FRANCE-HONG KONG SCHOLARSHIPS

Welcome to France!
“Why Choose France To Study And Conduct Research?”

Welcome to France! Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey?

**Academic Excellence**
With a centuries-old tradition of higher education and research, France ranks 3rd overall!
1st in Mathematics, 3rd in Ecology & Oceanography, 6th in Management*

* The 4 best Masters in Finance worldwide are French! **

**Affordability**
International students enjoy the **same benefits as French students** (healthcare, accommodation allowance, discounts to access culture). Subsidies from the French government enables **low tuition fees in public universities**.

**Degrees Taught In English**
A wide and diverse array of **1650 programmes taught entirely in English**, ranging from Bachelor Degrees to MBA.

**Practicality**
Gaining work experience, through **internships**, is part of all degrees. As a major, global economic player, France puts a strong emphasis on employability. Work permit after your degree is facilitated.

**Research & Innovation**
With over 14,000 patents in 2020, France ranks among the most innovative countries in the world. France will invest over 230 billion $HKD in research by 2030.

* Shanghai Rankings by thematic 2023 / ** FT Rankings 2023
French Summer Language Scholarships

Aim
Co-funded by the French Consulate and The Légion d’Honneur Club - Hong Kong Chapter, linguistic scholarships encourage students to go to France and experience French language and culture.

What is it?
A 4-week intensive language course in France between June and September.

Who can apply?
• Students taking French courses for at least 2 semesters at a university in Hong Kong or Macau, and demonstrate an interest in improving their French language skills.
• Be at least 18 years old at the time of application.
• Have attained at least a solid A1 level of French language competence.
• Have enrolled for an intensive summer course of French language in a University language centre in France, accredited by the Foreign Language Quality label “FLE”.

You can find the list of centers here: https://qualitefle.fr

When to apply?
From March to May each year.

How to apply?
Students should approach their French teachers at their university who will proceed with the selection process.

1000+ Linguistic scholarships awarded since 2006
50-60 Students in Hong Kong are awarded this scholarship each year

For more information
Bachelor’s Degree

Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme (HKSES)

Aim
Launched in 2014, it supports outstanding local students to pursue studies at world renowned universities outside Hong Kong.

Awardees will receive
- A non-means-tested scholarship to cover their tuition fees, subject to a ceiling of HK$300,000 per annum.
- A means-tested bursary will be granted to students who may need additional support to pursue their studies, subject to a ceiling of HK$200,000 per student per annum, and to cover living and other study-related expenses.

Who can apply?
- Students who have right of abode, right to land, or have entered Hong Kong on One-way Permits;
- Students who have resided in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of the academic programme outside Hong Kong.

When to apply?
From October to December each year.

*845
students awarded since 2014
‘as in 2023

France is eligible for this scheme

For more information

For more information
Master's Degree

The France Excellence (Alexandre Yersin) Scholarship

Aim
Launched by the French Consulate in 2000, it supports top local students willing to pursue a Master’s degree in France.

What is it?
A Master’s degree scholarship. All disciplines welcome – from science, mathematics and engineering to sustainable development, business, finance, social sciences, art and culture.

The scholarship covers
- Monthly living allowance of 860€ (~ HK$7,000 to $7,500)
- Exemption of EEF (HK$1800) and visa application fees (50€)

Who can apply?
- Hong Kong or Macau permanent resident, not holding French nationality or a dual citizenship including French.
- An individual planning to get a national Master degree, or equivalent, in France.

Other than preparing yourself well for the uncertainty in life, having someone, and even a group of people who support and believe you in accomplishing your life goals is the essence to be successful. The Alexandre Yersin Scholarship is a generous gift which funds more than just my education in France, it offers a variety of cultural activities, encourages my passion to serve the community with professional locals and makes my dreams attainable.

Life in France can be challenging but romantic in the French way: imagining yourself in a completely new environment, you need to make effort and be courageous to get out of your comfort zone, facing a diametrically different learning atmosphere. [...] Since last winter, I have been committing myself to initiating and participating in some community projects which aim to bridge cultural differences and serve the people in need in the society. France offers me absolutely a comprehensive and powerful personal transformation by changing my mentality and my attitude towards life, inviting me to fully step into my growth zone.

France is the cradle of dreamers: dreamers in France always wake up to find their dreams come true. With my tremendous gratitude to the support from Campus France, and encouragement to future dreamers!

Ashleigh Wan,
Master Student in Sciences Po Lyon

Over 140 students awarded in 20 years

When to apply?
From February to April each year.

For more information
Eiffel Excellence Scholarships
Master and Doctoral Level

Aim
These scholarships aim to train future decision-makers in the private and public spheres.

