

Eiffel Program

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The Eiffel Scholarship program has two sections:

- Master Section, which finances the master program, from 12 to 36 months**
- Doctoral Section, which finances the mobility for 10 months, in the part of cotutelle or co-direction thesis (preferably in their second year of PhD).**

Presentation of the Program

1. Objectives of the Eiffel Program

The Eiffel Scholarship Program is a means developed by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs through which the French educational institutions can attract foreign students for the diploma programs at Master and PhD level.

It also allows to train future decision makers of private and public sectors in the domain of studies and to stimulate the applications of candidates from emerging countries for the master level and emerging and industrialized for the PhD level.

2. Domains of Studies

The four major domains of studies for the Eiffel Scholarship are:

- Law
- Economy and Management
- Engineering Sciences for the master's level, Sciences in the broad sense for the PhD (Engineering Science; Exact Science: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Life Sciences, Nano and Biotechnologies, Earth Sciences, of the Universe and the Environment, Science and information technology and communication);
- Political Sciences

3. Level of Studies

The French higher education institutions who present the candidates for the Eiffel Program –

- either in the training sanctioned by a diploma master
- either in engineering degree
- either in PhD in part of cotutelle or co-direction thesis (preferably in their second year)

4. **Duration of the Scholarship**

4.1 **The Scholarship is awarded for a duration of:**

- Maximum 12 months for enrollment in M2;
- Maximum 24 months for enrollment in M1;
- Maximum 36 months for the preparation of engineering diploma.

The scholarship is granted provided that the student has fulfilled all the academic obligations of each year of the course.

If the scholarship student follows an intensive linguistic program prior to this, he/she will benefit from the Eiffel Scholarship for a duration of maximum 2 months during this training, if it is clearly indicated in the application and it will not be requested later.

The Eiffel Scholarship is not in charge of the cost of this training.

The gap periods are authorized but not financed.

The students may benefit from the continuation of their scholarship during one or more internship of cumulative duration of not more than 25% of the total duration of the grant requested (see duration of the scholarship, page 4 of the application file). For being financed, the period of internship should be obligatory, and should be provided in the model of the training. The period of the internship performed beyond the 25% is not covered by the scholarship. The allowance of the scholarship is suspended in a systematic manner during the duration of the internship which is not considered obligatory by the model of the training.

If the Campus-France takes part in providing in accommodation to scholars, remarkably the student residence, the operator should be informed of the dates of the internships.

The rest of the training is financed by the scholarship only for the **periods that takes place in France.**

In the case where the curriculum provides an international university exchange within another institution, the scholarship will discontinue during the period completed abroad, with the transfer of the scholarship.

In the case where the curriculum provides an international relocation within the same institution, the scholarship will discontinue during the period completed abroad, without the transfer of the scholarship.

The signing of a learning or a professional contract by an Eiffel scholarship candidate will automatically leads to discontinuation of the scholarship.

4.2 PhD Level

The Eiffel Scholarship is granted for a duration of maximum 10 months.

The 10 months of scholarship may be divided in 2 or 3 stays in France each of 3 or 4 months, after granted by the selection commission. The scholarship will spread over a maximum of 3 years.

Only the law students have the possibility of taking French classes parallel to their studies. The demand should be requested in the application of the candidate.

If the language training is not requested explicitly in the application of the candidate, it cannot not be requested later.

5. Planned Benefits

5.1 Master Level

The Eiffel scholarship candidates receive monthly disbursement of 1.181€ (1.031€ maintenance allowance + 150 € monthly compensation), to which add the support of special services

-an international transport ticket- repatriement

- Campus France social protection for more than 28 years, complementary health(mutual) - for less than 28 years

- Cultural Activities

They may also benefit from the supplementary allocation for the accommodation, under certain conditions.

5.2 PhD

The Eiffel Scholarship candidates receive monthly disbursement of 1.400€, to which add directly the support of special services

-an international transport ticket- repatriement (for the students who have multiple stays and one return ticket will be taken care of)

-Campus France social protection for more than 28 years, complementary health (mutual) for less than 28 years

-Cultural Activities

They may also benefit from the supplementary allocation for the accommodation, under certain conditions.

For both the levels: Master and PhD

For receiving the first payment of the monthly disbursement, the candidate will have to start his course at his institution in France. The adjudication of the scholarship implies the halt of all the services.

The fees of the schooling will not be sponsored by the Eiffel Scholarship program.

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs expect the institutions, for which they promote international influence through this program, to allow the laureates with good financial conditions to apply.

For the students admitted in the public institutions, it is recalled that French government scholarship exonerates them from paying administrative fees.

When the student social security is no longer accessible to the scholarship candidates because of the age limit (28 years or plus), the concerned candidates should inform Campus France.

NB: The scholarship student has maximum one year after the completion of his scholarship for asserting his right to repatriation.

