

ENTENTE CORDIALE FOR THE CLIMATE SCHOLARSHIP 2023 APPLICATION NOTES

1. BACKGROUND & ELIGIBILITY

The **Entente Cordiale for the Climate Scholarship** aims to forge links and advance understanding between France and the United Kingdom in the field of climate change through the exchange of the brightest young students and researchers. The British Council in Paris manages these scholarships for French scholars studying in the UK.

Further information about the scholarships can be found at the link below

- <https://www.britishcouncil.fr/en/scholarship-climate>

This scholarship is for candidates who fulfil all of the following conditions:

- Have French nationality OR have undertaken their higher education in France
- Have qualifications of at least *bac* + 3 level at the time of their departure to the UK
- Have received an unconditional offer to undertake a full academic year 2023/24 studying at master's or PhD level in a British university in a field related to climate change/ sustainable development/the environment (At the time of application for the scholarship, candidates must have *at least* applied to one programme of study).

2. SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

The total value of the Entente Cordiale for the Climate scholarship amounts to 10,000 €.

An additional amount will be granted to *étudiants boursiers* to cover for their visa and travel costs expenses.

The award is for a maximum of one year. Applications for a second year of funding by existing scholars will not be considered.

The award cannot be made to candidates receiving financial assistance from other scholarships of a similar nature.

The award will only be made to a candidate who has received an unconditional offer to study in the UK. As a minimum, at the time of submitting an application for the scholarship, candidates must have had their application to a relevant course of study acknowledged formally by that institution.

3. APPLICATION TIMETABLE 2023

Tuesday 31 January 2023 **Deadline for receipt of applications** (23h59) – late dossiers will not be considered.

Friday 24 Feb 2023 Shortlisted applicants invited to interview. Unsuccessful applicants notified.

Week of 13 Mar 2023 Interviews in front of a jury, selection completed and **results announced on Friday 17th March.**

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Prepare and collect the supporting information required for your application.
- Complete the online application form on the British Council France website, uploading the supporting information (Please provide digital copies of documents in pdf format and avoid large file sizes). Submit your application.
- Contact your referees to ensure they return a reference for you by the application deadline date.

Please complete the application in English.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- i. A valid ID Document (passport/ID Card)
- ii. Evidence from at least 1 UK university confirming the status of your application to join a course of study (Master) or research (PhD) commencing September/October 2023. (As a minimum, an acknowledgment of application is required. A conditional or unconditional offer is preferable and will be asked at the time of the interview).
- iii. Academic transcripts of studies (*relevés de notes*) since *baccalauréat* (copies). Please note that documents in English or French do not need to be translated; documents in other languages should be translated into either English or French
- iv. A curriculum vitae **in English** containing the following information
 - Correspondence address & contact details
 - Current occupation (role & main responsibilities) or current programme of studies.
 - Employment background – including relevant unpaid work experience.
 - Education background, listing completed courses/qualifications, completion dates & grades.(Note: CVs that do not contain this information may result in the application being ineligible.)
- v. A supporting statement **in English** that includes your motivation for applying for the scholarship and for pursuing your course of studies, and that explains how you expect to benefit directly and outlines your future career aspirations. (Your statement should not exceed 500 words)

6. REFERENCES

You will also need to provide the details of at least one referee (ideally two), who can support your application. Each referee should be someone who has known you in an academic or professional capacity. You will need to ask each referee to send in their comments directly to us by email. The references should address your suitability for an Entente Cordiale for the Climate scholarship. Referees are asked to address the 5 questions below and can be sent in French or English. You may use the sample word document downloadable from the webpage if you prefer.

- Comment jugeriez-vous les qualités intellectuelles du candidat ?
- Comment qualifieriez-vous la motivation et le sens d'initiative du candidat ?
- A votre avis, quels bénéfices le candidat retirera-t-il de cette bourse ?
- A votre avis, quelles sont les capacités du candidat à contribuer à un réseau d'anciens élèves / anciens boursiers ?
- Merci d'évaluer de façon concise les aptitudes du candidat, y compris sa capacité d'adaptation dans la poursuite de ses études au Royaume-Uni

References should be sent to ententecordiale@britishcouncil.fr. Please ask your referee(s) to write in the subject box "Reference ECC // *applicantname*"

References should also be received by the deadline date.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2023 AT 23:59