



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME «FRANCE EXCELLENCE» FRENCH EMBASSY IN UZBEKISTAN

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 MARCH 2025 (23:59)

I – Presentation of the programme

The French government's **"France Excellence" scholarship programme** promotes student and scientific mobility from Uzbekistan to France. It is aimed at students of Uzbek citizenship with an excellent academic record. It supports a clear and ambitious project.

II – Conditions of eligibility

Citizenship: this programme is open only to Uzbek citizens

Required level of applicants: this programme is for students who have already obtained or are in the process of obtaining in the current academic year a minimum level of study corresponding to a Bachelor's degree.

Degrees concerned: applicants must be enrolled or in the process of enrolling in **a Master's degree** at a French public or state-recognised higher education establishment whose diplomas are recognised or approved by the state. This programme does not apply to doctoral or post-doctoral courses. These are covered by other scholarship programmes.

Non-cumulation of grants: a French government grant cannot be combined with:

- an apprenticeship or professional training contract, or any other employment contract related to the grant holder's training
- a grant awarded by another French ministry
- an *Erasmus*+ grant
- a grant from the Agence universitaire de la francophonie

If a successful candidate is in this situation, he/she must give up one of the two grants.

Language level: applicants must have the language skills required for their degree to run smoothly in France. Proof of a minimum B2 level in French and/or English is required. Failure to provide a certificate of language proficiency will invalidate the application.

Even if the chosen degree is taught in English, it is strongly recommended that candidates start learning French in Uzbekistan to facilitate their arrival in France and their daily life.

Supporting documents: candidates must provide all the documents required for an application and be able to prove the authenticity of these documents, in particular proof of educational qualifications. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Applicants already resident in France will not be given priority.

III – Procedure and calendar

1 – Submission of applications

Candidates must complete the application form, provide all the required documents and send their complete <u>file in zipped format</u> by e-mail to <u>campus.ouz@gmail.com</u> before the deadline of **30 March 2025 (23:59)**.

Please note! The title of each document must include the surname, for example: Komova_CV.pdf; Komova_formulaire.pdf

DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE APPLICATION

Note: particular attention is paid to the quality of translations of official documents provided by applicants. Any forgery or incorrect translation will disqualify the application.

- → Form (in English or French);
- → A copy of your international passport;
- → A CV. Candidates should pay particular attention to the clarity of their CVs and the appropriate organisation of the information they wish to highlight;
- → A letter of motivation (in French or English). Particular attention should be paid to this document, which should be no longer than two pages and clearly explain the applicant's motivations;
- → A copy of the highest diploma and transcripts of marks since entering university and a translation in French certified by a notary public or the university
 - Documents must be certified by an approved person. Unaccredited language teachers are not authorised to provide translations
 - For students who will only be graduating at the end of the academic year, full transcripts must be provided and translated

 Candidates with diplomas issued in English do not need to have them translated.

→ A language proficiency certificate (minimum B2 level required)

- The document must certify the language level in which the training will take place (French or English).
- For the French language, the documents proving language level are:
 DELF/DALF, TEF, complete TCF or CCIP diplomas
- o For English: IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC or BULATS.

→ A letter of recommendation (preferably in French, or in English)

- The letter of recommendation may come from the university, the applicant's employer or a relevant person who can recommend the applicant. It is advisable to provide a letter of recommendation from a relevant person who knows the candidate well and can explain in detail the candidate's qualities and way of working or studying.
- \rightarrow An Admission or pre-admission letter from the French university (<u>if</u> <u>available</u>)

2 - Calendar

The calendar for the procedure is established each year by decision of the French embassy in Uzbekistan. This timetable is binding. Failure to meet the deadlines will invalidate applications.

- Deadline for online applications: 30 March 2025
- Pre-selection on the basis of applications and invitation to interview: April 2025
- Communication of final results: May 2025

3 -Selection criteria and results

The selection criteria are established as follows: excellence of results, excellence of the training followed, consistency with the desired degree in France and the academic, professional and personal project.

All fields of study are accepted.

Applications under exchange agreements between French and Uzbek universities are encouraged.

After **being shortlisted** by the committee on the basis of their applications, the preselected candidates will be **invited to a selection interview**, the date of which will be specified at a later date. The deliberations leading to the awarding of scholarships are strictly confidential. **No communication may be made on this subject.**

All candidates who have submitted an application will be informed electronically.

IV – Loss of a French government grant

Withdrawing from a degree will result in the loss of any French government grant. If the applicant is already in France and receiving an allowance, any sums due to Campus France will be reimbursed if the applicant withdraws.

Successful applicants are selected on the basis of a specific study project stipulated in their application. The French Embassy in Uzbekistan therefore reserves the right to refuse a French government scholarship if the successful applicants does not succeed in enrolling in the degree for which he or she has been selected.

Failure to comply with the obligations of French government scholarship holders, in particular poor attendance, inappropriate behaviour or failure to communicate, will result in the suspension of the French government scholarship. If this situation persists, the French government scholarship will be permanently withdrawn. This decision is taken solely by the French Embassy in Uzbekistan.

A grant from the French government is conditional on the recipient being present in France. Students who have compulsory work placements, required by their course, which may take place outside French territory may, under certain conditions, receive their grant.

V – Benefits

Scholarships are normally awarded **for 12 months**. Scholarship holders receive a monthly allowance of €860, in addition to a number of benefits:

- return air ticket;
- student social security cover (French student social security, for those under 28);
- a long-stay student visa (visa centre fees not included);
- access to accommodation in student halls of residence managed by CROUS with the help of Campus France. Places in CROUS university accommodation are limited in number, particularly in the Paris region;
- cultural activities, part of the cost of which is covered by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

Any student with a French government grant can also benefit the VISALE scheme (state rental deposit).

VI – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The programme is open exclusively to **candidates with Uzbek citizenship**. There is no age limit for applicants. Applicants must have a level of study that meets the prerequisites for entry to the degree in question at a French higher education establishment. Applicants may apply for any subject taught in France.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **30 March 2025 (23:59).** No applications will be accepted after this date.

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