

# EIFFEL A DESTINATION APPLICATION GUIDE

## FRENCH ESTABLISHMENTS

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## PRESENTATION OF THE EIFFEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The France Excellence Eiffel scholarship program is a tool developed by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education and research establishments to attract the best foreign students to master's and doctoral level degree programs.

It enables the training of future foreign decision-makers, from the private and public sectors, in priority areas of study.

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs has entrusted Campus France, a public institution responsible for promoting French higher education abroad and welcoming foreign students and researchers to France, with the implementation of the Eiffel call for applications and the management of the stay of the winners.

### 1. CONDITIONS D'ELIGIBILITE

#### 1.1 DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

For both parts of the Eiffel program, the scholarship is awarded for the academic year corresponding to the call for applications.

The start of the stay must be between September 1 and November 30 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

The stay is financed by the scholarship only for the periods which take place in France, except in certain cases for internship or exchange periods (consult the regulations of the Eiffel scholarship: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/droits-et-obligations-du-boursier-eiffel>).

- Master level

The scholarship is awarded for a duration:

12 months maximum when registering in the 2nd year of a master's degree (M2);

24 months maximum for registration in the first year of a master's degree (M1);

36 months maximum for the preparation of an engineering diploma.

- Doctoral level

The Eiffel scholarship is awarded for a period of 12, 18, or 36 months.

- Scholarship duration of 36 months, conditional on registration in the **first year of thesis for newly arrived students only and cannot give rise to the signing of a joint supervision**. A newly arrived student is understood to be a student who is not currently studying in France, who is not currently registered in a French institution; the objective being to attract students by offering them full funding for their thesis;

Please note that the number of 36-month scholarships will be limited. In the context of the 36-month scholarship, co-supervision is not mandatory.

- Scholarship duration of 12 or 18 months depending on the year of registration, for all candidates, and in particular those already in the process of completing a thesis **under joint supervision or co-supervision** :
  - **12 months maximum for registration in the 2nd or 3rd year of a doctorate ; - 18 months maximum for registration in the 1st or 2nd year of a doctorate.**

Action in favor of doctoral mobility requires that establishments take advantage of these systems to support their strategy, and thus present doctoral applications for different scholarship durations.

## 1.2 AGE

**Be between 27 and 32 years old maximum depending on the level.**

- Master's level: the candidate must be 27 years old or less at the time of selection of 2025 applications; i.e. born after March 31, 1997.
- Doctorate level: the candidate must be 32 years old at the time of selection of 2025 applications; i.e. born after March 31, 1992.

## 1.3 NATIONALITY CONDITIONS

**Be of foreign nationality.**

This program is reserved for candidates of foreign nationality. Dual national candidates, one of whose nationalities is French, are not eligible.

#### 1.4 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

- Master's level: candidates currently studying in France are **ineligible**.
- Doctorate level: candidates currently studying in France are **eligible**. Students in Study abroad courses take **priority** over those already residing in France.

#### 1.5 ORIGIN OF FILES

Only applications submitted by French **higher education and research** institutions are admissible. **The latter undertake to enroll the winners in the training for which they were selected.** Applications submitted by other means are not admissible. In addition, an applicant submitted by more than one institution will have their application rejected.

It is essential that institutions inform and confirm the submission of application files to candidates in order to avoid double applications.

## 2. FORMATIONS ELIGIBLES

Only training courses accredited by the French State, awarded a diploma conferring the level of master's degree, including in engineering schools, are admitted. French training courses relocated abroad are not accepted, nor are training courses within the framework of an apprenticeship or professionalization contract.

#### 2.1 MASTER COMPONENT

The application of a student whose file was not accepted during a previous selection is not admissible, even if this application is submitted by a different institution or in another field of study. The application of a student who has already benefited from an Eiffel scholarship at the master's level is not admissible for this same level.

