



FULBRIGHT STUDY AND/OR RESEARCH GRANTS TO FRANCE: ENS DE CACHAN (Paris area)

Take advantage of this exciting Fulbright opportunity. Cachan is a mere 15 minute trip from the center of Paris and is home to one of France's very prestigious and highly competitive *grandes écoles*.

The higher education system in France consists of universities and other institutions called the *grandes écoles*. Over 60% of executive directors and CEO's of France's 100 largest firms are graduates of the *grandes écoles* system. The first *grandes écoles* were created in the eighteenth century for specialized training in engineering and industry, and there are nearly two hundred today. Traditional programs cover hard sciences, economics, mathematics, social sciences and humanities. Admission to the *grandes écoles* is a highly selective process involving nation-wide examinations or *concours*. The *grandes écoles* typically maintain close ties with industry and are very internationally focused.

The four *Ecole normale supérieures* (ENS) are part of the *grandes écoles* and among the most prestigious of them: ENS, ENS de Cachan, ENS-Lyon and ENS-LSH. The first *ENS* was founded in the early 19th century, during the revolutionary years. Famous graduates of the *ENS* include Louis Pasteur, Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone Veil, Georges Pompidou, Henri Bergson, and Alfred Kastler among others. Created in 1912, ENS de Cachan is the only one of them to focus specifically in the fields of technology, science and management, in addition to traditional social sciences.

Eligible Candidates: Graduating college seniors, master's and Ph.D. level candidates interested in a training and/or research period at ENS de Cachan

Eligible Fields: hard sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities, management

Language Requirement: An excellent knowledge of French is required for candidates interested in following coursework. A basic knowledge of French may be sufficient for candidates proposing scientific research projects.

Length of Grant: Grants are awarded for a minimum period of 6 months and a maximum period of 12 months.

Benefits: Monthly stipend, full tuition waiver and access to language instruction if needed from ENS de Cachan, complementary funding, travel allowance and health insurance from the Fulbright program.

How to Apply: Interested applicants should first contact the department head or laboratory director in their respective fields to present their research or study project and consequently to obtain affiliation.

For information on specific research laboratories: www.ens-cachan.fr/ – section “Recherche”.

For information on specific academic departments: www.ens-cachan.fr/, section “Formation”.

Once you have completed this initial step, you and your institutional correspondent **must contact the director of International Affairs at ENS de Cachan, Ms. Bogdana Savu-Neuville at sri@ens-cachan.fr**, in order to finalize affiliation and then proceed with the application process at ENS de Cachan.

Proof of this affiliation must be submitted with the Fulbright application to the Institute of International Education (IIE) before the application deadline. Please check the IIE's website for the deadline: www.iie.org.

The grant is awarded to candidates whose **two** applications have been selected by 1) **Fulbright** (Institute of International Education and Franco-American Commission) and 2) **ENS de Cachan**.

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