SELECTION PROCESS

6. Eligibility

- **Nationality:** this program is reserved for the candidates of foreign nationality. The bi-nationality candidates, whose one of the nationality is French, are not eligible.
- **Age:** Master Level, the candidate should be maximum 30 years old on the committed date; means born on 12 march 1988 or after.
PHD level, the candidate should be maximum 35 years old on the committed date; means born on 12 march 1983 or after.
- **Origin of the files:** Only the applications sent by the French institutions are acceptable. The latter undertake to register the laureate in the training for which they have been selected. Applications submitted by other methods are not acceptable. Furthermore, a candidate presented by more than one institution will have his application rejected.
- **The concerned Programs:** Eligible candidates likely to integrate in a training sanctioned by a diploma master, including school of engineers and PhD candidates.

The trainings as a part of learning and professional contract are not eligible for Eiffel Scholarship Program.

- Accumulation of Scholarships:** Foreign students already benefiting from French government scholarship under another program, at the time of submitting their application are not eligible even if it is a scholarship that does not take into charge as social coverage.
- Eiffel Master Scholarship:** the application of a student whose file has not been retained during a previous selection is not acceptable, even if the application is presented by a different institution or in other domain. The application of a student who has already benefitted from an Eiffel Scholarship at Master level is not acceptable for the same level.
- Eiffel Doctoral Scholarship:** Institutions can present a PhD Scholarship to a candidate who has already benefited from an Eiffel scholarship at the master's level. A candidate who has already benefited from an Eiffel scholarship for his doctorate is not eligible once again for another Eiffel scholarship. The application of a student whose file had not been selected during a previous selection for this level is not acceptable, even if the application is submitted by a different institution or in another field of study.
- **Language level:** Institutions that pre-select non-francophone candidates must ensure that their language level is adequate with the level required by the training.

Students studying abroad have priority compared to those residing in France

7. Calendar

- Online Submission of applications: from 16 October, 2017;
- Last date for receipt of applications by Campus France: 12 January, 2018;
- The student will have to contact the institution that will present his application, to know the last date of submission of his request within the services of this institution;
- Result Declaration: from 26 March, 2018.

The result declaration in March, allows students who are applying for other scholarship programs, to acquire knowledge about the Eiffel proposal and decide their choice of studies.

The Eiffel Scholarship cannot be combined with any other French government scholarship or with an Erasmus + scholarship, or with a scholarship from a Francophone University Agency. If a laureate finds himself in this case, he will have to give up one of the two scholarships. If he gives up the Eiffel Scholarship, he must inform to Campus France, operator of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs by email.

8. Presentation of the applications

8.1. French higher education institutions preselect the candidates that they present to the Eiffel program among the best foreign students that they wish to host in their training

8.2 Institutions complete and then file online application. They must ensure that the submitted files fulfil the criteria defined for this program. The total duration of the training, the mandatory internships in France or abroad, must be clearly indicated in the application form. Each establishment will not be able to present more than 40 applications per domain for the master section.

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

8.3. To facilitate the evaluation of the candidate's file, the file must contain only 2 sections: the "application file" and a second file including the "attachments".

8.4. Till 12 January, 2018, the last date, the institutions communicate to Campus France, by registered mail with acknowledgment of receipt, the list of the applications submitted online. This document must include the stamp of the institution and the signature of the institution head (president of the university or school principal), or its representative.

9. Selection of the scholars for the Eiffel program

Cooperation and Cultural Action Services at French Embassies are consulted and asked to give an opinion on the projects of candidates from their residence countries for the master section.

The selection is made by a commission composed of four colleges of experts (one per field of study).

Members of these colleges cannot evaluate the files presented by the institutions to which they are institutionally linked.

The evaluation of the files takes into account the opinions issued by the diplomats.

The selection criteria:

- the excellence of the candidate, such as his previous academic background and for PhD, the innovative nature of his research topic;
- the international policy of the institution which presents the application, the actions that it leads in the considered geographical area, the excellence of the reception unit, the adequacy of the presented application, the valorization of the Eiffel program in communication and follow-up of candidates, particularly through a partnership with France Alumni (<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr>)
- the cooperation and partnership policy of the Ministry of Europe and Business especially the priority given to certain countries for this program.

The commission assign marks to the candidates based on these three criteria. It determines an eligibility threshold and, depending on the number of available awards, assigns as follows:

- a minimum of 70% of the scholarships is granted on the basis of the highest marks obtained;
- the remaining percentage is distributed among the institutions that have not obtained scholarship, from the eligible files.

The files retained constitute the final list of the laureates.

10. **Result Declaration**

The list of laureates is posted on the Campus France website:

www.campusfrance.org/fr/eiffel

Each institution receives the results for the files it has submitted.

There is no communication on the decisions of the commission that are sovereign.

11. **Intervention of the French Embassies**

Cooperation and Cultural Action Services at French Embassies can accompany the institutions who wish it in the identification and the selection of the best students from their residence country.

They give an advice on the projects of the candidates from their residence country for the Master Section.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs entrusted the management of the EIFFEL program at Campus France.

All the information can be consulted on: **www.campusfrance.org/fr/eiffel**

For practical questions, write to: **candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org**