



POITIERS UNIVERSITE FOUNDATION

An interface between the University and the socio-economic world serving projects brought up by students and researchers

Poitiers Université Foundation has officially been launched in June, 2009 by 23 founders of which ITRON : companies, private individuals, or local and regional authorities and professional organizations.

Its goals : Constitute - thanks to the donations collected among companies and communities - an additional financing for the University of Poitiers so that the University can make a priority of the development of the relationships with the socio-economic world and the partnership, thus confirming its will to comfort its involvement on the territory where it is located to adapt its training offer to the market requirements and to promote the employability of its Graduates.

The Foundation is entering its 9th year of existence and despite a complicated economic environment, it managed to maintain the founders' and contributors' interest and to encourage some new ones to join in. So far, the Foundation counts on more than 50 companies as members.

The actions of the University of Poitiers naturally fit in with the 3 scopes of action identified since its creation, whether it concerns the **programmes on private funds, programmes in partnership or arrowed donations.**

The 3 scopes of action

A / Entrepreneurship and inventiveness

- Support the most inventive research in order to enhance it and to implement partnerships with the companies for a policy on innovation beneficial to society as a whole.
- Strengthen the relationships with the company and students' employability in order to :
 - Ensure the compatibility of the training activities with the socio-economic world requirements.
 - Professionalize the students by facilitating the contact with the world of work
 - Implement an ambitious relationship policy with the agents of for innovation
 - Promote the development of innovative pedagogical practices by extending the use of numeric use in education.

B / Territorial and international presence :

- Develop partnerships within the territory in Angoulême, Niort and Poitiers
- Act in concert with the local and regional authorities and the partners present on the territory for a collaborative efficient momentum.
- Reinforce the international cooperations
- Support both the mobility of the University community and the mobility of PhD students in particular.

C / Humanity at the core of University

- Facilitate access to University to all and namely for students with disabilities
- Promote well-being at work and during the studies by a dynamic and innovating perspective
- Give priority to the Sustainable Development inside the University community.
- From the campus development, to the initiatives taken by the university community to sensitize the stakeholders and make further progress in integrating Sustainable Development.
- Support the students by implementing scholarship programmes in order to facilitate access for all students to Higher Education. These programmes promote equal opportunities in particular for students with disabilities.
- Encourage the development of the Network of graduates from the University. This network aims at creating a feeling of belonging to the University and promoting the contacts between the students among which foreign students, graduates and the socio-economic world.

Founders and contributors : a constantly renewed trust

Since its creation, the Foundation has received a bit more than 3 million euros of contribution that mainly come from companies and local and regional authorities.

By pursuing its support to Poitiers Université Foundation, ITRON will be able to contribute – with a new personalized project fully compatible with the values and the interests of ITRON,- to the excellence of our trainings.

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