

« France Excellence Internships »

Guidelines for universities

France is the first top destination in European Union for students from Singapore wishing to pursue a higher education, with around 500 new students arriving every year. Singapore is also the leading destination for French investment in South-East Asia, with more than 1,000 French companies based in the City-State. In the context of the France-Singapore Year of Innovation (January 2018 – March 2019), which provided a new impetus to the bilateral relationship with 12 ministerial-level visits and over 60 events held in both Singapore and France, we developed the idea of encouraging Singaporean students to acquire a unique skill set “à la française” through an internship in French MNCs with a strong presence in Singapore.

France Excellence Internships programme is supported by the Embassy of France in Singapore, more than twenty French companies and Singaporean universities (NTU, NUS, SIT, SMU, SUSS and SUTD). This programme is the perfect vehicle for Singaporean students to do a 3- to 6-month internship in a French company, in France or in the region. The programme supports a very wide range of internships including engineering, business, art design, social science, management and much more.

Programme Guidelines

I. Student eligibility criteria

1. The programme is open to undergraduates in their 3rd or 4th year (Bachelor level) and to graduate students (Master Level).
2. The internships are between two to six months.
3. The only requirement is an English proficiency.
4. The internships are open to students from any nationality but they **must be enrolled in any of the six partner universities for the whole duration of the internship**: NTU, NUS, SIT, SMU, SUSS and SUTD.
5. The internships may be carried out in any domain, no restriction applies.

II. Support provided by the Embassy of France and the French companies

For the internships carried out in France:

- I. Students selected in the programme **will be exempt from visa fees** (i.e exempted of approximately 150SGD, service fees are still to be paid to VFS Global agency).
- II. The Embassy of France will **cover the cost of the round trip plane tickets**.

- III. The Embassy of France will **secure an accommodation** for the students during the internship period. The rent is to be borne by the students themselves.
- IV. Students will **receive a scholarship from the Embassy of France in order to follow French language classes** (approximatively 4 hours/week) during the first three months of the internship period.
- 6. The French company will provide monthly stipend to the student during his internship of a minimum of 577.50 €/month (≈885 SGD) according to the French Law when the internship takes place in France.
- 7. All the remaining costs are at the charge of the student.

The companies are fully responsible of the selection of candidates. The application will be jointly approved by both the Embassy of France and the French company. After the selection is made, Campus France, a French public organisation attached to the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, will take over the administration of the logistical aspects of the scholarship (plane tickets, health insurance coverage, accommodation assistance, etc.).

The Embassy of France reserves the right to reject any student application or withdraw an internship offered through the France Excellence Internships programme.

III. Guidelines and key dates

Timeline	
09 March	Opening of internship applications to students
March - April	Promotion of the programme at some career fairs on university campuses
17 April	End of internship application
24 April	Selection of candidates Applicants will be notified online through the platform
4 May	Start of administrative process for students taking part in the programme (acceptance letter, scholarship application, visa application, etc.)
15 June	Internship agreement to be signed by all parties
01 July	Start of the first internships