

ENTENTE CORDIALE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2018 APPLICATION NOTES

1. BACKGROUND & ELIGIBILITY

The Entente Cordiale Scholarship aims to forge links and advance understanding between France and the United Kingdom through the exchange of the brightest young professionals. It was launched in 1995 by UK Prime Minister, John Major and French President, Jacques Chirac. Over 500 exceptional students have benefitted from the scholarships since this time.

Scholarships for students from France wishing to study in the UK are managed by the Association Entente Cordiale, of which the British Ambassador to France is patron.

Scholarships for students from the UK wishing to study in France are managed by the French Embassy in London. More information on this side of the programme can be found at the link below:

<http://francobritish.org/en/programmes/entente-cordial-scholarships/>

We are now calling for applications for scholarships for French students who will commence their post-graduate study in the UK in Sept/Oct 2018. *NB: These scholarships are in addition to the Herbert Smith Freehills scholarship, which is offered in partnership with the Entente Cordiale programme for students wishing to study law. (Applications for the Herbert Smith Freehills Entente Cordiale scholarship are now closed).*

In addition to the scholarship, successful students will be invited to participate in a programme of events throughout their studies. The programme will enable them to develop their understanding of the UK and its contributions across a range of fields (e.g culture, politics, economy) and to create a network with other Entente Cordiale scholars.

On completing their studies, scholars will be invited to become part of an Entente Cordiale Alumni Group to continue to develop networks and contribute to exchanges shaping the future of the Franco-British relationship.

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

- <https://www.britishcouncil.fr/en/programmes/education/entente-cordiale/apply>

The scholarships are for candidates who fulfil all of the following conditions:

- Have French nationality OR have completed their higher education in France
- Currently reside in France.
- Have qualifications of at least *bac* + 3 level at the time of their departure to the UK

- Have accepted an unconditional offer to undertake a full academic year 2018/19 studying at master's level at a UK university in any field. (A separate Entente Cordiale / Herbert Smith Freehills scholarship for law masters has already been awarded for 2018).

2. SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

The total value of an Entente Cordiale scholarship award amounts to 8-10,000 €.

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 substantial financial assistance from other scholarships of a similar nature.

The award will only be made to a candidate who has received and accepted an unconditional offer to study in the UK.

3. APPLICATION TIMETABLE 2018

Saturday 14 July **Deadline for receipt of applications** (23h59) – late dossiers will not be considered.

Thurs 26 July **Interviews with shortlisted candidates.** Held at British Embassy in Paris.

Short-listed candidates should expect to hear by Friday 20 July if invited to interview. Results will be announced shortly after interviews completed.

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 .doc or .pdf format and avoid large file sizes) Submit your application
- Contact your referee to ensure they send a reference directly to us by the application deadline date.

Please complete the application in English.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- i. A valid ID Document (passport/ID Card)
- ii. Confirmation letter from UK university confirming your acceptance of a place on a masters course beginning September/October 2018, **or** evidence of an unconditional offer from a UK university.
- iii. Academic transcripts of studies (*relevés de notes*) since *baccalauréat* (copies).
- 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: Curriculum vitae's that do not contain this information may result in the application being ineligible.)

- v. A supporting statement **in English** no greater than 500 words that should address the following points:
- A summary of your academic, professional and personal background.
 - What you have chosen to study, and why.
 - How winning a scholarship will make a difference to you
 - How you can envisage using the experience you gain from studying in the UK to contribute to Franco-British relations.

6. REFERENCES

You will also need to provide the details of one referee who can support your application. The referee should be someone who has known you in an academic or professional capacity. You will need to ask the referee to send in their comments directly to us by email.

The references should address your suitability for a scholarship. Referees are asked to address the 5 questions below and can be sent in French or English. Your referee may use the sample word document available on the website if they 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, quelle 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, incluant 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 to write in the email subject box "Reference // *applicantname*"

References should also be received by the deadline date.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SATURDAY 14 JULY 2018