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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
CONSULATE GENERAL OF FRANCE IN JERUSALEM
FRANCE EXCELLENCE PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship programme 2027-2028

1. Presentation and aims of the programme

The Consulate General of France in Jerusalem is now receiving applications for the allocation of study scholarships for PhDs in France during the university year 2027-2028.

2. Length of stay

The France Excellence PhD scholarships covers up to three years.

3. Conditions for applicants

- Be a **Palestinian national** and/or have studied in a Palestinian higher education establishment (dual French-Palestinian are not eligible);
- Be a permanent resident in West Bank, Jerusalem or Gaza strip (candidates currently in exile should provide a proof of address from before their departure);
- Hold a **master's degree (bac+5)** or finishing last year of master;
- Have at least a level B2 in the language of the thesis (French or English);
- Have an admission or pre-admission in a certified French higher education establishment hosting a doctoral school;
- Have a clear and well-thought-out academic project coherent with a professional project.

The scholarship is intended solely for **PhD studies in France**. For short term research stays, the SSHN grants are more appropriate.

This scholarship cannot be combined with any other full grants (for example Erasmus+).
Co-funding is highly encouraged.

Fields related to advanced technologies will be given priority.

The Consulate General of France in Jerusalem is committed to promoting gender equality. Women are highly encouraged to send their applications.

4. Selection criteria

Only candidates with complete applications and meeting all of the above conditions will be considered for this grant. The selection criteria are the following:

- **Academic excellence** and level in the language of the thesis;
- **Quality of the research project**;

- Project relevance and consistency with past experiences and the professional project;
- Quality of extra-curricular experiences;
- Motivation.

Priority will be given to applications:

- with one or multiple **co-fundings**: from the applicant's university, the host establishment, a French local authority, etc.;
- for programmes in higher education establishment located in cities that have signed agreements with the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem[1].

The jury will give preference to projects that address priority themes. Interest in reciprocal cooperation will also be taken into account, as the doctoral scholarship could, for example, be complementary to a research project Partenariat Hubert Curien Al Maqdisi.

5. Amount of the scholarship

The scholarship awards the status of French government scholarship holder. It includes:

- A **monthly allowance** (fixed at 1850 euro per month in 2026[2], flat-rate deduction for the provision of accommodation);
- **Round-trip airfare and transportation** (train or bus) to the city of study in France;
- Health and liability insurance in France;
- Assistance from the Campus France agency to find an accommodation;
- Visa free of charge (except for Aramex);
- National tuition fees in universities recognized by the French Ministry of Higher education;
- Online French language lessons paid by the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem (if level available).

This scholarship does not cover:

- Transportation to get to the departure airport;
- Any other expenses incurred by the research project and the stay in France.

Visa applications remain the responsibility of the beneficiaries. Also note that the allowance is insufficient to cover travel and family expenses. Campus France only assists for the search of one-person accommodation.

6. How to apply?

Before starting the online application procedure, you need to find a thesis director and get a pre-admission from a French doctoral school. Then, gather the required documents (below).

Directory of doctoral schools: https://doctorat.campusfrance.org/en/phd/dschools/main
Laboratories: https://www.campusfrance.org/en/finding-research-laboratory-France

The application, written **in English or French**, must include the following documents:

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[1] Agreements valid at the time of the publication of this call:

- Lille (priority given to students from Naplouse and/or from An Najah University),
- Cergy (priority given to students from Saffa and/or from Birzeit, An Najah universities)
- Gières/Grenoble
- Nantes (priority given to students from Abu Dis and/or to sudents from Al Quds University)

Contact Campus France Jerusalem for information on any new agreements.

[2] For 2027, the yearly decision of the minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France will fix the amount of the grants.

Files to attach (PDF format)	**Name of file**
1. Passport copy	01_*FAMILYNAME*[3]_*FIRSTNAME*[3]_PASSEPORT
2. Letter of admission or pre-admission to doctoral school signed by the management of the French lab	02_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_PREADMISSION
3. Detailed thesis project	03_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_PROJET
4. Copy of Tawjihi, baccalaureate or equivalent	04_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_BACHELOR, FAMILYNAME_*FIRSTNAME*_MASTER, ...
5. Higher education degrees (or official letter from the home institution attesting to the expected graduation date)	05_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_TAWJIHI, FAMILYNAME_*FIRSTNAME*_BACCALAUREAT, ...
6. Transcripts with their grading scale	06_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_RELEVE1, *FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_RELEVE2, ...
7. Cover letter	07_FAMILYNAME_*FIRSTNAME*_MOTIV
8. Resume (two pages maximum)	08_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_CV
9. Copy of the answers to the application form to be completed in electronic format	09_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_*FORMULAIRE*
10. *Recommendation letters (signed and dated)* (optional)	10_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_ RECOMMANDATION
11. *Proof of address (only for candidates in exile, to attest to their residence in Gaza strip, at least until October 2023)*	11_*NOM*_*PRENOM*_RESIDENCE
Any other useful item (for instance: language certificate, work or internship certificate, etc.)	Examples: X_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_DELF, X_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_IELTS, X_*FAMILYNAME*_*FIRSTNAME*_*INTERNSHIP*

The application file must be sent **before January 8th, 2027** at **6PM** to the following address: universitaire@consulfrance-jerusalem.org, adding "*FAMILY NAME First name*[3] – Candidature – Bourse DOCTORAT" in the subject line. **Only complete applications** in the required format will be considered.

Please note that all documents **must not exceed 5 Mo**. Possibility of sending 2 e-mails if necessary.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to you by email a few days after receipt of the file. Do not hesitate to write to us if you do not receive the acknowledgement of receipt as some emails are not received due to their size.

The Consulate General of France in Jerusalem reserves the right to share the application file with its co-financing partners (*eg* Palestinian universities) as part of the selection procedure. If the candidate

[3] Replace with your first and last name, written with the **same spelling as on the passport**. Please **respect the format and the names of the documents**.

does not wish their personal information to be transmitted to third parties, they are invited to indicate this when submitting their application or at any time to universitaire@consulfrance-jerusalem.org.

It should also be noted that in order to obtain this grant, **the successful applicants must devote themselves full-time to their research project and studies**.

7. Selection calendar

- **October 2026:** Opening of the applications for the PhD study scholarships
- **January 8th 2027:** Application deadline
- **January-March 2027:** Scientific evaluation of applications by the Expertise Unit of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research of France
- **April 2027:** Interview with the cooperation service of the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem
- **May 2027**: Results
- **October 2027:** Departure of scholarship holders

Information sessions will be organized in the antennas of the French Institute in Jerusalem and Ramallah and its partners, in Palestinian universities and online. Subscribe to the LinkTree or follow the Facebook and Instagram pages of Campus France Jerusalem to be informed of upcoming dates.

8. Cancellation of the scholarship

The Consulate General of France has the right to cancel the scholarship, even after having given the laureate their signed attestation, for the following reasons, among others:

- Visa not granted;
- The student is recipient of another grant or scholarship at the same time;
- One of the eligibility conditions mentioned above is not met;
- Failure to enrol in the program for which the scholarship was awarded
- Grant rules not followed by the grant holder.

The scholarship will be suspended during periods of mobility abroad or in the student's home country (excluding annual leave).

Contacts

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