

ThalesAcademia

CALL FOR APPLICATION: "THALESACADEMIA" PROGRAMME FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-2011

PLEASE THIS CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING UP THE FORM A "THALESACADEMIA PROGRAMME" SCHOLARSHIP

On 15th May 2006, the Ministry of External and European Affairs/ MEEA and Thales decided to create the ThalesAcademia for hosting and providing support to meritorious foreign students in France.

This forms part of the "QUAI D'ORSAY - ENTREPRISES" 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 Thales and French higher education partner institutions.

In its fifth year, the Thales-MEEA co-financed scholarship programme, "ThalesAcademia", is aimed at students already enrolled for higher studies in France, from the following countries: **Brazil, China, India, Russia**, countries in which Thales is established. Only candidates holding these nationalities are eligible for this programme; candidates with dual nationality will not be eligible for this programme if they hold French nationality.

Twenty-five scholarships will be awarded for the academic year 2010-2011: **7** for Indian students, **7** for Chinese students, **6** for Russian students, and **5** for Brazilian students.

The Thales-MEEA co-financed scholarship programme, "ThalesAcademia" is aimed at students preferably enrolled at the Master 2 level, or Master 1.

CANDIDATES' AREAS AND LEVELS OF STUDIES

The areas of studies covered by the "Thales Academia" programme are the following:

- **Engineering Sciences**
- **Economics, business administration, management**

The "ThalesAcademia" programme scholarships are awarded to students wishing to pursue a Master's degree with specialisation or a Master of Science in a partner school or university in France.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Nationality: The "ThalesAcademia" programme is meant for candidates holding Brazilian, Chinese, Indian or Russian nationality.

Candidates holding one of the abovementioned nationalities alone will be eligible for this scholarship. Candidates with dual nationality will not be eligible for this programme if they hold French nationality.

Age: The candidates must not be over 30 years of age in the selection year.

Required educational level: the candidates must be able to produce a degree corresponding to 4 or 5 years of higher studies (Master 2 preferably, or Master 1). Only students are eligible to apply to this programme; applications for apprenticeship courses or refresher courses will be rejected outright.

Partner institutions



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Proficiency in the French language: proficiency in French is not a prerequisite but would be an advantage during the selection procedure and be **one of the goals to be attained at the end of your stay in France**. It may be mandatory at your host institution.

Other scholarships: candidates having already received or currently receiving a French government scholarship or that of another company will not be eligible.

The candidates should not be affiliated to any company in any manner whatsoever at the time of their arrival in France.

“ThalesAcademia” scholarship holders must pursue one of the courses selected in this programme in one of the partner institutions, for the entire or at least major part of its duration, on French territory.

Candidates must have applied to a French higher education institution that is a partner of this programme:

- Engineering schools: Ecole Centrale Paris, Ecole Polytechnique, ENSIETA, ISAE, MINES ParisTech, TELECOM ParisTech.
- Schools of Commerce and Management: HEC Paris and ESSEC
- Universities: Paris-Dauphine University (business administration and management) and Paris-Sud 11 University (Science)

The table of courses offered by the partner higher education institutes of the “ThalesAcademia” programme may be found attached as annex.

The last date for submission of applications for any one of the courses offered by partner institutions*, **10th April 2010**, is also the last date for submitting this scholarship application to the Embassy of France in the country of the applicant’s origin.

Applicants for the “ThalesAcademia” programme must MANDATORILY attach to the scholarship application an attestation of application (or, if applicable, an attestation of admission) issued by the chosen host institution.

** For further information on the admission calendar for the courses offered by partner institutions, please see the attached document.*

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE

A **preliminary identification** of candidates is effected in the country of the candidate’s origin under the authority of the Embassy of France (Cooperation and Cultural Action Counsellor of the diplomatic post), a representative of the Economic Mission, Thales and the academic world.

The final selection in France is done by a **selection committee** composed of the representatives of the French partner universities and schools, Thales, and the Ministry of External and European Affairs.

The following are the criteria taken into consideration by the selection committee:

- the excellence of the candidate as borne out by his/her academic record;
- the quality of the professional project;
- level of proficiency in French;
- final admission in one of the partner institutions to one of the prescribed courses of the programme.

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

The selection committee establishes the final list of the awardees of the “ThalesAcademia” programme. **It is therefore the responsibility of the selected students to ensure their admission in the host institution in France.**

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.

