

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

*Please read carefully before completing this application for a scholarship*

The French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE) and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group decided in 2009 to create a scholarship programme for high-level foreign students to study in France.

The scholarship programme, which comes under the “QUAI D'ORSAY / ENTREPRISES” scheme operated by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, is a public-private partnership designed to provide optimal conditions for student life in France, including a personalized welcome and learning environment. Applicants are selected jointly by the MAEE, Crédit Agricole S.A. and French higher education partner institutions.

The cofinanced scholarship programme **CA International Talents** is opened to students enrolled in an overseas institution of higher education who are from **Hong-Kong (China), Italy and Poland**.

For the 2012/2013 academic year, **6 scholarships** will be awarded.

### AREAS OF STUDY

Study scholarships co-financed by Crédit Agricole S.A. and the MAEE are awarded **for one year of studies in France at Master 2, Master of Sciences or Advanced Master (*Mastère spécialisé – MS*) level**, in one of the partner courses of the programme (see appended table of partner courses), in the following areas:

- **Banking and Finance**
- **Risk**
- **Audit**
- **Wealth Management**
- **Financial Mathematics**

in one of the following higher education institutions:

- **Ecole Polytechnique**
- **ESCP Europe**
- **ESSEC Business School**
- **HEC Paris**
- **Université Paris – Dauphine**

***BEFORE*** sending to the French Embassy your application for the scholarship, you will need to sign up in one of the partner schools or university before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2012. Please check on the website of these schools or university for the application deadlines.

Tuition and enrolment fees vary from one institution to another. Fees mentioned in the appended Courses table are the ones for academic year 2011-2012 and are subject to change.

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME?

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Following the selection procedure, if you are awarded a scholarship under the **Crédit Agricole International Talents** programme, you will receive:

➤ *from Crédit Agricole S.A.:*

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- a single flat-rate scholarship of **12 000 €** which will be directly paid to your French school or university and will cover all or part of the tuition fee. If the amount of the tuition fee is higher than the amount of the scholarship, you will have to pay the difference to your school, and if it is lower, your school will pay you back the difference
- corporate mentoring within Crédit Agricole S.A.
- a **6-month** internship in Credit Agricole S.A. in France: **the acceptance of this internship by the student is a *sine qua non* condition for the scholarship allocation**
- either **the induction and housing programme for international students** offered by your school if you are studying at ESSEC, HEC or Ecole Polytechnique
- or **the service of personalized welcome and housing** offered by the EGIDE Agency if you are studying at University Paris-Dauphine or ESCP-Europe school
- **personalized support and advice** for the following of your career at the end of your stay in France

➤ *from the MAEE and with funding from the French Embassy:*

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- social and medical insurance cover inclusive of a personal civil liability and repatriation to France insurance, that will give you the status of French government scholarship student and related advantages, including simplified visa applications and access to a variety of cultural and leisure activities at a special rate ;
- intensive French-language courses before leaving for France, provided by the Alliances Française network in your country of origin.

*You may also apply for Personalized Housing Benefits (APL).*

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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➤ *You are eligible for this scholarship programme if:*

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- you are a national of Hong-Kong (China), Italy, or Poland
- you are no more than 30 years of age in the year in which you are selected
- you have not previously qualified for a scholarship from the French government
- you are able to prove your knowledge of French with an attestation of **DELF A2 / TCF-TEF 2 level** minimum at the time of application, and you undertake to take French classes at Alliance Française before departure and during your studies in France.

