

# 2016 FRANCO – THAI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Can I apply for a scholarship from a Franco – Thai program if I am enrolling in a program taught in English?**

A: Yes, if you enrol in a program offered by any French Higher Education Institution and if your application meets eligibility criteria.

**Q: Is there any set quota on number of scholarships granted?**

A: No, there is no specific quota. For the 2015 program around 21 new scholarships were granted.

**Q: Is there any set distribution of scholarships by field of studies?**

A: No, only the best applications are selected, regardless of the field of studies. All fields of studies are encouraged. Every application and project will benefit from a specific attention.

**Q: May I apply for the Franco - Thai scholarship program even if I am not a graduate yet?**

A: Yes, but only if you are currently in your last year of Bachelor at university for a Master level scholarship or in your Master level for a PhD scholarship. You will just need to enclose the attestation of your current enrolment in your university; and if possible your first semester academic records.

**Q: Among the criteria mentioned, which are the most decisive in the awarding of the scholarship?**

A: Every criterion (excellence of the candidate, quality of the study plan, motivation of the candidate, level of proficiency in foreign languages) is decisive.

**Q: What is included in a full scholarship?**

A: The scholarship provides a monthly allowance to pursue studies in France. It also includes social protection coverage for the whole stay in France, priority for student housing and a possible round trip to France.

**Q: What is the difference between a “Bourse de Couverture Sociale” and a Full Scholarship?**

A: A “Bourse de Couverture Sociale” gives right to the social protection coverage for the whole stay in France and priority via Campus France on student housing. A “Bourse de Couverture Sociale” can only be granted if the student benefits from a cost-sharing partner who will support the monthly allowance for the whole, or part of, the period of studies in France. A Full Scholarship includes an additional monthly allowance.

**Q: What is the amount of the monthly allowance provided?**

A: The monthly allowance granted is of 767 Euros per month.

**Q: Does the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program cover tuition fees?**

A: No. Tuition fees are not covered by the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program. Nevertheless, the status of scholar of the French Government entails that tuition fees for some master taught in French and some PhD in public universities are defrayed.

**Q: What is a cost-sharing agreement?**

A: A scholarship can be co-financed by a private company or a foreign or local institution. Different patterns of cost-sharing can be put into place depending on the nature of the relationship between the student and the co-funding institution. Local and foreign universities can participate in this scheme in funding fully or partly the monthly allowance.

**Q: My doctoral school asks for a minimum funding superior to the 767 Euros of the allowance provided by the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program. What should I do?**

A: Since 2011, some doctoral schools ask for a minimum income for students to enrol in their programs. The French Embassy to Thailand cannot financially support the gap between the monthly

allowance and the specific requirement of each doctoral school. Thus, you should get in touch with your doctoral school in order to look for other sources of funding.

**Q: Which level of proficiency in foreign languages is required in order to obtain a scholarship from the French Embassy?**

A: The level of proficiency required should be consistent with the program to be followed.

**Q: May I submit an application if the enrolment or selection process in France is not completed yet?**

A: Yes. If enrolment attestation cannot be provided for the submission of the application to the scholarship program, the applicant can instead include proofs of contact such as mails or e-mails between the university in France and the candidate.

**Q: May I submit an application when the university in France requires the obtaining of the graduate degree before carrying out the enrolment procedure?**

A: If an enrolment attestation cannot be provided for the submission, the application file must include mails or e-mails between the host university in France and the candidate. The university in France could also send an enrolment attestation conditional to the success of the candidate in his/her examinations.

**Q: Should I apply to the first or the second year of the Master Degree?**

A: Due to the difference between French and Thai academic frame regarding the length of the Bachelor Degree, Thai students who got their Bachelor degree in Thailand can apply directly to the second year of a Master Degree in France (M2). Admission to the second year of a Master Degree is under the authority of the selected Higher Education institution.

In some cases, an admission to the first year of the Master Degree may be more appropriate due to various reasons: global level of the training, content of the classes to be attended, specialities of the program,...

The general case for this scholarship program is the first scenario with a scholarship granted for ten months. Enrolment in the first year of a Master Degree will have to be justified.

**Q: What form should the presentation of the personal project take?**

A: The presentation of the personal project should supply the selection committee with key elements in order to help assessing the candidate's choices in terms of university, curriculum, research subject with regards to his/her previous studies. Besides, this presentation should clearly highlight the candidate's motivation. There are no specific requirements regarding the format of this presentation.