

# The Entente Cordiale Scholarship

Created in 1995 by French President Jacques Chirac and British Prime Minister John Major, the Entente Cordiale Scholarship is a prestigious awards scheme that today funds British postgraduate students who want to study in France.

The ambition of the scheme is not only to enable the most outstanding students to study or carry out research on the other side of the Channel, but also to promote contacts and increase exchanges between tomorrow's decision-makers in the UK and France, to confront preconceived ideas with the realities of life across the Channel, and to extend an influential and widespread network of scholars and sponsors.

Once they become an Entente Cordiale scholar, recipients join an influential alumni network, the Entente Cordiale Alumni Association through which they will find strong career development opportunities. Entente Cordiale alumni are now pursuing careers in diverse public and private organisations.

The eligible students would be applying to study in France at Master's degree level, for three to six months (including research internships, courses for credits, French language classes) in all fields (natural sciences as well as social sciences and humanities). One of the scholarships could also be available for applicants looking to take part in an entrepreneurial training scheme.

Applicants must have ambitious projects in any discipline that will contribute to enhancing the Franco-British relationship and as such are expected to have already established contact with the French university or research public / private institution that will host them.

Whether it be a 3 or 6 month stay, recipients will be entitled to a monthly allowance of **€700**. Scholarships will not be renewable.

Over 250 exceptional students have already benefited from this unique opportunity to continue their studies on the other side of the Channel.

For the academic year 2021-2022, scholarships will be financed by the Franco-British Council through private sponsorship and by the French Embassy in the United Kingdom, and managed by an advisory board involving leading figures in Franco-British relations.

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Candidates wishing to apply should contact the Franco-British Council at [info@francobritish.org](mailto:info@francobritish.org) and mention **Entente Cordiale 2021** as subject of their mail. The 2021 application form can be downloaded from the Franco-British Council's website:

<http://francobritish.org/en/entente-cordiale/>

**Applications will open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q) I am a French student looking to study in the United Kingdom. Can I apply for an Entente Cordiale scholarship?

A) No, unfortunately the Entente Cordiale scholarship is for students from the United Kingdom looking to study in France. Future opportunities for students from France to study in the United Kingdom are being considered so please email [info@francobritish.org](mailto:info@francobritish.org) to express your interest and we will let you know when any new schemes are announced.

Q) Do students need to have already applied to a French institution before beginning the application process for an Entente Cordiale scholarship?

A) Yes. Applicants must have ambitious projects in any discipline that will contribute to enhancing the Franco-British relationship and as such are expected to have already established contact with the French university or research public / private institution that will host them.

Q) What is the deadline for applying for an Entente Cordiale scholarship?

A) Applications will open on Monday 1st March 2021 and close on Friday 16th April 2021.

Q) When will the decision be taken if I have been successful in receiving an Entente Cordiale scholarship?

A) The jury will meet in early May and all applicants will be informed as soon as possible if they have been successful.

Q) What can the funding from an Entente Cordiale scholarship be used for?

A) The Entente Cordiale funding aims at covering the living expenses of students wishing to apply for research internships, courses for credits, French language classes (preferentially at Master's degree level) in a French institution.

Q) How much funding will I receive?

A) Whether it be a 3 or 6 month stay, recipients will be entitled to a monthly allowance of **€700**. Scholarships will not be renewable.

Q) Is there anything I can do to improve my application?

A) Before applying, you must establish contact with a French institution that will pledge to host you as an intern or student. You should not forget to include two references and to prove your ability to function without any major difficulty in a French speaking environment (for example by producing a DELF B2 or DALF C1 diploma).