

**International Scholarship Programme
of
the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan**

REGULATIONS

A. Presentation and aims

- 1) The Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (ENS de Cachan) has implemented a Scholarship Programme aimed at foreign students who are currently studying or have studied and obtained their latest diploma outside of France.
- 2) This programme is aimed at students wishing to apply for a second year Research Master (RM2) or for a PhD in order to follow or pursue their research training in one of the departments or laboratories of the ENS de Cachan. Priority is given to students who wish to undertake a complete second year of Research Master or a joint PhD (“cotutelle”).
- 3) The grant amounts to 1000 euros/month.
- 4) These grants are awarded for a minimum period of one semester (six months) and a maximum period of 12 months not renewable*.

Grants at the Master level:

- Grants are awarded for a period of 10 months to students applying for a whole academic year to carry out a Research Master (RM2). All ENS de Cachan master programmes are concerned, except the social sciences master programme.
- Grants are awarded for a period of 6 months to students applying for one semester of study or research.

Grants at the PhD level:

- Grants are awarded for a period of 12 months to students applying for a whole academic year to carry out research in one of the ENS de Cachan laboratories. All ENS de Cachan research laboratories are concerned.
- Grants are awarded for a period of 6 months to students applying for one semester to carry out research in one of the ENS de Cachan laboratories. All ENS de Cachan research laboratories are concerned.
- In some case, especially for joint PhDs, 12 month grants may be awarded, upon decision of the jury, for two 6 month periods running through two consecutive academic years.

B. Conditions of participation

Required diplomas:

- For admission in a second year of Research Master (RM2), candidates must justify of a 1st year of Master degree (M1 equivalent to 60 European ECTS credits, at Master level) or an equivalent diploma recognised by ENS de Cachan.
- For research training, candidates must justify of minimum a 1st year of Master degree (M1 equivalent to 60 European ECTS credits, at Master level) or an equivalent diploma recognised by ENS de Cachan.
- For admission at PhD level, candidates must justify of a Master degree recognised by ENS de Cachan or be registered as a PhD student in a higher education institution.

Language skills:

- A good knowledge of the French language is required for students applying for a complete academic year in a Research Master level 2.

Age:

- For RM2 level admission, candidates must be less than 26 years old when starting their training at ENS de Cachan.
- For PhD level admission, candidates must be less than 28 years old when starting their training at ENS de Cachan or when they registered in PhD.

Country:

This Scholarship Programme is open to students of all nationalities. However, priority is given to candidates from European countries, Brazil, Canada, India, Japan, Mexico, the United States.

Are not eligible:

- Foreign candidates who are registered, in view of obtaining a diploma, in a French higher education institution.
- Candidates who have already been awarded another grant for the same period.
- Previous years' grant holders*

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C. Registration, status and diploma

- Grant-holders admitted for a whole academic year as RM2 at the ENS de Cachan will be registered as ENS de Cachan regular students and may obtain credits and the Master diploma of the ENS de Cachan.
- Grant-holders admitted within the framework of a joint PhD: the joint PhD agreement governs the status of the student.
- Other grant-holders will be given the status of students of the international programme of ENS de Cachan, and according to their situation and the appreciation of the selection committee, will either be registered in a study programme and may obtain a Master diploma, or a research traineeship agreement will be signed between ENS de Cachan and their home institution prior to their registration at ENS de Cachan.
- All grant-holders will sign a grant-agreement with the ENS de Cachan.

All travel expenses will be borne by the grant-holder (registration fees, library fees, health insurance, accommodation, transport etc..).

D. Selection criteria

- Quality of the candidate's academic career (honours, ranking, duration of career)
- Quality of the scientific project
- French language skills (essential at the RM2 level) and/or English language skills

E. Selection procedure

The selection procedure takes place in two stages. Candidates are invited to read carefully the following instructions.

Stage I – Pre-selection

Candidates are required to send by e-mail (preferably) or by regular mail their application file, composed of:

- a letter of intention, specifying at the RM2 level the choice of Master and/or research training in a laboratory, at the PhD level the choice of laboratory and research project
- a detailed CV retracing the academic career and results (rank and marks) since entry at university

• *Application deadline : January 14th, 2008*

Candidates pre-selected at **Stage 1** will receive an e-mail before **February 18th, 2008** that will give them access to the appropriate application materials for final selection.

Stage 2 – Selection

Candidates pre-selected at stage 1 above and *who have received a notification by e-mail of their pre-selection*, must send *by post a complete application in 2 copies*, comprising the following documents:

- a detailed study programme and/or research programme established with :
 - a) the head of the laboratory at ENS de Cachan for research training or PhD students
 - or
 - b) the head of the academic department at ENS de Cachan for RM2 students
- the application form duly filled (send by e-mail to pre-selected students)

Application deadline : April 28th, 2008

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