

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Please read carefully before completing this application for an AIR LIQUIDE / MAEE scholarship

In March 2010, the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE) and the AIR LIQUIDE Group decided to create a scholarship programme for high-level foreign students to study in France. They are pleased to renew the programme for the academic year 2012-2013.

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, AIR LIQUIDE and French higher education partner institutions.

The ALIS programme, which is cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE and the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs for the 2012/2013 academic year, is intended for students from **Congo, Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Russia, Senegal, Tunisia, Turkey or Ukraine** who are currently enrolled at university in their home countries. Only candidates with the nationality of these nine countries are eligible for the programme.

For the 2012/2013 academic year, **16 scholarships** will be awarded.

AREAS OF STUDY

The study scholarships cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE and the MAEE are awarded **for one year of studies in France at Master 2 level in the following institutions:**

- Ecole Centrale Paris (2 masters)
- Ecole Polytechnique (4 masters)
- University of Paris-Dauphine (2 masters)

- *Before sending your scholarship application to the French Embassy, you must enrol at one of the programme's higher education partner institutions by 4 May 2012.*
- *The partner higher education institutions offer several application sessions. Please check that the application session through which you are applying is open before 4 May 2012.*

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME?

Following the selection procedure, if you are awarded a scholarship under the programme cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE/MAEE, you will receive:

➤ *from AIR LIQUIDE:*

- a single flat-rate scholarship of €13,000 inclusive of tuition fees, orientation fees, and French language course fees, for which the corresponding amount will be deducted by the partner schools (please refer to the attached list of Masters available for further details). The remainder will allow you to cover your living expenses (housing, eating, books...) and will be transferred to you by regular payments.
- the return ticket from and to your home country;
- corporate mentoring within AIR LIQUIDE;
- an end-of-course assignment offer within an AIR LIQUIDE entity in France, with a stipend of about 1 100€ per month;
- career guidance support at the end of your stay in France:
AIR LIQUIDE can offer you a career opportunity only in your country of origin, provided you gain your diploma at the French partner school and a referral for recruitment from the course supervisor and the Human Resources Officer of the host entity in France, at the end of the scholarship programme.

Scholarship recipients of the ALIS programme who do their internship within Air Liquide will receive a whole financial support of 18 000€ from the company.

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

- social and medical insurance cover that will give you the status of French government scholarship student and related advantages, including simplified visa applications, free transfer from airport upon arrival, exemption of administrative fee at your higher education institute, access to cultural activities at an attractive price;
- intensive French-language courses before leaving for France, provided by the Alliances françaises network in your country of origin.

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

➤ *from the partner schools or the EGIDE Agency (in charge of managing French government international mobility programmes):*

- support before your departure and during your stay in France, including preparation for arrival in France, personalized welcome, assistance in obtaining a residence permit, looking for and reserving accommodation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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

- you are a national of Congo, Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Russia, Senegal, Tunisia, Turkey or Ukraine;
- 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 or from another company;
- you do not have a previous commitment with another company at the time of your arrival in France, such as company grant, an open-ended employment contract, an apprenticeship contract, etc.;
- you are a student in your country of origin and have reached a level of training commensurate with that required for the course of your choice at Master 1 (bac+4) level equivalent to 4 years of further study or preferably Master 2 (bac+5) level equivalent to 5 years of further study;
- you have an excellent level of English (both written and oral);
- you show an interest in the Air Liquide Group;
- you have applied for one of the courses offered as part of the programme;
- you send a full application containing all the documents required (cf. section entitled "Mandatory application documents").

Important observations:

- *bi-national students are not eligible for the scholarship programme if their second nationality is French;*
- *applications for apprenticeship or continuing education courses will be rejected outright;*
- ***a good command of French is not a prerequisite but an advantage in the selection process and should be regarded as one of the objectives to be reached by the end of your stay in France. Fluency in French may be required by the host institution;***
- ***you must have previously applied to enrol at one of the French institutions of higher education that are partners to the programme.***

WHEN DOES THE SELECTION TAKE PLACE?