#### 2.2 DOCTORATE COMPONENT

Institutions may present for a doctoral scholarship a candidate who has already received an Eiffel scholarship at the master's level (except for the 36-month scholarship). A candidate who has already received an Eiffel scholarship as part of their doctorate is not eligible for a new scholarship.

Eiffel scholarship. The application of a student whose file has not been accepted during a previous selection for this level is not admissible, even if this application is submitted by a different establishment or in another field of study.

**Foreign students already receiving a scholarship from the French government under a program other than the Eiffel program at the time of application are not eligible.**

even if it is a scholarship that only covers social security.

### 3. LANGUAGE LEVEL

Establishments that preselect non-French-speaking candidates must ensure that their language level is in line with the level required by the training.

## 4. HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

### 4.1 ACCESS TO APPLICATION FORMS AND SUBMISSION OF FILES

**Only French higher education and research establishments can submit application files.**

The application form for the Master's program must be completed online at: [https://campusfrance.smapply.io/prog/appel\\_candidature\\_eiffel\\_-\\_master/](https://campusfrance.smapply.io/prog/appel_candidature_eiffel_-_master/)

The application form for the Doctorate component must be completed online at: [https://campusfrance.smapply.io/prog/appel\\_candidature\\_eiffel\\_-\\_doctorat/](https://campusfrance.smapply.io/prog/appel_candidature_eiffel_-_doctorat/)

The Eiffel application platform allows you to complete the application file simply, to follow the progress of your entry and to control the number of files submitted or remaining to be finalized.

### 4.2 HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR LOGIN DETAILS

You are an establishment and you have already participated in the Eiffel excellence scholarship program

=> You should have received an email telling you how to submit your application files.

If not, [contact us](#)

You are an institution and you are participating for the first time in the Eiffel excellence scholarship program

=> [Contact us to obtain](#) your identifier allowing you to submit your applications.

## 5. THE APPLICATION FILE

The application file consists of three parts:

1. Information about the candidate
2. Presentation of the application
3. General information about the establishment

In order to help you gather the necessary information, you can consult the “previewed” files below:

- [Master Form](#)
- [Doctorate Form](#)

This information is essential to enable the processing of the application and its evaluation.

Most fields are mandatory. You will only be able to submit your application if the information and supporting documents are provided.

Before the final submission of the file to Campus France, the mandatory fields must be completed. Otherwise, the file cannot be submitted.

Dates must be entered in the format: DD/MM/YYYY.

Some questions require answers that may include several lines: for this purpose, the size of the fields is adjustable.

### 5.1 INFORMATION ON THE CANDIDATE

REMINDER

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs reminds you that the Cooperation and Cultural Action Services within the French Embassies can assist you in identifying and selecting the best students from their country of residence.

Nationality: This program is reserved for candidates of foreign nationality. Dual national candidates, one of whose nationalities is French, are not eligible.

Date of birth :

MASTER: Candidates must be 27 years of age or less at the time of selection.

2025 applications; i.e. born after March 1997.

DOCTORATE: candidates must be 32 years of age or less at the time of selection.  
2025 applications; i.e. born after March 1992.

## 5.2 ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE COMPONENTS

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

- Biology and health
- Ecological transition
- Mathematics and digital technology
- Engineering and engineering sciences

### HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES:

- History, French Language and Civilization
- Law and Political Science
- Economics Management

## 5.3 PRESENTATION OF THE APPLICATION

Criteria and method of candidate selection:

As this is a highly selective excellence programme, you must specify the criteria according to which the candidate was pre-selected from among all the foreign students admitted to your establishment.

Diploma prepared:

French training courses relocated abroad are not affected. Scholarship holders must complete at least 50% of their course in France.

## 5.4 TOTAL DURATION OF THE REQUESTED SCHOLARSHIP

### 5.4.1 MASTER

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum period of 12 months when registering in the second year of a Master's degree (M2), for a maximum period of 24 months when registering in the first year of a Master's degree (M1) and for a maximum period of 36 months when preparing for an engineering degree.

The total duration of the training that the student will have to follow (including compulsory internships) must be clearly indicated in the application file.

If the scholarship holder follows prior intensive language training, he or she may benefit from the Eiffel scholarship for a maximum of two months during this training, starting in July, if this is clearly indicated in the application file. The Eiffel program does not cover the cost of this training.

No postponement of the scholarship is possible.

#### 5.4.2 DOCTORATE

The duration of the scholarship will be awarded based on the following conditions:

- Scholarship duration of 36 months, conditional on registration in the first year of a thesis only and exclusively for new arrivals<sup>1</sup>, and cannot give rise to the signing of a joint agreement.
  
- Scholarship duration of 12 or 18 months depending on the year of registration, for all candidates, and in particular those already in the process of writing a thesis as part of a joint supervision or co-supervision:
  - o 12 months maximum for registration in the 2nd or 3rd year of a doctorate;
  - o 18 months maximum for registration in the 1st or 2nd year of a doctorate.

The 12 or 18 month scholarship stay may be split into several periods. However, the stay financed by the scholarship cannot be less than 6 months and cannot exceed a period of 3 years.

Example: for an 18-month scholarship, it may be possible to split the scholarship into 3 stays of 6 months.

; for a 12-month scholarship, it may be possible to split the scholarship into 2 stays of 6 months.

Each stay in France cannot be less than 6 months. In any event, the scholarship cannot extend beyond 3 years, including periods outside France.

No postponement of the scholarship is possible.

## 6. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT

This involves demonstrating the actions implemented by the establishment to promote its international influence and improve the quality of the reception of international students, and more specifically of the winners of the France Excellence Eiffel program, and indicating the actions carried out to ensure the follow-up of the scholarship holder during and after his training in France.

The Ministry expects institutions to provide the best possible reception conditions for their students (accommodation, tutoring, etc.). They must agree to make a financial effort to cover training costs.

## 7. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE FILE

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<sup>1</sup> New arrival = a student who is not currently studying in France, who is not currently registered in a French establishment; the aim being to attract students by offering them full funding for their thesis)



## 7.1 MASTER

- **PHOTOCOPY OF THE IDENTITY DOCUMENT** containing the information: name, first name, date of birth.
- **The candidate's CURRICULUM VITAE**, written in French or English, on two pages maximum specifying the academic background and professional experience where applicable.
- **DIPLOMAS AND RANKING** : copy of the latest diplomas obtained with indication of the date, specialty, mentions and **any other document attesting to the excellence and performance of the candidate**
- **LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA** (if applicable).
- **TRANSCRIPTS** of the last three years referring to an academic career produced both in France and abroad.
- **The candidate's PROFESSIONAL PROJECT**, written in French or, failing that, in English, on one or two pages. *This presentation may be **supported by an opinion from people outside the establishment**, for example from a company.*
- In the case of a **BIDIPLOMATION** (issuance of a double diploma), the establishment must attach **the agreement** and specify the terms of the procedure implemented between the establishments.
- **The MODEL OF THE TRAINING targeted** and its complete **CALENDAR**

## 6.2 DOCTORATE

- **PHOTOCOPY OF THE IDENTITY DOCUMENT** containing the information: name, first name, date of birth.
- **The candidate's CURRICULUM VITAE**, written in French or English, on one or two pages specifying the academic background and professional experience where applicable.
- **DIPLOMAS AND RANKING** : copy of the latest diplomas obtained with indication of the date, specialty, mentions and **any other document attesting to the excellence and performance of the candidate**
- **LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA** (if applicable).
- **TRANSCRIPTS** of the last three years referring to an academic career produced both in France and abroad.
- **The candidate's PROFESSIONAL PROJECT**, written in French or, failing that, in English, on one or two pages. *This presentation may be **supported by an opinion from people outside the establishment**, for example from a company or training manager.*
- **A presentation of the THESIS PROJECT**, written in French or English (5 pages maximum).  
This document must precisely set out the subject of the thesis, the objectives and the research hypotheses – the innovative nature, the impact and the benefits of the project.
- **A reasoned expert opinion on the scientific quality of the thesis subject.**
  - o The Expert must be a university professor, a research director or a teacher and/or researcher holding a qualification to supervise research, while respecting the rules of ethics.

