

International Scholarship Programme 2014 - 2015

REGULATIONS

A. Presentation

- 1) The ENS Cachan International Scholarship Programme is aimed at international students who are currently studying or have studied and obtained their latest diploma outside of France, who have a proven high academic level and who aspire to a career in the research and/or higher education fields.
- 2) This programme is aimed at students wishing to apply for a second year Research Master (RM2) or for a joint PhD in order to follow or pursue their research training in one of the departments or laboratories of the ENS Cachan (Cachan campus).
- 3) The grant amounts to 1,000 euros/month. Specific funding conditions may exist for some countries; the concerned candidates will be informed by the ENS Cachan during the selection process.
- 4) The grants are awarded for a minimum period of 6 months and a maximum period of 12 months not renewable*.

Grants at the Master level:

- Grants are awarded for a period of 10 months to students applying for a whole academic year to carry out a Research 2nd year of Master (RM2). All ENS Cachan (Cachan campus) master programmes are concerned, except the Design and the Management master programmes.

Grants at joint PhD level:

- Grants are awarded for a period of 6 to 12 months to students applying for a whole academic year to carry out research in one of the ENS Cachan laboratories. All ENS Cachan research laboratories are concerned.

B. Conditions of participation

Academic level:

All candidates must justify of a high academic level, and must be ranked among the best students of their class during their studies at university.

Required diplomas:

- For admission in a second year of Research Master (RM2), candidates must justify of a 1st year of Master degree (M1 equivalent to 60 European ECTS credits, at Master level) or an equivalent diploma recognised by ENS Cachan.
- For admission at PhD level, candidates must justify of a Master degree or an equivalent diploma recognised by ENS Cachan or be registered as a PhD student in a higher education institution.

Language skills:

- A good knowledge of the teaching language (French or English) used in the chosen academic programme is required for students applying for a complete academic year in a Research Master level 2.

Country:

This Scholarship Programme is open to students of all nationalities, except French nationality.

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Are not eligible:

- International students who are registered, in view of obtaining a diploma, in a French higher education institution.
- Candidates who have already been awarded another grant for the same period.
- Previous years' grant holders*.

C. Registration, status and diploma

- Students admitted for a whole academic year as RM2 at the ENS Cachan will be registered as ENS Cachan regular students and may obtain credits and the Master diploma of the ENS Cachan.
- Candidates admitted within the framework of a joint PhD: the joint PhD agreement governs the status of the student.

All travel expenses will be borne by the grant-holder (registration fees, library fees, health insurance, accommodation, transport, etc.).

D. Selection criteria

- Quality of the candidate's academic career (honours, ranking, results, etc.)
- Quality of the scientific project
- French and English language skills

**In some case, 12 month grants may be awarded, upon decision of the jury, for two 6 month periods running through two consecutive academic years. The request must be clearly made in the application file*

NB : Applicants must first contact the academic department or research laboratory director in their respective fields to present their research and/or study project.

E. Application procedure

Candidates are required to send the complete application file both :

1. **by e-mail, in a single .pdf file, at:**
boursi14[AT]ens-cachan.fr

and

2. **the original paper version at:**

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Deadlines for both paper and online applications:

1st call : 15 February 2014
2nd call : 15 April 2014