What is it?
• Between 12 to 36 months of funding for a Master’s level degree or research at the Doctoral level.
• Subjects: Law; Economics and Management; Engineering; Political Sciences; History; French language; Biology & Health; Ecology; Mathematics; Digital Sciences

The scholarship covers
• Monthly allowance between €1,180 to €1,700 (~ HK$10,000 to $15,000).
• Round trip international air travel and train travel if needed.
• Train travel within France to first study location, and from last study location
• Health insurance coverage & supplemental health insurance

Who can apply?
• Applicants up to 25 years old at a Master level, or up to 30 years old at the PhD level.
• Not holding French nationality or a dual citizenship including French.

When to apply?
• Launched annually by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
• The funded study period must begin between September 1 and December 31 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

For more information
Make Our Planet Great Again (MOPGA)
Visiting Fellowship Program for Young Researchers

**Aim**
Initiated by the President of the French Republic, it supports research projects on sustainable development and the "One Health Approach".

**What is it?**
- A monthly allowance of 2,500€ (~ HK$23,000).
- A moving allowance of 500€ (~ HK$4,600).
- Support for social security coverage and health insurance.

**Who can apply?**
- Possess a doctoral degree for less than five years and not have resided in France the previous year.
- All nationalities are eligible except the French one.

**When to apply?**
Usually in October - January

Hong Kong has been eligible since 2020

For more information
Aim
Started in 2021 by the French Consulate and the Pasteur Foundation Asia, it enables young researchers to pursue research projects in biomedical sciences at Institut Pasteur in Paris.

What is it?
A grant for a 2 to 3-months research internship at Institut Pasteur Paris between July and November.

The fellowship covers: round-trip air ticket between Hong Kong/Macau and France; housing; monthly living allowance, social welfare, public liability & repatriation insurance.

Who can apply?
Postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow at universities in Hong Kong or Macau. More information on the selection criteria on the website.

When to apply?
Usually in January-February.

How to apply?
Choose an internship location amongst 40 of the most renowned laboratories in the world, and fill in the application form on HKU-Pasteur Research Pole website.

“My study focuses on impacts of perinatal exposures on early-life programming of gut microbiota and its health consequences. A human organoid technology available at the Institut Pasteur was essential to validate my findings. Transferring this technology back to HKU-Pasteur Research Pole can bridge a gap of technology between research environments. France is the country of Louis Pasteur, the founder of microbiology and immunology, so visiting the Institut in Paris is one of my dreams. I would like to take the opportunity to learn there and reshape part of my thinking and working style towards a successful career.”

Peng Ye
PhD student at HKU-Pasteur Research Pole, Tun Lab (antimicrobial resistance research)
Research Projects

PROCORE - France/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme

Aim
Supported by the Research Grants Council and the French Consulate, it promotes research collaboration between Hong Kong and France: all disciplines, including social sciences, are eligible.

What is it?
A 1 to 2-year travel grants for researchers, as well as grants to sponsor a high-level conference.

The scholarship covers
• The funding cannot exceed ~ HK$1.02 million per year for projects, and ~ HK$150,000 for conference/workshop, and HK$45,000 for the grant per amount per project per year for those involving travel of research postgraduate student(s) and HK$31,250 per year for those not involving students’ travels.

The funding is allocated on an annual basis, for one or two consecutive years.

Who can apply?
• Hong Kong applicants at universities & laboratories associated UGC funded institutions and meet the RGC application requirements.
• French applicants must be affiliated to laboratories associated with higher educational institutions.
• An applicant may apply as a Principal Investigator and also as a participating member of another project in the same exercise.

When to apply?
From April to July each year.

How to apply?
• Applications should be submitted in parallel by Hong Kong (in the universities) and French applicants (to Campus France).
• Separate applications should be submitted for travel and workshop grants.

For more information
The French National Research Agency/RGC Joint Research Scheme

Aim
Launched in 2012 to strengthen scientific cooperation between French and Hong Kong, it is highly regarded by the academic community and enables the scaling up the most promising bilateral research projects. All disciplines are eligible.

What is it?
- Support research projects with duration of 36 or 48 months.
- The funding limit for Hong Kong applicants is HK$3 million per project.

Who can apply?
Only applications that fully meet the requirements of both the RGC and the ANR are accepted.

When to apply?
From January to April each year.

*15+ collaborative projects conducted in various scientific fields since 2012

For more information
**Aim**
It promotes French technological know-how and excellence in scientific training, and can be a pathway to future studies in France.

**What is it?**
3-4 weeks long summer schools revolving around specific themes and partnering with internationally recognized and accredited French language centers:

- "Focus on sustainable development" for Montpellier and Accent Français;
- "Science and Technology of the Sea" for Brest and Ciel Bretagne;
- "Micro, nano and smart technologies for Industrial Applications" with CLA Besançon;
- "Focus on Transport and Energy" with French in Normandy in Rouen.

**Who can apply?**
English-speaking students studying science and technology, knowledge of French is not compulsory.

**When to apply?**
From February to March of each year.

**How to apply?**
For the programme in itself: Through Campus France’s website
For the scholarship: Through the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau.

**The scholarship will cover the following:**
- Accommodation (University housing)
- International flight (round trip Hong Kong to France)
- Insurance (including social welfare, liability and repatriation insurance)