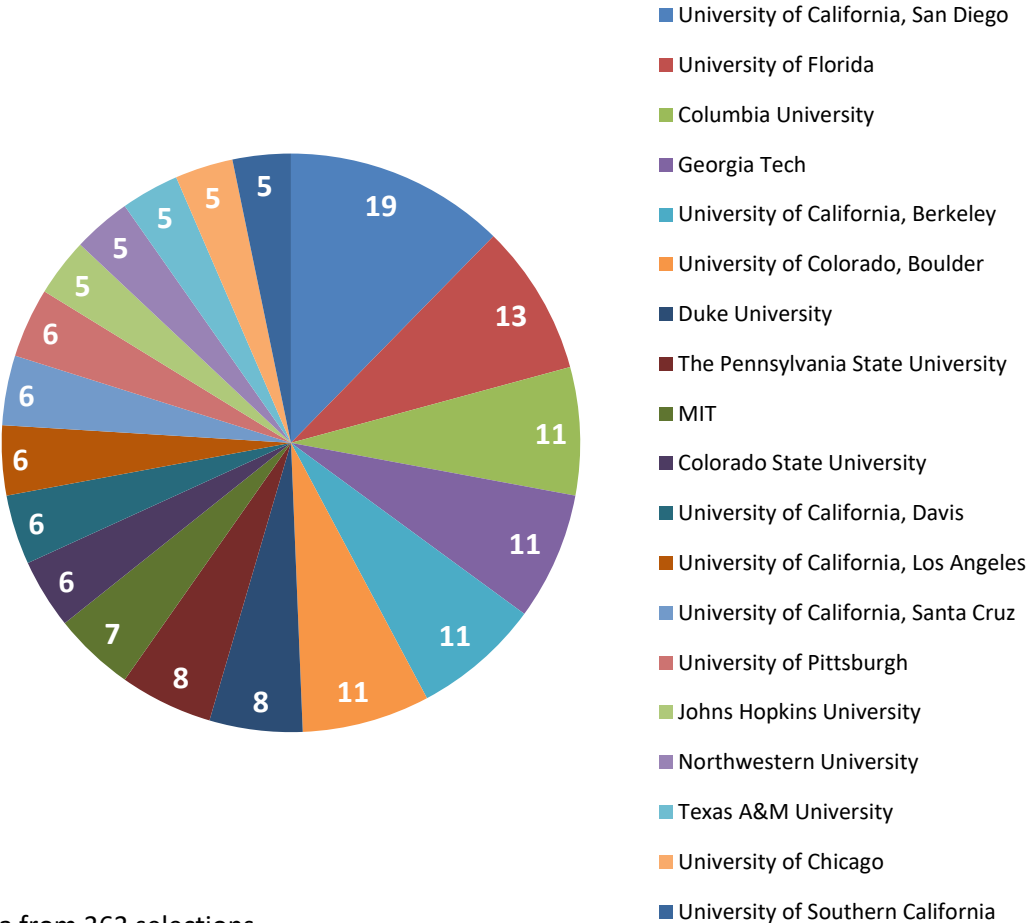


Source: Analyse d'impact
Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA

Total number of selections : 363 including Polynésie française (1%) et la Réunion (1%)

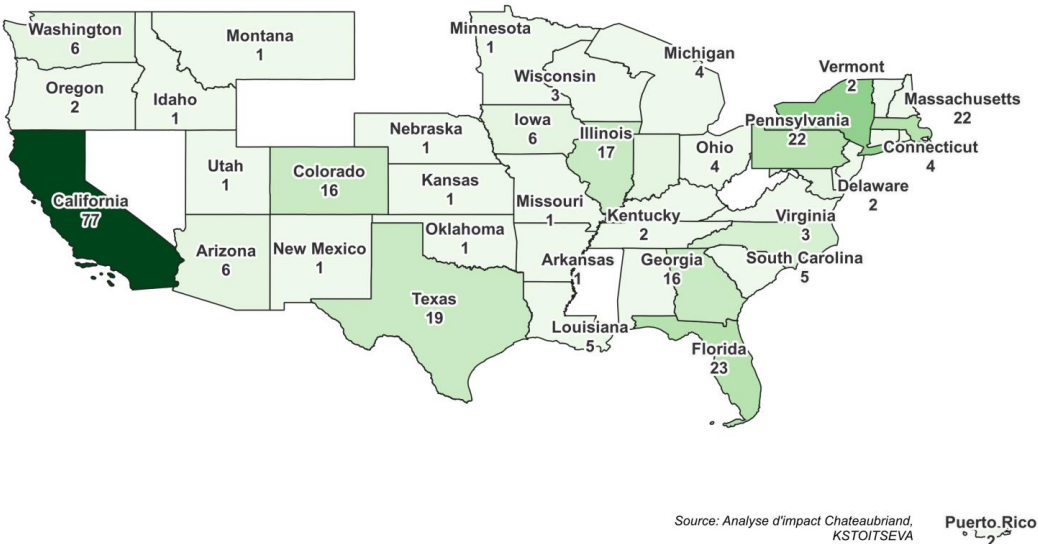
US PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)

19 main institutions (5 or more grants)



Data from 363 selections

Regional grant distribution



Source: Analyse d'impact Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA



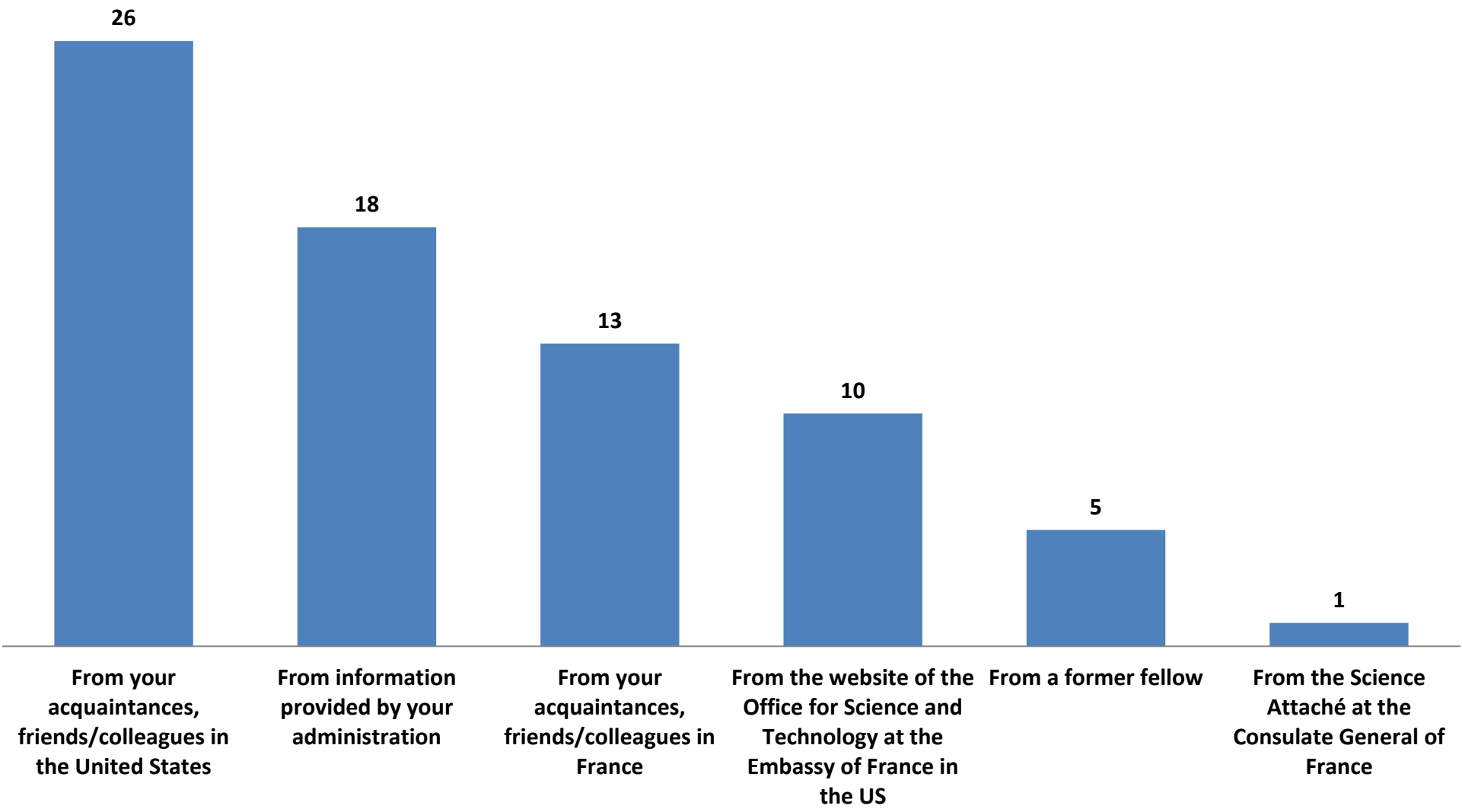
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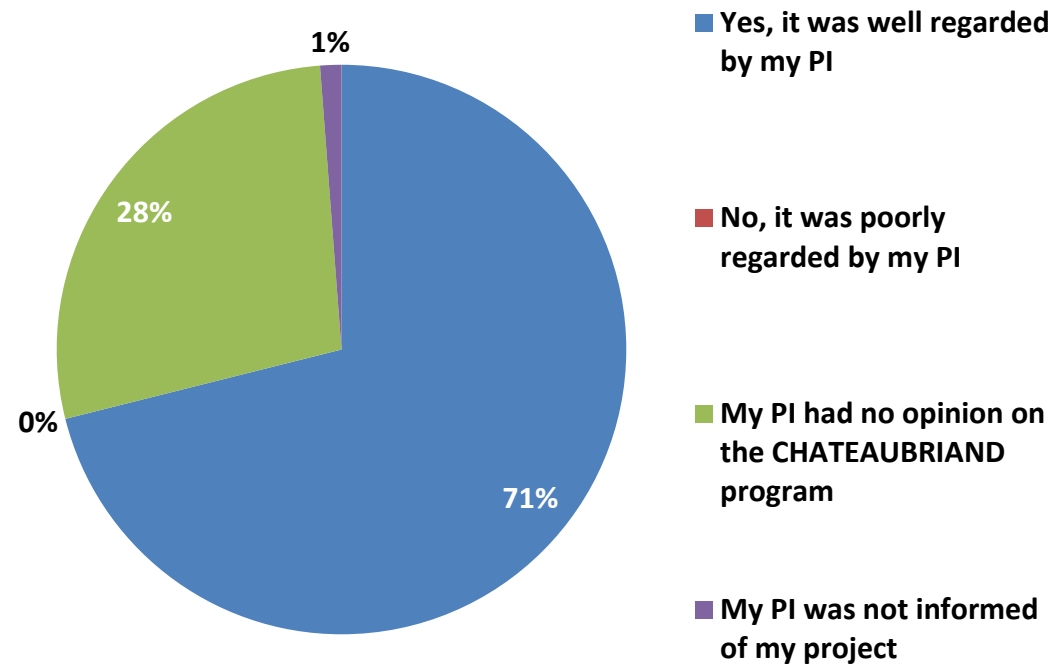
BEFORE THE STAY IN FRANCE

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE CHATEAUBRIAND PROGRAM ?

Data from 84 responses

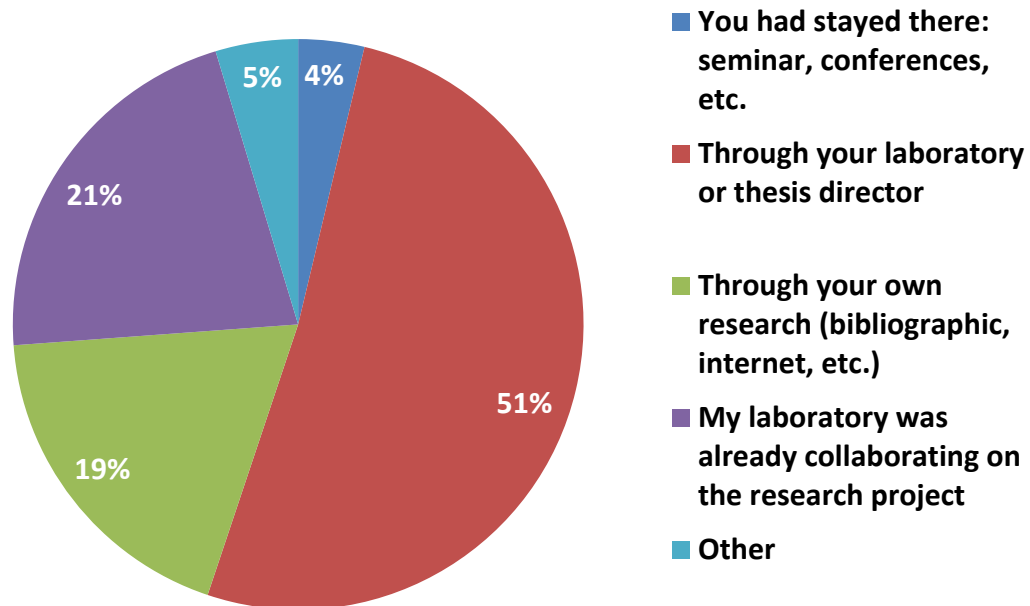


WERE YOU ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE CHATEAUBRIAND PROGRAM ?



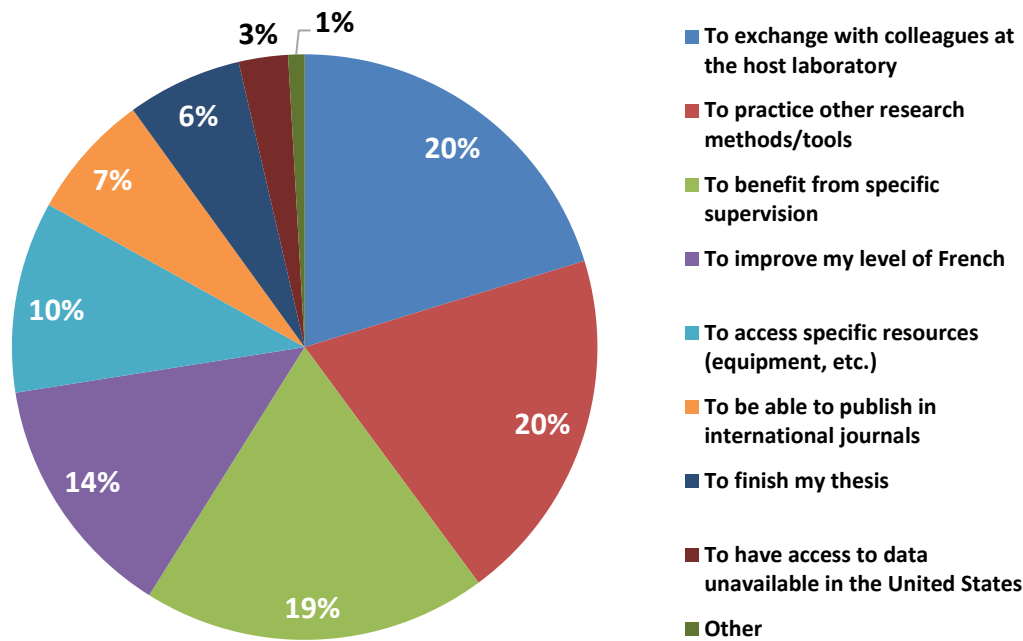
Data from 83 responses

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR HOST INSTITUTION IN FRANCE ?



107 items from 83 responses

WHAT WERE YOUR EXPECTATIONS WHEN APPLYING TO THE CHATEAUBRIAND PROGRAM ?



331 items from 83 responses

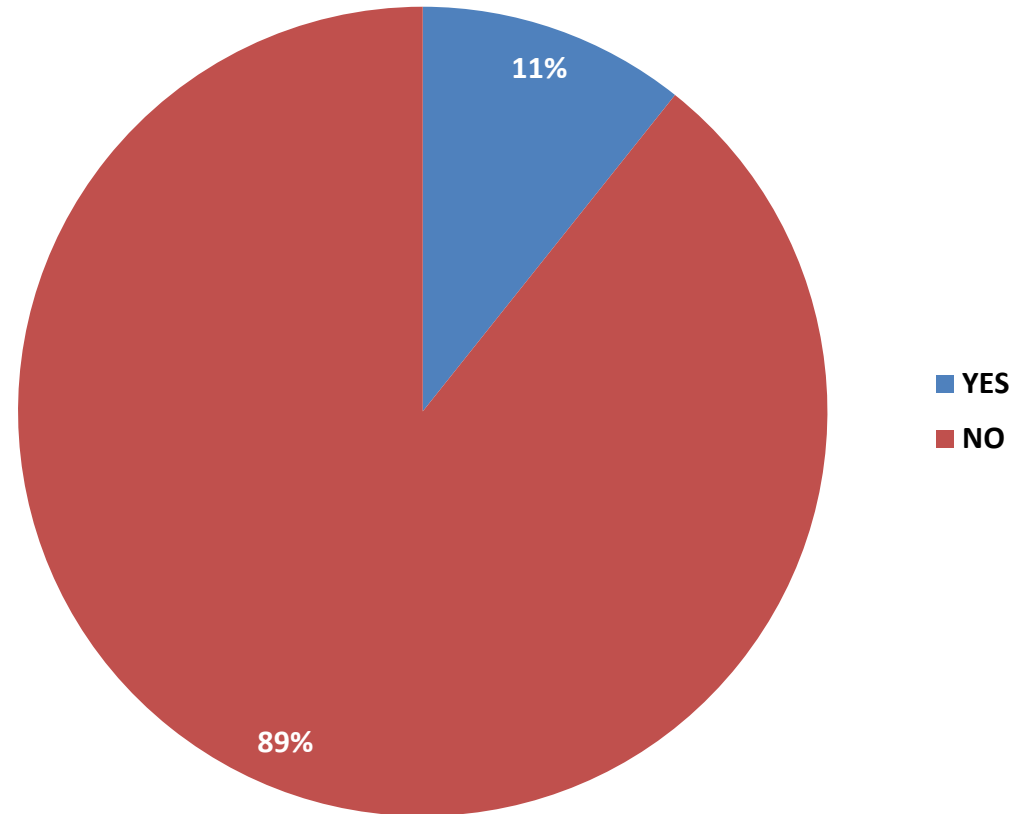


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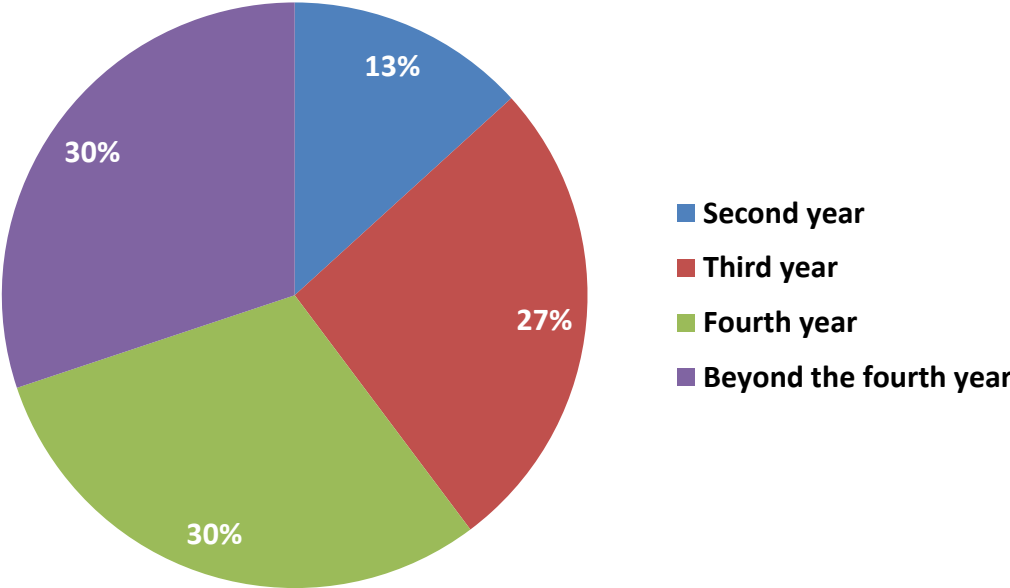
**DURING THE STAY
IN FRANCE**

THESIS IN COTUTELLE OR CODIRECTION ?



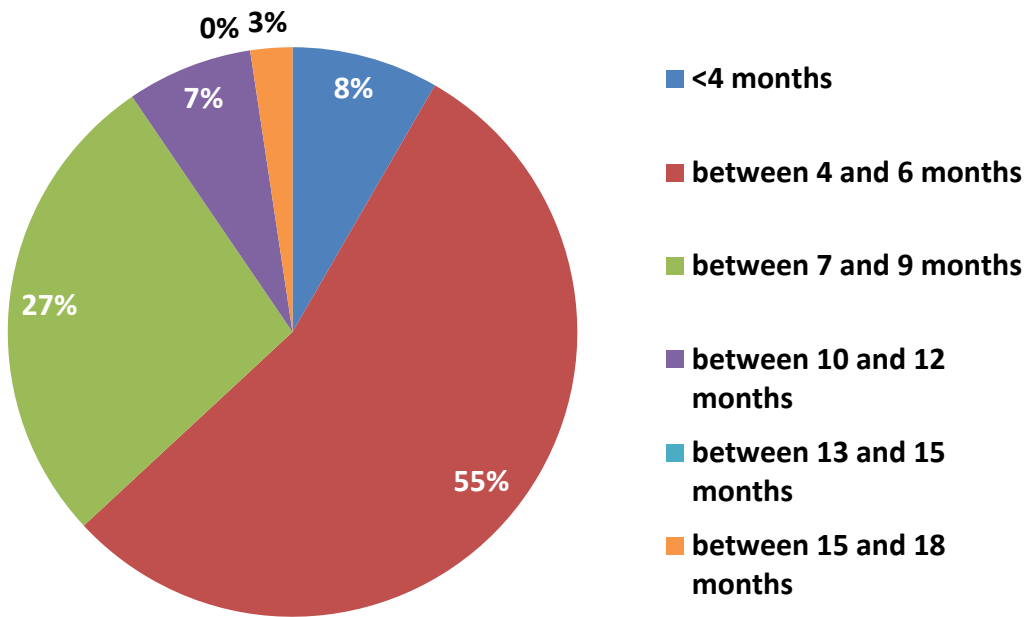
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IN WHICH YEAR OF YOUR THESIS WERE YOU AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE?



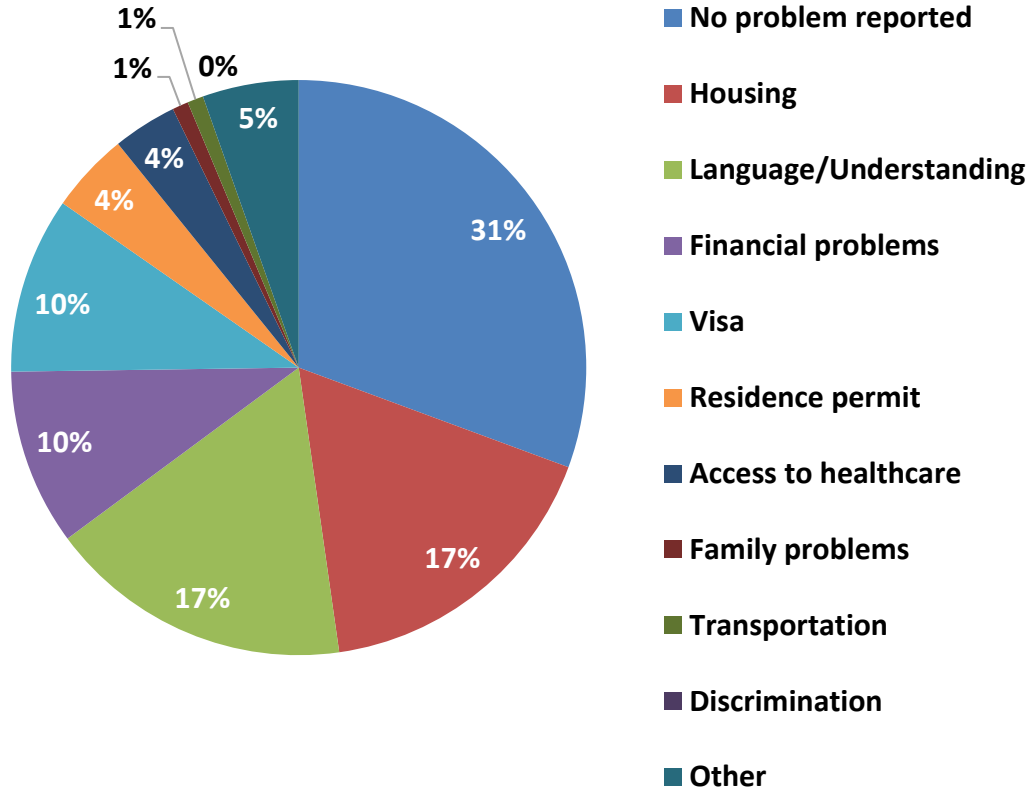
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DURATION OF YOUR STAY IN FRANCE



