



France Excellence (FEX) Master Scholarship **Benefits, terms and conditions**

BENEFITS

As a FEX Master Scholarship Recipient, you will be granted the status of « Boursier du Gouvernement français » (French Government Scholarship holder). As such, you are entitled to:

- **A monthly allowance of 860 €, for a duration of a maximum of 24 months.**

In order to receive the first payment of the scholarship, the recipient must begin his or her studies at the host institution in France.

- **A round-trip flight.**

One way trip from Singapore to France prior to the start of the scholarship + One way trip from France to Singapore at the end of the scholarship. You can't leave earlier or later than 3 days around the start and end date of your scholarship, if you want to claim this benefit.

- **Commute arrangement to your city of studies.**

Train ticket (2nd class), from the international airport to the city. Taxi, shuttle, bus or metro fees are not covered.

- **Exemption from registration fees for national diplomas in universities and public institutions under the supervision of the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research.**

Important: this benefit only applies to registration fees (droits d'inscription) in public institutions known as « établissements publics à caractère scientifique, culturel et professionnel relevant du ministre chargé de l'enseignement supérieur » (article R719-49 du code de l'Éducation). These fees are fixed by government decree and currently stand at 3 770€ per year at the Master level. Any additional fees will not be covered.

- **Exemption from the « Student and Campus Life Contribution » – Contribution de Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC).**

- **Social Security coverage.**

Affiliation to the French Social Security system (free of charge). Campus France will take out a social protection contract on behalf of scholarship holders for the first three months of their stay in France, pending their enrolment in the French social security system.

- You have to register on the website <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> (available in English) as soon as possible after your academic registration in your higher education institution.
 - Social insurance covers the student exclusively for the duration of the scholarship, and excludes any ailments contracted prior to the arrival of the scholarship holder in France.
 - Registration to a complementary health care coverage (complémentaire santé) which includes civil responsibility.
- **Possibility to access public student residences (CROUS), depending on availabilities.**
 - Priority assistance in finding accommodations in CROUS university residences (rent to be paid by the scholarship holder).

→ You should reach out to the French Embassy and Campus France in advance before departure, if you want to claim this benefit.

- Easier access to Caisse d'Allocations Familiales housing benefits.

Access to the [« VISALE » guarantee scheme](#) for accommodation (to be eligible, students must be between 18 and 30 years of age).

➤ **Exemption from visa fees and “Etudes en France” procedure fees.**

If you applied for the FEX Master Scholarship, please wait for the selection results before applying for visa, in order to get your fees waived. Otherwise, the French Embassy reserves the right to grant or deny refunds of the visa fees.

➤ **Special discounts on cultural activities organized by Campus France.**

DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is awarded for the duration of the expected educational instruction and for a maximum period of:

- 12 months when enrolling in Master 2
- 24 months when enrolling in Master 1

No deferral of the scholarship is possible.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Scholarship benefits cannot be used/granted outside of the scholarship start and end date. To benefit from a Singapore-France round-trip flight, you can't leave earlier or later than 3 days before or after the start and end date of your scholarship.
- A French Government Scholarship is tied to the recipient's presence in France to complete a higher education course. It is not a prize or subsidy, but a package including a monthly allowance to allow the student to live in France and cover their needs while studying in the country.
- **A French Government Scholarship is NOT compatible with:**
- A work contract linked to the recipient's education/training programme, such as an apprenticeship contract (« contrat d'apprentissage » or « alternance »). This includes doctoral programme and CIFRE (Conventions industrielles de formation par la recherche).
→ The signing of these kinds of work contract by a France Excellence Master scholarship recipient automatically leads to termination of the scholarship.
 - A scholarship granted by another French Ministry.
An Erasmus+ scholarship or an “Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie” (AUF) scholarship.
Any other funding from a public source other than the ones mentioned above.
→ In case of cumulation, the France Excellence Master scholarship will be automatically cancelled.
- **A French Government Scholarship IS compatible with:**
- An internship (with a convention) or an exchange program, as per the terms specified in appendix “A” (see below).
 - Any other funding from a private source, at the condition to notify the Embassy about it.
 - A co-funding agreement between the Embassy of France and a public institution.
 - A funding complement from a public institution, including in the context of a « convention de séjour de recherche » (convention for a research stay), as regulated by article L-434-1 of the « Code de la recherche ».
- **Specific conditions of eligibility of the France Excellence (FEX) Master Scholarship Programme**

- Be admitted to a French higher education institution in Master's 1 or Master's 2 for the year the scholarship is awarded.
- Students of French nationality, including bi-nationals, are not eligible for the program.
- The benefits granted, particularly in terms of financial and administrative support, will not extend to family members who may join the scholarship holder.

OBLIGATIONS

- The FEX Master scholarship is awarded for a predetermined educational program in terms of subject matter and duration.
- The scholarship recipient is required to participate fully in the educational program's activities (attend classes and take all exams) and to submit to the discipline of the assigned institution. In this regard, the scholarship recipient must provide Campus France with any required documents, as a proof of attendance and registration. Failure to fulfil these requirements would result in the termination of the scholarship, unless the student provides a valid justification.
- Students are required to inform Campus France and the French Embassy of their arrival in France and send them a copy of their stamp of arrival.
- Students are required to inform Campus France and the French Embassy of any change or plans that would result in an incompatibility with the scholarship (such as doing an alternance contract or dropping out of the programme). Any failure or delay to declare such situations will result in an obligation to reimburse the overpaid amount to Campus France.
- Recipients of the FEX Master scholarship must inform Campus France before beginning an internship or going abroad.
- All publications of work carried out in the frame of the educational program covered by the French Government Scholarship (posters, oral presentations, articles, reviews, books, etc.) should mention "This work was supported by a French Government Scholarship".
- Students receiving a scholarship agree to join "[France Alumni Singapore](#)", a network of alumni from French higher education institutions. Contact details of the scholarship recipient will be shared with the officer in charge of France Alumni Singapore at the French Embassy in Singapore.

USEFUL CONTACTS

- Embassy of France in Singapore

Office of Campus France Singapore: study@ambafrance-sg.org

- Campus France Paris

Campus France, the French agency for the promotion of higher education, hospitality and international exchange, is responsible for managing and monitoring your educational stay in France.

Scholarship service, Asia Department: asie@campusfrance.org / boursiers.asie@campusfrance.org

Appendix A

The stay is covered by the scholarship only for the periods taking place in France, except in some cases for internships or exchange programs.

- The FEX Master scholarship is granted for a defined number of months in order to allow the beneficiary to complete the coursework for which his/her application has been accepted. The student must meet the academic requirements for each year of the program to continue receiving the scholarship.
- The duration of the scholarship shall not exceed 12 months for a Master's 2 enrollment, 24 months for a Master's 1 enrollment.

➤ **In case of required internship**

By internship, we mean: "a temporary duration of work experience in a professional setting during which the student acquires professional skills and implements what he or she has learned in order to obtain a diploma or certification. The trainee is given one or more assignments in accordance with the educational program defined by his/her educational institution and approved by the host organization. Any student wishing to participate an internship is offered an internship agreement by the institute of higher education".

A scholarship recipient who completes an internship retains the benefit of his or her scholarship only when it's a required internship which is included in the curriculum of the program for which the scholarship was awarded and within the maximum duration of the scholarship awarded. This is an integral part of the training program and is taken into account in obtaining a diploma. The procedures for approving the internship to obtain the diploma are outlined in the diploma requirements. The student/scholarship recipient must obtain the agreement of the professor in charge of his or her degree to embark upon an internship. This is subject to an agreement. In the framework of the FEX Master scholarship, the internship agreement must be sent to Campus France at least one week before the beginning of the internship.

In all other cases, the scholarship will be suspended for the duration of the internship/exchange program.

➤ **In case of optional internship**

This is at the initiative of the student/scholarship recipient who wishes to supplement his or her curriculum. The scholarship is systematically suspended for the duration of any internship that's not required by the course curriculum. The rules applicable in this case are those of a caesura (see below).

➤ **In case of exchange program or moving abroad**

Academic exchange programs or moving to another campus - including internationally - must be strictly required for graduation and must be included in the degree program. In the framework of the FEX Master scholarship, the student/scholarship recipient must notify Campus France of the date of their move.

→ In the case of a compulsory internship or foreign exchange program, the scholarship is limited to a maximum of one year, provided that the period spent abroad does not exceed the total time spent in France.

➤ **In the event of a caesura**

By caesura, we mean: "a supervised gap year allowing students to suspend their studies for one year. The motivations of students wishing to benefit from this year without the risk of interrupting their studies can be diverse. They can include pursuing various types of training, an internship in a company or civic service, joining an association, working in a company or initiating a specific project in order to build a profession."

The gap period is authorized, but results in the termination of the scholarship. Deferral of the scholarship is possible, but is subject to approval by the French Embassy in Singapore prior to the start of the gap period. With the consent of the French Embassy in Singapore, the stipends as well as the status of French government scholarship recipient may be suspended during the gap year.

In the event that the scholarship is discontinued, the benefits will be discontinued. Thus, if the scholar resides in a student residence hall provided by Campus France, the scholar will need to return to their place of residence on the date the scholarship ends.

The request for a gap year must be sent to Campus France at least two months before the beginning of the period. It must specify the timeframe (start date and end date) and motivations in relation to the scholarship recipient's plan.

It's also advisable to inform Campus France two months before the date of return from the gap year. In all cases, students returning from a gap year must be announced no later than July 31 of the year of return. Any return from a gap year that's not announced within this timeframe shall not guarantee the resumption of the scholarship.

Only one gap year can be granted during the awarded scholarship period. This cannot be less than or greater than one year./.