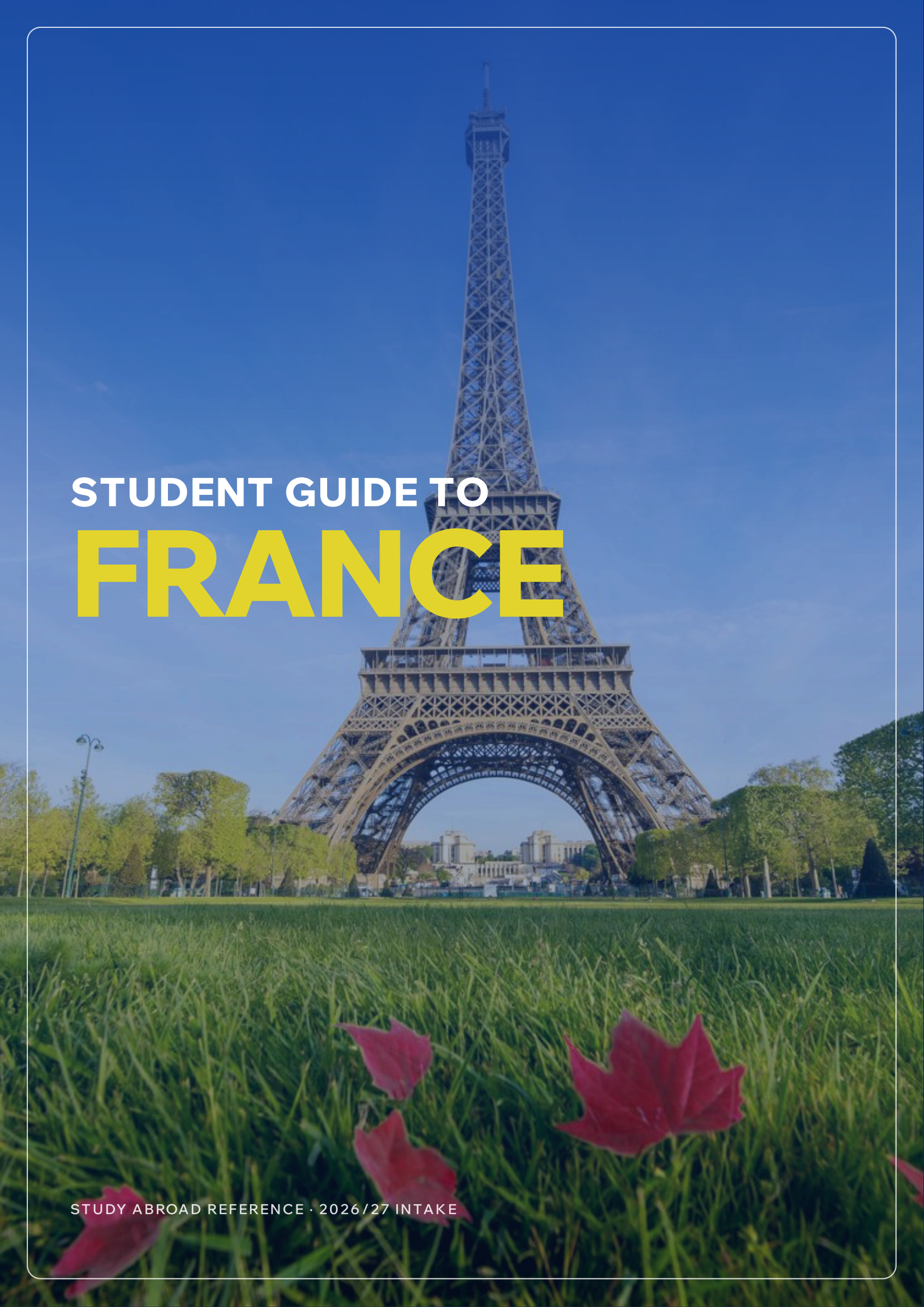


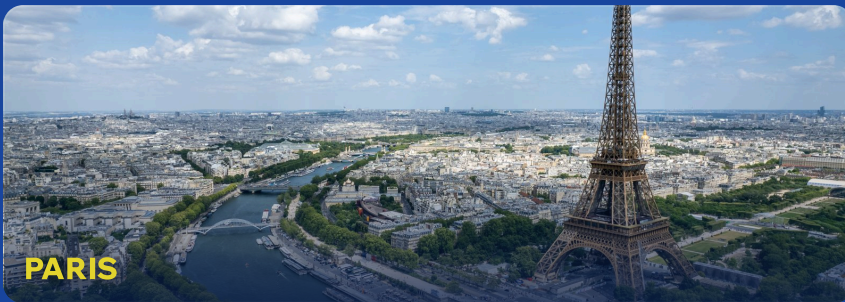


STUDENT GUIDE TO **FRANCE**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT FRANCE

- France has **18 regions**, with **Paris** as the capital and largest city.
- Home to around **68 million people** — the **world's 7th largest economy**.
- A global leader in **aerospace, luxury, business and the arts**, with a highly skilled workforce.
- **French** is the official language; a wide range of **English-taught** programmes is available.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:

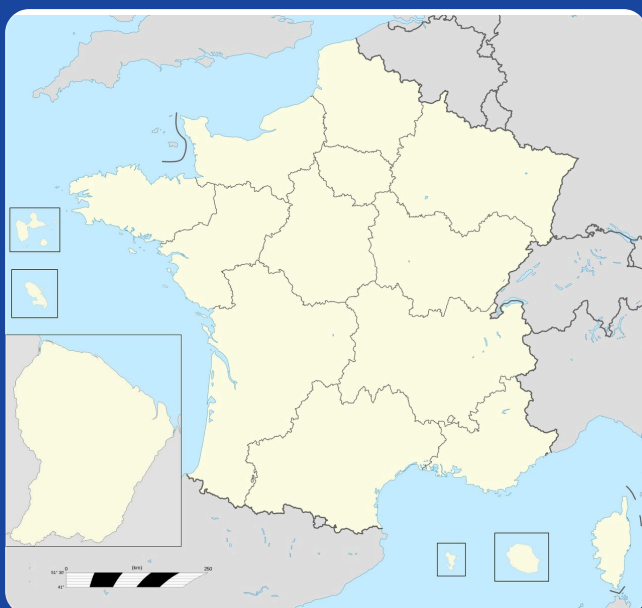


INDIA TO FRANCE

CURRENCY

Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 9h 00m	France
Mumbai	≈ 9h 30m	France
Bengaluru	≈ 10h 30m	France
Chennai	≈ 10h 45m	France
Hyderabad	≈ 10h 15m	France



FACTS

- Capital: **Paris**
- Flight distance: ~6,600 km
- Time zone: **CET (UTC+1)**
- Public tuition: **€2,902 BA / €3,941 MA**
- Proof of funds: **~€615 / month**
