



Regulations 2025

French Government Scholarships (*Bourses du Gouvernement Français (BGF)*) High Level Scientific Stay (*Séjour Scientifique de Haut Niveau*)

French Government Scholarships are allocated by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs for studies, internships, language training, artist residencies or high-level scientific stays in France.

In 2024, scientific stays are supported by the Institut français d'Autriche (« Service de coopération et d'action culturelle » of the French Embassy in Austria).

BENEFITS

The French Government scholarship holder receiving a SSHN scholarship (high-level scientific stay) benefits from the following advantages for the entire duration of his scholarship:

- A living allowance whose basic amount for a full month is €1,704 per month. *This amount will be prorated over the actual duration of the stay.*
- Social security coverage (subscription to health insurance including civil liability insurance for the entire duration of the stay).
- Assistance in finding accommodation at a preferential rate by Campus France (on request of the scholarship holder). *Housing costs corresponding to 1/3 of the amount of the allowance will be directly deducted from the amount of the allowance to be received by the scholarship holder.*

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The management of the French Government Scholarships is subcontracted to Campus France Paris.
- As a laureate of a French Government Scholarship, the scholarship holder will not be allowed to leave his/her country of residence before being in possession of the CampusPass' (information on the services provided by Campus France: amount of the scholarship, accommodation, insurance). In all cases, the scholarship holder must be in possession of an identity document.
- The benefits granted, particularly in terms of financial and administrative support, will not extend to any family members who may join the scholarship holder.
- As soon as the scholarship holder arrives in France, he/she must follow the instructions of the CampusPass' and contact the Campus France centre in his/her region.
- It is not possible to combine the French Government Scholarship with an apprenticeship or French work contract, a scholarship from another French Ministry, an Erasmus + scholarship or a scholarship from the *Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie*, or any other funding from a French financier or public body other than those mentioned above.. If the French Government Scholarship laureate benefits from several scholarships, the French Government Scholarship will be automatically cancelled.
- Social security covers the scholarship holder exclusively for the duration of the



scholarship, for the risks of illness, accident and civil liability, repatriation to the home country excluding any ailments contracted prior to the arrival of the scholarship holder in France.

- The scholarship holder is required to respect the duration of the planned stay, as well as the rules of attendance of the host institution. He/She may not interrupt their current stay, unless Campus France has expressly granted an exemption.
- SSHN Scholarship holders undertake to register in the network "France Alumni Autriche", a network of former students of French higher education institutions. The contact details of the scholarship holders are communicated to the France Alumni Autriche manager. Registration must take place before the stay in France on the website [France Alumni Autriche](#).

DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The duration of the scholarship is between 1 and 6 months. The scholarship will not be awarded if the period of stay is less than one month.

The extension is not automatic. Any modification of the stay in relation to the information announced in this file must be the subject of a request to the embassy, which reserves the right to refuse funding.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITION

Be registered in an Austrian university or research structure as a doctoral student or have defended his/her thesis less than 5 years ago. *The recipient of an SSHN scholarship must not be administratively registered in the French institution that hosts him. In the event of registration in France, the application will be refused.*

To submit the application, it is sufficient to be in possession of a certificate of reception.

If the candidate has already been a beneficiary of an SSHN scholarship in the past, the cumulative stays in France cannot exceed 12 months.

Please note: the candidate cannot apply for a French Government Scholarship if he/she has French nationality or dual nationality including French nationality.

END OF STAY REPORT

The end of the research stay must be the subject of a final report to be sent to vienne@campusfrance.org.

Scientific publications made by the scholarship holder (posters, oral presentations, articles, reviews, books...) must mention the financial support of the French Embassy.