



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



2025

Scholarship amount: 9 000 euros maximum *

Academic year : 2025/2026

Duration of stay: 6 months maximum **

Deadline for submission of applications: Friday, April 25, 2025

Award decision and notification to the successful applicant: end of June 2025

The Chancellerie des universités de Paris

Heir to a heritage and tradition of excellence spanning more than eight centuries, the *Chancellerie* is today the guardian of the academic prestige that has shaped the international reputation of "La Sorbonne". Its mission is to support the research of PhD students of the fifteen universities and six major higher education establishments in the Île-de-France region, particularly by awarding prizes and scholarships.

The Maison française d'Oxford

The Maison française d'Oxford is a joint unit of the French research institutes abroad. It brings together teams of researchers working on different programs and hosts ten residents, including British students carrying out research on French topics.

PhD students have access to a 45,000-volume library, to a research room and to academic network. They are associated with the French *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)* research team. As part of their stay, PhD students can attend different challenges and seminars taking fully part in the university research life. They can also join colleges as members of the "Middle Common Room" dedicated to PhD students, and access the city's library and the Bodleian Library.

Presentation of the scholarship

The Maison française d'Oxford scholarship, awarded by the Chancellerie des universités de Paris, is worth up to **9 000 euros**. It allows the laureate to carry out their research in England at the Maison française d'Oxford. The stay is up to six months.

The scholarship is open to **PhD students** registered for the 2025-2026 academic year exclusively at one of the following higher education establishments:

- Île-de-France universities¹,
- École des hautes études en sciences sociales.
- Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales,
- École Pratique des Hautes Études,
- Sciences Po,
- Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle,
- École nationale des chartes.

Post-doctoral students are not eligible for the scholarship.

Contract doctoral students are eligible for the scholarship.

Thesis projects submitted for this scholarship must cover the research fields of the Maison Française d'Oxford and the Oxford University: literature, history, history of science, law, ancient studies and political science. Interdisciplinary projects involving science and technology are also accepted. Research conducted on an international scale or in a European or Franco-British scale are priority.

^{*} The duration of the stay determines the amount of the scholarship.

^{**} Stay calendar to be confirmed by the Maison française d'Oxford.

^{1 -} Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Sorbonne Université, Université Paris Cité, Université des Créations Paris 8, Université Paris Dauphine, Université Paris Nanterre, Université Paris Saclay, Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord, CY Cergy Paris Université (uniquement l'Université de Cergy-Pontoise), Université Évry Paris-Saclay, Université Gustave Eiffel (uniquement l'Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée), Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines.

The Maison française d'Oxford will provide the accommodation in return for rent. The continuation of the scholarship will be conditioned by the recipient's particular interest and involvement in everyday life and the Oxonian environment. The laureate will be expected to participate in the community life and to get involved in the Maison française d'Oxford's projects.

The allocation of the scholarship and the stay do not entitle the holder to a certificate or degree from Oxford University.

There is no need to apply to Oxford University.

Following the enactment of the revised immigration legislation on 1st January 2021, visits lasting up to six months are now exempt from the requirement to obtain a visa.

At the end of their stay, the laureate has to write a two-page report to present the progress of their research project to the *Chancellerie*. The report will mention the use made of the grant received.

Application procedure

The institutions listed above are in charge of collecting their PhD students' applications.

The Chancellerie do not accept direct applications from students. Applicants must submit their application to the doctoral school or the thesis department of the institution in which they are registered.

Once the establishment has approved the application, the applicant must submit the supporting documents and complete their application on the digital platform. The establishment will provide the address of the platform to the applicant.

Content of application files

Each application must include the following documents, **in French only** (it is also possible to add an English version):

- the thesis project (15 to 20 pages);
- the applicant's curriculum vitae;
- a cover letter (one to two pages) presenting the applicant's interest in the *Maison française d'Oxford* and the University of Oxford for their research;
- a reference letter from the thesis supervisor confirming the interest in the *Maison française d'Oxford* and the University of Oxford for the applicant's research and if possible, any other references attesting the academic merit of the research thesis submitted written by up to two other referees;
- the certificat de scolarité for the current year;
- the valid postal, telephone and e-mail contact details.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Each establishment is responsible for sending the *Chancellerie* a summary table of applications in Word or Excel. It has to be fully filled and stamped by the thesis department or doctoral school, according to the model below:

Civility	Name	Last name	Establishment	Research field(s)	Title of the Research project	Applicant email address

Deadlines for submission and important dates

The deadline for submission of applications to your establishment	For more information, please contact your doctoral school or thesis department
The summary table of applications completed should be sent by doctoral schools and thesis departments to the Chancellerie	April 11, 2025
Closing date for applicant to apply on the platform	April 25, 2025
All applicants are informed of the committee's decisions	End of June 2025
Payment of the award to the laureate	End of June 2025

For more information, please contact the Chancellerie administration division, development and sponsorship department:

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