

[SMARTS-UP programme] International scholarships for Masters Call for applications 2025-2026

1. What is the SMARTS-UP Scholarship?

Université Paris Cité is training future scientists and leading experts to thrive as academics or senior executives. The SMARTS-UP programme, led by Université Paris Cité, aims to promote the internationalisation of Master's programmes and attract the best international students. In this context, we offer 160 individual scholarships, € 10,000 each, to allow Graduate Schools to welcome international students in their Master's programmes. The scholarships are awarded for one year.

2. Which Masters are eligible for SMARTS-UP mobility scholarships at Université Paris Cité?

SMARTS-UP scholarships are intended for international students coming to study at Université Paris Cité in one of the Masters of the 28 Graduate Schools.

You can consult the list of Graduate Schools that are part of the SMARTS-UP project on: <https://mobility.smarts-up.fr/>.

3. How much is the scholarship?

Awardees will receive € 10,000 paid in three instalments. Please note that this award is a scholarship, not a stipend. It is a financial aid to help you study but it will not be sufficient to live in Paris. You will need an additional source of income to cover your stay.

This award cannot be cumulated with any other scholarship. It is awarded for the academic year 2023-2024 only and cannot be postponed.

4. Who can apply?

Only students applying for a Master's programme listed on: <https://mobility.smarts-up.fr/> are eligible for a SMARTS-UP scholarship.

▪ Eligibility requirements

- Applicants must be international students, French citizens are not eligible;
- Applicants must be new to the French higher education system (exception: international students preparing a joint-degree in collaboration with Université de Paris are eligible);
- Applicants should not hold any degree from a French University or French Higher Education Institution;
- Applicants from one of the countries listed below have to also register via the Études en France platform (<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/candidature-procedure-etudes-en-france>). This application must be completed in parallel of the submission of your SMARTS-UP application. It is a completely independent but mandatory procedure.

Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, United States, Vietnam.

- Level of access
 - **Master 1 (M1) programmes** are opened to students holding or currently preparing a Bachelor's degree or equivalent (N.B.: awardees must hold a Bachelor's degree by the time they join Université Paris Cité in September 2025).
 - **Master 2 (M2) programmes** are opened to students who have completed or are in the process of completing a full-time year of a Master's programme in related field of study by September 2025.

Eligible students will be ranked based on their academic merits, motivation and performances during follow up interviews. The best students will be awarded a one-year scholarship.

5. How to apply?

- The call will be opened from the 1st December 2024 until the 17th January 2025, 5pm (CET);
- The admissibility of the applications will be checked by the university services, then each Graduate School will assess the candidates;
- Applicants will be informed of the decision by email early April 2025;
- For applicants on the waiting list, the final decision will be communicated in May;
- Awardees will join Université Paris Cité in September 2025.

Caution: Laureates will have to acknowledge acceptance of the scholarship within **2 weeks** after receiving the confirmation email. In the absence of a timely confirmation, the scholarship will be awarded to the next candidate on the waiting list.

6. What are the obligations of the laureates?

- Academic obligations

The SMARTS-UP scholarship laureates have the following responsibilities:

- register at Université Paris Cité for the academic year 2025-2026;
- be present at the start of their Master's programme in September 2025 and attend all the SMARTS-UP events;
- attend all classes and exams;
- answer the follow-up questionnaire that will be sent to them during the course of the curriculum;
- register with the Alumni group.

- Financial obligations

This scholarship will be paid in a French bank account registered under the awardee's name after the student has been duly registered at Université Paris Cité.

- False declarations

False declarations or falsified documents submitted as part of the SMARTS-UP scholarship application will automatically forfeit the award and could lead to legal actions.

7. What are the required documents to submit during the online application?

- **CV** (1 page);
- **Cover letter** (1 page explaining the applicant's career goals, how this Master's programme will help the applicant to achieve them and their motivations to join Université Paris Cité);
- **Recommendation letters:** two recommendation letters written by former or current professors, lecturers, tutors or supervisors;
- **Transcripts of records** from Bachelor's degree on;
- If applicable, **abstracts of the candidate's previous work** (e.g. dissertation, books, internship reports, scientific articles...);
- **Research project:** If the applicant would like to work on a particular research topic and/or have found a laboratory or institute that will welcome her or him for a traineeship, please submit a short research proposal (3-4 pages, including references).