Make Our Planet Great Again, an initiative launched by French President Emmanuel Macron in June 2017, encourages students and scholars to come to France to contribute to research on global warming. Researchers from around the world responded to the call for applications and are joining French research centers.

158 international students and scholars were selected by an international panel convened by Campus France on June 11–12. The awardees began to arrive in France in September 2018 to carry out their research work in the sciences of climate change, sustainable development, the energy transition, and earth sciences. Most are enrolled in a master’s, doctoral, or post-doctoral programme; others are visiting a French institution for a short period of collaboration with French researchers.

France’s Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation are providing €4 million in financing for the programme (2018–2020), which is managed by Campus France. Host institutions provide cofinancing for study and research stays, particularly in the doctoral and postdoctoral components.
From the **2,016 applications received**, 158 awardees were selected:

- 64 women and 94 men
- 43 from Europe, 32 from Asia–Oceania, 50 from the Americas, 23 from Africa, and 10 from the Middle East
- 29 from the United States, 14 from Spain, 7 from Senegal, 6 from Germany, 6 from India, 6 from Britain.

**2,220 months of study and research scholarships**, with an average stay of 14 months, are covered by this new phase of the *Make Our Planet Great Again* programme. Seventy-one awardees will stay for 1–2 months; 87 between 12 and 36 months.

Breakdown of awardees by academic level

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<th>158 awardees in total</th>
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Awardees come from prestigious institutions, including Columbia University, Princeton, Cornell, UC Berkeley, UBC (Canada), IIT Bombay, Durham (UK), National Institute of Environmental Studies (Japan), and Humboldt (Germany).

68 awardees (45%) are doing research in the sciences of climate change and sustainability, 52 (32%) in earth system sciences, and 38 (23%) in areas related to the energy transition.

The *Make Our Planet Great Again* community also includes 32 long-stay awardees managed by France’s National Research Agency (ANR) and the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

**Campus France**

- 220 personnel in France and 256 Campus France offices in French embassies and consulates in 123 countries are dedicated to higher education and research.
- 360+ higher education institutions in France are members of the Campus France Forum.
- ±50 promotional events around the world draw 650,000 visitors each year.
- 30,000 internationally mobile students and scholars are in programmes managed by Campus France.
- 80 websites in 32 languages draw more than 18 million visits; 1.5 million individuals, including 200,000 international alumni of French institutions, participate in the France Alumni network.
- 30 publications and statistical studies are produced each year.

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