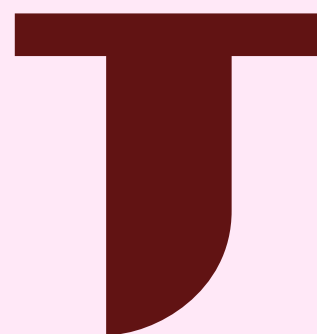


# France Excellence Eiffel scholarships Call for applications 2026

Information booklet for candidates

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# France Excellence Eiffel scholarships

The France Excellence Eiffel scholarship programme is a tool developed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and managed by Campus France.

This programme is designed to support incoming mobility for international students who **excel** in their academic studies and enables the training of future foreign decision-makers in the private and public sectors in priority fields of study.

It has two components: a master's level and a doctoral level.

At the University of Toulouse, applications are submitted to Campus France by Direction Mobilités et Formations Internationales (DMFI).



Every year, the University of Toulouse (formerly University of Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier) submits applications to the France Excellence Eiffel programme for its master's and doctoral programmes.

Between 2022 and 2025, UT submitted between 18 and 39 applications per year, with 4 to 6 winners selected by Campus France.

## 2026 Calendar – University of Toulouse

**The call for applications for the 2026–2027 academic year is now open!**

- **Application phase:** Monday, 6 October 2025 to Sunday, 30 November 2025
- **Selection phase:** Monday, 1st December 2025 to Friday, 19th December 2025
- **Submission of applications to Campus France:** Thursday, 8 January 2026 at the latest

**Please note: applications for the Doctorate component are not subject to the above schedule. Thesis supervisors may now contact the DMFI to request the opening of an online application file on the dedicated Campus France platform.**

## 01. How to apply?

### 1. Check your eligibility

### 2. Read the official Campus France regulations

3. Carefully read the application procedure available on the page dedicated to Eiffel Scholarships on the University of Toulouse (UT) website and consult the list of documents to be included in the application file (see below).

4. Follow the application procedure carefully by contacting the lecturer responsible for the desired course (for the Master's component) or the thesis supervisor (for the Doctorate component) in order to obtain their support

→ Monday, 6 October to Sunday, 30 November 2025



- If the academic supervisor refuses to support your application: you cannot submit an application.
- **If the lecturer-researcher accepts**, they contact the UT's international relations department to inform them of their support.

### 5. Opening of an online application file by International Relations on the dedicated Campus France platform (SMAApply)

→ Monday, 1st December to Friday, 19th December 2025

### 6. Complete the online application form and upload the additional documents requested

### 7. Online submission of the application to Campus France by the international relations department

→ Thursday, 8 January 2026 at the latest



### 8. Selection of laureates by the Campus France expert panel

### 9. Announcement of results

→ Week of 30 March 2026

## 02. Master component

### 02.1 Eligibility criteria

#### 02.1.1 Age

Candidates must be **no older than 29** at the time of selection, i.e. born after 31 March 1996.

#### 02.1.2 Nationality

Programme **reserved for foreign nationals**.

Dual nationals whose nationality includes French are ineligible.

#### 02.1.3 Geographical location

Candidates currently studying in France are ineligible.

#### 02.1.4 Application history

Applications from students whose applications were not accepted during a previous selection process will not be accepted, even if the application is submitted by a different institution or in a different field of study.

Applications from students who have already received an Eiffel scholarship at the master's level will not be accepted for the same level.

### 02.2 Programme rules

#### 02.2.1 Duration of the scholarship

The scholarship is awarded for 12, 24 or 36 months:

- A maximum of 12 months for recipients entering the second year of a master's program (M2)
- A maximum of 24 months for recipients entering the first year of a master's program (M1)
- A maximum of 36 months for recipients entering an engineering program

The funded study period must begin between September 1 and November 30 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. **The start date cannot be postponed.**

Only those parts of the study program taking place in France are funded by the scholarship, except for certain internship or exchange periods (please check the Campus France official regulation for more information<sup>1</sup>).

<sup>1</sup> This document can be found on the [Campus France website](#) and can also be downloaded from [the university website](#).

### 02.2.2 Eligible courses

The fields of study eligible for the Eiffel Scholarship are as follows:

- Science and technology:
  - Biology and health
  - Ecological transition
  - Mathematics and digital sciences
  - Engineering
- Humanities and social sciences:
  - Law and political science
  - Economics and management

Only courses accredited by the French government and leading to a master's degree, including those at engineering schools, are eligible.

French courses relocated abroad and distance learning courses are not eligible, nor are courses taken as part of an apprenticeship or professional training contract.

With regard to Master of Science programmes, only those accredited by the Conférence des Grandes Écoles (CGE) are eligible. For jointly accredited MSc programmes, only the institution accredited by the CGE may submit an application on its behalf.

### 02.2.3 Covered services

Eiffel scholarship recipients receive a monthly allowance of €1,200 in addition to certain direct services:

- International airfare, domestic travel support
- Supplementary health insurance (mutual insurance)

For further information, please refer to the **Campus France official regulation**.<sup>2</sup>

## 02.3 Application file

**Complete applications must be submitted online via the dedicated Campus France platform.** All the information requested in the online application form can be found in the application form available for download on the Eiffel Scholarships page.

The application file consists of the following documents:

- **Copy of an identity document:** containing surname, first name, date of birth
- **The candidate's Curriculum Vitae:** written in French or English, on a maximum of two pages, detailing your academic background and professional experience, if applicable
- **Qualifications and ranking:** copies of the most recent diplomas obtained, indicating the date, specialisation, honours and **any other documents attesting of the candidate's excellence and performance**
- **Language certificate or diploma** (if applicable)
- **Transcripts of records** from the last three years covering academic studies completed both in France and abroad

<sup>2</sup> This document can be found on the [Campus France website](#) and can also be downloaded from [the university website](#).

- **Candidate's career plans:** written in French or English, on one or two pages. This presentation may be *supported by opinions from individuals outside the institution*

## 03. Doctorate component

### 03.1 Eligibility criteria

#### 03.1.1 Age

Candidates must be **no older than 35** at the time of selection, i.e. born after 31 March 1990.

#### 03.1.2 Nationality

Programme **reserved for foreign nationals**.

Dual nationals whose nationality includes French are ineligible.

#### 03.1.3 Geographical location

Candidates currently studying in France are eligible. However, students currently studying abroad are given priority over those already residing in France.

#### 03.1.4 Application history

A candidate who has already received an Eiffel scholarship as part of their PhD programme is not eligible to apply for another Eiffel scholarship.

Applications from students whose applications were not accepted during a previous selection process for this level are not eligible, even if the application is submitted by a different institution or in a different field of study.

However, candidates who have already received an Eiffel scholarship at master's level (except for 36-month scholarships) may apply.

Please note that foreign students who are already receiving a French government scholarship under a programme other than the Eiffel programme at the time of application are not eligible, even if the scholarship only covers social security.

### 03.2 Programme rules

#### 03.2.1 Duration of the scholarship

The scholarship is awarded for 12, 18 or 36 months:

- 36 months: subject to enrolment in the first year of a PhD programme for new students only. Cannot result in the signing of a joint supervision agreement. Co-supervision is not mandatory.
- 12 or 18 months, for all candidates, particularly those already working on their thesis in France or abroad, under joint supervision or co-supervision:
  - Maximum 12 months for enrolment in the 2nd or 3rd year of a PhD programme
  - Maximum 18 months for enrolment in the 1st or 2nd year of a PhD programme



The 12- or 18-month scholarship period may be divided into several periods. However, the period funded by the scholarship may not be less than 6 months and may not exceed a period of 3 years.

Example: for an 18-month scholarship, it may be possible to split the scholarship into three 6-month stays; for a 12-month scholarship, it may be possible to split the scholarship into two 6-month stays.

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

The Eiffel Scholarship is awarded from 1 September of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. No postponement of the scholarship is possible.

### 03.2.2 Eligible fields of study

The fields of study eligible for the Eiffel Scholarship are as follows:

- Science and technology:
  - Biology and health
  - Ecological transition
  - Mathematics and digital sciences
  - Engineering
- Humanities and social sciences:
  - Law and political science
  - Economics and management

### 03.2.3 Covered services

Eiffel scholarship recipients receive a monthly allowance of €2,100 in addition to certain direct services:

- International airfare, domestic travel support
- Supplementary health insurance (mutual insurance)

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## 03.3 Application file

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- **Transcripts of records** from the last three years covering academic studies completed both in France and abroad
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- **A thesis proposal:** written in French or English (maximum 5 pages). This document must clearly outline the thesis topic, objectives and research hypotheses – the innovative nature, impact and benefits of the project.
- **A reasoned expert opinion on the scientific quality of the thesis topic:**
  - The Expert must be a university professor, a research director or a teacher and/or researcher with accreditation to supervise research or equivalent, in accordance with the rules of professional ethics.
  - The expert must be external to the institution submitting the application.
  - The expert must belong to the same CNU section or field of research as that proposed in the thesis project.
  - The expert must not have carried out any joint work or publications with the prospective thesis supervisor.

The purpose of this document is to provide the Eiffel jury experts with information on the realistic and achievable scope of the thesis and to outline the scientific contribution to which the thesis contributes.

- **The CV of the expert who wrote the opinion on the scientific quality of the thesis topic (summary CV, maximum 2 pages; documents exceeding this length will not be considered).**
- **The overall funding plan** for the thesis
- **The joint supervision agreement or joint supervision certificate signed by the French and foreign parties,** including the schedule for alternating stays in the event of a split placement, for scholarship periods of 12 and 18 months.

## 04. Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Consult the France Excellence Eiffel scholarship dedicated FAQ on the university's website.

## 05. Contact and ressources

- **France Excellence Eiffel scholarship management**  
**Direction Mobilités Formations Internationales (DMFI)**  
[eiffel-candidature.contact@utoulouse.fr](mailto:eiffel-candidature.contact@utoulouse.fr)
- **France Excellence Eiffel scholarship dedicated webpage on the University of Toulouse's website:**  
<https://www.univ-tlse3.fr/home/excellence-eiffel-scholarship>
- **France Excellence Eiffel scholarship dedicated webpage on the Campus France's website:**  
<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/the-france-excellence-eiffel-scholarship-program>



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