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## SCHOLARS

in FRANCE

Coordinated by the Embassy of France in the United States and Campus France USA, the Graduate Scholars in France program provides full-tuition scholarships to high-potential students who choose to pursue Master's degrees in French higher education institutions

### Full Tuition Waiver

Full tuition waiver for French public university tuition for a [national](#) Master's level degree in a [French public university](#) or [another institution under the authority of the MESRI](#).

*Scholars are responsible for their own travel and living expenses, and are encouraged to seek additional grants or financial aid, as needed*

### Housing Assistance

Access to assistance in finding housing, if needed, and access to application assistance for CROUS Housing (French public student housing with subsidized rent)

### Health Insurance

Full health insurance and supplementary insurance coverage

### Additional Benefits

Access to cultural activities, travel opportunities, sports, and workshops subsidized by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs

Networking opportunities with other French government scholars from around the world

Administrative and logistical [support from the Campus France Agency in Paris](#)

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## Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident;
- Have gained admission, or be in the process of applying for admission, to a [national](#) Master's level degree (in either M1 or M2) in a public French institution of higher education that is under the authority of the French Ministry for Higher Education, Research, and Innovation (MESRI), either a [Université](#) or [another institution on this list](#).
- Have an undergraduate record of academic excellence;
- Demonstrate high potential for academic excellence at the graduate level;
- Demonstrate high potential for an impactful professional career in their respective field;
- Demonstrate financial need through a response to a statement of need in the online application. A key goal of this scholarship program is to provide financial support for students who may not otherwise have the means to consider pursuing graduate school in France. As such, financial need of the applicant is considered in the selection process.

## Application Calendar

- Applications Open: Early May 2023
- Deadline for online application: May 18, 2023
- Scholar Selection Announcement: By May 26, 2023

## Online Application Process

- Information about the Master's degree program/s to which you have been admitted, or to which you are in the process of applying
- Etudes en France Dossier Number (if you have submitted an Etudes en France Application as an HDAP Candidate)
- Three statements of motivation covering academic and professional goals:
  1. *How has your previous undergraduate academic background prepared you for this Master's program? (2,500 characters max.)*
  2. *How does this Master's program align with your professional goals? (2,500 characters max.)*
  3. *Optional: Do your professional goals align with any of the [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#)? If so, please describe that alignment. (2,500 characters max.)*
- One statement of financial need:
  1. *Please describe why becoming a Campus France USA Graduate Scholar and having access to the tuition waiver and other benefits of this Bourse de couverture sociale would be important for you as you consider the financial commitment of graduate study. (2,500 characters max.)*
- **Supporting documents:**
  1. *A recent resumé or CV;*
  2. *Official undergraduate transcripts;*
  3. *Letters of recommendation that focus on academic potential, research potential, and/or ability to adapt to a new academic environment (optional);*
  4. *Proof of acceptance to a Master's program at a French university (if already admitted), or proof of submission of an admissions application to a Master's program at a French university (if awaiting admissions decisions).*

## Funding Details

- This new scholarship program will support between 15 and 30 scholars per annual cohort.
- Selection by committee is based on academic merit, alignment of the proposed graduate study with professional goals, and financial need.
- Students entering into the first year (M1) or the second year (M2) of a Master's degree may apply. Selected scholars entering the first year of a two-year program will be funded for the entirety of the degree program, contingent upon meeting academic and reporting requirements. Scholars entering the second year of a two-year program will be funded for one year. Scholars in a one-year degree program will be funded for one year.
- If the selected scholar's Master's program will provide a partial tuition fee exoneration, this Bourse de couverture sociale will cover the remaining tuition fees. If the selected scholar's Master's program provides a full tuition fee exoneration, this Bourse de couverture sociale will comprise non-tuition benefits.
- Some graduate programs have additional "frais de formation" beyond national tuition, these additional fees are not covered by this tuition exemption.
- For the duration of the scholarship period, Graduate Scholars are not permitted to hold an apprenticeship contract (contrat d'apprentissage), a professionalization contract (contrat de professionnalisation), or any other work contract related to their degree program in France.
- Scholars are not permitted to hold other scholarships attributed by another Ministry of the French government, an Erasmus+ scholarship, or a scholarship from the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie. Graduate Scholars are not permitted to receive additional funding from other public agencies without prior approval by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. All additional public and private scholarships or grants that the Graduate Scholar plans to receive during the duration of the scholarship period must be reported to the Campus France Agency and to the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs retains the right to suspend this scholarship if information on additional funding sources of the scholar is not reported.
- Scholars may hold internships within the context of their Master's degree and maintain status as a French government grantee, as long as the internship is obligatory and the duration of the internship does not exceed the minimum duration required. Tuition fee waiver will still apply for degree programs that require internships.

## Travel and Living Expenses Not Covered by Scholarship

- Scholars are responsible for their own travel and living expenses (costs of rent, food, and other bills), and are encouraged to seek additional grants or financial aid, if needed.
- Scholars may qualify for additional housing subsidies, and should inquire with Campus France Paris about these benefits.

## Maintaining Good Academic Standing and Reporting

- Scholars must maintain good academic standing within the Master's program for the duration of the funding period
- Annual or semi-annual reporting may be required by the Campus France Agency in Paris, Campus France USA, and the French Embassy of the United States

## Scholar Profiles

- Scholars will be invited to share a professional photo of themselves and share some information about their academic background, degree program in France, and career goals as part of a Graduate Scholar Profiles series.
- Graduate Scholar Profiles may be shared on the Campus France USA website and social media, and may also be shared by the French Embassy of the United States.

## Contacts and Support

### Campus France USA

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For inquiries regarding eligibility, the application process, and scholar selection

### Campus France Agency in Paris

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For ongoing support for selected Graduate Scholars while in France