

QUAI D'ORSAY/ENTREPRISES PROGRAMME 2015-2016

GRANT PROGRAMME COFINANCED BY ENGIE AND THE MFA **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING IN THE APPLICATION

Since 2012, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the ENGIE Group (the new name of GDF SUEZ) have developed a programme for the reception and support of high-level foreign students in France.

This scheme, which is part of the MFA's *QUAI D'ORSAY/ENTREPRISES* programme, is based on a partnership between the public and private sectors. It is set apart by the creation of ideal, personalized reception conditions and joint selection of students by the MFA, ENGIE and Ecole Polytechnique.

For the year 2015-2016, two grants will be allocated to two Mongolian students admitted to the Ecole Polytechnique's Master's in Renewable Energy Science & Technology (REST)*.

** The Renewable Energy Science & Technology Master programme was designed to help meet one of the major challenges facing the world, increasing the percentage of renewable energy in the global energy mix. Focusing on science, this Master in energy engineering aims to give students real-world technical expertise in strategic renewable energy topics, as well as an in-depth understanding of the issues associated with renewable energy and their development, including the short and medium-term technical, technological, geopolitical and environmental challenges. Classes are taught by university lecturers and experts from the businesses partnering the programme. The programme is divided into **two semesters**: academic and research internship (each of 6 months)*

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this grant, candidates must:

- ✓ Be of Mongolian nationality;
- ✓ Be at most 28 years old in 2015;
- ✓ Have completed at least 4 years of higher education in the field of engineering sciences and have graduated in 2014 or 2015;
- ✓ Show interest in the ENGIE Group;
- ✓ Not previously enjoy a French Government or corporate grant to study in France at Ecole Polytechnique;
- ✓ Not be employed by a company at the time of arrival in France; candidates for apprenticeships or continuous training are not eligible;
- ✓ For the Master in Renewable Energy Science & Technology (REST) which is taught in English (<https://www.polytechnique.edu/en/major-energy>), have a sufficient level of English to follow the course;
- ✓ Apply to the REST master's on Université Paris-Saclay application website: <http://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/formation/admission> (thematics: Energy, Degree: Renewable energy, science and technology)

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ADVANTAGES

The laureate will benefit the following advantages:

From ENGIE

- ✓ a grant of a single and all-encompassing sum of €24,000, aimed notably at covering tuition and welcoming fees of €12,000 which will be withdrawn by Ecole Polytechnique. The remaining balance of €12,000 will be paid to the successful candidate in monthly instalments during the 12 months of classes at Ecole Polytechnique;
- ✓ mentoring within the company;
- ✓ a 6 month internship within ENGIE during which compensation will be paid by the host entity;
- ✓ career guidance support at the end of the stay in France;
- ✓ depending on the internal needs of ENGIE and the student's performance, ENGIE may offer a career opportunity dependent on obtaining the Master's Degree and a recruitment recommendation from the placement supervisor and the Human Resources Manager of ENGIE in France, at the end of the internship;

From the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- ✓ a social cover grant package including social security, complementary health insurance, insurance, airport transfer and exemption from administrative registration fees to the higher education establishment. This grant confers the status of a French Government grant student, and the associated advantages (visa application formality support, access to cultural activities at special rates, etc.);
- ✓ intensive French courses, if required, before departure for France, in a language centre chosen by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

From Ecole Polytechnique

- ✓ support before departure and during the stay in France, including : preparation for arrival in France, possibility of following intensive French courses in France during the summer preceding the beginning of scientific classes, assistance with administrative formalities on arrival in France, reservation of housing on the campus.

The grant student may receive *Allocation Personnalisée au Logement* (APL, personalized housing benefit).

NB: Please note that airline tickets to France remain at the student's expense.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria are as follows:

- ✓ excellent standards of the candidate, as demonstrated by prior higher education record;
- ✓ quality of professional goals;
- ✓ clear interest in working in the energy field ;
- ✓ desire to contribute to the development of the region/country of origin;
- ✓ for the Master's in Renewable Energy Science & Technology, the level of English, with knowledge of French being an additional advantage;
- ✓ qualities of independence, adaptability, curiosity and team spirit.

Selection is carried out in three stages:

- ✓ the application is declared admissible by Ecole Polytechnique;
- ✓ an interview is organized by the MFA and ENGIE, in Mongolia or France;
- ✓ a selection committee chooses the successful candidate for the grant and the members of Ecole Polytechnique board announce the admission.

For candidates with equal levels and skills, the programme managers will strive to prioritize candidates from modest backgrounds.

The deliberations of the selection committee are not communicated. Its decisions are sovereign and not explained.

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE

The following documents **must** be included in the application:

- ✓ a one-page curriculum vitæ in English;
- ✓ copies of university transcripts and previous diplomas;
- ✓ results of an international English test (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS);
- ✓ acknowledgement of receipt of the application to Ecole Polytechnique;
- ✓ professional goals, written on two pages in English; including the following information:
 - a summary of training and any professional experience;
 - professional prospects (sector of activity, functions, geographical regions);
 - motivation for this grant programme.

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The following documents **may** be attached to the application:

- ✓ any other document you consider relevant to support your application.

DATES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ Deadline for Master's in REST programme applications to Ecole Polytechnique: 26 June 2015

Université Paris-Saclay application website: <http://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en/formation/admission>
(thematics: Energy, Degree: Renewable energy, science and technology)

** Ecole Polytechnique is a founding member of Université Paris Saclay and their masters programmes are part of Université Paris-Saclay's masters offer.*

- ✓ Deadline for receipt by the French Embassy in Mongolia (in electronic form to email below) of the application submitted to the Ecole Polytechnique: 26 June 2015.
- ✓ Interview in Mongolia or France: between 6 July 2015 and 10 July 2015.
- ✓ Result of the selection process: 17 July 2015.
- ✓ The selection will be finalized following the successful candidate's registration at Ecole Polytechnique on the Master's in REST.

CONTACTS

EP-UPS School course information

Ecole Polytechnique - UPS

www.polytechnique.edu

Master's in REST

<https://www.polytechnique.edu/en/major-energy>

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Programme information

French Embassy in Mongolia

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Information on reception in France, social and medical coverage, and cultural activities

Campus France www.campusfrance.org/en/rubrique/vivre-en-france