**Important observations:**

- *bi-national students are not eligible for the scholarship programme if their second nationality is French*
- *Chinese students are eligible if they live and study in Hong-Kong*
- *applications for apprenticeship or continuing education courses will be rejected outright*

## **WHEN DOES THE SELECTION TAKE PLACE?**

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- **Before the 22 MARCH 2012 deadline for receiving applications**, you must submit your application for a **scholarship** from the Crédit Agricole international talents Programme, **electronically** to the French Embassy.
- **You must also submit your application by that date to the French institution of higher education** chosen by you from one of the programme's partner institutions.
- If the scholarship application you sent to the Embassy is admissible, the French Embassy in your country of origin will send you a **notification to attend an interview** on the day the Preselection Committee of the scholarship programme is scheduled to meet.
- **Between 22 MARCH and 27 APRIL 2012, the preselection Committee will be convened in your country of origin** under the authority of the French Embassy. It will be made up of a representative of the Embassy's Cooperation and Cultural Action Service (SCAC) and of a representative of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group subsidiary in your country of origin.
- Selected applications will be sent to Paris electronically by the French Embassies in the countries concerned no later than **27 APRIL 2012**.
- On **25 MAY 2012**, on the proposal of the Preselection Committee in your country of origin, **the final list of the 6 selected applicants will be drawn up by consultation between Crédit Agricole S.A., the MAEE and the partner higher education institutes**. Following the examination of your application, you will be informed by the Embassy whether it has been selected for the award of a Crédit Agricole International Talents scholarship subject to final admission by the French higher education institution of your choice, or rejected.

*If your application is successful, you will be responsible for ensuring that you are formally enrolled at the host institution of your choice. You will be declared a winner of a scholarship under the Crédit Agricole International Talents programme only on condition that you have been formally admitted to that institution.*

**The successful applicants** will be directly contacted by the French embassy of their home country after the final consultation between Credit Agricole S.A. and the MAEE, and once their admission acted by the partner institutions.

## WHAT ARE THE SELECTION PROCEDURES?

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➤ *The following selection criteria are taken into account:*

- excellence of the applicant, as reflected by his/her previous university experience;
- the applicant's career goals;
- the applicant's level of French.

*The Selection Committee's proceedings are not made public, its decisions are final and no reasons are given for them.*

## MANDATORY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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- a copy of your academic record and of your academic qualifications;
- a one or two-page **curriculum vitae** in French and English;
- a two-page **statement of your career plans** in French and English giving the following information: summary of your training experience and of any work experience you may have, career prospects (sector of activity, functions, preferred countries), your motivation for joining this scholarship programme;
- the completed application form for the programme;
- a copy of the application certificate or acknowledgement of receipt from the French higher education institution(s) you applied to;
- A certificate or diploma attesting your level of French: **DELF A2 or TCF/TEF 2 minimum.**

## CONTACTS & INFORMATIONS

**For information about the company :**

Website of Crédit Agricole S.A.  
[www.mycréditagricole.jobs](http://www.mycréditagricole.jobs)

**For information on student reception in  
France, social and medical insurance  
cover, and cultural activities visit the:**

EGIDE Agency website  
[http://www.egide.asso.fr/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/accueil/service\\_1/formules](http://www.egide.asso.fr/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/accueil/service_1/formules)

**For all information on the programme  
and sending your application**

Consulate general of France in Hong Kong:  
[www.consulfrance-hongkong.org](http://www.consulfrance-hongkong.org)  
[vithiya.vairon@consulfrance-hongkong.org](mailto:vithiya.vairon@consulfrance-hongkong.org)

Embassy of France in Italy:  
[www.ambafrance-it.org](http://www.ambafrance-it.org)  
[eugenie.deflorenne@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:eugenie.deflorenne@diplomatie.gouv.fr)  
[thomas.lavaur@institutfrancais.it](mailto:thomas.lavaur@institutfrancais.it)

Embassy of France in Poland:  
[www.ambafrance-pl.org](http://www.ambafrance-pl.org)  
[vincent.galand@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:vincent.galand@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

**For information on partner schools:**

Ecole Polytechnique :  
[www.polytechnique.edu](http://www.polytechnique.edu)

HEC Paris :  
[www.hec.edu](http://www.hec.edu)

ESCP Europe:  
[www.escpeurope.eu](http://www.escpeurope.eu)

ESSEC Business School:  
[www.essec.edu](http://www.essec.edu)

Université Paris-Dauphine:  
<http://www.dauphine.fr/en/international/coming-to-dauphine.html>