# PhD Years 5/6

### Sixth year

- Not funded by the program
- Some funding opportunities within HEC (Hi!Paris, S&O, professors' external grants, etc.) but limited, competitive, and topic specific
- Statistics from past three years:
  - 50% of students did a 6th year
  - Two-third of 6th-year students got some funding from HEC
- Alternative funding: external grants, TA/RA, personal savings and loans
- 6th-year enrollment requires mini-defense and approval by advisor and program drector

## Q from Students Reps

• What is the completion rate of the program?

•  $Y1 \rightarrow Y2: 100\%$ 

• Y2  $\rightarrow$  Y3: 91% (29 students progressed, 1 quit, 2 graduated from master but failed to progress)

Y3 → thesis defense: 94% (29 students defended, 1 quit, 1 failed)

# Conference budget

• 2 conferences funded (max €4,000)

• Eligible: Paper presentation at top international conference

#### Calls for project

Funded by GREGHEC and EUR (public funding)

3–4 calls per year

 Eligible: Research expenses (data, experiments, etc.); summer schools; conference presentation (if budget exhausted)

 Not automatic (limited budget). Priority for essential research expenses; for students close to job market; and for those not previously funded

#### Academic visit

Possible to visit another university

• Financial support: travel + visiting scholarship

Duration: few weeks to full academic year

Most common: year before job market (Y4 or Y5)

 Consult advisor to identify opportunities; fruitful only if invited by professor interested in your research