

QUAI D'ORSAY - ENTERPRISES
CO-FINANCED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
AIR LIQUIDE- MEEA 2010-2011:
AIR LIQUIDE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (ALIS)

Call for application

Please read this document carefully before filling up the application form
Scholarship co-financed by AIR LIQUIDE - MEEA

In March 2010, the Ministry of External and European Affairs (MEEA) and AIR LIQUIDE decided to create a programme for hosting and supporting meritorious foreign students in France.

This forms part of the "QUAI D'ORSAY - ENTERPRISES" programme of the Ministry of External and European Affairs and is based on a public-private partnership. The specificity of this MEEA programme lies in the creation of optimal and personalized conditions for hosting foreign students and jointly selecting candidates with the MEEA, AIR LIQUIDE and French higher education partner institutions.

The AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA co-financed scholarship programme is aimed at students hailing from India, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Morocco, Russia and Saudi Arabia, who are currently pursuing their studies in their countries. Only candidates holding the nationality of one of these six countries are eligible for this programme; candidates holding dual citizenship, if it includes French nationality, are not eligible.

For the academic year 2010-2011, 12 scholarships will be awarded.

FOR WHAT KIND OF STUDIES?

The AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA co-financed study scholarship will be awarded for one year of studies in France at the Master 2 level or a Master of Science, in the following areas:

- Energy
- Industrial Engineering
- Engineering
- Economics/ Finance

In one of the following institutions (*):

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| - Ecole Centrale Paris | - for students with a scientific and technical profile hailing from India, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Russia, or Saudi Arabia |
| - Ecole Polytechnique Paris | - for students with a scientific and technical profile hailing from India, Madagascar, Morocco, Russia, or Saudi Arabia |
| - Université Paris Dauphine | - for students with an Economics/ Finance profile hailing from India or Saudi Arabia |

(*) BEFORE SENDING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO THE EMBASSY, YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN ONE OF THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS OF THIS PROGRAMME BY 3 MAY 2010.

The course fees and accommodation expenses, which the student has to bear, vary from institution to institution (Cf. List of courses offered).

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES BEING OFFERED?

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After the conclusion of the selection process, if you are selected for the co-financed AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA scholarship programme, you will receive:

- from AIR LIQUIDE:
 - o A single and total scholarship of 13 000 €;
 - o A tutorial with AIR LIQUIDE;
 - o An end-of-studies internship which must mandatorily be at one of the AIR LIQUIDE organisations in France (imperative condition);
 - o Career orientation support on the completion of your stay in France:
AIR LIQUIDE could offer you a career opportunity solely in your country of origin, subject to obtaining your degree in the chosen French institution, and a recruitment recommendation sent by the Internship Head as well as that of the Human Resource Head of the host organisation in France, on the conclusion of your internship.
- from the Ministry of External and European Affairs, and financed by the Embassy of France in India:
 - o social security and medical insurance cover, which confers the status of a French Government scholar on you, and all the advantages linked to such a status (facilitation of visa application procedure, chance to participate in cultural activities organized by Egide, etc.);
 - o intensive course in French in the Alliance française network in India before your departure to France.

You can also request for a personalized allocation of accommodation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for this scholarship programme if:

- you hold Indian, Ivoirian, Malagasy, Moroccan, Russian or Saudi Arabian nationality;
- you are not over 30 years of age in the selection year;
- you are not already a French Government scholarship holder;
- you have reached the academic level required for the course of your choice: Master 1 (equivalent of HS + 4) or Master 2 (HS+5), preferably

Important remarks:

- students with dual citizenship are not eligible, if one of their nationalities is French;
- candidates applying for apprenticeship courses or refresher courses will be rejected outright;
- **a command over the French language is not a prerequisite criterion** but would be an advantage during the selection procedure and **one of the goals to be attained at the end of your stay in France.** It may be mandatory at your host institution;
- **you should already have applied to one of the French higher education partner institutes of the programme.**

WHEN IS THE SELECTION TAKING PLACE?
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- **By 3rd May, 2010, which is the last date for submitting applications**, you should have sent your application for a co-financed AIR LIQUIDE-MAEE scholarship programme to the Embassy of France, in a computerized format. **You should also have applied to a French higher education institution** that is a partner of this programme, before your application submission date. Your scholarship application should include an attestation from the chosen French institution, indicating that your application fulfils the minimum acceptance requirements for the selected programme.

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- From 10th May, 2010 onwards, the French higher education institution, to which you would have applied before submitting your scholarship application, will indicate whether you have been shortlisted to the chosen programme. If you are accepted for this programme (application sent to the French higher education institution), and your scholarship application at the Embassy is eligible, an **interview letter** will be sent to you by the Embassy of your country of origin calling you on the date of the Selection Committee Meeting for the co-financed AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA scholarship programme.

- Between 17th May and 4th June, 2010, a selection meeting for short-listing applicants for the co-financed AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA scholarship programme will be held in your country of origin, under the authority of the Embassy of France. The Selection Committee will be composed of a Representative each from the Cooperation and Cultural Action Section (SCAC), the Trade Commission, and the AIR LIQUIDE GROUP subsidiary in your country. You will, thereafter, be informed by the Embassy of France about the decision of the Committee on your application, which could be shortlisted, be on the waitlist, or be rejected.

- The shortlisted applications will be sent in digitised format by the Embassies of France of the countries concerned to the MEEA central administration **latest by 8th June 2010**.

- on 14th June, 2010, on the proposal of the Selection Committee in your country of origin, the final list of 12 shortlisted candidates will be drawn up in consultation with AIR LIQUIDE and the MEEA. After examining your application, the Embassy will inform you whether it was rejected, or selected for awarding the co-financed AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA scholarship subject to your confirmed admission at the chosen higher education institution in France.

If you are selected, it is your responsibility to ensure that your admission in the host institution has been completed. It is only if you have been admitted to the institution that you will be declared as an awardee of the co-financed AIR LIQUIDE-MEEA scholarship programme.

The complete awardees' list will be published thereafter on the websites of the Ministry of External and European Affairs, the Embassy of France in your country of origin, and the French higher education partner institutions of the programme.

HOW DOES THE SELECTION TAKE PLACE?

The following are the criteria taken into consideration:

- the excellence of the candidate as borne out by his/her academic record
- the quality of the professional project
- marked interest for growing in an industrial environment
- the will to contribute to the development of your zone/ country of origin
- level of proficiency in French and English
- possession of the qualities of independence, adaptability and intellectual curiosity.

In case of applicants with equal levels of merit, the programme in-charges will give preference to the candidate of modest means.

The deliberations of the committee are not open to any form of external communication whatsoever, its decision is final and it may not be asked to ascribe any reason for its decisions.

DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION:

- your **curriculum vitae**, in French or English, in one page;

Reminder: Candidate's name:

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- copies of your mark sheet, and degrees obtained
- your **professional project**, in English or French, within two pages, consisting of the following:
 1. a résumé of your educational qualifications, your professional experience, if any
 2. your professional prospects (activity sector, responsibilities, geographical areas)
 3. your reasons for applying for this co-financed scholarship programme:
 - what will this programme bring to you?
 - how do you think you will contribute to this programme?

CONTACTS

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Website of the Ministry of External and European Affairs:

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/QOEntreprise

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Website of French higher education partner institutions:

Ecole Centrale Paris: www.ecp.fr

Ecole Polytechnique: www.polytechnique.edu

Université Paris-Dauphine: www.dauphine.fr

Information on being hosted in France and social and medical cover:

EGIDE: www.egide.asso.fr/jahia/Jahia/accueil

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APPLICATION FORM

IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEND THIS APPLICATION IN A COMPUTERIZED FORMAT (Word or Pdf) TO THE COOPERATION AND CULTURAL ACTION SECTION OF THE EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN INDIA OF YOUR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, ALONG WITH YOUR C.V., COPY OF YOUR MARKSHEET AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECT (CHECK DETAILS IN THE PARAGRAPH "DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH YOUR APPLICATION").

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ANY OTHER FORMAT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

SURNAME and Given Names (exact spelling according to passport - type the surname in BLOCK CAPITALS.)		
Nationality (please mention in case of dual citizenship - <u>candidates with dual citizenship, should they hold French nationality, will not be eligible</u>)	Date of birth	Sex (click on the appropriate box)
		M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent Address of the country of origin		
Telephone	Fax	E-mail
Address in France, if the candidate is already residing there		
Telephone	Fax	E-mail
Area of studies for which the scholarship has been applied for (click any one of the boxes)		Area of studies <input type="checkbox"/> Area of studies <input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing studies and/or internships		
Name of the institution	Area of studies	
Degree(s) obtained	Dates (month and year)	
	from to	
NB: All details regarding your performance, such as grades obtained, class, rank, etc. should be mentioned in your attached curriculum vitae.		
Have you obtained pre-admission in a French higher education institute for 2010-2011? (If so, please attach the document confirming this; if not, then please contact the desired institution immediately.)		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Degree sought and the French higher education partner institution concerned for the scholarship application*:		
French establishment concerned:		
Course commencement date:	Course end date:	
Programme for which the scholarship has been applied for (if several Master's programmes are offered by the chosen institution, please indicate your choice in ascending order of priority)		

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| • <i>Ecole Centrale Paris: Industrial Engineering - Optimisation of Industrial Systems and Logistics</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <i>Ecole Polytechnique: Engineering of Complex Computer Systems</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <i>Ecole Polytechnique: Fluid Mechanics</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <i>Ecole Polytechnique: Engineering for Technological Innovation</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • <i>Université Paris Dauphine: Energy, Finance, Carbon</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |