The Eiffel Excellence Program

Recruiting and training tomorrow’s global leaders

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The EIFFEL difference
The Eiffel grant program is financed and managed by France’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI).

Designed to help French higher education institutions attract the best possible applicants in the face of stiff international competition, the program promotes excellence through preselection of top international applicants by the institutions and final selection of winners by an expert panel—a double assurance of quality.

A program of financial support designed to:

- Affirm French excellence
- Recruit top applicants from emerging countries
- Train tomorrow’s decision makers

Key points
Grantees must complete 75% of their curriculum in France.

- The Eiffel program does not cover tuition.
- Recipients of grants from the French government are exempted from paying the application and registration fees charged by public institutions.

Key dates
Online publication of call for applications: October

- Deadline for receipt of applications by Campus France: January
- Announcement of results: March

Important
The culture and cooperation offices within France’s embassies issue a nonbinding opinion on candidates’ applications. They are available on request to assist institutions in identifying and selecting the best students from the country for which they are responsible.

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<td>• 12 months maximum for enrollment in second year of 2-year master’s program (M2)</td>
<td>• 10 months maximum for joint supervision of dissertation 10 (usually the second year of the doctoral program)</td>
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<td>• 24 months maximum for enrollment in first year of 2-year master’s program (M1/M2)</td>
<td>• For candidates in law, the grant is spread over a maximum of 3 academic years. The 10 months of the grant may be divided into 2 or 3 periods in France, each lasting 3–4 months.</td>
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<td>2 months may be added to the grant period for language training. The cost of the training is not covered by the grant.</td>
<td>The Eiffel program does not cover the cost of courses in French language except for candidates in Law.</td>
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Selections consistent with the goals of the Eiffel program:

- To make French excellence available to the best international students
- To enable French higher education institutions to attract the best students within the scope of their international policy
- To advance the goals of the program through a selection committee composed of three panels of experts (one for each field of study).

Selection criteria

- The applicant’s record of excellence
- The institution’s international policy
- The aid partnership policy of MAEDI

Students studying outside France at the time of application have priority over those already residing in France.

Application requirements

**Nationality**
The program is designed for foreign nationals. Candidates who hold French citizenship, even if they are also a citizen of another country, are not eligible.

**Age limit**
Master: No more than 30 years of age on the date the selection committee meets. Doctorate: No more than 35 years of age on the date the selection committee meets.

**Submission of applications**
Applications are put forward by the French host institutions, which agree to enroll the grantees in the program for which they are selected.

Each institution may nominate a maximum of 40 applicants at the master’s level. Applicants nominated by more than one institution will be immediately rejected.

Note

Students who are already recipients of a French government grant are not eligible.

Individuals who have received an Eiffel master’s grant may subsequently be nominated for a doctoral grant.

The program in figures

1,500 applicants each year
More than 15 years of Eiffel excellence

**Master’s program**
- About 350 grants awarded annually
- 157 nominating institutions, of which 68% are Grandes Écoles
- Asia: 44%; Americas: 28%
- Engineering: 45%
- Economics and management: 40%

**Doctoral program**
- 50 grants awarded annually
- 83 nominating institutions, of which 78% are universities
- North Africa, 23%; Africa, 17%; Asia: 12%
- Sciences: 71%
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Campus France maintains a database of research programs.

### Campus France is by your side

Campus France manages the Eiffel Excellence Program, issuing calls for applications, managing the selection process, and grant delivery.


Apply online after learning about the program:

- Application calendar
- Program brochure
- Data on the quality of the reception accorded to recipients of French government grants

**Online application process**

[candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org](mailto:candidatures.eiffel@campusfrance.org)

- Request access to the program portal
- Download application forms
- Upload your application
- Follow your application (submissions, withdrawals, and verifications of applications; notification of decisions to applicant and nominating institution)
- List of grantees

**A team dedicated to Eiffel grantees**

[excellence.eiffel@campusfrance.org](mailto:excellence.eiffel@campusfrance.org)

- Administration of grant funds
- An extranet for grantees’ use
- Tracking of academic progress


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