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Resolutely intent on extending its international appeal, ENS selects foreign students every year, who enrol in the courses taught at the school. Alongside available exchange programmes and on the basis of a competitive entrance exam, the International Selection recruits outstanding candidates who are eager to be involved in a research-based academic curriculum.

Who are we looking for? We are interested in students from all geographical backgrounds and from all disciplines. As an excellent scholar, you wish to explore an exceptional studying and research environment in close contact with world-class academics? As an open-minded learner, you wish to add an interdisciplinary approach to your education? As a spirited student, you wish to take part in a cosmopolitan campus life?

Admission to ENS through the International Selection will give you access to excellent education provided by renowned professors and consolidated by individual tutoring and support. You will become an integral part of the close-knit community of ENS students and researchers and will receive a monthly grant of 1000 Euros for two or three years.

France is the third preferred country worldwide for study-abroad programmes, Paris being the students’ overwhelming first choice. Residing on campus, you will enjoy a unique student life experience in the centre of Paris, at the heart of the cultural and intellectual life of the “Quartier Latin”. With great freedom to choose your courses, you can satisfy your intellectual curiosity and attend lectures by eminent specialists. Your interdisciplinary curriculum can also include learning one of the 17 languages taught at the school’s language centre. At the end of your studies, you will graduate with the ENS diploma, as well as a Master’s degree in your field.

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École normale supérieure is as much a community of students as it is a place of learning. Here, a geographer can dance with a computer scientist and schedule film club screenings with a physicist, while an economist may very well face an archaeologist in a rugby game. All nationalities of students meet and learn together in small group classes, hence building close relationships which form the basis of the strong identity of ENS. Student clubs, societies and organizations invite you to try more than fifty cultural and artistic activities and sports. To mention but a few examples, the Arts Office (Bureau des Arts) proposes discount tickets for Paris’s greatest venues along with guided tours of historical monuments and cultural institutions, while the Student Office (COF) organizes trips to regions of France and European cities. Students can choose from this large panel and join the Student Radio, take swing dance and circus classes or again try debating, sailing, wine-tasting or climbing as well as a variety of team sports. Displaying renewed inventiveness and curiosity every year, ENS students also continue to build partnerships with local and national institutions and infrastructures. For instance, La Voix d’un Texte (Voice of a text), developed with the support of the French Institute, combines literature, research and theatre in its monthly programme: a French author is selected, whose texts are read by a renowned actor and commented on by an academic expert. As a student of the International Selection, you will be able to join one of these initiatives or launch your own project.

> Nobel Prize Laureates

> **PHYSICS**
- Serge Haroche (2012)
- Albert Fert (2007)
- Claude Cohen-Tannoudji (1997)
- Pierre-Gilles de Gennes (1991)

> **CHEMISTRY**
- Louis Néel (1970)
- Alfred Kastler (1966)
- Jean Perrin (1926)
- Gabriel Lippmann (1908)

> **LITERATURE**
- Jean-Paul Sartre (1964 - declined)
- Henri Bergson (1927)
- Romain Rolland (1915)

> **ECONOMICS**
- Gérard Debreu (1983)

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tual and cultural life
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cellent education
- On-campus accommodation and a vibrant student life
- A monthly grant for two or three years

**IN PARIS, AT THE HEART OF THE « QUARTIER LATIN »**

The school’s neighbourhood abounds with prestigious research and learning institutions as well as a plethora of cultural infrastructures: cinemas, bookshops, libraries, museums, gardens and historical monuments await your visit.

> **How to apply:**
Candidates must send their application to Admissions between December 2d, 2014 and February 10th, 2015:

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