

WHY STUDY IN FRANCE?

FRANCE, A PREFERRED
DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN
STUDENTS

KEY INFO IN

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POINTS

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▶ TRAINING FUNDED AND CERTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT

France funds a large proportion of the real costs in every student's education (€11,740 per student per year). **No distinction is made between foreign students and French students:** admission criteria, diplomas awarded and affordable registration fees are identical. Tertiary degrees and diplomas are structured around the European Bachelor's / Master's / Doctorate framework and are certified by the government, ensuring that they are internationally recognized.

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▶ EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION, TAILORED TO ALL REQUIREMENTS

France's higher education system comprises a network of 3,500 public and private establishments. France offers high-quality education at all levels and in every subject. There are more than 900 English language programs in France, covering all sectors.

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▶ ADVANCED RESEARCH PROGRAMS

France is ranked sixth in the world for gross domestic expenditure on research and development. The CNRS is the world's leading research body (*Nature Index*, 2015). **Twelve of the 55 Fields medals (often described as the "Nobel Prize for Mathematics")** have been awarded to French nationals. **Forty-two percent of doctoral students** enrolled in France are from other countries.

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▶ A GLOBAL ECONOMIC POWER

France is the **world's fifth largest economy**, the second largest European economy by GDP and the continent's second largest market, with 65 million consumers (IMF 2014, Eurostat 2014). France is the world's fourth largest exporter of services (WTO, 2013) and Europe's leading destination for investment in industry. (EY, 2014)

5 ▶ CUTTING-EDGE INDUSTRIES AND WORLD-LEADING FIRMS

France is home to **31 of the world's 500 leading companies** (Fortune Global 500, 2014). Several French industrial groups are leading players in their sector, with operations throughout the world: Airbus (aerospace), Total (oil and gas), Orange (telecoms), Sanofi (healthcare), LVMH (luxury goods), L'Oréal (cosmetics), and Danone (agri-food).

6 ▶ AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE TO INNOVATION AND YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

France is **Europe's best represented country** in an index of the 100 most innovative organizations in the world (Thomson Reuters, 2014). It is ranked sixth in the world for the number of international patents filed (WIPO, 2013), while France's 71 innovation clusters provide attractive ecosystems comprising startups, laboratories, universities and major companies. The **"La French Tech" initiative**, involving €200 million of investment, is supporting the development of digital companies and attracting young talent.

7 ▶ A PLEASANT, FULFILLING LIVING ENVIRONMENT AT THE HEART OF EUROPE

Standing at the heart of Europe, France is the **world's leading destination for foreign tourists** (UNWTO, 2014). Paris has been ranked the world's best student city for the third year running (QS *Best Student Cities*, 2014). France is ranked third in the world for having healthcare infrastructure that matches the needs of society. (IMD, 2014)

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▶ FRANCE'S INIMITABLE WAY OF LIFE

More than 40,000 protected sites and monuments, 39 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 8,000 museums, 2,000 cinemas and nearly 500 festivals reflect **France's incredibly rich cultural landscape**. France's output in every artistic field is truly outstanding. With 15 winners, including Patrick Modiano in 2014, France has received more Nobel Prizes for Literature (15) than any other country.

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▶ FRENCH, AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

French is spoken on all five continents and is the official language of many nations and international organizations. It is the world's fifth most spoken language, with 274 million speakers and is the world's most frequently taught language after English. French is also the **third most commonly used language for business** and the second most used language in international media. (International Organisation of La Francophonie, 2014)

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▶ AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

With almost 300,000 foreign nationals enrolled in higher education (MENESR, 2014), France is the **third leading host country in the world for foreign students** after the United States and the United Kingdom (UNESCO, 2014). 80% of those who have studied in France say they are satisfied with the quality of the education received and the practical value of their qualification. **Nine foreign students in 10** have a positive opinion of their time in the country and **recommend France as a studies destination**. (Campus France survey - TNS Sofres, 2013)



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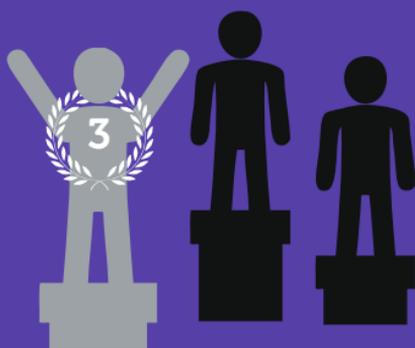
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