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AT ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE,
AT THE HEART OF PARIS

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/ ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE

At the pinnacle of French scientific excellence, ENS is a prestigious teaching and research institution. Amongst its alumni are 12 Nobel Prize laureates, 10 French recipients of the Fields Medal and half of CNRS Gold Medal winners. Since its foundation in 1794, renowned intellectuals such as Évariste Galois, Louis Pasteur, Simone Weil, Paul Sabatier, Jean-Paul Sartre, Samuel Beckett, Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, Michel Foucault, Pierre Bourdieu, Aimé Césaire or Serge Haroche have studied or taught at ENS. The École is the highest-rated French institution in international university rankings.

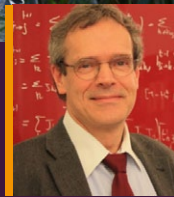
Located in central Paris, at the heart of the *Quartier Latin*, ENS has developed a unique research-based approach to education, at once highly specialized and interdisciplinary, at the interface of varied disciplines across 15 departments. Postgraduate students can choose between 44 different Master's programmes and 30 graduate schools. At all levels, students have access to the École's **exceptional resources: 35 internationally recognized research units, 12 libraries with more than 800000 documents** in open access, and numerous conferences by renowned academics from France and from abroad, 4000 of which are available online on the SAVOIRS-ENS website.

ENS is a member of **Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University (PSL)**, a network of elite higher-education institutions which have initiated collaborative research projects characterized by their ambition and innovation. Within PSL, ENS students are offered exceptional possibilities for their studies and research, most notably in the fields of technology and art.

The 15 departments of ENS

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Cognitives Sciences
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Theoretical and Applied Mathematics
- Physics
- Geosciences
- History
- Art History and Theory
- Geography
- Literature and Languages
- Philosophy
- Classics
- Social Sciences

/ A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR



With 2700 registered students in Science and Humanities, primarily at postgraduate level, ENS occupies a unique position among first-class universities worldwide. Its contribution to scientific excellence and to French intellectual life is substantial. This grande école (elite institution of higher education) provides top-level, research-based education with a focus on innovation and creativity. As a student at ENS, you will select your preferred courses in great intellectual freedom, in close interaction with your tutor and teachers. Graduating from ENS will open a broad range of career opportunities – the intellectual excellence and originality of ENS graduates is indeed highly valued.

Curricula taught at ENS are particularly varied, thanks to multiple partnerships with sister universities and higher education institutions in Paris. As a founding member of Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL), a network of leading Parisian research universities and institutes, ENS offers its students exceptionally broad options for their education.

You will benefit from an outstanding scientific and intellectual environment characterized by an interdisciplinary approach and the possibility to work alongside 1500 researchers from 35 research units of international repute, whose cutting-edge work is recognized worldwide. Students of all backgrounds live on campus in central Paris where they enjoy a remarkably rich cultural and social life.

At ENS, you will be able to quench your thirst for knowledge and see your creativity flourish.

Marc Mézard



/ WHY STUDY AT ENS ?

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 intellectual and cultural 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.



28
CNRS
Gold Medal
winners



10
Fields Medal
recipients



12
Nobel
Prize
laureates



1500
researchers



35
research
units

2700 STUDENTS

700 FOREIGN STUDENTS

8th BEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD

1st BEST FRENCH UNIVERSITY *

* Shanghai ranking (Performance of alumni)



/ A GLOBAL NETWORK

200 EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES AND PARTNERSHIPS

With prestigious universities and research institutes in more than 30 countries and on 5 continents

MOOCS

Conceived and taught in English and in French by ENS professors

INTELLECTUAL LIFE

Conferences and seminars by Visiting Professors and world-class academics who share in the elaboration of top-level research projects



/ A VIBRANT CAMPUS LIFE

ENS 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*, 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.



HOW TO APPLY :

Candidates must submit their electronic file according to the modalities indicated on www.ens.fr/article2771

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CHEMISTRY : Paul Sabatier (1912)

LITERATURE: Jean-Paul Sartre (1964 - refusé), Henri Bergson (1927), Romain Rolland (1915)

ECONOMICS : Gérard Debreu (1983)



In Paris, at the heart of the *Quartier Latin*

Around the ENS are gathered some prestigious teaching and research institutions and numerous culture and sports equipments.



/ INTERNATIONAL SELECTION OF ENS GIVES YOU ACCESS TO:

- ✓ A prestigious school at the heart of Parisian intellectual and cultural life
- ✓ An exceptional learning environment with firstclass research and excellent education
- ✓ On-campus accommodation and a vibrant student life
- ✓ A monthly grant for two or three years



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