

# France's grants & scholarships

## for Hong Kong-Macau students and researchers

Pursue your dreams and projects in France !



# Why choose France to Study and Conduct Research?



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

## ◆ Academic Excellence

Numerous French universities and Grandes Écoles are placed highly in the **Times Higher Education, the Financial Times ranking, the QS and the Shanghai ranking**. Studying in France means benefiting from this recognition.

With **13 Fields Medals**, France is second in the world in mathematics. It has **65 Nobel Prize winners**, including **Marie Curie**, the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903. In 1911 she became the first researcher in the world to obtain a second Prize, this time in Chemistry.

## ◆ Affordability

International students enjoy the **same benefits as French students** (healthcare, accommodation, allowance, discounts for cultural events, transport discounts). Subsidies from the French government enable **low tuition fees** in public universities.

## ◆ Degrees Taught in English

As of 2024, there are **1700+ programmes** taught entirely in **English**, ranging from Bachelor Degrees to Master's Degrees, as well as short-term summer courses.

## ◆ Practicality

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

## ◆ Research & Innovation

France spends **49.5 billion euros on research** per year, equal to **2.22% of its GDP**. This has enabled the country to achieve its objectives, in particular at an international level, and to attract talented researchers from around the world.

# French Summer Language Scholarship



## What is it?

- ◆ An allowance to attend a **4-week** intensive language course in France between June and September co-funded with The Légion d'Honneur Club - Hong Kong Chapter.

## Who can apply?

- ◆ Students taking French courses for at least 2 semesters at a university in Hong Kong or Macau, and who 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 proficiency.
- ◆ 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 centres 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.



**1100+**

Linguistic Scholarships  
awarded since 2006



**~ 40**

students in HK are awarded  
this scholarship each year



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# French+Sciences Programme Scholarship



## What is it?

- ◆ A 3 to 4-week programme on scientific themes with French lessons at internationally recognized and accredited French language centres:
- “Focus on Sustainable Development” in Montpellier (with Accent Français).
- “Marine Science and Technology” in Brest (with Ciel Bretagne).
- “Microtechnology and biomedical engineering” in Besançon (with CLA Besançon).
- “Energy and Transport” in Rouen (with French in Normandy).
- “Outdoor Sports” in Chambéry (with Accents of the Université Savoie Mont Blanc).

## Who can apply?

- ◆ Undergraduate science and technology students. Knowledge of French is not required.

## When to apply?

- ◆ From February to March each year.

## How to apply?

- ◆ Through the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau.

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*“My time in the French+Sciences Programme in Montpellier was a life-changing experience. From startups in Enercoop focusing on sustainability to the implementation of new tramlines for greener public transport, the city of Montpellier not only lives up to its name as a place where sustainability is put into practice, but also as a vibrant and alluring city for experiencing French culture”*

Ashlee Wong  
HKUST



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# French+Gastronomy Programme Scholarship



## What is it?

- ◆ A programme partnered with the FAUCHON School in Normandy to offer a 3-week programme that includes French language lessons, cultural discoveries and exciting workshops in the hotel and restaurant industry. Recipients will discover the techniques of great chefs, meet producers and gastronomy professionals.

## Who can apply?

- ◆ Undergraduate hospitality students. Knowledge of French is not required.

## When to apply?

- ◆ From February to March each year.

## How to apply?

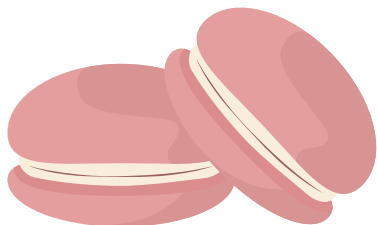
- ◆ Through the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau.



*"The French+Gastronomy Scholarship allows me to discover the techniques of great chefs, meet producers and culinary professionals while learning the French language"*



Jacob Wong  
Macao University of Tourism



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# France Excellence - Yersin Scholarship



## What is it?

- ◆ A Master's degree scholarship. All disciplines are welcome – from science, mathematics and engineering to sustainable development, business, finance, social sciences, art and culture, etc.

## Awardees will receive

- ◆ Monthly living allowance of 860€ (~ HK\$7000 to \$7500).
- ◆ Round-trip international air travel\*.
- ◆ Exemption of registration fees at public universities (3700€).
- ◆ Exemption of EEF (HK\$ 1800) and visa application fees (50€).
- ◆ Social welfare, public liability and repatriation insurance.

\* subject to confirmation each year

## 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.

## When to apply?

- ◆ From February to April each year.

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*“With this scholarship, I was able to study a Master's Programme in Aeronautical Engineering at ISAE-SUPAERO. Located in Toulouse, a hub for the European aerospace industry, the university has close relationships with different aviation companies, helping me better connect with the industry”*

HO Man Lee  
2023 Laureate

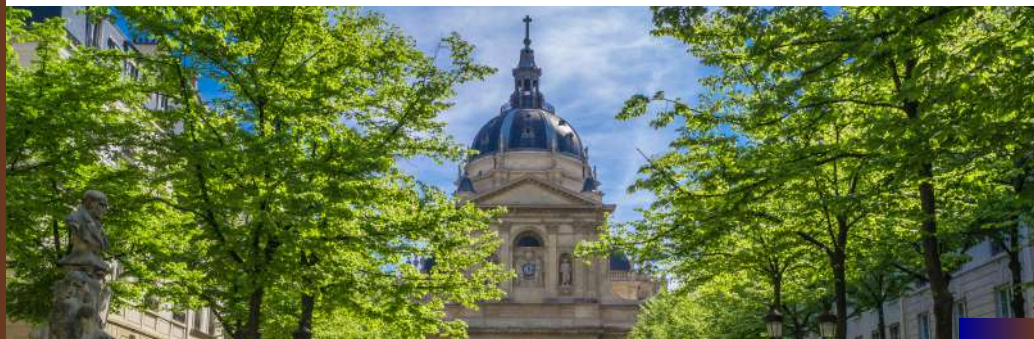
150+

awarded in 20 years



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# French Excellence Eiffel Scholarship



## What is it?

- ◆ Between 12 to 36 months of funding for a Master's level degree and between 6 to 36 months for a PhD.
- ◆ Subjects: Science and technology; Humanities and social sciences.



## Awardees will receive

- ◆ Monthly allowance: €1,180 (Master) and €1,800 (PhD) (~ HK\$10 000 to \$15,000)
- ◆ Round trip international air travel.
- ◆ Train travel within France to first study location, and from last study location.
- ◆ Social welfare, public liability and repatriation insurance.

## When to apply?

- ◆ From September to January each year.

## How to apply?

- ◆ Contact the international relations department of a French institution via its website, by e-mail or by telephone.

## 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.
- ◆ The funded study period must begin between September 1 and December 31 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.



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# Women Tech Leaders - Scholarship

## WOMEN TECH LEADERS - SCHOLARSHIP

EXCLUSIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN IN HONG KONG & MACAU WISHING TO LEAD IN A DIGITAL WORLD IN TRANSITION

### What is it?

- ◆ The IESEG School of Management and the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau are co-financing a scholarship scheme aiming at promoting higher education in France in the field of management. The scholarship is awarded to one woman each year interested in pursuing the Global MBA – TECHNOLOGY PROJECT WITH LE WAGON programme at IESEG School of Management.

### Awardees will receive

- ◆ • 50% rebate on the tuition fees.
- Social welfare, public liability and repatriation insurance.
- Exemption of EEF (HK\$ 1800) and visa application fees (50€).

### How to apply?

- ◆ Contact Mr. Marc Porto  
[m.porto@ieseg.fr](mailto:m.porto@ieseg.fr)

### Who can apply?

- ◆ • Female Hong Kong or Macau permanent resident, not holding French nationality or a dual citizenship including French.
- Enrolled in the programme.

### When to apply?

- ◆ From October to April each year.

Scholarship newly  
implemented in

# 2024



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# Make Our Planet Great Again (MOPGA) Fellowship



## What is it?

- ◆ A Visiting Fellowship Programme for Young Researchers on the following research themes:
  - Earth systems
  - Climate change and sustainability
  - Energy transition
  - Societal challenges of environmental issues
  - Human, animal and ecosystem health as part of a “One Health” approach.



# 60

young researchers from  
around the world  
awarded each year

## Awardees will receive

- ◆
    - 2,500€ (~HK\$23,000) monthly allowance\*.
    - 500€ (~HK\$4,600) moving allowance\*.
    - Support for social security coverage and health insurance\*.
- \*For a period of 12 months.*

## When to apply?

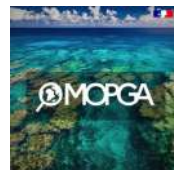
- ◆ In December every year.

## How to apply?

- ◆ Visit the Campus France International website.

## Who can apply?

- ◆
  - Applicants who do not hold French citizenship
  - Foreign researchers holding a doctoral degree for less than 5 years (must have passed their thesis defense between December 2019 and December 2024)
  - Foreign researchers who have not resided in France (more than 90 days) before the application of the grant



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# Anita Conti Sustainable Innovation Fellowship



## What is it?

- ◆ The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau support this fellowship to help young researchers who want to spend 3 months in a French laboratory, conducting cutting-edge research related to sustainability.

## Awardees will receive

- ◆ • The Fellowship amounts to 59 000 HKD\* and includes:
  - airplane tickets costs.
  - monthly living allowance in France (1700-2000€~HK\$13000-16000HK\$)
  - visa application fee exemption.
  - Social welfare, public liability and repatriation insurance.

\* Subject to exchange rates modification.

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*I conducted research on aircraft conceptual design to reduce environmental emissions at Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC) in Toulouse.*

*At ENAC, I observed that French Engineering schools include not only heavy academic aspects based on math and physics, which are emphasized in the American engineering education system, but also a lot of practical information that students need when becoming engineers in the industry.”*

Dajung Kim  
2023 Laureate

## Who can apply?

- ◆ • Doctoral students, post-doc or research assistants.
- Enrolled or employed at HKUST.
- Involved in research related to sustainability issues.

## When to apply?

- ◆ In December/February each year. Through HKUST and the Consulate General of France.



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# HKU-Pasteur Research Pole Fellowship



## What is it?

- ◆ Funded by the Consulate General of France, the Pasteur Foundation Asia and The Légion d'Honneur Club - Hong Kong Chapter, it enables young researchers to pursue research projects in biomedical sciences at Institut Pasteur in Paris.

## Awardees will receive

- ◆
  - A grant for a 3 to 4-month research internship at Institut Pasteur Paris between May and December.
  - The fellowship covers: round-trip air tickets between Hong Kong/Macau and France, housing, monthly living allowance.

## Who can apply?

- ◆ Postgraduate students or postdoctoral fellows at universities in Hong Kong or Macau. More information on the selection criteria on the website.

## When to apply?

- ◆ Usually between December and February each year.

## How to apply?

- ◆ Choose an internship location among Institut Pasteur laboratories in Paris, and fill in the application form on HKU-Pasteur Research Pole website.

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*“This fellowship was the key to improving my PhD project. With the guidance of Dr. Anna Zukova and Prof. Olivier Gascuel, both esteemed for their expertise in developing cutting-edge phylogenetic methods, I am now able to develop a novel deep learning model to efficiently estimate epidemiological parameters from SARS-CoV-2 phylogenies”*

Ruopeng  
PhD student  
at HKU-Pasteur Research Pole



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# Procore - France and Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme



## What is it?

- ◆ A 1 to 2-year travel grant for researchers or a workshop grant to sponsor a high-level conference.



**200+**

research projects have been supported since 1999

## Awardees will receive

- ◆ • 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.

## When to apply?

- ◆ From March to July each year.

## How to apply?

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

## Who can apply?

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



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# The French National Research Agency (ANR)/ RGC Joint Research Scheme

## What is it?

- ◆ Launched in 2012 to strengthen scientific cooperation between France and Hong Kong, this scheme is highly regarded by the academic community and enables to scale up the most promising bilateral research projects. All disciplines are eligible.
- Supports research projects with a duration of 36 or 48 months.
- The funding limit for Hong Kong applicants is HK\$3 million per project (exclusive of on-costs).

## Who can apply?

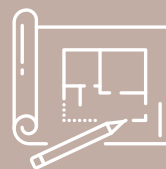
- ◆ Only applications that fully meet the requirements of both the RGC and the ANR are accepted.

## When to apply?

- ◆ From January to April each year.

## How to apply?

- ◆ Applications should be submitted to the UGC-funded universities directly for the Hong Kong side.
- French applicants must complete the pre-registration and ANR online form in parallel.



**30+**

collaborative projects in  
various scientific fields  
since 2012



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# Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence (HKSES)



## What is it?

- ◆ 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 year.
  - 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 year, 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. Please refer to the HKSES website for more information.



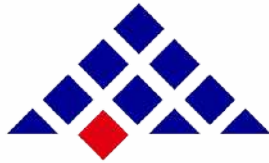
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Students awarded  
since 2014  
*\*as in 2023*



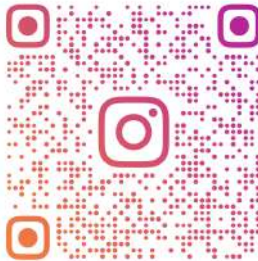
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