



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

## BACKGROUND

[The France - South Africa Scholarship Programme](#) is directed to South African students who intend to study in universities or higher education institutions in France for their **Master's degree or PhD**. The Embassy of France is inviting applications from **South African students in all fields** to start in **academic year 2022**. The scholarship recipients will follow a specific track in South Africa from January to July. This track will include **online French courses** organized by the network of the Alliances Françaises. It **may also include an internship in French Companies based in South Africa**, depending on the opportunities and the profile of each scholarship recipient.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Citizen and resident of South Africa.
- The programme is **also open to Lesothan students**.
- Under the **age of 33 years old** on 1st January 2022.
- Applicants must be eligible for admission to the chosen Master's or Doctoral programme.
- Enrolled in a French Higher Education institution to pursue a Master's degree or PhD.

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

Two schemes are possible under the France South Africa Scholarship Programme:

## 1. A full scholarship includes:

- Funding for a duration between **10 and 22 months for MSc** candidates and a **maximum duration of 3 years for PhD** candidates.
- The scholarship will only be granted for the periods spent in France.
- Visa fee exemption and assistance offered by Campus France Paris.
- Annual tuition fees, **not exceeding €5 000 per year**.
- A round-trip airfare ticket.
- A monthly stipend towards living expenses.
- Accommodation aid.
- Social security.
- Priority for accessing student housing.
- **Co-funding opportunities are strongly encouraged** to strengthen the collaboration between South African and French institutions and public and private sector.

## 2. The cost sharing scholarship includes:

- The **monthly allowance** will be **provided fully or partially by a partner** (a partner among the Advisory Board, a company, a higher education institution or any other funding agency).

- **All the other benefits of a full scholarship will still be provided by the Embassy of France.** This scheme can be proposed by the candidate during the application process or by the Advisory Board for some of the laureates.
- **Applicants are highly encouraged to look for other sources of financing** from his/her own local or French higher education institution but also from private sector companies. Specific attention will be given to applicants who have found other sources of financing for their academic project.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted [online](#) and all applicants must submit:

- A **completed application form** (online).
- A certified copy of **passport**.
- An up-to-date résumé that also states the candidate's **entire academic record**.
- A **cover letter** explaining motivations and interests in the planned academic project.
- Copies of **academic degree certificates** (Bachelor or Master only).
- **University transcripts** of the last two years of studies.

### For MSc candidates

- Candidates must provide **proof of acceptance** at one of the study programmes indicated during their application, between **February and April/May 2022**.
- During the application process, candidates are encouraged to submit their **email exchanges** with the host higher education institutions in France.
- Submit a **list of identified study programmes** that they intend on applying to, including the application dates for these courses and the tuition fees.

### For PhD candidates

- **An attestation, signed by your supervisor**, indicating her/his commitment to supervise your thesis; or, in case of co-supervision, an attestation signed by the two supervisors (South African and French) indicating their commitment to supervise in France and in South Africa. In the case of co-supervision, this attestation needs to indicate that a cotutelle agreement will be established, that enrolment will be at both universities and that a degree will be awarded by the French higher education institution.
- A **detailed description of the research project (2/3 pages)** including a detailed work plan.
- In case of co-supervision, a detailed plan of the various periods to be spent in France during the research work. A signed cotutelle agreement is also necessary.

Application details and further information can be found [here](#) and on the attached document.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents, that you have submitted online to the Faculty Research Office – [natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za)

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## CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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[The Campus France office](#) in South Africa can advise on higher education institutions, programmes or opportunities related to your project in France but also on living in France.