



# THE EIFFEL PROGRAM

## VADE MECUM 2018

The scholarship program includes two parts:

- the masters' part allows the financing of a diploma course at masters' level, and lasts 12 to 36 months;
- the PhD (“Doctorat”) part allows the financing of a 10-months mobility as part of a joint supervision or a joint direction of thesis (preferably the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the PhD).

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### 1. Objectives of the Eiffel program

The Eiffel scholarship program is a tool developed by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and designed to allow French higher education institutions attract the best foreign students in diploma courses at Masters' and Doctorate/PhD level.

This allows to train the next foreign decision makers in private and public sectors in critical studies fields, and boost applications by students from emerging countries at Masters' level and emerging and industrialised countries at PhD/Doctorate level.

#### 2. Fields of studies

The four major fields of studies covered by Eiffel scholarships are:

- 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.

#### 3. Levels of studies

French higher education institutions presenting applicants to the Eiffel program will register them:

- in courses attested by a Masters' degree;
- in a course attested by an engineering degree;
- in a PhD course as part of a joint supervision or joint direction of thesis with a partner foreign higher education institution.

#### 4. **Duration of the scholarship**

##### 4.1. **Masters' level**

The scholarship is granted for a period:

- up to 12 months for a registration in M2;
- up to 24 months for a registration in M1;
- up to 36 months for the preparation of an engineer degree.

The scholarship is granted each year provided that the student complies with the academic obligations every year of the course.

If the recipient follows a preliminary language training course he/she may receive his/her allowance during this training for a maximum duration of two months. If the training is not mentioned in the application, payment of the scholarship may not be applied for afterwards.

The Eiffel scholarship does not cover the cost of the course.

Gap years are allowed but not financed.

Students may continue to benefit from their scholarship during an internship which duration is equivalent to 25% of the duration of the scholarship applied for (see "duration of the scholarship" at page 4 of the application file). To benefit from the scholarship, internships must be part of the training and mandatory. The internship period exceeding the 25% is not covered by the scholarship. Scholarships are never granted<sup>1</sup> during an internship not considered as mandatory in the training description.

If Campus France guarantees to provide an accommodation to scholarship recipients, including in a student residence, the operator must be informed of the internship dates in the best delays possible.

The rest of the training is covered by the scholarship only for **periods spent in France**.

If the course plans an international academic exchange **in another institution**, payment of the scholarship will be suspended for the period spent abroad, **with possible deferment of the scholarship**.

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<sup>1</sup> Campus France carries out individual assessment to determine if the sole housing allowance may be maintained or not depending on the recipient's accommodation situation and the level of compensation of his/her internship.

If the course plans international mobility **in the same institution**, payment of the scholarship will be suspended for the period spent abroad, **with no possible deferment of the scholarship**.

If an Eiffel scholarship recipient concludes a contract of apprenticeship or a professionalization contract, payment of the scholarship is automatically stopped.

#### **4.2. PhD level**

Eiffel scholarships are granted for a period of up to 10 months.

The 10 months of the scholarship may be split in 2 or 3 stays of 3 to 4 months in France, after consent of the selection committee. The scholarship will be spread over a maximum of 3 civil years.

A language training taken during the main higher education course is only available for students in law. Application must be expressed in the application file.

**If a language training is not explicitly applied for in the application file, it shall not be granted later.**

### **5. Planned services**

#### **5.1. Masters' level**

Eiffel scholarship recipients benefit from a monthly allowance of 1,181 EUR (1,031 EUR of maintenance allowance and 150 EUR of monthly compensation). In addition, the programme covers various expenses:

- an international travel ticket arrival - repatriation;
- Campus France social security for students over 28 years old, additional health security for students under 28 years old;
- cultural activities.

In addition, they may benefit from additional housing allowance under specific conditions.

#### **5.2. PhD level**

Eiffel scholarship recipients benefit from a monthly allowance of 1,400 EUR. In addition, the programme covers various expenses:

- international travel ticket arrival - repatriation (for students who carry out several stays, only one single/return ticket will be covered);
- Campus France social security for students over 28 years old, additional health security for students under 28 years old;
- cultural activities.

In addition, they may benefit from additional housing allowance under specific conditions.

**For both Master's and PhD level**

To receive the first payment of the monthly allowance, the recipient must begin his/her study course in the host university in France. Any interruption of the scholarship results in the interruption of all benefits.

The Eiffel programme does not cover tuition fees.

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs expects institutions (which international influence is boosted by this program) to agree to offer their best financial rates to scholarship recipients.

Tuition fees at public higher education centres are waived for students benefitting from French government scholarship programmes.

When student social security is no longer accessible to scholarship recipients due to the age cap (28 years old and above), recipients in this situation must immediately inform Campus France.

Note: Scholarship recipients have at most one year after the end of the scholarship payment to benefit from their right to repatriation.

## SELECTION PROCESS

### 6. Conditions of eligibility

- **Nationality:** this program is exclusively for foreign applicants. Binational applicants who are part French are not eligible.
- **Age:** At Masters' level, the applicant must be at most 30 years old at the date of the selection committee, i. e. be born the same day or after March 12, 1987.  
At PhD level, the applicant must be at most 35 years old at the date of the selection committee, i. e. be born the same day or after March 12, 1982.
- **Origin of applications:** only applications filed by French institutions are eligible. French institutions guarantee to register scholarship recipients in the training for which they were selected. Applicants filed through other means are not eligible. In addition, an applicant presented by more than one institution will have its application rejected.
- **Trainings available:** are eligible applicants able to study in a training granting a degree at Masters' level, including in schools of engineering, and applicants in PhD. Outsourced French trainings abroad are not included in the scheme.

Trainings as part of a contract of apprenticeship or a professionalization contract are not eligible to Eiffel scholarships.

**Multiple scholarships:** foreign students who already benefit from a scholarship from the French government as part of a specific program when they file their application are not eligible, even though their scholarship only covers social security.

- **Eiffel scholarship (Masters')**: the application of a student whose file was rejected during a previous selection is not eligible, even though his/her application is filed by a different institution or in a different field of studies. The application of a student who has already benefitted from an Eiffel scholarship at Masters' level is not eligible for this same level.
- **Eiffel scholarship (PhD)**: institutions are allowed to present an applicant who already benefitted an Eiffel scholarship at Masters' level for a PhD level. An applicant who already benefitted from an Eiffel scholarship as part of a PhD is not eligible to an Eiffel scholarship for a second time. The application of a student whose file was rejected during a previous selection for this level of studies is not eligible, even though his/her application is filed by a different institution or in a different field of studies.
- **Level of language**: institutions drawing a shortlist of non French-speaking applicants must ensure their linguistic level matches the level required for the training.

Students currently studying abroad **have priority** compared to those already living in France.

## 7. Agenda

- Application files available online: week of October 16, 2017;
- Files reception deadline by Campus France: January 12, 2018;
- The student must contact the institution presenting his/her application to know the deadline for filing his/her application to the services of the institutions.
- Results publication: week of March 26, 2018;

Publishing the results as early as March allows students applying for other scholarship programs to be notified of the decision regarding Eiffel scholarship and determine their studies choices accordingly.

The Eiffel scholarship may not be stacked with other scholarships of the French government, or an Erasmus+ scholarship, or a scholarship from the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie. In case of multiple scholarships available, the student must waive one of the two scholarships. If the student gives up the Eiffel scholarship, he/she must notify by email Campus France, the operator of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

## 8. Applications presentation

- 8.1. French higher education institutions draw a shortlist of applicants they present to the Eiffel program among the **best** foreign students they want to host in their training.
- 8.2. The institutions are in charge of completing and filing application files online<sup>2</sup>. They must ensure to present files compliant with the criteria defined for this program. The total duration of the training and the mandatory internships in

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<sup>2</sup> Application files are specific to each academic part (Masters' and PhD).

France or abroad must be mentioned clearly in the application file. An institution cannot present more than 40 applications by field for the Masters' part. Incomplete application files will be rejected.

**8.3.** To facilitate the evaluation of the applicant's file, the file can only have 2 files: the "application file" and a second file including the "attached documents".

**8.4.** Until January 12, 2018 (deadline), institutions communicate with Campus France by registered mail with proof of receipt the list of applications sent online. The document must include the institution stamp and the signature of the head of institution (president of university or school director) or his/her representative.

## **9. Selection of scholarship recipients for the Eiffel program**

The Cooperation and Cultural Action Services in the embassies of France are regularly consulted and they give their opinion on projects of applicants from their country of residence for the Masters' part.

The selection is carried out by a committee including four associations of experts (one for each field of study). Members of the associations are not allowed to assess files presented by institutions with which they have institutional relations.

The assessment of files takes into account the opinion of the diplomatic posts.

Selection criteria are:

- the excellence of the applicant, as proved by his/her previous academic history and, for the PhD, the innovative aspect of his/her research subject;
- the international policy of the institution<sup>3</sup> presenting the application, the actions it realizes in the area in consideration, the excellence of the host unit, the match with the application presented, the promotion the Eiffel program in its communication and the follow-up of scholarship recipients, including through a partnership with France Alumni (<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr>);
- the cooperation and partnership policy of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, including the priority given to certain countries for this program.

The commission gives grades to the applicants using three criteria. The commission determines an eligibility threshold and, depending on the number of scholarships available, allocates the scholarships with the following method:

- a minimum of 70% of scholarships is allocated on the basis of the best grades obtained;
- the remaining percentage is divided among institutions which did not receive any scholarship, using eligible files.

The files selected make the definitive list of recipients.

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<sup>3</sup> this is the international policy of the institution, not the international policy of the training unit in consideration

## **10. Publication of results**

The list of recipients is published online on the Campus France website:

[www.campusfrance.org/fr/eiffel](http://www.campusfrance.org/fr/eiffel)

Each institution receives all the results for the files it has presented.

There is no communication regarding the decisions of the committee, which are final.

## **11. Action of French embassies**

The Cooperation and Cultural Action Services in the French embassies can guide institutions to identify and select the best students in their country of residence.

They provide their advice regarding the projects of the applicants in their country of residence for the Masters' part.

## **PRACTICAL INFO**

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs has granted Campus France with the supervision of the EIFFEL program.

All information is available at: [www.campusfrance.org/fr/eiffel](http://www.campusfrance.org/fr/eiffel)

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