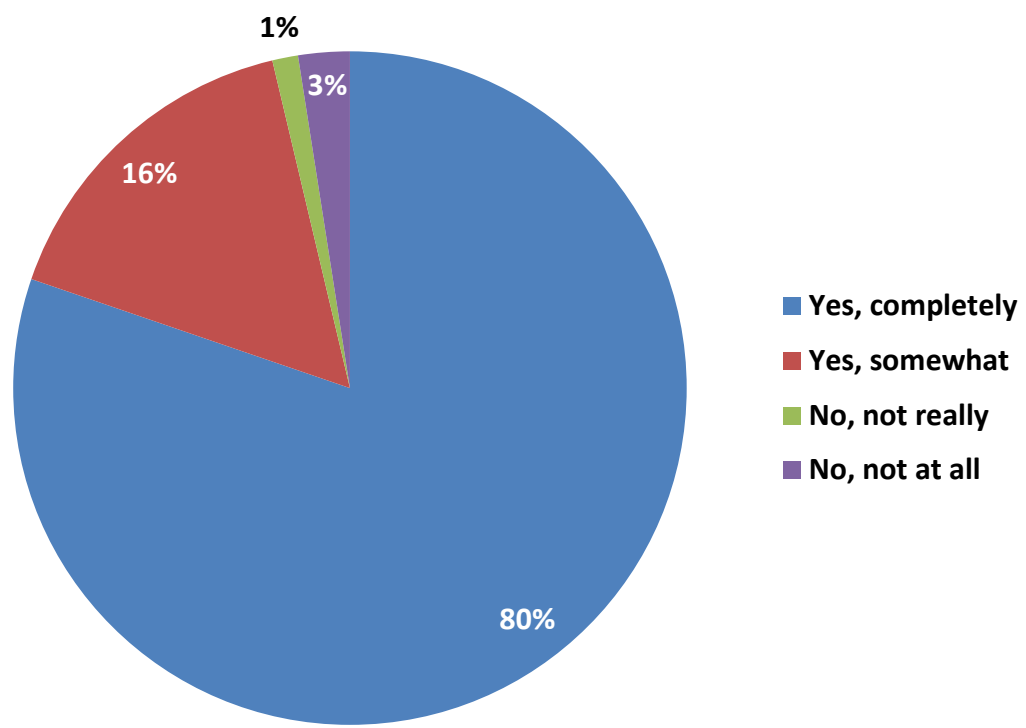
Data from 84 responses

DID YOU ENCOUNTER MATERIAL DIFFICULTIES THAT HINDERED YOUR STAY?



111 items from 83 responses

DID THE SUPERVISION AND HOST LABORATORY MEET YOUR INITIAL EXPECTATIONS?



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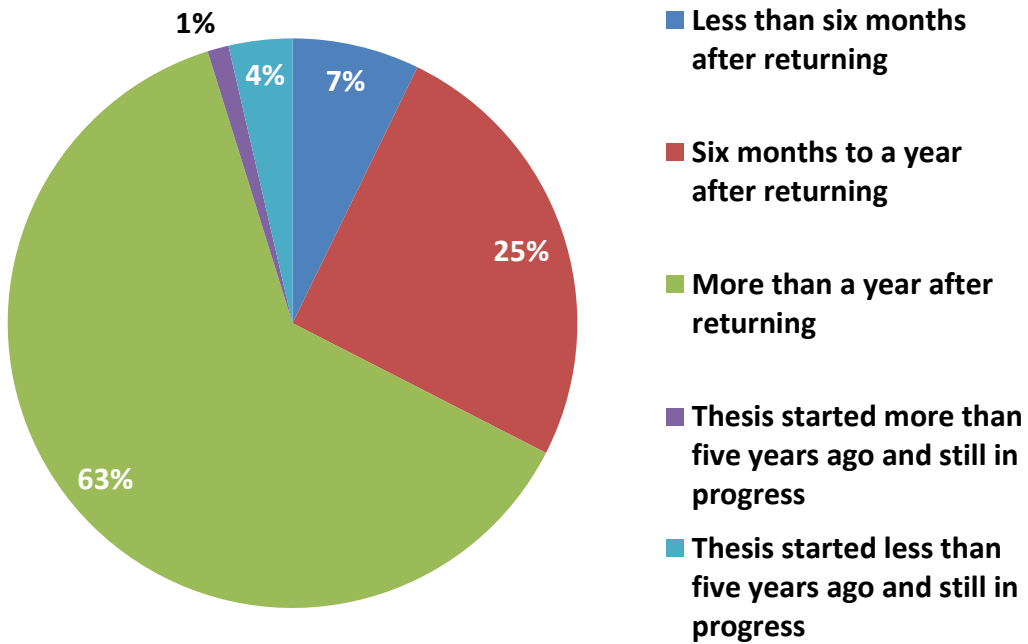


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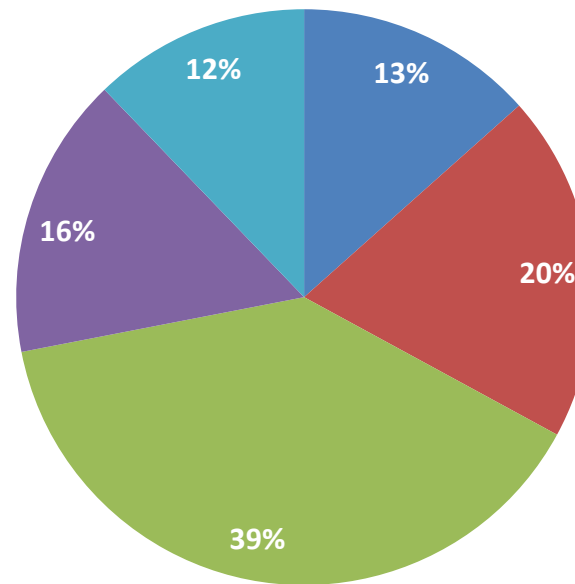
AFTER THE STAY IN FRANCE

HOW LONG AFTER RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES DID YOU DEFEND YOUR THESIS?



Data from 83 responses

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT STATUS?

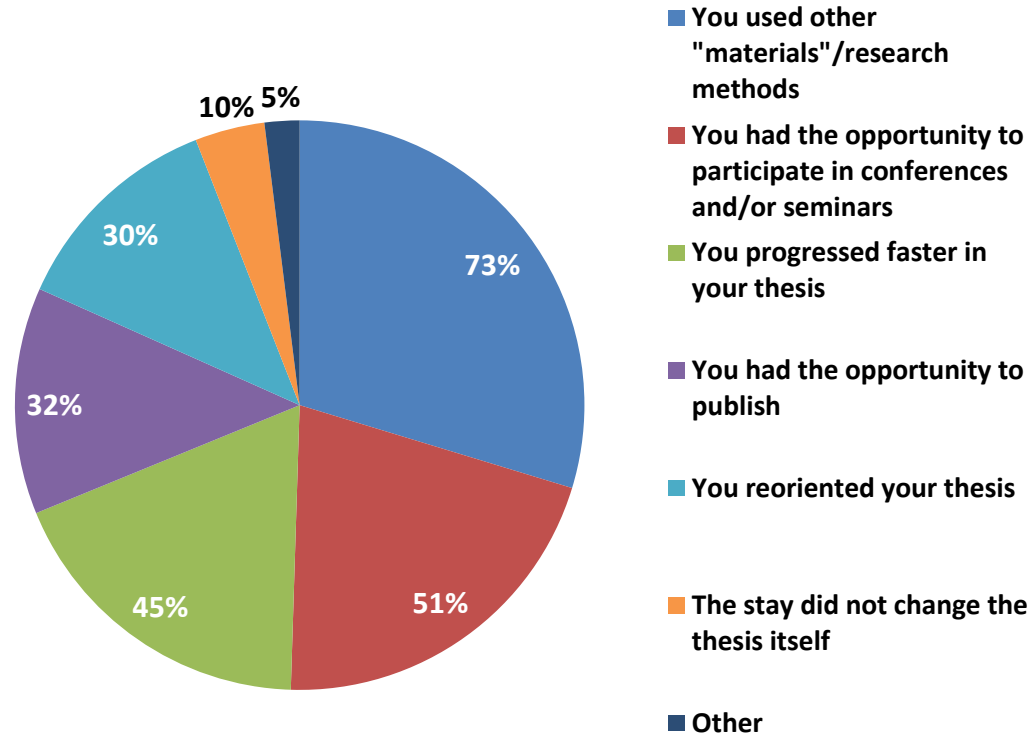


- Permanent position in a research organization in the United States, France, or another country
- Permanent position at a university in the United States, France, or another country
- Position in the industry in the United States, France, or another country
- Postdoctoral position in the United States, France, or another country
- Other status

Data from 82 responses

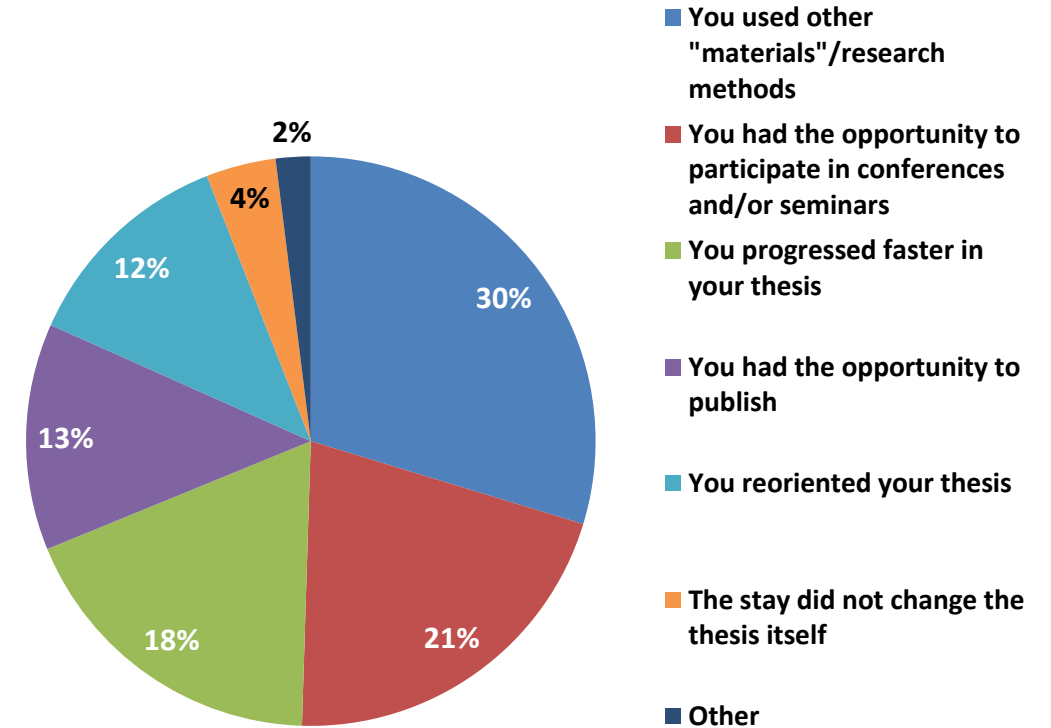
HOW DID YOUR RESEARCH WORK IN FRANCE CHANGE COMPARED TO YOUR PRACTICES IN THE UNITED STATES ?