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SELECTION CALENDAR

For the academic year 2010-2011, the following dates have been fixed:

- **Last date for submission of application at the Embassies including the attestation of application submission issued by a partner institution:** Saturday 10th April 2010
- **Meetings of local pre-selection committees:** 11th April to 9th May 2010
- **Dispatch by Embassies of pre-selected applications to the selection committee in France:** latest by Monday 10th May 2010
- **Selection Committee meeting in France:** Monday 17th May 2010
- **Selection and announcement of results to recipients:** from 17th May 2010 onwards
- **Publication of results:** early July 2010

THE "THALESACADEMIA" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Awardees of the "ThalesAcademia" programme will receive:

- from Thales:
 - o A single and total scholarship of **13,000 €**, irrespective of the duration of the chosen programme. This will enable the scholarship holder, depending on the host institution chosen, to finance either their course fees (*) or their living expenses.
 - o Personalised support in the form of tutorials with Thales, counselling for internships sought and cultural activities.
- from the Ministry of External and European Affairs and financed by the Embassy:
 - o social security and medical insurance cover, which confers the status of a French Government scholar on the candidate, 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 the candidate's departure to France.

Programme awardees may also receive aid towards accommodation from the French State.

The beginning of the stay in France should be between 1st September and 31st December of the year of obtaining the scholarship. (If departure is postponed, receiving of scholarship may not be extended beyond the end of the calendar year following the selection.)

TUITION FEES

The amounts differ according to institutions. The "ThalesAcademia" scholarship may be used for either the student's living expenses or paying the entire tuition fees or a part thereof (*).

(*) Cf. the attached table of courses offered and course fees, including practical aspects of scholarship payment, specific to each partner institution.

CANDIDATE'S CURRICULUM VITAE AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECT

NB: Do not forget to attach the following to your application:

- your curriculum vitae, in either French or English, within one to two pages
- attestation of admission issued by your university or affiliated university
- the document furnished by the French higher education institution to which you have applied attesting to the acceptance of your application for the chosen Master's programme
- your professional project

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The list of successful candidates will be published on the website of ThalesAcademia, the Ministry of External and European Affairs, as well as the Embassy of France of the country concerned by the scholarship programme.

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Successful candidates living abroad are requested to contact the Cooperation and Cultural Action Section of the French diplomatic post of the country of their residence, which will indicate them the steps to be taken for organising their stay.

Contacts

Brazil: eric.bourland@diplomatie.gouv.fr

www.ambafrance-br.org

China: universitaire@ambafrance-cn.org

www.ambafrance-cn.org

India: ashok.charoth@diplomatie.gouv.fr

www.ambafrance-in.org/fr/

Russia: fanny.adda@diplomatie.gouv.fr

www.ambafrance.ru/

Website of the Ministry of External and European Affairs:

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/QOEntreprise

Website of Thales Academia (in French and English):

<http://academia.thalesgroup.com/>

FAQ:

<http://academia.thalesgroup.com/index.php?rubrique=6&lang=fr>

**Information on being hosted in France
and social security and medical coverage:**

EGIDE:

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

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**CO-FINANCED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
THALES/MEEA "THALESACADEMIA" 2010-2011**

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. AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECT. 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, are not 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	
Other Address(es)			
Telephone	Fax	E-mail	
Area of studies for which the scholarship has been applied for (click any one of the boxes)		Engineering sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Economics, management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing studies and/or internships			
Name of the institution		Area of studies/post	
Degree		Dates (month and year)	
		from..... to	
<p>NB: All details regarding your performance, such as grades obtained, class, rank, etc. should be mentioned in your attached curriculum vitae.</p>			
Degree sought and the French higher education partner institution concerned for the scholarship application*:			
French establishment concerned:			
Degree sought:			
Course commencement date:		Course end date:	
<i>Please indicate the exact status of your application to the chosen course:</i> <i>Application submission (please attach the attestation)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Application accepted (please attach the attestation)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Admission (please attach the attestation)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>			
* cf. the attached table of courses offered			
How did you come to learn of this scholarship programme?	Website (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Press <input type="checkbox"/>
	CampusFrance Desk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Previous candidates <input type="checkbox"/>
	CampusFrance stands	<input type="checkbox"/>	French institutions <input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Your institution <input type="checkbox"/>
			Others: