



AMBASSADE DE FRANCE EN THAÏLANDE
Service de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle

FRENCH EMBASSY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RULEBOOK Academic year 2011/2012

1. Program overview & Eligibility requirements

The French Embassy scholarship program is directed to Thai people under the age of 35 who intend to study in French universities or Higher Education Institutions, at Master degree or PhD level.

2. Selection process

After receipt of the complete files, applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of their files. Candidates whose applications have been preselected will be interviewed by the selection committee. The final selection is made by the French Embassy in compliance with visa eligibility requirements and foreigners' terms of stay in France.

In order to identify grant recipients, the selection committee will consider:

- ✓ The candidate' skills and merit as borne out by his/her academic record and professional background;
- ✓ The quality of his/her studies project. Contacts with the master degree or thesis supervisors and progress of the project submitted will also be taken into account.
- ✓ For PhDs applicants, the selection committee will favour PhDs under joint supervision and commitment of Thai and French supervisors will be decisive;
- ✓ The strong and firm interest of the candidate in pursuing studies in regard of his/her previous studies and professional project;
- ✓ The level of proficiency in foreign languages (French or English) and its adequacy with the suggested curriculum;
- ✓ The cost-sharing nature of the proposed studies.

3. Scholarship terms

3.1. Duration

The scholarship is granted for a given period matching the necessary time for getting of the degree.

- ✓ For Master degree: the scholarship will be granted for a maximum duration of 10 months (1 year of Master degree). Some successful candidates will have to get into a two-year Master degree. In this specific case, scholarship could be granted for two years.
- ✓ For PhDs: the scholarship will be granted for a maximum duration of 3 years. However, at the end of each academic year, the recipient will have to justify the progress of his/her project and/or thesis in order to be able to renew his/her grant every year.

In case of studies break or ending, the scholarship will automatically be cancelled.

3.2. Commitments of the grant holder

The scholarship recipient commits him/herself to:

- ✓ Respect the studies project he/she has been selected for;
- ✓ Enrol in the university chosen in respect of its selection procedure;

4. Scholarship

4.1. Type of scholarship

Two kinds of scholarships can be granted by the French Embassy

- ✓ Social Protection Scholarship or “Bourse de Couverture Sociale” in French (BCS): BCS gives access to a specific status which enables candidates to benefit from social protection in France and other advantages (priority given on accommodation, discount on public transports, exemption of school fees,...) In some specific case, exemption of school fees does not hinder training fees.
- ✓ Full scholarship: In addition to BCS, full scholarship includes a monthly allowance to cope with living expenses in France.

If needed, within this scholarship program, plane tickets can be granted.

4.2 Cost-Sharing

Applicants are highly encouraged to look for other sources of financing from his/her own local or French higher education institutions but also from private sector companies. A specific attention will be given to academic applicants who have found other sources of financing for their project.

5. Selection schedule

- ✓ Deadline for submission of the scholarship application forms: April, 3rd 2011
- ✓ Interview of the shortlisted candidates; (to be decided)
- ✓ Publication of the final list of the scholarship recipients (end of May).

6. Publication of the results

Scholarship recipients will be contacted individually. Committee's deliberations will not be subjected to any communication.

7. Application file

The scholarship application file must include:

- ✓ A filled in and signed scholarship application form 2011/2012;
- ✓ An up-to-date résumé stating the entire academic curriculum;
- ✓ A cover letter explaining motivations and interests in the planned project;
- ✓ Copies of academic diploma;
- ✓ University transcripts of the last two years of studies;

For Master level candidates:

- ✓ Enrolment attestation copy and/or letters of the host university in France, if not provided yet.

For PhDs:

- ✓ An attestation signed by your tutor indicating his commitment to supervise your thesis; or in case of co-supervision an attestation signed by the two supervisors (Thai and French) indicating their commitment to supervise in France and in Thailand if need be;
- ✓ A detailed description of the research project (2/3 pages).

Optional documents:

- ✓ Cost-sharing commitment letter from the corresponding organisation;
- ✓ Academic and/or professional recommendations;
- ✓ Language proficiency certificates: French (TCF, DELF, DALF, academic degree,...) and/or English (TOEFL, TOEIC, etc.).

The complete scholarship application file must be sent by post (in duplicate with the supporting documents) to:

**French Embassy – SCAC - CSU
29 Sathorn Tai Road
10120 Bangkok**

A delivery status notification will be sent by e-mail to the applicants after receipt of their paper-based applications. Incomplete applications or applications which would fail to meet the deadline will be rejected. No applications received after April, 3rd 2011 will be considered.

APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE: April, 3rd 2011

If you need any further details on this program, please contact:

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If you need more information on studying and living in France, Campus France is here to help. Campus France is an organisation which advises on higher education institutions, programs or opportunities related to your project in France but also on lifestyle in France.

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