Step 1

- Before the **4 MAY 2012** deadline for receiving applications, you must submit your application for a **scholarship** of the programme cofinanced by **AIR LIQUIDE/MAEE**, 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.

Step 2

- Between **5 AND 18 MAY 2012**, applications will be examined jointly by the French embassy and the Air Liquide subsidiary of your home country;

Step 3

- 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 Selection Committee of the scholarship programme cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE / MAEE is scheduled to meet. **Between 4 AND 15 JUNE 2012, the Committee for the Preselection of applicants for a scholarship under the programme cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE / MAEE (ALIS) 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 Economic Mission, and of a representative of the AIR LIQUIDE Group subsidiary in your country of origin. You will be informed by the French Embassy of the Committee's opinion on your application which may be preselected, placed on a supplementary list, or rejected.

Step 4

- Selected applications will be sent to Paris electronically by the French Embassies in the countries concerned no later than **20 JUNE 2012**.

Step 5

- On **29 JUNE 2012**, on the proposal of the Preselection Committee in your country of origin, the final list of the 16 selected applicants will be drawn up by consultation between AIR LIQUIDE and the MAEE. Following the examination of your application, you will be informed by the Embassy whether it has been selected for the award of a scholarship cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE/MAEE 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 scholarship recipient under the programme cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE/MAEE 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 Air Liquide and the MAEE, and once their admission acted by the partner institutions.

WHAT ARE THE SELECTION PROCEDURES?

➤ *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;
- strong interest in working in an industrial environment;
- willingness to contribute to the development of your zone or country of origin;
- the applicant's level of French and English;
- the applicant's degree of autonomy, adaptability and intellectual curiosity.

When deciding between candidates with similar skills and qualifications, preference will be given to students from low-income backgrounds.

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

MANDATORY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

These documents shall be digitized if needed in order to be sent electronically

- a one-page **curriculum vitae** in French or English;
- a copy of your academic record and of your academic qualifications;
- the ALIS programme application form;
- if you have received it, a copy of the application certificate or acknowledgement of receipt from the French higher education institution(s) you applied to;
- a two-page **statement of your career plans** in French or English giving the following information:
 1. summary of your training experience and of any work experience you may have;
 2. career prospects (sector of activity, functions, preferred countries)
 3. your motivation for joining this scholarship programme cofinanced by AIR LIQUIDE/MAEE:
 - what would you gain from the programme?
 - how do you think you may contribute to the programme?

CONTACTS

For information on partner schools, visit:

Ecole Centrale Paris
www.ecp.fr

Ecole Polytechnique
www.polytechnique.edu

Université Paris Dauphine
www.dauphine.fr

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/site/egide/lang/fr/nos_services

Company Information:

Air Liquide Group website
www.airliquide.com

Congo - www.cg.airliquide.com

Egypt - www.airliquide.com.eg

Morocco - www.airliquide.com

Nigeria - www.ng.airliquide.com

Russia - www.airliquide.ru

Senegal - www.sn.airliquide.com

Tunisia - www.tn.airliquide.com

Turkey - www.airliquide.com

Ukraine - www.airliquide.com

For all information on the programme and sending your application

List of French Embassies' websites and contacts

- Embassy of France in Congo - www.ambafrance-cg.org

➤ Contact : Benjamin HOUARD bhouard.campusfrance@gmail.com

- Embassy of France in Egypt - www.ambafrance-eg.org

➤ Contact : Sandrine BONNEFOY sbonnefoy@cfcc-eg.org

- Embassy of France in Morocco - www.ambafrance-ma.org

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- Embassy of France in Nigeria - www.ambafrance-ng.org

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- Embassy of France in Russia - www.ambafrance-ru.org

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- Embassy of France in Senegal - www.ambafrance-sn.org

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- Embassy of France in Tunisia - www.ambafrance-tn.org

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- Embassy of France in Turkey - www.ambafrance-tr.org

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- Embassy of France in Ukraine - www.ambafrance-ua.org

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