



Working in France during your studies

French law allows foreign students to work under the following conditions:

- A maximum of 884 hours per year can be worked:
 - During the school year:

Part-time (19.5 hours per week, or 84.5 hours per month).

- During vacation periods:

Full-time within the 884-hour yearly limit.

A provisional work permit must be requested from your local prefecture. The minimum hourly wage in France is €7.61.

Note

Au pair work: students may find housing with a family (either in their apartment or in a separate room) in exchange for several hours of childcare or household tasks per week. More information is available at the AFJE (*Accueil Familial des Jeunes Étrangers*) website: <http://www.afje-paris.org>

A
maximum
of 884
hours
per year
can be
worked.

Grants for students

Foreign students may qualify for three types of grants: granted either by the French government, or by the government of their home country, or by international and non-governmental organizations.

Most of the scholarships financed by the French government are administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which makes approximately 22,000 grants each year.

These grant programs are of two types:

- Scholarships offered under bilateral assistance programs between France and foreign governments. More than 80 percent of French government grants are of this type. Prospective

applicants may obtain information from the office of culture and cooperation at the French embassy and consulates in their country. For more information: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr

- **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs** also provides grants within the framework of specific programs run by its departments in Paris.

A few examples

• Bourses d'excellence Eiffel [Eiffel Excellence Grants]

The Eiffel Excellence Grants are given to top foreign students who wish to pursue their studies in France at the 2nd- and 3rd-cycle levels, in three major areas: engineering science, economics & management, and law & political science:

<http://www.egide.asso.fr/fr/programmes/eiffel/>

• Bourses d'excellence Major [Major Excellence Grants]

As a complement to grants awarded by the Agency for French Teaching Abroad (AEFE), the Major program offers support to foreign students who have attended French lycées abroad: <http://www.cnous.fr>

• Grants from the Collège de Médecine des Hôpitaux de Paris for foreign doctors living in France

Each year, in partnership with the Public Assistance Hospitals of Paris (AH-HP), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers one-year grants to young foreign doctors chosen by the *Collège de Médecine des Hôpitaux de Paris* (CMHP). Candidates must be under 35 years of age and have a qualification level at least equivalent to a fourth-year internship in the Paris public-care hospital system. See <http://www.cmhp.asso.fr/>

Depending on their nationality and *Study Abroad*, certain foreign students may also qualify for aid from **the French Ministry of National Education**: <http://www.cnous.fr> and <http://www.education.gouv.fr>

To learn more:

- Egide : www.egide.asso.fr (click obtenir une bourse)
- CNOUS, the organization that assists recipients of French government scholarships: www.cnous.fr
- ANDES, the national association of doctors of science: www.andes.asso.fr
- There is a complete guide published by **UNESCO Study Abroad**: <http://www.unesco.org/education/studyingabroad/networking/studyabroad.shtml>