

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

*Please read carefully before completing this application for a GDF SUEZ / MFA scholarship*

The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the GDF SUEZ Group have decided to create a scholarship program with Ecole Polytechnique for high-level foreign students to study in France. They are pleased to reconduct this program for the academic year 2013-2014.

The scholarship program, which comes under the “QUAI D'ORSAY / ENTREPRISES” scheme operated by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is a public-private partnership designed to provide optimal conditions for student life in France, including a personalized welcome and learning environment. Applicants are selected jointly by the MFA, GDF SUEZ and Ecole Polytechnique, Paris.

The program, which is cofinanced by GDF SUEZ and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the 2013/2014 academic year, is intended for students from **Brazil, Chile, China** and **India** who are currently enrolled at university in their home countries. Only candidates with the nationality of these four countries are eligible for the program.

For the 2013/2014 academic year, **5 scholarships** will be awarded.

### AREA OF STUDY

The study scholarships cofinanced by GDF SUEZ and the MFA are awarded **for one year of studies in France in the second year of a Master's program (M2) at Ecole Polytechnique, Paris** in the following specializations :

- ✦ **Master REST : Renewable Energy Science & Technology (in English)**
- ✦ **Master WAPE :Water, Air, Pollution & Energy at local & regional scales\_(in English)\_**  
<http://www.coriolis.polytechnique.fr/MASTERS/WAPE.html>
- ✦ **Master COMASIC, Master Conception & Management de systèmes informatiques complexes (in French)** <http://www.ep-lix.net/-Le-master-COMASIC>

**Before sending your scholarship application to the French Embassy of your home country by March 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013, you must submit your application for a Master's program at Ecole Polytechnique:**  
**Application deadline: February 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

<http://www.graduateschool.polytechnique.edu/home/master-s-programs/how-to-apply/>

## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

Following the selection procedure, if you are awarded a scholarship under the program cofinanced by GDF SUEZ /MFA, you will receive:

➤ from GDF SUEZ:

- a single flat-rate scholarship of €13,000 inclusive of tuition fees, welcome and administrative costs, tutorials and French language courses, for which the corresponding amount (3 000€) will be deducted by the Ecole Polytechnique; the remaining 10 000€ will be transferred to you following a twelve month schedule of payments;
- corporate mentoring within GDF SUEZ;
- an internship assignment offer within a GDF SUEZ entity. An additional stipend may be offered depending on the entity of appointment;
- career guidance support at the end of your stay in France;

Depending on the recruitment needs of its business lines and your performance, GDF SUEZ could offer you a career opportunity, provided you obtain your degree from Ecole Polytechnique and a referral for recruitment from the course supervisor and the Human Resources Officer of the host entity in France, at the end of the scholarship program.

➤ from the MFA and with funding from the French Embassy:

- social, medical, and civil liability insurance cover that will give you the status of French government scholarship student and related advantages, including simplified visa applications, access to cultural activities at an attractive price;
- intensive French-language courses, if needed, before leaving for France, provided by the Alliances françaises network in your country of origin.

➤ From Ecole Polytechnique:

- support before your departure and during your stay in France, including preparation for arrival in France, possibility to attend intensive French language courses in France during the summer before the beginning of the scientific courses, assistance in obtaining a residence permit, reservation of an accommodation on the campus.

*You may also apply for Personalized Housing Benefits (APL).*

*Please note that the airfare to and from France is payable by the students.*

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

➤ *You are eligible for this scholarship program if:*

- you are a national of India, Brazil, Chile, and China;
- you apply to the course(s) proposed according to your home country :

<b>India:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Master Design &amp; Management of complex computerized systems</li> </ul>
<b>Brazil:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Master Design &amp; Management of complex computerized systems</li> <li>▪ Master Water, Air, Pollution &amp; Energy at local and regional scales</li> </ul>
<b>Chile:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Master Renewable Energy Science &amp; Technology</li> </ul>
<b>China:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Master Renewable Energy Science &amp; Technology</li> </ul>

- you are no more than 28 years of age in the year in which you are selected;
- you are not already benefiting from a scholarship from the French government or from another company;
- you do not have a previous commitment with another company at the time of your arrival in France, such as company grant, an open-ended employment contract, an apprenticeship contract, etc.;
- you are a student in your country of origin and have at least completed 4 years of undergraduate studies in Science or Engineering;
- you show an interest in the GDF SUEZ Group;
- you send a full application containing all the documents required (cf. section entitled “Mandatory application documents”).

