

**EIFFEL
FRANCE
EXCELLENCE**

2027



**SEND YOUR APPLICATION
WITH UTBM!**

PhD PROGRAMME



The Eiffel France Excellence scholarship programme was established by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education institutions to attract **top foreign students** to enroll in their master's and PhD programmes. It gives opportunity to the future foreign decision-makers of the private and public sectors in priority areas of study.

The selection process is divided into two phases: selection by the institution and selection by the Eiffel committee. **Please check your eligibility and submit your application before October 28, 2026 on [e-candidat](#).**

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1/ PROGRAMME PRESENTATION

Information are given based on the rule of the programme 2026. The rules of the programme 2027 will soon be published on [Campus France - France Excellence Eiffel](#).

The Eiffel France Excellence programme provides financial support for doctoral stays in France. To apply, candidates must be international students with an excellent academic record and be supported by a French research laboratory. **Only a limited number of PhD projects are selected for the programme.** A larger number of scholarship is available for joint supervision (*cotutelle/codirection*) arrangements.

a. Available programmes

→ **12 months or 18 months** in joint supervision (*cotutelle/codirection*).

- Joint supervision with an international institution mandatory.
- Ongoing thesis under a joint supervision are eligible.
- Students who have previously studied in France are eligible (including students receiving an Eiffel scholarship at master's level).
- Duration of the scholarship:
 - 12 months for an enrolment in 2nd or 3rd year of PhD programme;
 - 18 months for an enrolment in 1st or 2nd year of PhD programme;
 - The scholarship can be divided in several stays of minimum 6 months spreaded over a period of 3 years maximum.

→ **36 months** for an enrolment in 1st year of PhD programme.

- Only for newcomers, i.e. candidates who have never studied in France or in a French institution.
- Joint supervision ineligible.
- **Limited number of scholarships.**

The first stay must begin between September 1st and November 30, 2027. Postponement of the scholarship is impossible.

b. Eligibility requirements

- Foreign nationality;
- 35 years-old maximum (born after 31 March 1991);
- Excellent academic records (within the top students of one's promotion);
- Programmes 12 and 18-months: candidates currently studying in France are eligible but do not have priority. Programme 36-months: newcomers only.

- First application to Eiffel France Excellence at the PhD level only. Students who have benefited from the programme at master's level can apply for the 12-months and 18-months programme.
- Candidates who are already benefiting from a scholarship from the French state at the time of their application are ineligible.

c. Scholarship advantages

- Full waiver of tuition fees;
- Monthly allowance of 2,100 € ;
- Round-trip transportation;
- Insurances;
- Cultural activities.



d. The advantages of choosing UTBM

- 6 research team working at the forefront of technological innovation;
- Laboratories and researchers internationally recognized (Stanford top 2% scientists, CWUR, Shanghai Ranking);
- An affordable region with a strong industrial base, natural heritage and local services;
- A university certified Bienvenue en France***, member of Forum Campus France (bonus points added to your application).

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2/ SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Eiffel selection process is divided into two phases:

- **Admission into the institution**, which supports your application to the Eiffel selection committee:
 - Application deadline: **28 Octobre 2026**
 - Publication of preselection results: **30 Octobre 2026**
 - Publication of admission results: **30 Novembre 2026**
- **Submission of your application** by your institution to the Eiffel selection committee:
 - Deadline to confirm your admission: **7 December 2026**
 - Improvement and submission of the candidate's application: **8 December - 16 December 2026**
 - Submission of the laboratory's application: **4 January 2027** (date to be confirmed depending on Campus France deadline).
 - Publication of the results by Campus France: **during April 2027**

Please make sure to provide all the required documents within the deadline. **Files sent after the deadline are ineligible.**

a. Phase 1 - Admission into UTBM: required documents

- Proof of identity (passport or identification document in validity);
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum);
- Cover letter (2 pages maximum);
- Full transcript of records in higher education;
- Copy of diplomas (highschool and higher education). Master's level or equivalent required (soon-to-be or already validated);
- Draft of a thesis proposal, detailing the desired subject(s) of study;
- **[RECOMMENDED]** Ranking in higher education, detailing the rank and the number of students in the promotion;
- **[RECOMMENDED]** Other documents showing the excellence of the candidate (distinctions, scholarships, certificate of complementary trainings...)

Application files must be submitted on [E-candidat](#). Please refer to [the guide on how to use e-candidat](#).

[E-Candidat UTBM convention](#)

[How to use E-Candidat](#)

b. Phase 2 - Eiffel application file: required documents

For the candidate:

- Proof of identity;
- CV, one to two pages;
- Diplomas and ranking (highschool diploma and higher education), indicating the distinction, specialization, date of graduation, rank inside the promotion, number of students in the promotion;
- Transcript of records for the last three years in higher education;
- Professional project, of one to two pages, explaining the choice of studies in France with regards to your academic background and your desired professional career;
- **[OPTIONAL]** Recommendation letter giving an outside opinion on your professional project. Recommendation letters concerning the personal, professional or academic value of the candidate are rejected.
- **[NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER]** English proficiency certification or test;
- **[ONGOING THESIS PROJECT]** Proof of at least one communication in a seminar;

UTBM supports you in the constitution of your application file to enhance your chances of selection.

For the laboratory:

- Thesis proposal, of one to five pages, explaining in detail the thesis subject, the research objectives and hypotheses – the innovative nature, impacts and outcomes of the project. For candidates who have already started their thesis, please specify the progress in your research.
- Assessment by the thesis supervisor of the candidate's excellence, the coherence, relevance and innovative nature of the thesis proposal;
- Reasoned opinion of the director of the laboratory;
- Reasoned opinion of the director of the doctoral school;
- Opinion of an external expert on the scientific quality of the thesis subject. The expert must be a university professor, a research director, or a teacher and/or researcher with accreditation to supervise research (HDR), in accordance with the rules of professional ethics. The expert must be external to the institution submitting the application. The expert must be from the same CNU section or field of research as the thesis proposal. The expert must not have carried out any joint work or publications with the prospective thesis supervisor. **Please attach the expert's CV, of two pages maximum.**

For the laboratory (only for 12-months and 18 months scholarships):

- Overall financing plan of the thesis (financing of the period outside of France, participation in seminars, material...);
- Joint supervision agreement with a foreign institution (*cotutelle, codirection*). If the document is not available yet, join a letter of intention.
- Calendar of stays of the PhD student in France (stays of 6 months minimum over a period of 3 years maximum).

Please send all the documents in time to adelaide.careil@utbm.fr.



A question? A request?

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