% of laureates



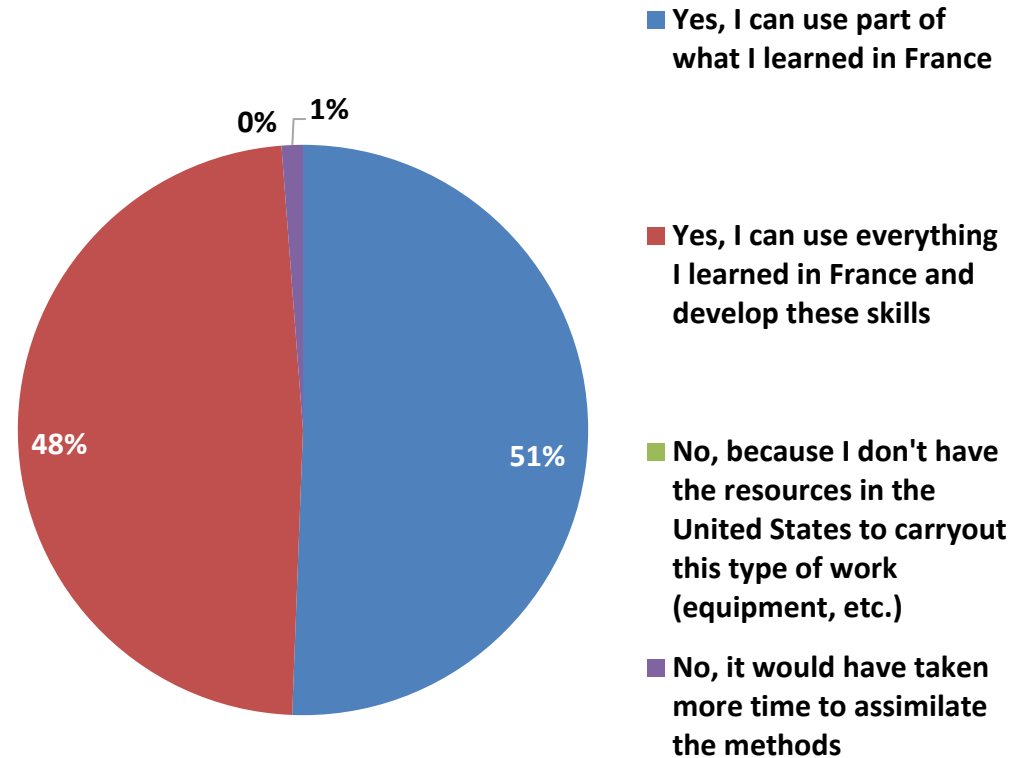
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% of items



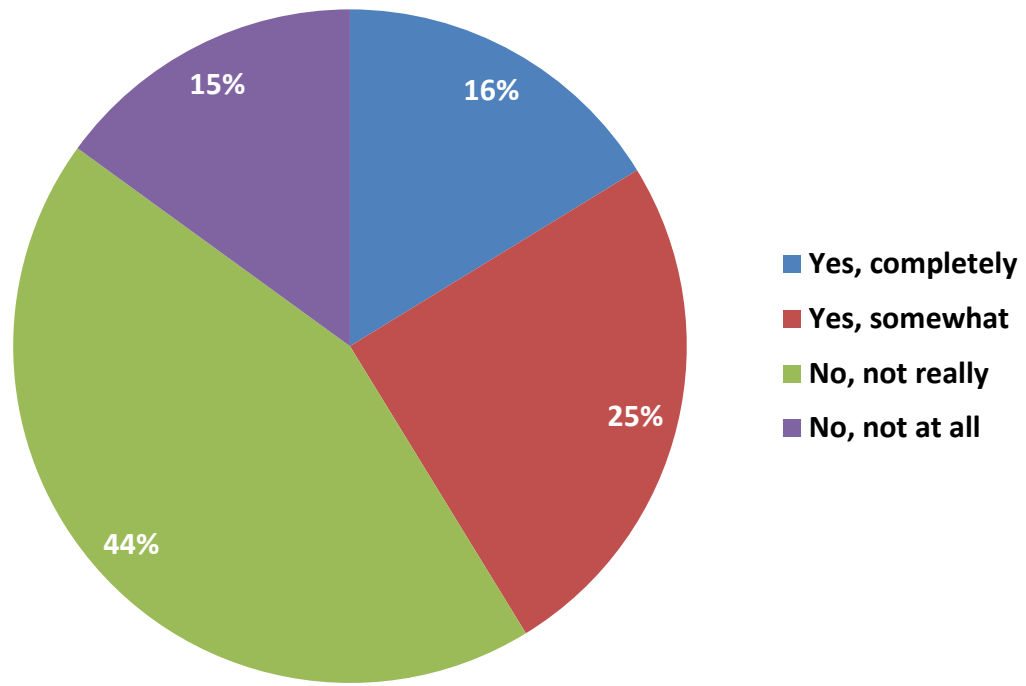
202 items from 82 responses

WERE YOU ABLE TO USE THE EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING YOUR STAY IN FRANCE?



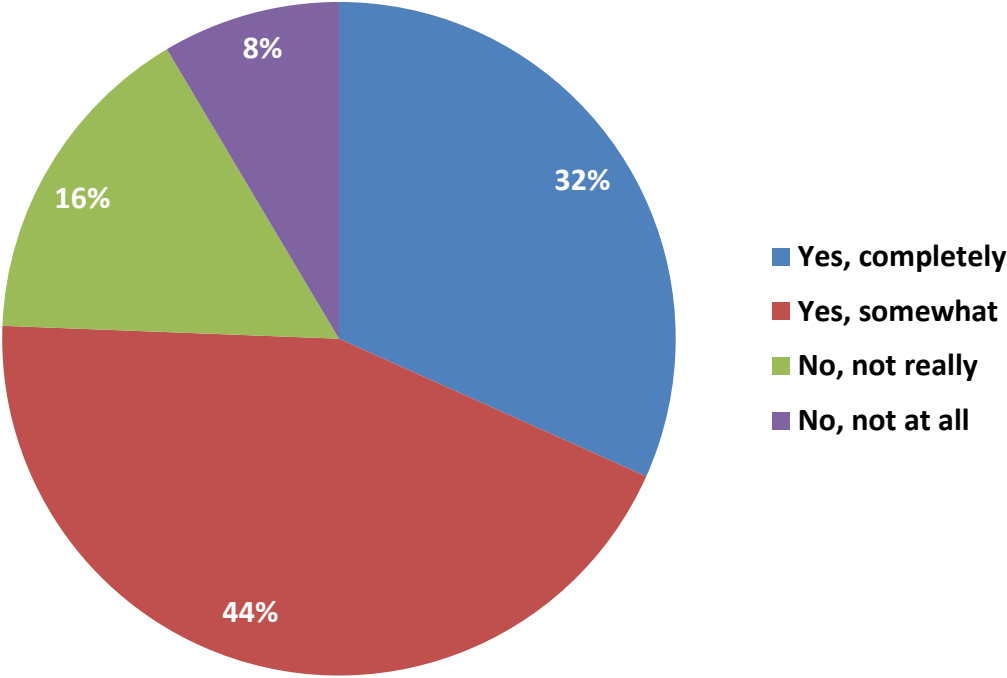
Data from 83 responses

WOULD YOU SAY THAT THE GRANT HAD AN IMPACT ON YOUR TEACHING STYLE?



Data from 80 responses

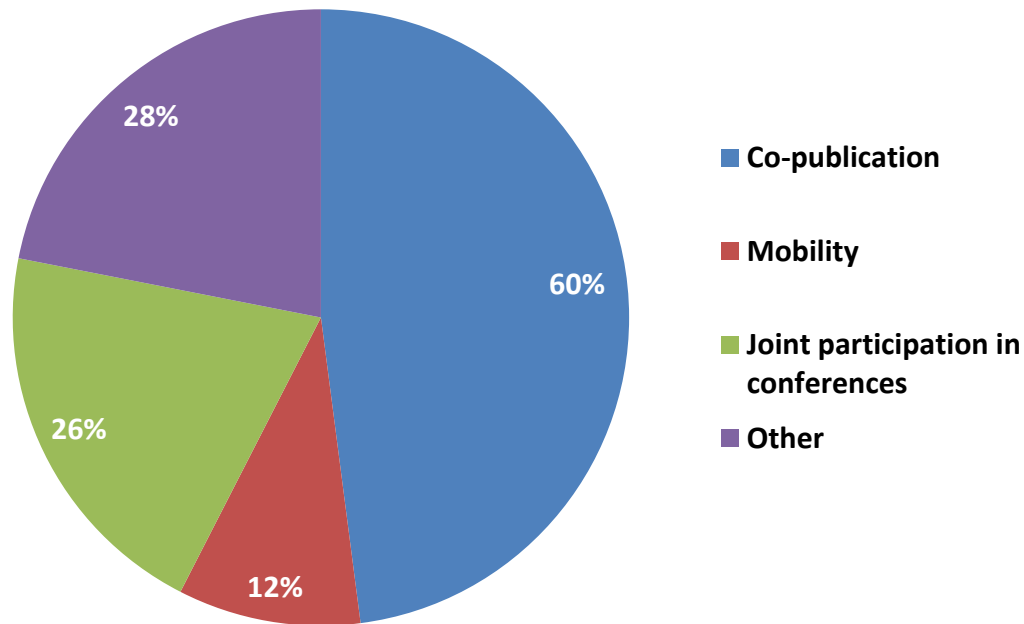
HAVE YOU KEPT IN TOUCH WITH YOUR HOST LABORATORY IN FRANCE?



Data from 82 responses

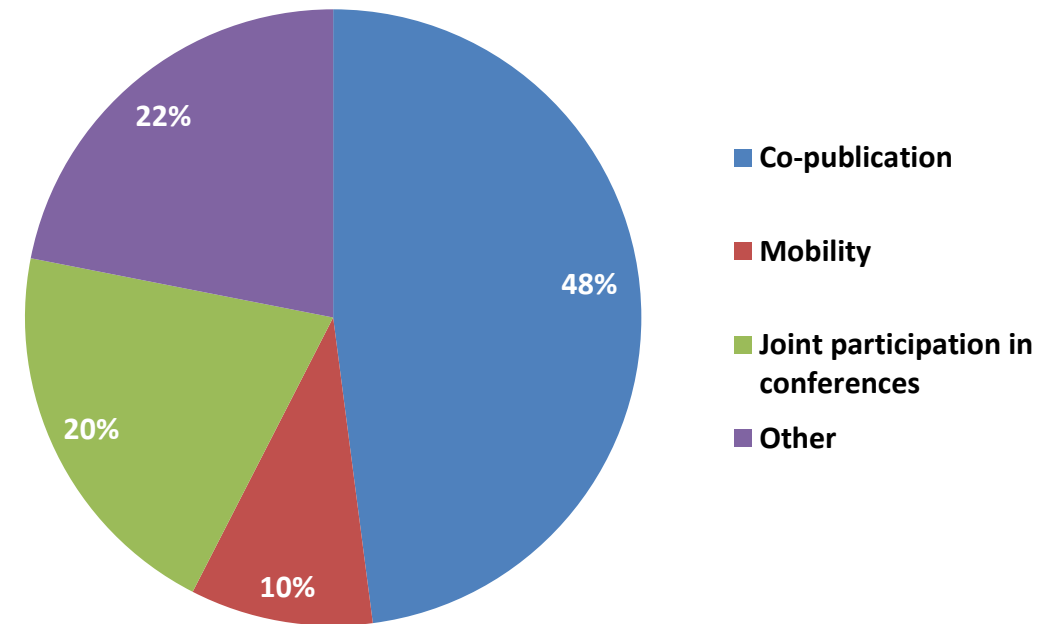
IF YOU HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH WITH YOUR HOST LABORATORY, WHAT TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE?

% of laureates



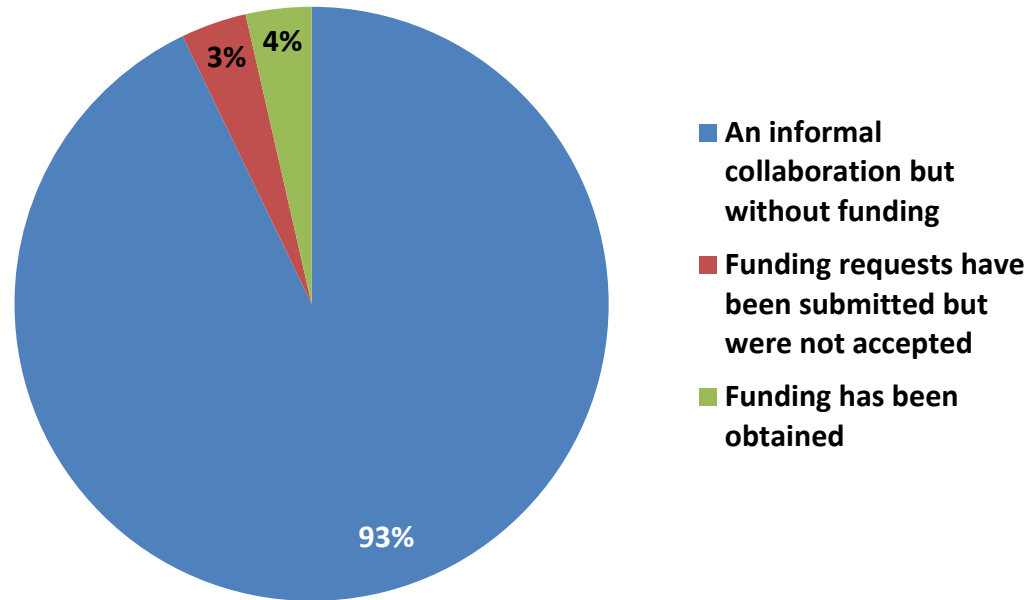
Data from 58 responses

% of items



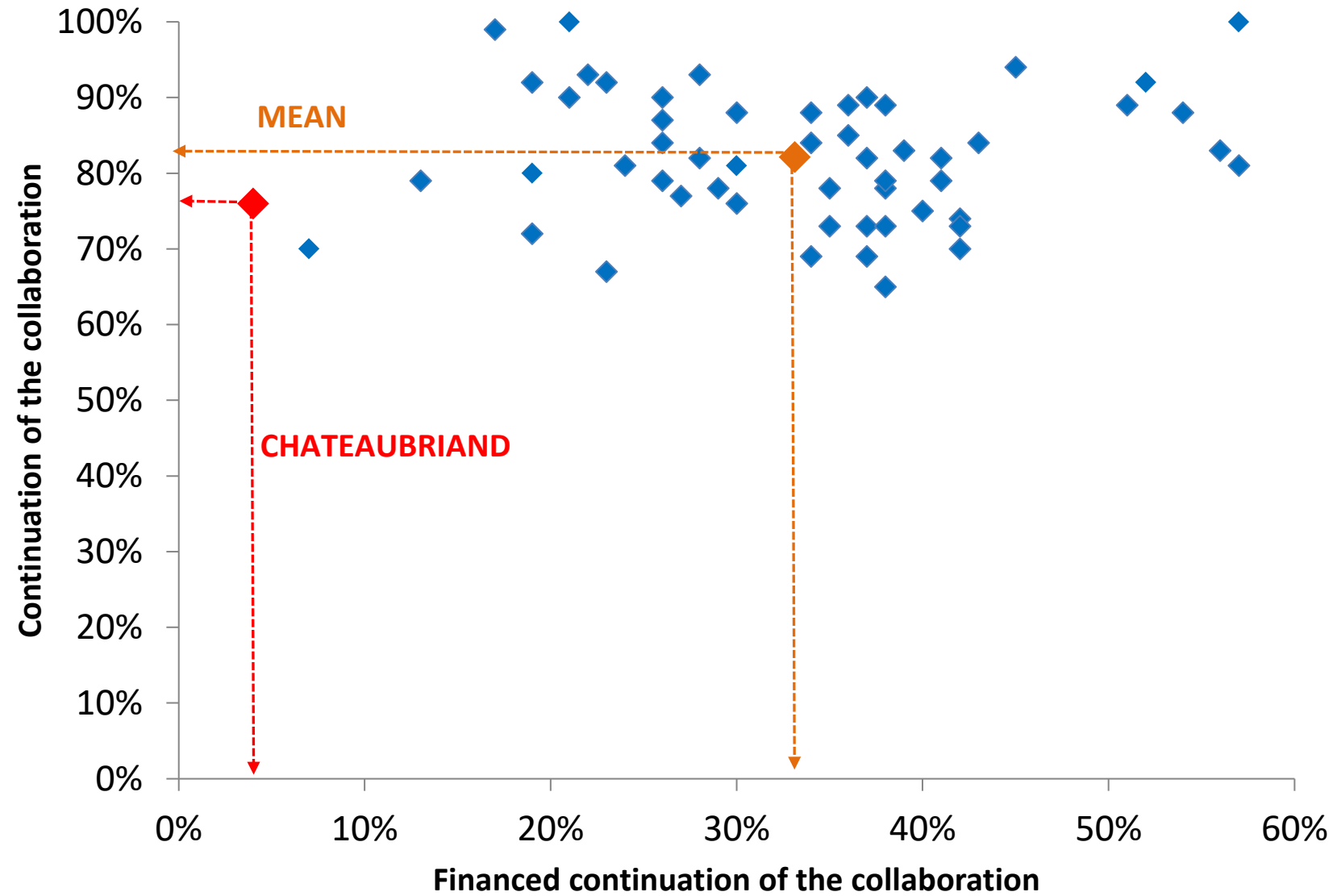
73 items from 58 responses

IF THE COLLABORATION CONTINUES, HOW WILL IT PROCEED?



Data from 56 responses

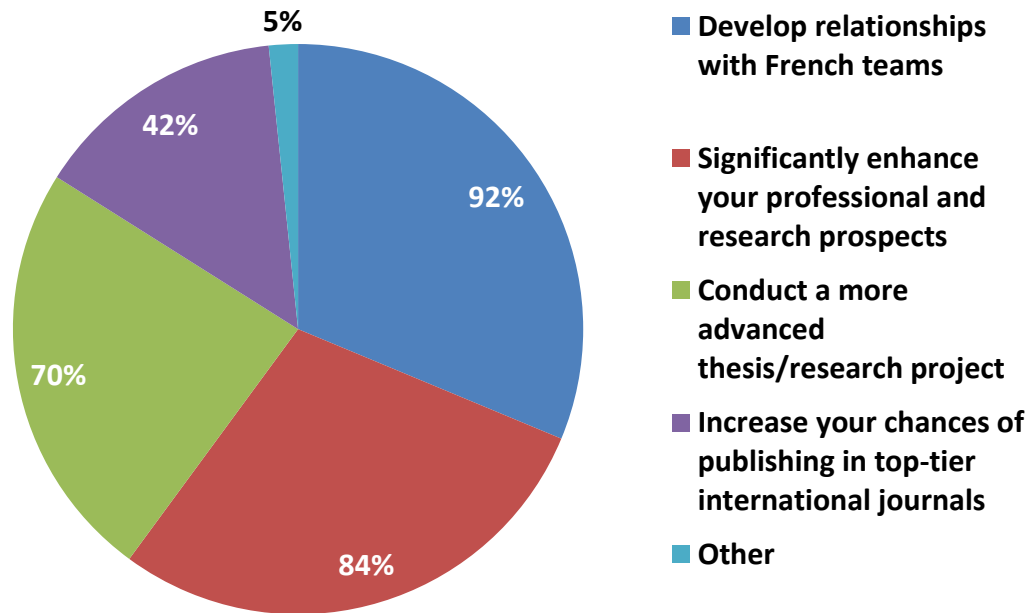
CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION



Survey 2025 : 56 programs

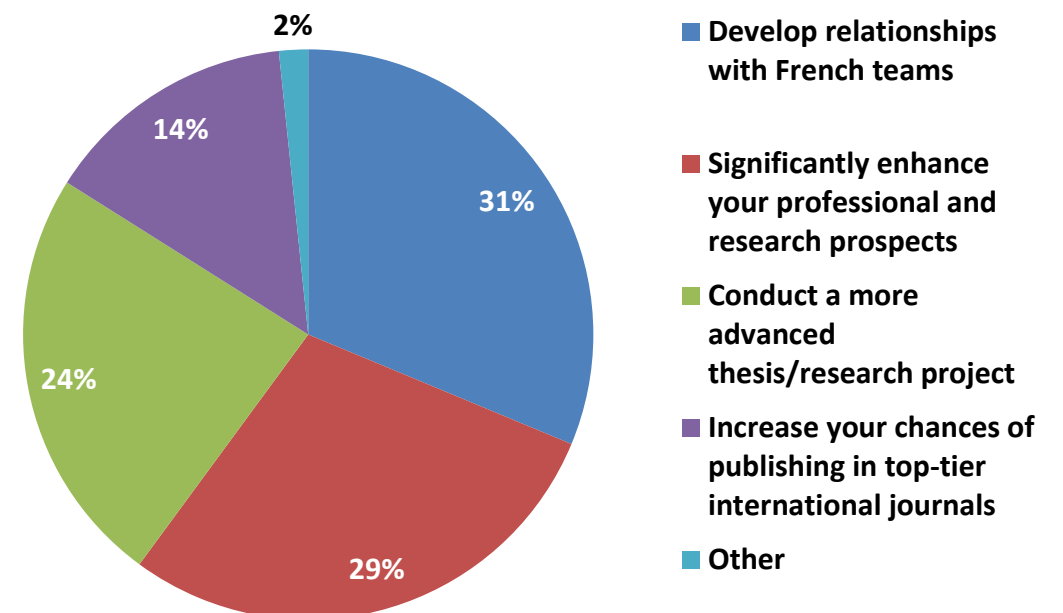
ULTIMATELY, WHAT WERE THE MAIN EFFECTS OF YOUR CHATEAUBRIAND STAY ON YOUR RESEARCH ?

% of laureates



Data from 83 responses

% of items



243 items from 83 responses

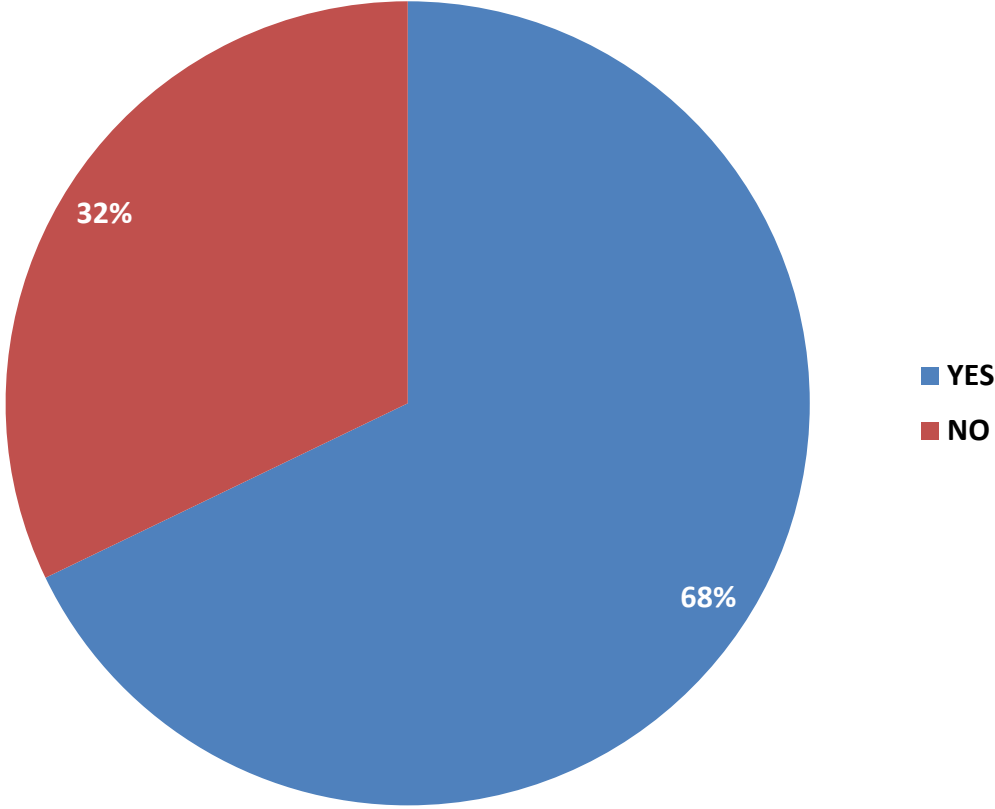


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SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (PROJECTS 2014-2021)

DID YOUR THESIS RESULT IN JOINT SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION WITH THE FRENCH LABORATORY?

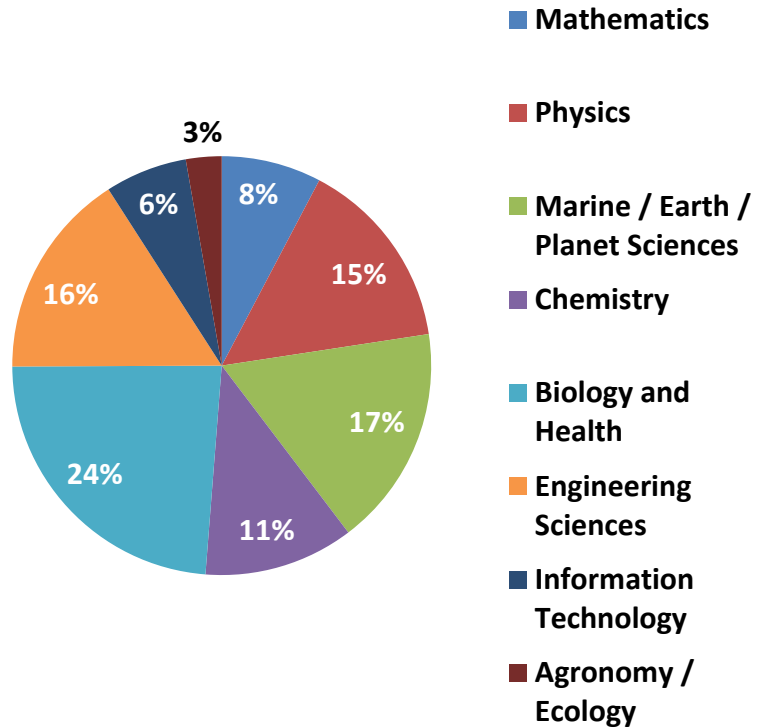


Data from 84 responses

SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION 2014-2021

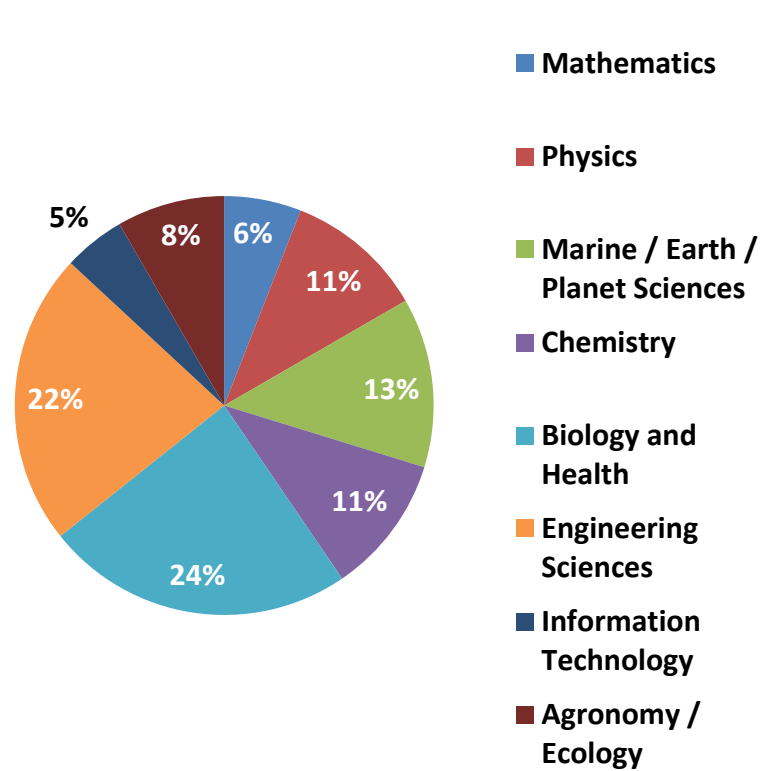
(DATA FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY AND THE SURVEY)

Funded projects 2014-2021



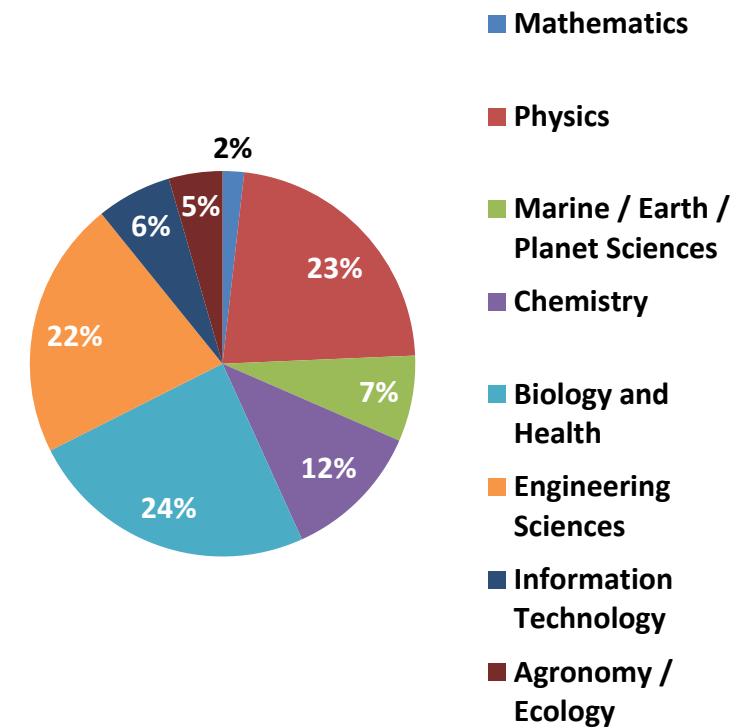
363 funded projects

Responses to the survey 2014-2021



84 responses

Coproductions 2014-2021



Analysis of 111 coproductions

ELIGIBLE SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (2014-2021)

2025 SURVEY

	Number of funded projects 2025 survey	Average number of scientific coproductions per project 2025 survey
Mathematics	5	0,4
Physics	9	2,8
Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences	11	0,7
Chemistry	9	1,4
Biology and Health	20	1,4
Engineering Sciences	19	1,3
Information Technology	4	1,8
Agronomy / Ecology	7	0,7
TOTAL/MOYENNE	84	1,3

Overall average number of scientific coproductions per project : 1,3 vs 1,9 mean

64% of funded projects led to at least 1 eligible scientific coproduction

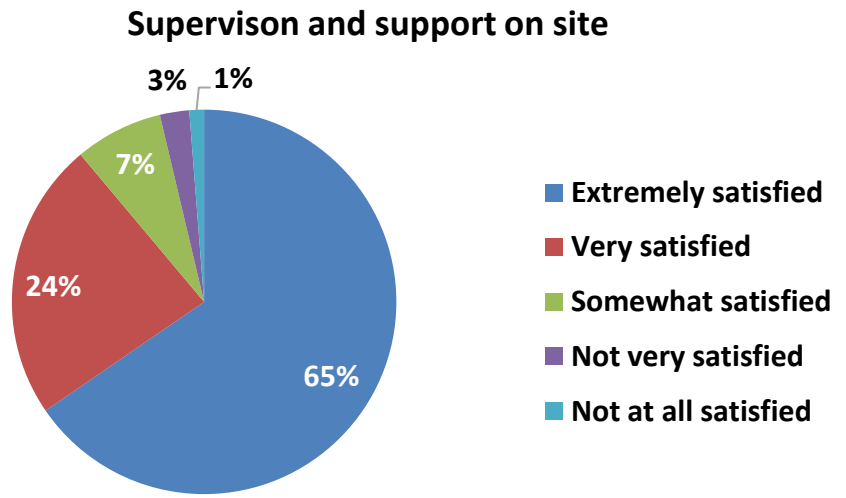


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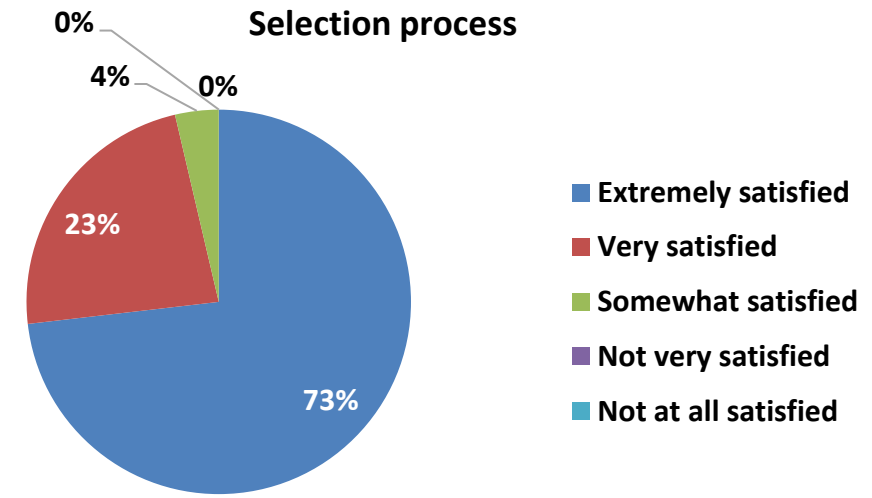
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GENERAL OPINION ON THE CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIPS

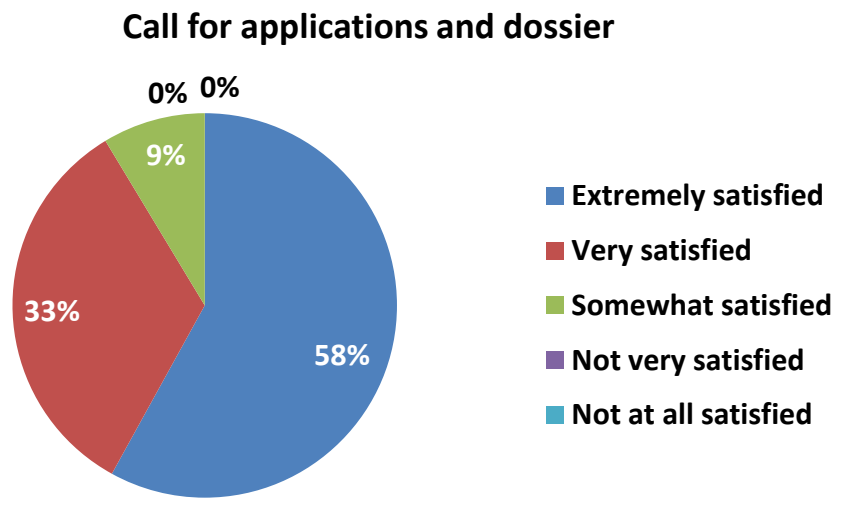
WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING POINTS ?



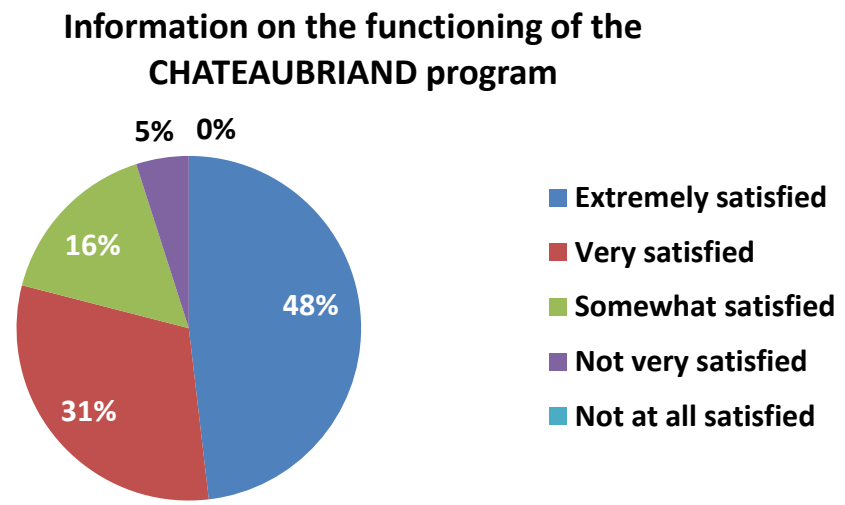
Data from 81 responses



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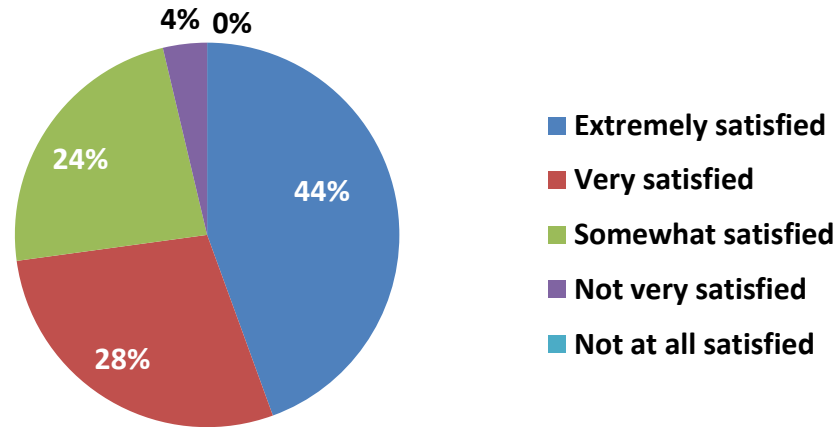
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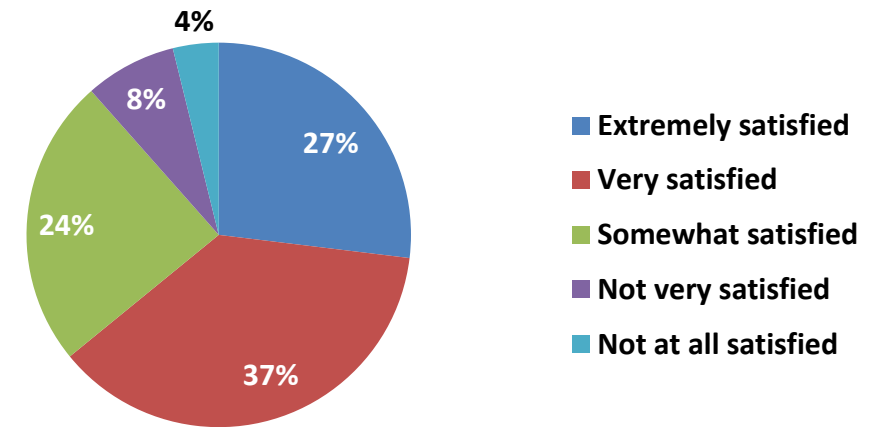
WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING POINTS ?

