



Call for proposals for financing of master's excellence grants

Launched by France's President Emmanuel Macron, the Make Our Planet Great Again initiative has met with worldwide enthusiasm, generating expressions of interest from a large number of highly qualified students and researchers.

Within the framework of the initiative, France's ministries of Europe and foreign affairs (MEAE) and of higher education, research, and innovation (MESRI) have implemented a program to encourage international students to pursue master's-level training in earth systems, climate change and sustainability, or the energy transition at French institutions of higher education. Approximately 50 master's grants will be made annually under the program, beginning with the 2018 academic year.

The program is managed by Campus France. Interested students are invited to apply online at <http://makeourplanetgreatagain.campusfrance.org>.

Who may apply?

International students may apply for support for one or two years of study toward a master's degree by including in their application a letter of admission to a master's program (first or second year) at a French institution of higher education.

Research themes

Three broad research themes are prioritized: earth systems, climate change and sustainability, and the energy transition. A complete list of eligible themes can be found at <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/priority-research-topics>

Eligibility

Students must possess or be pursuing a French *licence* or an equivalent undergraduate degree (Bachelor), must not be French nationals, and must not have resided in France after April 1, 2016. Candidates may be of any age. They must enroll in the master's program before October 15, 2018.

Financing

Successful students will receive an excellence grant in the amount of €1,060 per month over 12 months (for students enrolling in the second year) and over 24 months (for those enrolling in the first year). Round-trip airfare will also be provided, as well as medical insurance and an annual lump-sum payment of €700 for educational expenses.

Selection process

Consistent with the aims and requirements of this call for proposals, grant recipients will be selected by scientific experts convened by Campus France.

Application process

Interested students should submit their study plans at <http://makeourplanetgreatagain.campusfrance.org>. Applications must be accompanied by a CV, a letter of interest, and a signed letter of acceptance into a French master's program.

Timeline

Week of February 26, 2018: Pre-launch phase of application process

March 12, 2018: Application period opens

April 6, 2018 at 23:59 CET: Application period ends



Week of June 18, 2018: Results are announced
Beginning September 2018: Students report to participating institutions



A complete list of research themes and other useful information is available at <http://makeourplanetgreatagain.campusfrance.org>.

Have a question?

For a personal response, write us at mopga@campusfrance.org. We will do our best to answer your question promptly.

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If you would like to be included on our e-mail list, send a message to infomopga@campusfrance.org. Your e-mail address will be automatically added to our distribution list.

