

**CO-FINANCED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
ORANGE-MEEA 2010-2011**

Call for application

Please read this document carefully before filling up the application form

Scholarship co-financed by ORANGE - MEEA

On 7th April 2008, the French Ministry of External and European Affairs, MEEA and Orange decided to create a programme for hosting and supporting 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 France Telecom-Orange and French higher education partner institutions.

The Orange-MEEA co-financed scholarship programme is aimed at Indian students already enrolled in France, pursuing their third year of higher studies. Students from India alone are eligible for this programme. Candidates with dual nationality will not be eligible for this programme if they hold French nationality.

For the academic year 2010-2011, 15 scholarships will be awarded.

FOR WHAT KIND OF STUDIES?

The Orange-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:

- Information Technology
- Computer Systems and Network Technology
- Information Technology for Value-Added Services

In one of the following schools (*):

- École Supérieure d'Ingénieurs en Génie Electrique (ESIGELEC - Rouen)
- Institut Supérieur Electronique de Paris (ISEP)
- Télécom ParisTech

(*) BEFORE SENDING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO THE EMBASSY, YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN ONE OF THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS OF THIS PROGRAMME (BEFORE 5 APRIL 2010).

The course fees, which the student has to pay, vary from institution to institution. Only French Government scholarship holders in public educational institutions are exempted from paying administrative admission fees.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES BEING OFFERED?

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

- from Orange:
 - o A single and total scholarship of 1,000 € per month for a period of 10 months coterminous with the duration of your course
 - o A tutorial with France Telecom
 - o Internship offer at Orange
 - o Offer for internship or project alternately at Orange for MSc students
 - o Career counselling at the conclusion of your stay in France.
- 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.

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You can also request for a personalized allocation of accommodation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for this scholarship programme if:

- you hold Indian nationality;
- you are not over 30 years of age in the selection year;
- you are not already a French Government scholarship holder;
- your application for a French Government scholarship has not been rejected during a previous evaluation procedure.

Important remarks:

- **students with dual citizenship are not eligible;**
- 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 be admitted to one of the French higher education partner institutes of the programme.**

WHEN IS THE SELECTION TAKING PLACE?

- **By 5 April 2010, which is the last date for receiving applications**, you should have sent your application for a co-financed Orange-MEEA 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.

- **From 15th April, the French higher education institution, to which you would have applied before submitting your scholarship application, will indicate whether you have been pre-selected to the chosen programme. If you are selected for this programme (pre-admission in a French higher education institute), an interview letter for the co-financed Orange-MEEA programme selection committee meeting will be sent to you by the Embassy of France in India.**

- **On Monday, 26th April 2010, a selection committee meeting will be held in India** under the authority of the Embassy of France. The committee will comprise representatives of the Cooperation and Cultural Action Section, the Economic Mission and Orange. The interview letter you would have received would be for the selection committee meeting on the said date. At the conclusion of this meeting, the tentative list of successful candidates will be announced, subject to final admission to the chosen French higher education institution.

IT IS THEREFORE INCUMBENT ON YOU TO ENSURE YOUR FINAL ADMISSION IN THIS HOST INSTITUTION. If your final admission to this institute is confirmed, you will be declared to be an awardee of the co-financed Orange-MEEA scholarship programme.

The final list of successful candidates will be published on the website of the Ministry of External and European Affairs and that of the Embassy of France in India.

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;
- level of proficiency in French.

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.

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DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION:

- your **curriculum vitae**, in French or English, in one or two pages;
- your **professional project**, consisting at least of: a résumé of your educational qualifications, your professional experience, your reasons for applying for this co-financed scholarship programme, and your professional prospects.

CONTACTS

Embassy of France in India:

ashok.charoth@diplomatie.gouv.fr

http://www.france-in-india.org/fr/rubrique.php?id_rubrique=107

Website of the Ministry of External and European Affairs:

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/QOEntreprise

Website of the École Supérieure d'Ingénieurs en Génie Electrique (ESIGELEC - Rouen):

www.esigelec.fr

Website of the Institut Supérieur Electronique de Paris (ISEP):

www.isep.fr

General Information on the Master's programme:

<http://www.isep.fr/uk/engineer-training/msc-masteres-sciences.php>

Information on the VASLead programme:

http://www.isep.fr/_pdf/MSC_fiche_VASLead.pdf

Website of Télécom ParisTech:

www.telecom-paristech.fr/master-science/programme

<http://www.telecom-paristech.fr/en/msci/international-high-level-programme/>

**Information on being hosted in France
and social security and medical insurance 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. 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, 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)	Engineering sciences	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Economics, management	<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:	
Master of Science for which the scholarship has been applied for (Click on any one box)		
• MSc BIS (Busines Information System)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• MSc Digital Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• MSc Embedded System	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• MSc Computer Systems & Network	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• MSc VASlead (Value-Added Services Project Leadership)	<input type="checkbox"/>	