- o The expert must **be** external to the establishment which files the candidature.
- o The expert must **be** from the same CNU section or field of research proposed in the thesis project.
- o The expert must not have carried out joint work or publications with the prospective thesis director

Through this document, the aim is to provide the experts of the Eiffel jury with elements on the realistic and achievable project of the thesis and to represent the scientific contribution in which the thesis is included.

ÿ **The CV of the expert who wrote the opinion on the scientific quality of the thesis subject (synthetic CV 2 pages max, beyond that, the document will not be taken into account).**

ÿ **The overall FINANCING PLAN for the thesis**

ÿ **The JOINT SUPERVISION AGREEMENT or the JOINT SUPERVISION CERTIFICATE signed by the French and foreign parties** including the schedule for alternating stays in the event of splitting, for scholarship periods of 12 and 18 months. For 36-month applications, without the obligation of co-supervision or co-supervision, attach a blank page, if applicable.

## 8. SUBMISSION OF FILES

The deadline for ONLINE SUBMISSION of files on the SMAApply platform is set at:

**Wednesday January 8, 2025 inclusive**

Applications received after this date will not be evaluated.

You must submit the application file(s) with the attachments using the submission platform (see links mentioned on the first page).

If you wish to modify a submitted application file, please contact us by email at [candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org](mailto:candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org) indicating the words "Cancellation of deposit + first name and last name of candidate" in the subject line.

Each establishment may not submit more than 40 applications per field and per section.

For each deposit you make, you will automatically receive an acknowledgement of receipt by email.

Otherwise, please contact:

[candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org](mailto:candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org)

## 9. CONFIRM THE LIST OF CANDIDATES

In parallel with the online submission of application files, establishments communicate to Campus France the list of applications submitted online by means of a **form**. This must include the stamp of the institution as well as the signature of the head of the institution (university president or school director), or his representative. It will be scanned and sent by email to the address: [candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org](mailto:candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org)

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#### 10. SELECTION OF EIFFEL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

The selection is made by a committee composed of seven colleges of experts (one per field of study). The members of these colleges cannot evaluate the files submitted by establishments to which they are attached.

The selection criteria are:

- The candidate's excellence, as demonstrated by his or her previous academic career and for the doctorate, the innovative nature of his research subject;

- The international influence of the establishment and its reception policy: this involves demonstrating the actions implemented by the establishment to promote its international influence and improve the quality of the reception of international students and more specifically of the graduates of the Eiffel program.

- The cooperation and cultural action services (SCAC) within the French embassies are consulted for the evaluation of projects of candidates from or studying in the country.

- The cooperation and partnership policy of the Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs, in particular the priority given to certain countries for this programme.

The committee awards grades to candidates based on these criteria. The jury list and the grading grids can be viewed on the Campus France website. The committee determines an eligibility threshold and, based on the number of scholarships available, awards them as follows:

- A minimum of 70% of scholarships are awarded on the basis of the best grades obtained;

- The remaining percentage is distributed among the establishments which did not obtain a grant, based on the admissible files.

The files thus selected constitute the final list of winners.

In order to compensate for any withdrawals by prizewinners, the commission is establishing a supplementary list.

#### 11. INTERVENTION OF FRENCH EMBASSIES

The cultural cooperation and action services (SCAC) can support establishments that wish to do so in identifying and selecting the best students from their country of residence.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

Each establishment receives by email all the results for the files it has submitted (accepted, alternate, refused), the 1st week of April 2025.

Campus France will send an award letter to the winners, and the list of winners to the embassies of the countries concerned, in order to facilitate consular procedures.