Material conditions of the stay



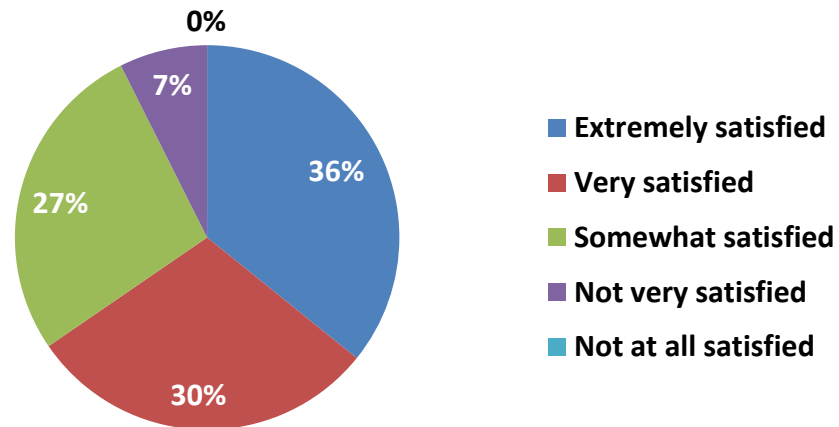
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Post-stay follow-up



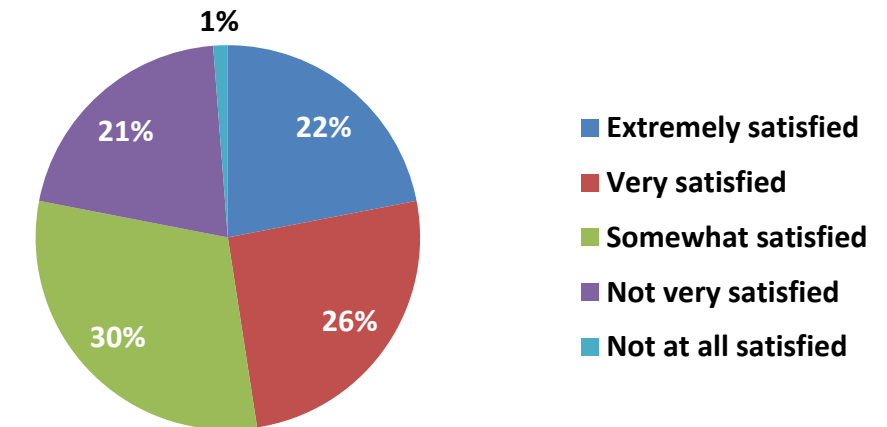
Data from 78 responses

Preparation of the stay



Data from 81 responses

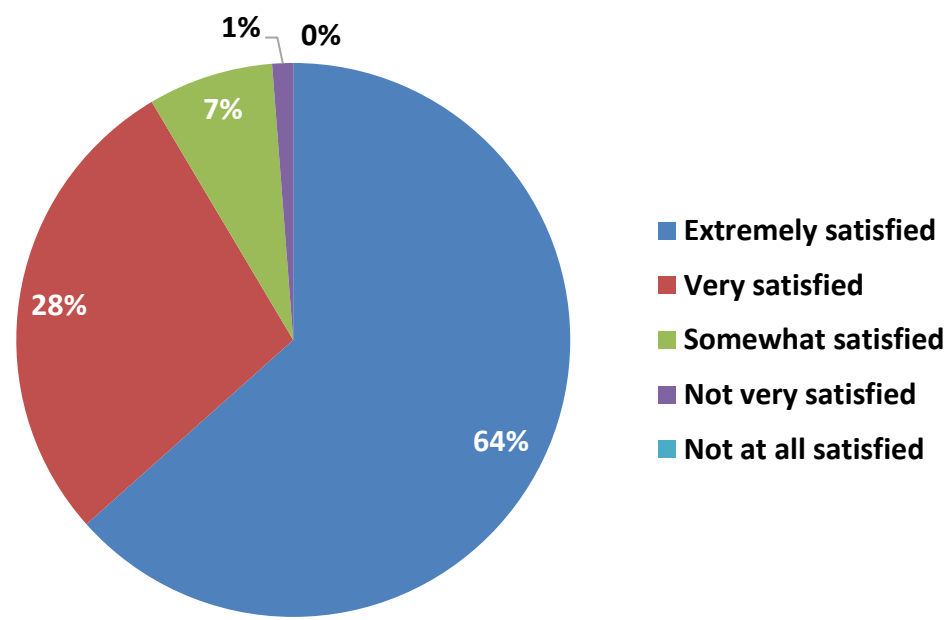
Amount of the grant



Data from 82 responses

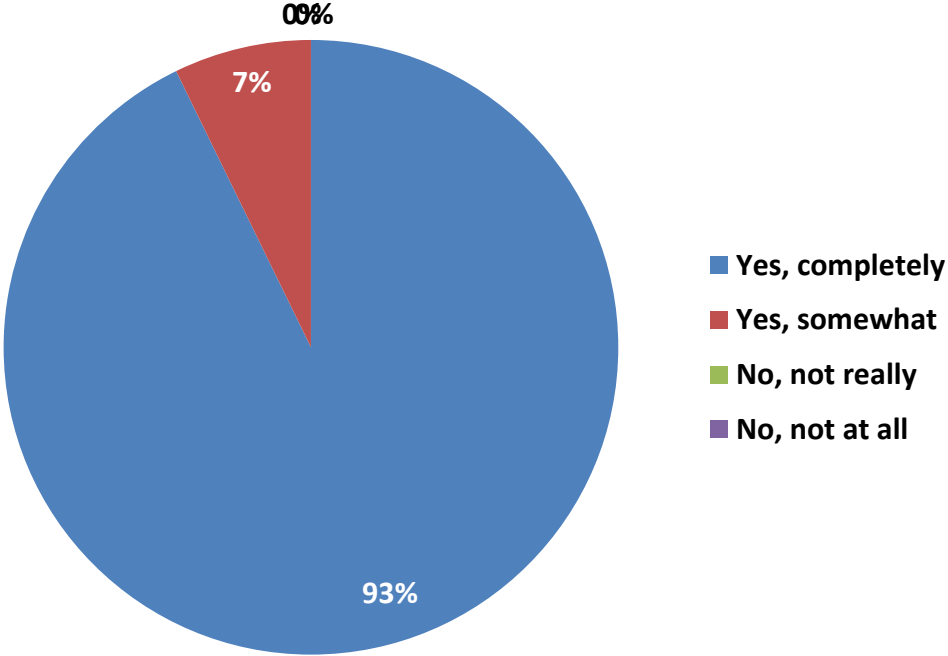
WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE ENTIRE CHATEAUBRIAND PROGRAM?

99% of Chateaubriand laureates are satisfied



Data from 82 responses

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM TO FUTURE DOCTORAL STUDENTS?



Data from 83 responses



French national ministries (MESR / MEAE) will provide a complete analysis of the survey. It will be sent to the recipients of the funding who participated in this survey.

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ANNEX REGIONALISATION AND SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS (CARTOGRAPHIES)

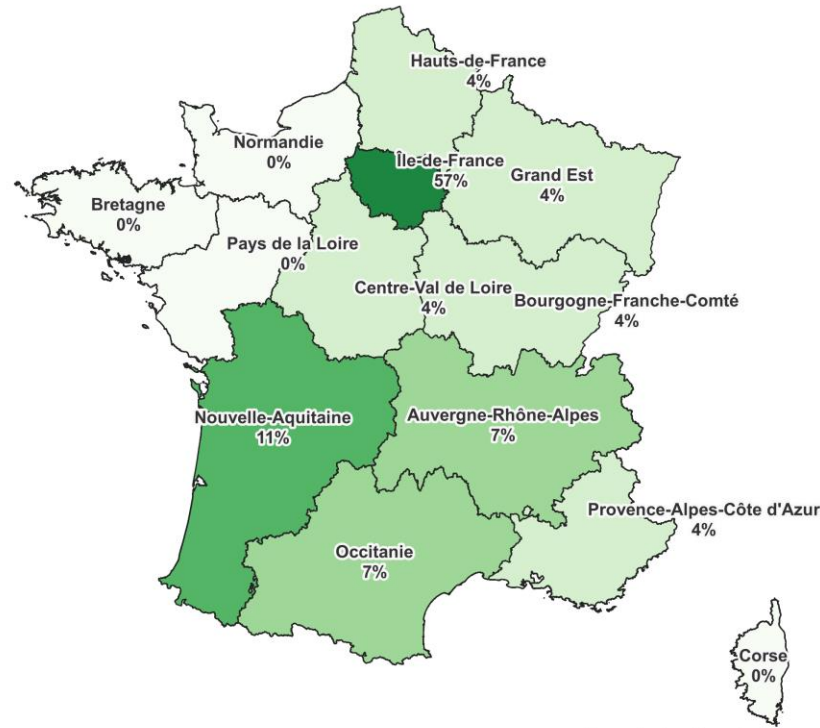
US REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)



Source: Analyse d'impact Chateaubriand,
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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections MATHEMATICS

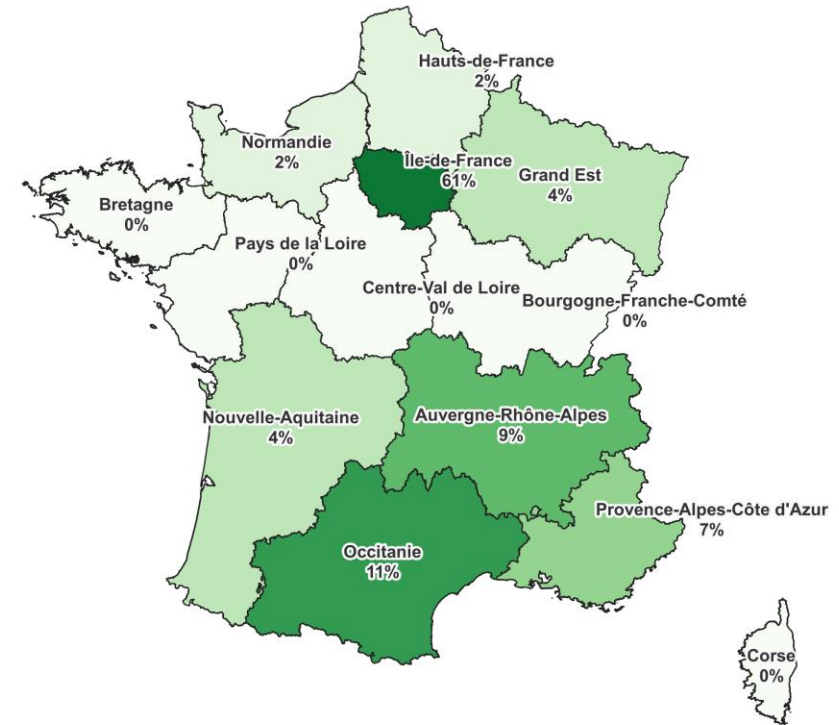


Number of selections : 28

Source: Analyse d'impact
Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA

Nine regions are concerned with Ile-de-France ahead.

