



Ampère Excellence Scholarships - Bourses d'excellence Ampère

International selection for Sciences Master's programs

- Mathematics, Computer science-Informatics, Physics, Chemistry, Biosciences, Earth science -

Study and discover with us

Lyon, an international city

ENS Lyon is located in the Gerland-District Technology cluster in the southern part of Lyon, 15 minutes from the heart of the city. With a population of 1.2 million inhabitants, Lyon receives approximately 120,000 students including about 15,000 foreign students.

Lyon and its region are in line with the dynamic economic image of a major European hub. This success, which is deeply rooted in Lyon's history, results mainly from a remarkable synergy between economic development, multi-sectorial research and international collaboration. With a widespread reputation for its high quality of life, its traditional gastronomy and its cultural activities, Lyon has all the advantages of a modern metropolitan city with international ambitions. Close to the well-known Beaujolais wine region, Lyon is ideally situated with easy access to the Alpine ski resorts and the sunny Mediterranean coast. In 1998, Lyon's historical city center was granted World Heritage classification by UNESCO.

For more information:

City of Lyon : <http://www.mairie-lyon.fr/>

University of Lyon : <http://www.univ-lyon.asso.fr/>

Tourism office : <http://www.lyon-france.com/>

Study at a top-level French institution

The *Ecole normale supérieure de Lyon* (ENS Lyon) is one of the four prestigious French *écoles normales supérieures*. Its mission is to prepare nearly 200 carefully selected students each year, for teaching, university or top level executive positions in research, civil service and business.

The ENS Lyon offers scientific studies covering Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth Sciences. We aim to provide the highest quality of teaching at our institution. Flexibility, autonomy, an excellent tutorial system, and strong links with high-level research are the main characteristics of the academic facilities at the ENS Lyon. Students are selected two years after finishing high school through national exams or specific application processes. About 85% of them complete their studies with a Ph.D.

ENS Lyon laboratories and research:

- **Pure and applied Mathematics**
- **Computer Science**
- **Physics**
- **Chemistry**
- **Astronomical Research Centre**
- **Earth Sciences**
- **molecular and cellular Biology**
- **Plant Reproduction and Development**
- **Human Virology**
- **Interdisciplinary Research**

Research activities are organized around 10 laboratories totalling about 500 professors, permanent scientists, doctorate students, post-doctorate researchers and visitors. All these laboratories are strongly supported by the French National Research institutes (CNRS, INRA, INSERM, INRIA) and have close links with industry and many national or international academic institutions.

Science Master's program at the ENS Lyon

ENS Lyon offers a Sciences master's degree in the following fields: Mathematics and applications, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, molecular and cellular Biology, and Earth Science.

The Full description of courses is available on our website : www.ens-lyon.fr

Ampère Excellence Scholarships

The ENS Lyon offers scholarships for Sciences Master's programs exclusively reserved for international students. These scholarships are aimed at the most outstanding students currently in their final year of undergraduate studies. If selected, they then become ENS Lyon International Students and receive a monthly allowance of 1,000 euros. The scholarship is awarded for one academic year and is renewable for a second year in order to obtain a Master of Science degree. Renewal depends on the participants' academic achievement.

Conditions of application

Scholarship candidates must fulfill all of the following conditions:

- Applicants must be non-French students.
- They must have started their higher education outside of France
- They must have already obtained an undergraduate degree or be currently enrolled in their final year of undergraduate studies or be currently enrolled in their first year of graduate studies

Availability for interview

Whenever possible, the selection committee prefers to interview applicants before their final selection. Please indicate on the application form any dates when you may not be available in June 2009.

Application form

A completed form (either in French or English) must include the following:

- the application form, completed legibly in black ink or using a typewriter or word processor;
- proof of Nationality;
- a recent passport-style photograph;
- full academic transcript of undergraduate studies;
- copies of all degrees—candidates will be asked to bring the original documents before final selection;
- a curriculum vitae.

In addition, one reference form each must be completed by two academic references. References must be university teachers who are able to assess your work. All references must be submitted on official letterhead.

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Application Schedule :

Information about the ENS Lyon along with full details about Ampère Excellence Scholarships and application forms are available on our website: <http://www.ens-lyon.fr>

January 6 th 2010	Application forms available
February 16 th 2010	Deadline for returning completed application forms—applications received after this date will not be considered.
Mid-March 2010	Candidates are informed by mail as to whether their application has been short-listed. Candidates whose applications have been short-listed may be requested to come to Lyon for interviews with the selection committee.
End-April 2010	Candidates are informed whether or not they have been selected.
End-August to mid-September	Intensive French language summer course (optional).
Beginning of September	Beginning of the academic year.

Financial conditions and practical information

ENS housing is available to International students. In addition, students must subscribe to health insurance in France in order to be able to obtain a residence permit (*carte de séjour*). It is the student's responsibility to obtain the immigration documents required by French authorities to remain legally in France.

The following figures are for information only. They do not include transportation and personal expenses.

- Tuition fees: None for scholarship award winners
- Registration fees: around €230 per year
- Compulsory insurance:
 - health insurance: €200 / 400 per year
 - civil liability: €12 / 30 per year
- Lodging: €197 / 311 per month
- Food: €200 per month

A few study courses are given in English (see website for details) but the normal **teaching language is French**. Intensive French courses will be offered to all international students, allowing a basic mastery of the language after a few weeks and helping them to enjoy everyday life in France. However, most teachers may begin the courses in English, switching to French after a while. Another possibility is to have the course in one language and the classwork in another. In any case, exams will be given in English on request.

A wide choice of other languages and cultural activities are on offer. Students receive personalized support from a specially assigned tutor, who provides guidance throughout their studies at ENS Lyon.