

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
THE MINISTRY FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS' FRANCE EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS FROM GAZA

2024-2025 campaign

1. About the scholarship programme

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs has launched a special campaign to award scholarships to students from Gaza residing in Egypt or France. To be eligible, students must be taking degree programmes at the second- and third-year Bachelor's, Master's or doctorate levels, or a DU Passerelle, a one-year language training programme, during the academic year 2024-2025.

2. Scholarship duration

France Excellence scholarships cover a period of one to three years, depending on the duration of the degree programme:

- One academic year for students enrolled in the third year of a Bachelor's degree, or two academic years for students enrolled in the second year
- One academic year for students enrolled in the second year of a Master's degree, or two academic years for students enrolled in the first year and/or studying for a *titre d'ingénieur* (an engineer's diploma)
- Up to three academic years for doctoral students
- One year for students enrolled in a DU Passerelle language training course, who will then go on to study at the Bachelor's (second or third year), Master's or doctorate levels

Useful websites to search for Bachelor's, Master's and DU Passerelle degrees:

<https://taughtie.campusfrance.org/tiesearch/#/catalog>

<https://cataloguelm.campusfrance.org/licence/#/catalog>

[DU passerelle](#)

3. Eligibility requirements

- **Palestinian nationality** (French nationals, including dual-nationals, are not eligible)
- Enrolment in a university course in Gaza in 2023-2024 **and/or** habitual residency in Gaza until *at least* September 2023 **and/or** studying a degree programme in France or Egypt since 2024, following departure from Gaza

- Residency in Egypt or France
- A clear and well-prepared academic project linked to career plans

The scholarship is only for students at the Bachelor's, Master's and doctorate levels, or those taking a DU Passerelle.

It cannot be held alongside another full grant, such as Erasmus+.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs strives to promote gender equality; women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply.

4. Selection criteria

Only complete and eligible applications will be considered. The main selection criteria are:

- **Academic excellence** and level in the language of study
- The **quality of research projects** for doctoral students
- The consistency of the planned studies with previous experiences and career plans
- The quality of extracurricular activities
- Motivation

5. What the scholarship offers

This France Excellence scholarship confers the status of French Government scholarship holder to beneficiaries. It also provides:

- A **monthly allowance** set at €1,690 per month for doctoral students and €860 per month for Bachelor's, Master's and DU Passerelle students for 2024, with a fixed deduction if housing is also provided
- A **two-way flight for students located in Egypt and transport** (by train or bus) to the city where they will be studying
- Insurance and social security coverage
- Assistance finding accommodation from the Campus France office and/or accommodation in the CROUS halls of residence for long-term scholarships (subject to availability)
- A no-fee visa (excl. Aramex fees)
- Exemption from enrolment fees for higher education establishments supervised by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

This scholarship does not cover the cost of:

- Transport to the departure airport
- Any other costs arising from beneficiaries' stay in France **and/or** research projects

Beneficiaries of the scholarship are responsible for their visa applications. It should also be noted that the maintenance allowance is not enough to cover the travel and expenses of their families. Furthermore, Campus France only provides assistance finding individual accommodation.

6. The application procedure

Before starting the online application procedure, applicants should gather the compulsory documents (see below) and define between one and six planned university programmes.

Applications may be written in English or French and must include the following information:

| Documents to provide (in PDF format) | Document name |
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| Copy of passport | <i>SURNAME*_FIRST NAME*_PASSPORT</i> |
| Copy of Tawjihi, baccalauréat or the equivalent | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_TAWJIHI</i> or <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_BACCALAUREAT/EQUIVALENT</i> |
| University diplomas | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_BACHELOR</i> , <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_MASTER</i> , etc. |
| University transcripts | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_TRANSCRIPT1</i> , <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_TRANSCRIPT2</i> , etc. |
| Cover letter | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_COVER LETTER</i> |
| CV (2 pages maximum) | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_CV</i> |
| Full names of the Bachelor's, Master's or DU Passerelle degrees (6 maximum) with the name of the universities | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_DEGREES_FRANCE</i> |
| <i>In case of previous communication with universities or admission letters, please add them in your file</i> | |
| For students at Bachelor's, Master's or DU Passerelle levels: acceptance letter for their university course (optional) | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_ACCEPTANCE</i> |
| <u>For doctoral students:</u> acceptance letter signed by the research department (compulsory) | |
| One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificate of enrolment in a university course in Gaza, Egypt or France for the 2023-2024 period ○ Certificate of residency in Gaza until at least September 2023 | <i>"SURNAME_FIRST NAME_CERTIFICATE"</i> |
| <u>For doctoral students:</u> detailed thesis proposal | <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_PROPOSAL</i> |
| Any other document deemed useful (e.g. language certificates, letters of recommendation, etc.) | Examples: <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_DELF</i> , <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_IELTS</i> or <i>SURNAME_FIRST NAME_RECOMMENDATION</i> , etc. |

*Replace with your surname and first name. Please follow the file format and naming conventions.

Applications must be sent to the following email address **by 18:00 (Paris time) on 16 August 2024**: programmegaza.ddc-esr@diplomatie.gouv.fr, with the subject line “*SURNAME First name – Application – Scholarship*”. Only **complete applications** will be considered.

Please note that all documents **must not exceed a combined total of 5MB**. You can send your application in two separate emails if necessary. Printed/paper applications will not be accepted.

You will receive a confirmation email a few days after your application has been received. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please write to the dedicated email address; some emails are not received due to large file sizes.

It should be noted that **beneficiaries must be full-time students** in order to obtain funding.

7. Selection timetable

- **July 2024:** Applications open
- **16 August 2024, 18:00 (Paris time):** Applications close
- **End of August 2024:** Announcement of results
- **From September 2024:** Departures of beneficiaries

8. Cancellation or discontinuation of the scholarship

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs reserves the right to cancel or discontinue a scholarship, even after having given the beneficiary a signed certificate, for the following reasons (non-exhaustive list):

- The beneficiary's visa has been refused
- The beneficiary has been granted another scholarship
- The beneficiary does not meet one of the eligibility requirements listed above
- The beneficiary fails to enrol for the programme for which they have been granted the scholarship
- The beneficiary does not comply with the rules of the scholarship

The scholarship will be discontinued during periods of mobility, either internationally or to the student's country of origin (outside of vacation leave).

Contact

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