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections PHYSICS



Number of selections : 54

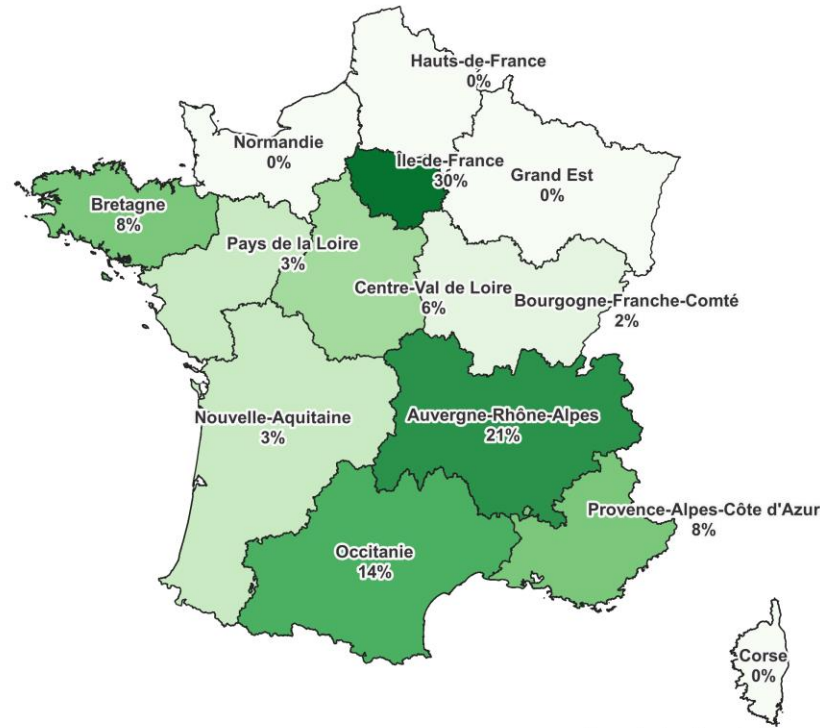
Source: Analyse d'impact
Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA

Eight regions are concerned with Ile-de-France ahead.

**% OF REGIONAL APPLICATIONS/SELECTIONS FOR EACH SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN AS COMPARED TO
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS/SELECTIONS IN THE SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN**

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections MARINE, EARTH, PLANET SCIENCES

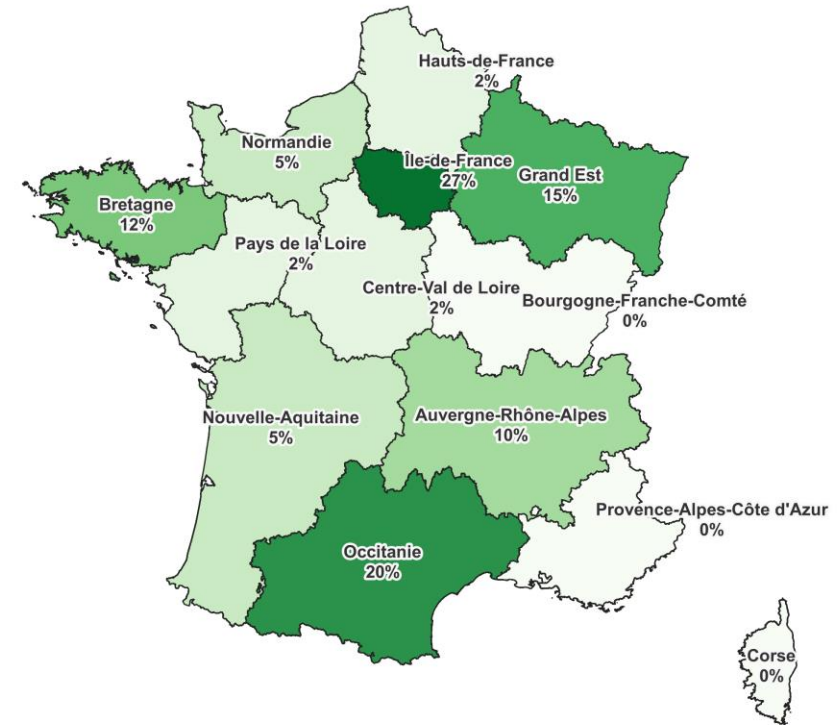


Number of selections : 63

Source: Analyse d'impact
Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA

Eleven regions are concerned (including La Réunion) with Ile-de-France ahead.

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections CHEMISTRY



Number of selections : 41

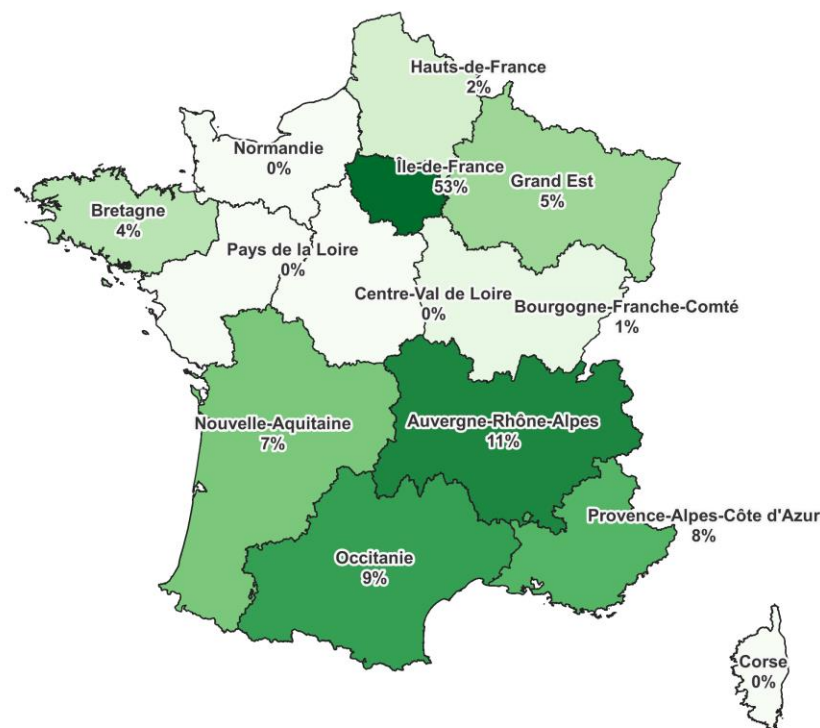
Source: Analyse d'impact
Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA

Ten regions are concerned with Ile-de-France ahead.

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections BIOLOGY AND HEALTH

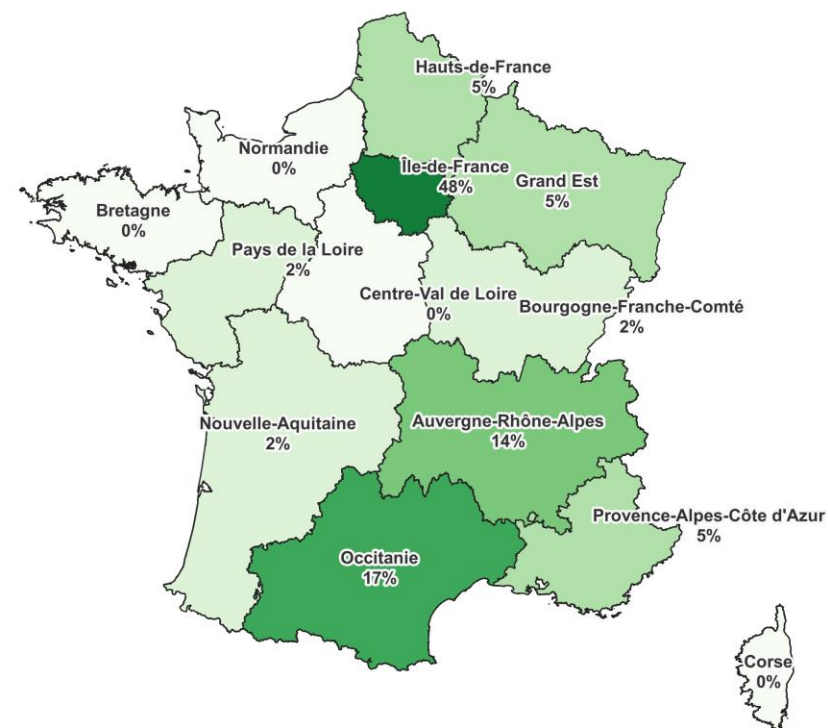


Number of selections : 85

Source: Analyse d'impact
Chateaubriand, KSTOITSEVA

Nine regions are concerned with Ile-de-France ahead.

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections ENGINEERING SCIENCES



Number of selections : 58

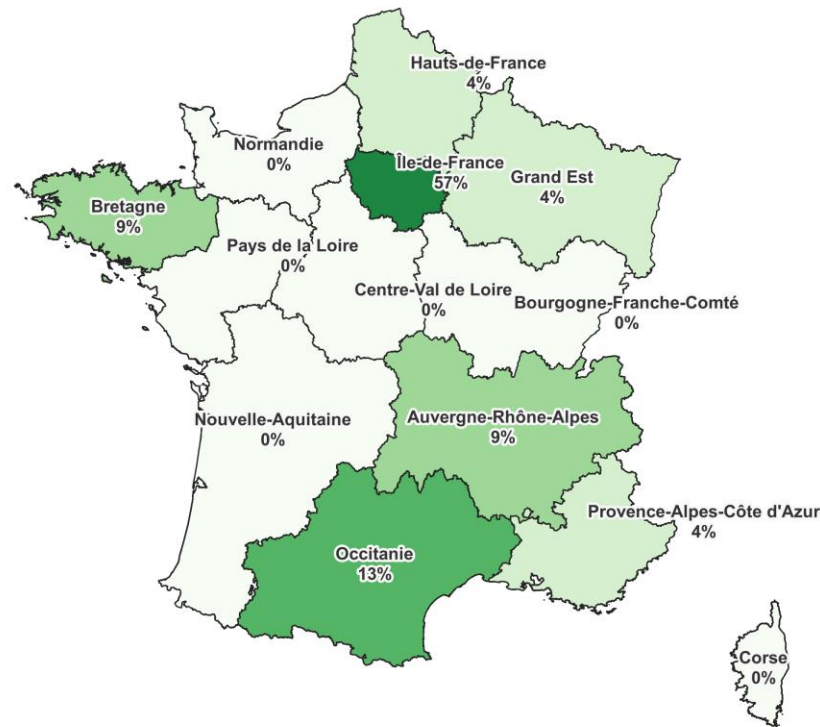
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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2014-2021)

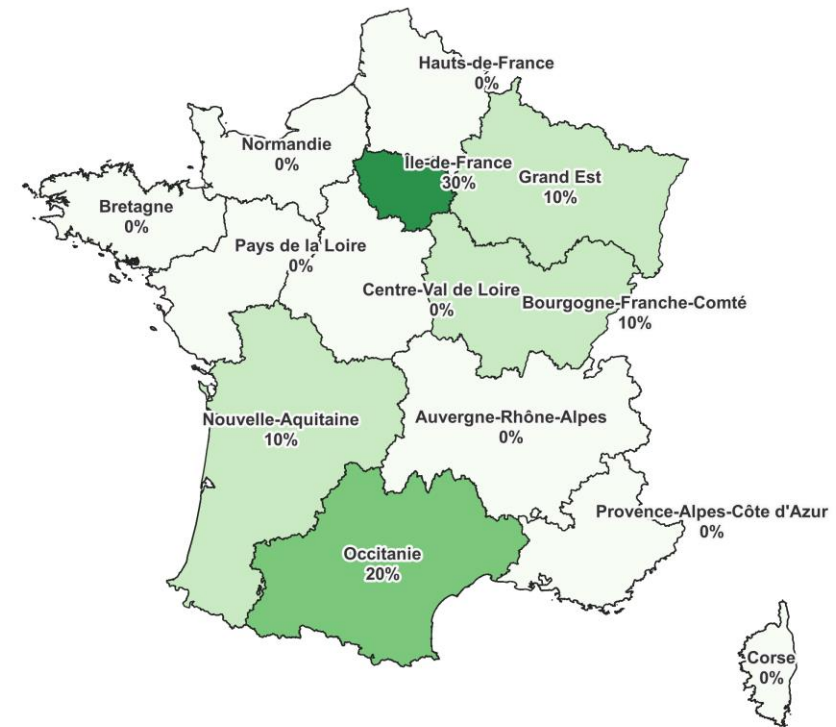
CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Number of selections : 23

Seven regions are concerned with Ile-de-France ahead.

CHATEAUBRIAND FELLOWSHIP Regional percentages selections AGRONOMY/ECOLOGY



Number of selections : 10

Seven regions are concerned (including La Réunion and la Polynésie française) with Ile-de-France ahead.

**% OF REGIONAL APPLICATIONS/SELECTIONS FOR EACH SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN AS COMPARED TO
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS/SELECTIONS IN THE SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN**