

Eiffel Scholarships in France for International Students

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French Government
Masters/PhD Degree

Deadline: before 12 Jan 2018 (annual)
Study in: France
Course starts AY 2018-2019

Brief description:

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Programme was established by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development to enable French higher education establishments to attract top foreign students to enrol in their master's and PhD courses.

The scholarship programme funds master's courses lasting between 12 and 36 months and offers funding for PhD students to spend ten months in France through joint supervision or a joint direction of thesis (preferably the 2nd year of the PhD).

Host Institution(s):

French Universities and Academic Institutions

Level/Field(s) of study:

Master's degree programme or in a PhD programme in four major fields:

- law;
- economics and management;
- engineering sciences at Masters' level, sciences in the broad sense for the Doctorate/PhD level (engineering science; exact sciences: mathematics, physics, chemistry and life sciences, nano and biotechnologies, Earth, space and environmental sciences, information sciences and technologies and communication);
- political sciences

Target group:

International students

Scholarship value/inclusions/duration:

For Master's level studies, the Eiffel scholarship includes a monthly allowance of €1,181 (a maintenance allowance of €1,031 and a monthly stipend of €150) and can be awarded for 12-36 months. For PhD level studies, the Eiffel scholarship includes a monthly allowance of €1,400 and is awarded for a maximum of ten months.

In addition, the programme meets various expenses including international return trip, social security cover, and cultural activities. Scholarship holders may also receive an additional housing allowance, under certain conditions.

Tuition fees are not covered by the Eiffel Programme.

Eligibility:

Nationality: This programme is reserved for candidates of non-French nationality. Candidates with two nationalities, one of which is French, are not eligible.

Age: For Master's level, the candidate must be at most 30 years old on the date of the selection committee; born on or after 12 March 1987. For Doctoral level, the candidate must be at most 35 years old on the date of the selection committee; born on or after 12 March 1982.

Origin of applications: Only applications submitted by French educational establishments are accepted. These establishments undertake to enrol scholarship holders on the course for which they have been selected. Applications submitted by any other means shall not be considered. Furthermore, any candidate nominated by more than one establishment shall be disqualified.

Courses of study: Scholarships are for students wishing to enrol on a master's course, including at an engineering school, and for PhD students. The Eiffel Programme does not apply to French-run master's courses abroad, as non-PhD scholarship holders must complete at least 75% of their course in France. It does not apply to training under an apprenticeship contract or a professional training contract either.

Combination with other scholarships: Foreign students who, at the time of application, have already been awarded a French government scholarship under another programme are not eligible, even if the scholarship in question does not include social security cover.

For Eiffel Master Scholarship: No application will be accepted for any student who applied previously but was rejected, even if the application is submitted by a different establishment or in another field of study. Students who have already been awarded an Eiffel scholarship at master's level are not eligible to re-apply at master's level.

For Eiffel PhD Scholarship: Establishments may nominate a candidate who was previously awarded an Eiffel scholarship at master's level for a scholarship at PhD level. Candidates who have already been awarded an Eiffel scholarship once during their PhD cannot be awarded it for a second time. No application will be accepted for any student who applied previously but was rejected, even if the application is submitted by a different establishment or in another field of study.

Language skills: When pre-selecting non-French-speaking candidates, establishments must make sure that their language skills meet the requirements of the relevant course of study.

Students undertaking a course of study abroad take priority over those already living in France.

Application instructions:

Applications are not accepted from students directly. Applications for EIFFEL scholarships are submitted by French Higher Education Institutions. You must apply and meet the requirements of the French Higher Education Institution in order to be considered for the scholarship. The deadline for applications to Campus France is **12 January 2018**. Application deadline to participating French Institutions is earlier and falls **around November-December 2017**.

It is important to read the [Eiffel Programme Guide](#) and visit the official website (link found below) to access the online application form and for detailed information on how to apply for this scholarship.

Website:

Official Scholarship Website: <http://www.campusfrance.org/en/eiffel>

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