### **Important observations:**

- *bi-national students are not eligible for the scholarship program if their second nationality is French;*
- *applications for apprenticeship or continuing education courses will be rejected outright;*
- ***a good command of French and English is required in the selection process and the results of your language aptitude tests are to be sent with the application.***

## WHEN DOES THE SELECTION TAKE PLACE?

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- You must **submit your application for admission in a Master's program at Ecole Polytechnique**. Application deadline : **FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013**
- **Before MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013**, you must electronically submit your application for a **scholarship** of the program cofinanced by **GDF SUEZ/MFA**, to the French Embassy.
- If the scholarship application you sent to the Embassy is acceptable, the French Embassy in your country of origin will send you a **notification to attend an interview** on the day the Selection Committee of the scholarship program cofinanced by GDF SUEZ / MFA is scheduled to meet. **Between the 15<sup>TH</sup> and the 26<sup>TH</sup> of APRIL 2013, the Committee for the preselection of applicants for a scholarship will be convened in your country of origin** under the authority of the French Embassy. The committee will gather at least one representative of the Embassy's Cooperation and Cultural Action Service (SCAC) and one representative of the GDF SUEZ Group subsidiary in your country of origin.
- Selected applications will be sent to Paris electronically by the French Embassies in the countries concerned no later than **APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 2013**.
- On **APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2013**, on the proposal of the preselection Committee in your country of origin, the final list of selected applicants will be drawn up by consultation between GDF SUEZ, the MFA, and Ecole Polytechnique.
- Following the examination of your application, you will be informed by the Embassy whether it has been selected for the award of a scholarship cofinanced by GDF SUEZ/MFA or rejected.

*If your application is successful, you will be responsible for ensuring that you are formally enrolled at Ecole Polytechnique. You will be declared a winner of a scholarship under the program cofinanced by GDF SUEZ /MFA only on condition that you have been formally admitted to that institution.*

## WHAT ARE THE SELECTION PROCEDURES?

➤ *The following selection criteria are taken into account:*

- excellence of the applicant, as reflected by his/her previous university experience;
- the applicant's career goals;
- strong interest in working in an energy & environmental professions;
- willingness to contribute to the development of your zone or country of origin;
- the applicant's level of French and English;
- the applicant's degree of autonomy, adaptability, intellectual curiosity, and team spirit.

## MANDATORY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

*These documents shall be digitized if needed in order to be sent electronically*

- a one-page **curriculum vitae** in French or English;
- a copy of your academic record and of your academic qualifications;
- a copy of the results of your French language (TEF, TCF, or DELF) and English language aptitude test (TOEFL)
- a copy of the application certificate or acknowledgement of receipt from Ecole Polytechnique;
- a two-page **statement of your career plans** in French or English giving the following information:
  1. summary of your training experience and of any work experience you may have;
  2. career prospects (sector of activity, functions, and preferred countries)
  3. your motivation for joining this scholarship program cofinanced by GDF SUEZ/MFA:
    - what would you gain from the program?
    - how do you think you may contribute to the program?

## CONTACTS

### For information on Ecole Polytechnique

Ecole Polytechnique  
[www.polytechnique.edu](http://www.polytechnique.edu)

Master's programs:  
<http://www.graduateschool.polytechnique.edu/home/master-s-programs/our-master-s-programs/>

Contact: Mr Christophe de Beauvais  
[master-international@polytechnique.fr](mailto:master-international@polytechnique.fr)

### For Information on the GDF SUEZ company:

1 rue d'Astorg  
75008 Paris

<http://www.gdfsuez.com>

Contact: Mrs Agnès Auclair  
[agnes.auclair@gdfsuez.com](mailto:agnes.auclair@gdfsuez.com)

### For information on student reception in France, social and medical insurance cover, and cultural activities visit the:

CampusFrance website  
<http://www.campusfrance.org/en/rubrique/vivre-en-france>

### To get information on the programme and to send your application List of websites and contacts

- **Embassy of France in Brazil**  
- <http://www.campusfrance.org/fria/bourse/index.html>  
Contact : Felix BOUGE  
Send your application to [felix.bouge@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:felix.bouge@diplomatie.gouv.fr)
- **Embassy of France in Chile**  
- <http://www.campusfrance.org/fria/bourse/index.html>  
Contact : Mr Pierre PELLAT-FINET  
Send your application to [pierre.pellat-finet@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:pierre.pellat-finet@diplomatie.gouv.fr)
- **Embassy of France in India**  
<http://www.inde.campusfrance.org/en/page/gdf-suez>  
- Contact : Shubhra CHAKRAVARTY [shubhra.chakravarty@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:shubhra.chakravarty@diplomatie.gouv.fr)  
- Send your application to [scholarship.france@gmail.com](mailto:scholarship.france@gmail.com)
- **Embassy of France in China**  
<http://www.chine.campusfrance.org/fr/page/financez-vos-etudes>  
Contact: Juliette JIN,  
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