We invite you to read all the services and regulations of the Eiffel scholarship here : <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/droits-et-obligations-du-boursier-eiffel>

## 13. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A HOST ESTABLISHMENT

The Eiffel scholarship is awarded for a predetermined institution and training, in its object and duration. It is therefore essential that the institution provides the correct training and training duration according to the entry level.

The host institution undertakes to support the scholarship holder and report any absence, failure or difficulties encountered by the latter.

The establishment also undertakes to complete the evaluation form as well as the academic results form.

As part of the doctorate, particularly for 36-month grants, you will need to provide us with the report from the Individual Monitoring Committee (CSI) or, failing that, a document from the ED on the progress of the thesis.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs reserves the right to stop paying this scholarship if the scholarship holder's activities are incompatible with the objectives of this program.

Recipients of the Eiffel scholarship must send Campus France a registration certificate for the current year at the start of the training.

Eiffel scholarship winners must inform Campus France before starting an internship, a trip abroad or a gap year within the required time limits (see regulations).

## 14. IN CASE OF CHANGE

**Any change in educational situation or academic difficulties must be reported by email as soon as possible.**

## 15. CONTACTS

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MEAE website: <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/venir-en-france/etudier-en-france/financer-son-projet-d-etudes-en-france/>

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## 16.MENTIONS RGPD

Your personal data ("Data") is processed by Campus France to study and monitor the student's application to the "Excellence Eiffel" scholarship program and, for successful recipients, to manage the award of the scholarship and participation in the "Excellence Eiffel" program. The processing of your Data is based on consent for candidates and other persons mentioned in the application, and on the execution of a contract to which you are a party for successful recipients. Your Data was communicated to us by the institution that completed the application.

The data we process are as follows:

Categories of persons concerned	Data processed
Student applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The candidate's identity and contact details email, postal and telephone numbers, place of residence, scholarship recipient</li><li>• Academic background (establishments, country of establishment, training followed, dates, grades, mention, diploma, ranking, rank)</li><li>• Professional career (company, country, position, periods, sector of activity)</li><li>• Copy of identity document</li><li>• CV</li><li>• Professional project and presentation of the thesis project</li><li>• Language certificate or diploma</li><li>• Assessment by the thesis director</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasoned opinion of the laboratory director welcome</li> <li>• Reasoned opinion of the school director doctoral student concerned</li> <li>• Information relating to the thesis</li> <li>• Establishment and training targeted</li> <li>• Date of stay</li> <li>• Duration of the requested scholarship</li> <li>• Housing information</li> <li>• Training costs</li> </ul>
Thesis director / Host laboratory director / Director  doctoral school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• First name</li> <li>• Quality</li> <li>• Phone</li> <li>• E-mail address</li> </ul>
Person responsible for monitoring the application within the establishment  / Establishment manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• First name</li> <li>• Civility</li> <li>• Function</li> <li>• Mailing address</li> <li>• Phone</li> <li>• E-mail address</li> </ul>

Campus France only communicates your Data to authorized and specific recipients. These recipients are the internal departments of Campus France in charge of these treatments, the technical service providers of Campus France, any partners, subcontractors or co-contractors of Campus France, the persons in charge of evaluating applications, including independent experts, the relevant departments of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. When Campus France transfers your Data outside the European Union, in particular to French embassies and Campus France Spaces abroad, appropriate guarantees are taken. Campus France only keeps your Data for the duration necessary for the operations for which they were collected and in compliance with the legislation in force.

You have rights over your Data. Thus, you have, at any time and within the legal limits, the right to ask Campus France for access to your Data, the rectification or deletion of these, the right to limit their processing, the right to oppose this processing as well as the right to request the portability of the Data. You also have the right to define directives relating to the fate of your Data after your death.

If you wish to exercise these rights, please contact [dpo@campusfrance.org](mailto:dpo@campusfrance.org) or by post to the following address: 28, rue de la Grange aux Belles – 75010 Paris. If there is any doubt about your identity, we may ask you for proof of identity. If you believe, after contacting us, that your rights have not been respected, you can file a complaint with the CNIL.