

ENS LYON Master program international scholarships

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Lyon, an international city

The *École normale supérieure de Lyon* (ENS Lyon) is located in the Gerland-District Technology cluster in the southern part of Lyon, 15 minutes from the heart of the city. With a population of 1.2 million inhabitants, Lyon receives approximately 120,000 students including about 15,000 foreign students.

Lyon and its region reflect the dynamic economic image of a major European hub. This success, which is deeply rooted in Lyon's history, results mainly from a remarkable synergy between economic development, multi-sectorial research and international collaboration. With a widespread reputation for its high quality of life, its traditional gastronomy and its cultural activities, Lyon has all the advantages of a modern metropolitan city with international ambitions. Close to the well-known Beaujolais wine region, Lyon is ideally situated with easy access to the Alpine ski resorts and the sunny Mediterranean coast. In 1998, Lyon's historical city center was granted World Heritage classification by UNESCO.

For more information:

City of Lyon : <http://www.mairie-lyon.fr/>

University of Lyon : <http://www.universite-lyon-.fr/>

Tourism office : <http://www.lyon-france.com/>

Study at a top-level French institution

The ENS Lyon is one of France's four prestigious *écoles normales supérieures*. Its mission is to prepare, each year, nearly 200 carefully selected students for teaching, university or top level executive positions in research, civil service and business.

The ENS Lyon offers studies covering mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry, biology and Earth sciences. Quality, flexibility, autonomy, an excellent tutorial system, and strong links with high-level research are the main characteristics of the teaching at the ENS Lyon. Students are selected two years after finishing high school through national exams or a specific application process. About 85% of all ENS Lyon students complete their studies with a Ph.D.

ENS Lyon laboratories and research:

• Pure and applied mathematics • Computer science • Physics • Chemistry •
Astronomical research centre • Earth sciences • Molecular and cellular biology • Plant
reproduction and development • Human virology • Interdisciplinary research •

Research activities are organized around 10 laboratories totalling about 500 professors, permanent scientists, doctorate students, post-doctorate researchers and visitors. All these laboratories are strongly supported by the French National Research institutes (CNRS, INRA, INSERM, INRIA) and have close connections with industry and many national or international

academic institutions.

The Master program at the ENS Lyon

The ENS Lyon offers a *Master* degree in the following fields: mathematics and applications, computer science , physics, chemistry, molecular and cellular biology, and Earth science.

The Full description of courses is available on our website : www.ens-lyon.fr

Scholarships

The ENS Lyon organizes an international selection for *Master* studies exclusively reserved for foreign participants. This selection is aimed at the most outstanding recent graduates and students currently in their final year of undergraduate studies. Candidates may apply for the first or second year of *master* studies. If accepted, they then become ENS Lyon International Students and receive a monthly allowance of 1,000 euros. The scholarship is awarded for one academic year and is renewable for a second year in order to obtain a *Master*. Renewal depends on the participants academic achievement.

Conditions for application

Scholarship candidates must fulfill all of the following conditions:

- Candidates must have undertaken their higher education outside of France.
- Candidates must have already received their graduate degree or be enrolled in their final year of undergraduate studies and obtaining a degree equivalent to a Bachelor of Science (180 ECTS credits) at the time of their departure for France.
- Candidates must never have applied for this scholarship before.

Availability for interview

Whenever possible, the selection committee prefers to interview applicants before their final admission. Please indicate on the application form any periods when you may not be available in June 2006.

Application form

A completed application (either in French or English) must include the following:

- the application form, completed legibly in black ink or using a typewriter or word processor;
- proof of nationality;
- a recent passport-style photograph;
- full academic transcript of undergraduate studies;
- copies of all diplomas—candidates will be asked to bring the original documents before final admission;
- a curriculum vitae.

In addition, two academic references must each complete an applicant evaluation form accompanied by a letter of reference. References must be university teachers who are able to assess your work. All letters of reference must be submitted on official letterhead.

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Application Schedule

Information about the ENS Lyon along with full details about the Master's program and application forms are available on our website: <http://www.ens-lyon.eu>

Students who require further information can contact us by email (international@ens-lyon.fr) or through our website.

Mid-January	Application forms available
April 15	Deadline for returning completed application forms— applications received after this date will not be considered.
May	Candidates are informed by mail as to whether their application has been short-listed.
June	Candidates whose applications have been short-listed may be invited to Lyon for interviews with the selection committee.
End of June	Candidates are informed whether or not they have been selected.
End-August to mid-September	Intensive French language summer course (optional).
Mid September	Beginning of the academic year.

Financial conditions and practical information

International students may live in ENS residence halls. In addition, students must subscribe to health insurance in France in order to be able to get a residence permit (*carte de séjour*). It is the student's responsibility to obtain the immigration documents required by French authorities to remain legally in France.

The following figures are for information only. They do not include transportation and personal expenses.

- Tuition fees: None for scholarship award winners
- Registration fees: €211 per year
- Compulsory insurance:
 - health insurance: €260 / 400 per year
 - civil liability: €12 / 30 per year
- Lodging: €186 / 292 per month
- Food: €200 per month

A few study courses are given in English (see website for details) but **the normal teaching language is French**. Intensive French courses will be offered to all international students, allowing a basic mastery of the language after a few weeks and helping them to enjoy everyday life in France. However, most teachers may begin the courses in English, switching to French after a while. Another possibility is to have the course in one language and the classwork in another. In any case, exams will be given in English on request.

A wide choice of other languages and cultural activities are on offer. Students receive personalized support from a specially assigned tutor, who provides guidance throughout their studies at ENS Lyon.