

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2018 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Who Can Apply?

- Students holding a Bachelor or Master Degree and willing to further their studies in France
- Members of staff of Kenyan Universities willing to strengthen their capacities by:
  - o Pursuing a Master or a PhD course in France.
  - o Travelling in the frame of a formalized staff exchange programme (post-doctoral studies can be included)

### Eligibility criteria

- Kenyan citizen
- Employer's agreement (if any)
- Financial plan indicating co-funding (self-sponsoring, study leave, other scholarship)
- For programmes taught in English language: good knowledge of French language or a letter of intent signed by the applicant's commitment to follow French classes at Alliance Française prior to departure.
- For programmes taught in French language: a minimum level of B2 in French language is required.
- To have identify a relevant academic program and contact the French Host University.

### Are there some priority areas?

Applications from all academic disciplines will be considered. However, priority will be given to the topics listed below, in accordance with the Kenyan priorities (Vision 2030):

- Agricultural, veterinary and forestry sciences,
- Engineering Sciences and Technologies,
- Civil engineering;
- Medicine and Health sciences;
- Energy (solar, wind, geothermal, oil mineral) resources;
- Science, technology and innovation
- French..

### Do I have to be fluent in French language to apply?

For applicants willing to register to a class taught in French Language, a minimum level of B2 is required (for more information, contact Alliance Française of Nairobi at [info@alliancefrnairobi.org](mailto:info@alliancefrnairobi.org)).

French Universities offer more and more programmes taught in English, where non-French speaking students are welcome. Nevertheless **it is strongly recommended to applicants to learn French before their first stay, and to attend more classes once they reach France**. This will enable them interacting with French people, as well as discovering and understanding better French culture and way of life.

### What Does The Scholarship Offer?

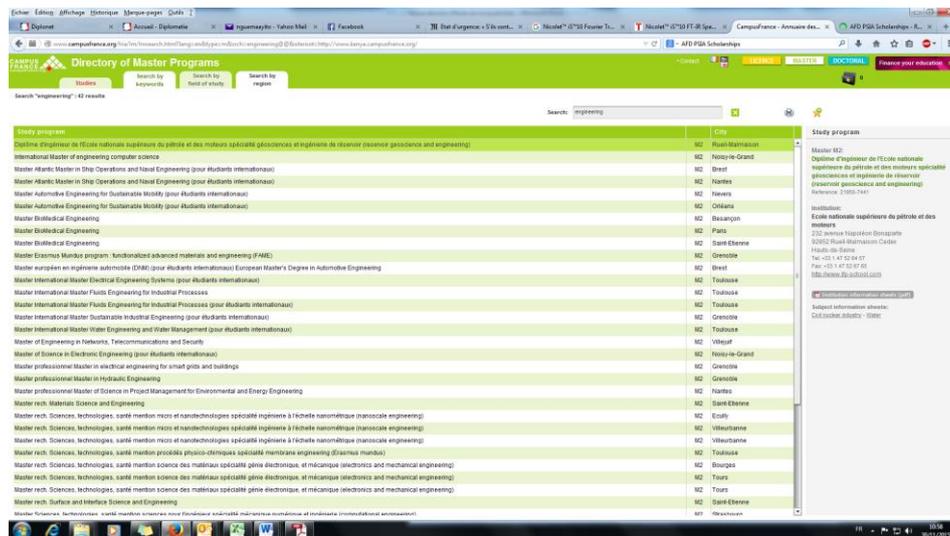
The scholarship includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Monthly allowances (about 767 €)
  - o For Masters scholarship holders : from September 2018 up to June 2019
  - o For PhD **sandwich** scholarship holders: 4 annual stays in France over a 3 to 4 year period from 2018, three of them of 3 months, and a fourth stay of a couple of weeks intended for the defence.
  - o For Staff exchange programme: from 1 up to 3 months (between January and December 2018).
- Facilitation of the access to affordable student housing ;

- Social and health insurance;
- Schengen visa fees;
- Tuition fees in French public universities;
- French classes at Alliance Française of Nairobi prior to departure and in between the stays of the PhD (at reduced cost: 20 to 50%).

## Is It Easy to Identify A French Host Institution?

Kindly go and check the website [www.kenya.campusfrance.org](http://www.kenya.campusfrance.org) and especially to the research engine “Find your Program”. By entering some key words and the level of studies, you will be given a list of relevant programs in your field of studies.



Campus France-Kenya’s office is located at Alliance Française of Nairobi, and can provide you with all relevant complementary information about academic programmes offered in France at Bachelor, Masters, PhD and post-doctoral level.

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## I have not identified any French host institution: can I send my application?

No, you must have identified at least 1 institution. 3 institutions would raise your chances of being admitted.

## I have written to many French Universities but I am still waiting for a confirmation of admission: can I send my application?

Yes, it will not prevent you from being shortlisted. The scholarship will be definitely awarded to you when you will be officially admitted to the French University you applied to.

## Responsibilities of the French Embassy and Campus France

The French Embassy in Kenya and the local office of Campus France in Nairobi are responsible for providing information about the selection procedure, for selecting the scholarship holders, for the booking of their international trip, and for forwarding their file to Campus France Paris.

Campus France Paris is in charge of welcoming the grantees, disbursing the monthly allowances at their arrival, booking their accommodation and paying the different services they have access to (health and social insurance, French classes when authorized by the Embassy).

## Deadline for submission

**Both soft and hard copies** of the application must be submitted before **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018** to the Cooperation and Cultural Affairs Department of the Embassy of France in Nairobi:

The Co-operation Attaché for Higher Education and Research  
**French Embassy to Kenya**  
Peponi Gardens, off Peponi road  
Westland

[french-scholarships.nairobi-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:french-scholarships.nairobi-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

## Assessment procedure

Applications will be assessed by a French-Kenyan scientific committee on the following criteria:

- Excellence of the applicant's profile
- Priority areas

Candidates will be informed of the decision concerning their application before the end of May 2018. The scholarship will be officially attributed after the admission of the candidate at the selected French university will be confirmed.