

SMARTS-UP program
Scholarships for international Masters
Call for applications 2022-2023

1. What is the SMARTS-UP Scholarship?

The SMARTS-UP programme led by Université de Paris, aims to promote the internationalisation of Master's programmes and to help attract the best international students to constitute a pool of excellent potential future PhD students. In this context, we offer € 8,000 individual scholarships to allow Graduate Schools to welcome international students in their Master's programmes. The scholarships are awarded for one year. Université de Paris is training future scientists and leading experts to thrive as academics or senior executives.

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

SMARTS-UP scholarships are intended for international students coming to study at Université de Paris in one of the Masters of the 19 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 € 8,000 paid in two instalments (€4,500 in November 2022 and 3,500 in February 2023). 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 another French scholarship. It is awarded for the next academic year only and cannot be postponed.

4. Who can apply?

Only students applying for a Master's programmes 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 (including binational or multinational students with a French citizenship).
- 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 Institution.
- Applicants from one the countries listed below have to also register via the Etudes en France platform (<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/candidature-procedure-etudes-en-france>). This application must be completed in paralleled 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, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, 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 de Paris in September 2022).
- 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 2022.

Eligible students will be ranked based on their academic merits, motivation and performances during possible 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 of December 2021 until the 16th of January 2023, 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 by mid-March 2022.
- For applicants on the waiting list, the final decision will be communicated by the end of April.
- Awardees will join Université de Paris in September 2022.

Warning: 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 de Paris for the academic year 2022-2023
- be present at the start of their Master's programme in September 2022 and attend the SMARTS-UP welcoming event for laureates
- 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 de Paris.

- 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 join 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 de Paris).
- Recommendation letters: two recommendation letters written by former or current professors, lecturers, tutors or supervisors.
- 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 him/her for a traineeship, please submit a short research proposal (3-4 pages, including references).