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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

about the
**Maison française
d'Oxford**
scholarship



Questions about participation conditions

Are post-doctoral students eligible?

No, they are not. Only PhD students or contract doctoral students aiming to complete a thesis can apply to the scholarship of the Maison française d'Oxford. Candidates must neither have submitted, nor defended their thesis. The researches carried out during the thesis should not be part of a post-doctoral degree.

Is a PhD student in cotutelle between one of the universities of Paris and the Île-de-France region or one of the major institutions AND another university (outside the eligible universities) eligible?

No, the scholarship is open to PhD students registered for the 2026-2027 academic year exclusively at one of the following higher education establishments:

Paris and Île-de-France universities

- Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*
- Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas*
- Université Sorbonne Nouvelle*
- Sorbonne Université*
- Université Paris Cité*
- Université Paris 8 - université des créations*
- Université Paris Dauphine-PSL*
- Université Paris Nanterre*
- Université Paris-Saclay*
- Université Paris-Est Créteil Val-de-Marne*
- Université Sorbonne Paris Nord*
- CY Cergy Paris Université (l'Université de Cergy-Pontoise only)
- Université Évry Paris-Saclay
- Université Gustave Eiffel (l'Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée only)
- Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines

The major establishments

- 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 - PSL

* University of the undivided inheritance of the former University of Paris

Are foreign candidates eligible?

Yes, foreign candidates can apply to the scholarship. They have to be registered as PhD student for the 2026-2027 academic year at one of the higher education establishments listed above.

Does a contract of employment prevent you from applying?

No, it does not.

Is there any age limit to apply?

No, there is not.

Can applicants submit their project more than once?

Yes, they can. If an applicant's project was not selected for the 2025-2026 academic year, you may try and apply again for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Questions about the content of the application form

Is there a required format for the cover letter?

Yes, the cover should not exceed one double-sided sheet.

Can the applicant write the cover letter in a language other than French?

No, the cover letter has to be written in French.

Is there a required format for the CV?

No, there is not.

Is the research project the equivalent of a thesis project?

Yes, it is.

Is there a required format for the research project?

Each candidate must write a research project up to 15 to 20 pages. Illustrations may be included in the text or as appendices.

Can the thesis supervisor write the reference letter in a language other than French?

English is the preferred foreign language. However, if you are unable to submit the letter in a language other than French or English, the capacity of the jury to assess it is not guaranteed. The applicant may attach a sworn translation in addition to the original reference.

You must ensure the document presented to the jury is written in a legible manner so it can be fully assessed. Otherwise, computer-assisted drafting is highly recommended.

Does the thesis project correspond to the project initially presented and accepted for PhD admission, or rather a document updating the progress of current research and future prospects?

Yes, it may be the project initially presented and accepted for PhD admission. Information on the progress of current research and the future prospects for the thesis can be added to this document.

To whom should the reference letter be addressed?

The reference letter should be addressed to the jury members, who will examine the application.

Are foreign Bank account details or IBAN accepted?

Yes, foreign bank account details or IBAN are accepted. However, they must be an official document issued by the bank showing the following details:

- Candidate's full name
- Bank name and address
- Candidate's IBAN

If applicants do not have IBAN, they must provide their account number and BIC or SWIFT code.

The document provided by the bank may be the equivalent of a French RIB.

Advices

How to submit application?

Candidates must submit their application to the doctoral school or thesis department of the institution in which they are registered. Each institution will provide its agenda to submit applications. Once the establishment has approved the application, candidates must submit their supporting documents and fill in the application form on line. The establishment will provide applicants with the web link to register. A direct application from any PhD student to the *Chancellerie* will not be considered.

The call for applications indicates the duration of the stay up to 6 months maximum. However, can the duration of the stay be less than 6 months?

Yes, it is possible to apply for a research stay of less than 6 months. However, the amount of the scholarship is recalculated according to the duration of the stay.

What is the period of the stay?

The stay can start in September of the year of application.

Do candidates need to apply to an Oxford University to be affiliated to a thesis supervisor at Oxford?

No, they do not need to register twice.

Does the winner obtain the proof of schooling or a diploma from Oxford University?

No, this is a scholarship to finance a research stay at the Maison française d'Oxford. The award and the stay do not entitle the winner to a certificate of attendance or a diploma of Oxford University.

What will the laureate have to do in exchange of the scholarship, added to his thesis research?

At the end of the stay, the PhD student also has to produce a short report (2 pages) detailing the progress of the research conducted during the stay, which mentions the use of the funds received. The laureate will be expected to participate in the community life and to get involved in the *Maison française d'Oxford's* projects. No other mission or specific note is required.

What is the purpose of the scholarship?

The scholarship covers the local rental fee.

What is the schedule for the notification of the results?

Candidates will be notified by e-mail at the end of June.

Is it possible to obtain information about rejected applications?

The Chancellerie is unable to disclose information regarding the jury due to confidentiality. Their decision will not question the quality of the research project.

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