- Main intakes: **Sep · Jan**

Up to ~30% of students receive partial tuition exemptions. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

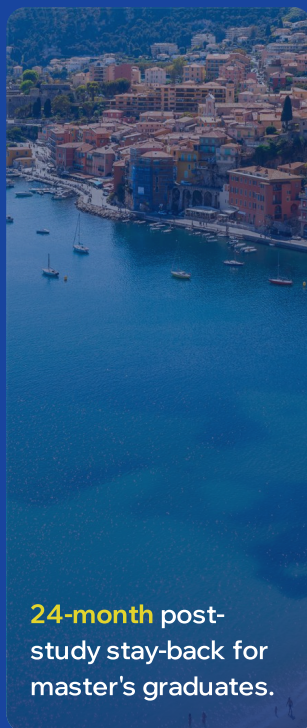
WHY STUDY IN FRANCE?



Low public tuition compared with other Western destinations.



Globally ranked universities and elite grandes écoles.



24-month post-study stay-back for master's graduates.



English-taught master's in business, engineering and arts.



France blends **academic prestige** with **strong industry and research links** across Europe.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- France offers **3,500+ higher-education institutions** across public and private sectors.
- They fall into three broad groups:



PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Broad, low-cost degree programmes across all disciplines.



GRANDES ÉCOLES

Selective elite schools for engineering, business and public policy.



SPECIALISED SCHOOLS

Art, design, fashion, culinary and hospitality institutes.



A campus network spanning **historic cities** and **modern research hubs**.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- France hosts several **globally ranked** universities and grandes écoles.
- Admission is **competitive and merit-based**.

Université PSL

PARIS

Sciences, humanities and the arts — consistently top-ranked in France.

Institut Polytechnique de Paris

PALAISEAU

Engineering, technology and applied sciences.

Sorbonne University

PARIS

Arts, sciences, medicine and research.

Université Paris-Saclay

SACLAY

Science, mathematics and innovation.

Sciences Po

PARIS

Politics, international affairs and social sciences.

Université Grenoble Alpes

GRENOBLE

Engineering, physics and environmental sciences.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- France is renowned for fields that lead to **strong global careers** — many taught in English.



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

Home to world-leading business schools and MBAs.



ENGINEERING & AEROSPACE

A European hub for aviation, space and mobility.



FASHION & LUXURY

The global capital of luxury brands and design.



CULINARY & HOSPITALITY

World-renowned gastronomy and hotel management.



COMPUTER SCIENCE & AI

Growing strength in data, AI and software.



SCIENCES & RESEARCH

Physics, mathematics and life sciences.

TUITION & COSTS

- Public universities charge **low, government-set tuition** — far below other Western destinations.

Public university — Bachelor
non-EU rate, per year

€2,902

Public university — Master
non-EU rate, per year

€3,941

Student & campus contribution
CVEC, per year

~€100

Grandes écoles & private schools

€3,000–20,000 / yr

Proof of funds for visa
~€615/month

~€7,380 / yr



Up to **30% of international students** receive partial tuition exemptions each year.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **€900–1,100 per month**; Paris is costlier than other cities.

Accommodation

student residence or shared flat

€400–800

Food & groceries

€250–300

Transport

discounted student passes

€30–75

Health cover

student social security

~€20

Phone, internet & leisure

€100–150

Estimated monthly total

~€1,000

Figures indicative for 2026 — actual costs vary significantly between Paris and regional cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- A wide range of government and institutional scholarships support international students.

Eiffel Excellence Scholarship

GOVERNMENT · MERIT

Prestigious French government award for master's and PhD students.

Charpak Scholarship

FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

French Embassy in India programme supporting Indian students in France.

French Government (BGF)

BOURSE DU GOUVERNEMENT

Living, tuition and insurance support for selected candidates.

Erasmus+ & Regional

EU & LOCAL

Mobility grants plus scholarships from regions and universities.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL for English-taught courses.
- **DEL F / DAL F B2** for French-taught programmes.
- Apply via the **Campus France** "Études en France" process.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** / TOEFL; GRE/GMAT for some programmes.
- French proficiency for French-taught master's.
- **Campus France** registration required.

INTAKES

- **September** — main intake · apply roughly Oct–Mar via Campus France
- **January** — limited courses · earlier deadlines
- Indian students must apply through **Campus France India**.

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

CAMPUS FRANCE

Complete the "Études en France" procedure and academic interview.

2

ADMISSION LETTER

Secure your letter of acceptance from a French institution.

3

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show around €615/month (~€7,380/year) for living costs.

4

APPLY VIA VFS

Submit your long-stay student visa (VLS-TS) application.

5

HEALTH COVER

Register with French student social security on arrival.

6

VALIDATE & REGISTER

Validate your VLS-TS online within three months of arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work up to **964 hours per year** — about 20 hours a week — alongside studies.

24-Month Stay-Back (APS)

AFTER A MASTER'S

A temporary residence permit to find work or start a business.

Talent Passport

SKILLED ROUTE

A multi-year residence permit for qualified graduates and professionals.

EU Access

MOBILITY

A French qualification opens doors across the wider European job market.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Engineering, IT, luxury, hospitality and aerospace.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and programmes matching your profile and intake.

2

CAMPUS FRANCE

Register on "Études en France" and prepare your application.

3

LANGUAGE & DOCUMENTS

Complete IELTS/DELF, transcripts, SOP, LORs and CV.

4

APPLY

Submit to your chosen institutions via Campus France or their portals.

5

ADMISSION & FUNDS

Accept your offer and arrange proof of financial means.

6

VISA & DEPARTURE

Apply for your long-stay student visa and prepare to move.



Your French study journey — one step at a time.