BACK TO SCHOOL 2020: ADVICE FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS COMING TO FRANCE



ALL AUDIENCES

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#covid-19 #Back to school 2020

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, France is ready to welcome international students and researchers. Depending on your country of origin, the steps to follow are different. Campus France published a flyer with useful information to prepare your arrival in France.

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Despite the coronavirus pandemic, France has done everything to let you join your institution safely at the start of the academic year, whatever your country of origin. Whether you are a student in long-term or short-term studies, a student in an internship or a researcher, you are welcome to France.

Since August 18, 2020 French consulates are authorized to deliver visas to international students and researchers:

- Long stay visa for studies or internship
- Short stay visa for studies or internship (except for competitive examinations VCS Concours)
- Long stay visa "Passeport talent".

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YOU ARE COMING TO FRANCE FROM A GREEN AREA COUNTRY

International students and researchers from countries in the green aera can travel to France without restriction.

- European area: European Union Member States, United Kingdom, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marina, Switzerland, Vatican
- Other countries: Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay (the list is updated every two weeks).

Special provisions are planned for the Overseas Territories.

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YOU ARE COMING TO FRANCE FROM A RED AREA COUNTRY

Borders are closed, except for specific classes of travellers, including students and researchers, **under specific conditions** depending on the country of origin.

All travellers must carry:

- The exceptional international travel certificate for Metropolitan France which can be downloaded on the Ministry of the Interior's website
 https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Attestation-de-deplacement-et-de-voyage. You must present this certificate to travel companies before using your travel ticket, as well as to border control authorities (for travel by air, sea and land, including by rail).
- A sworn statement that you do not have COVID-19 symptoms (included in the same document).
- A "contact" sheet provinding your residence address in France

Additional steps depending on the country of origin:

- Travellers coming from Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, the Bahamas, Belize,
 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cabo-Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,
 Dominican Republic, Guyana, India, Iraq, Israel, Kosovo, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya,
 Madagascar, Maldives, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Oman, Palestinian
 Territories, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Serbia, Turkey or Ukraine: students and
 researchers must show a negative PCR test from under 72 hours before boarding or
 carry out a test upon arrival. In case of positive result, a 14-day quarantine is
 mandatory.
- Travellers coming from Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, or Panama: Students and researchers must show a negative COVID test from under 72 hours before boarding
- Travellers from all other countries: students and researchers are invited to show a negative PCR test from under 72 hours before boarding or carry out a voluntary 7-day quarantine on arrival. Such quarantine implies staying at home, avoiding contact with others as much as possible, monitoring your temperature and reporting any symptom to a doctor. This voluntary 7-day quarantine aims to protect everyone's

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

Students registered in a higher education institution in French Guiana, Mayotte, French Polynesia, and New Caledonia must fill out a specific travel certificate, regardless of their country of origin (European area, countries in green zone and countries in red zone). This certificate is available on the website of the Ministry of the Interior https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Attestation-de-deplacement-et-de-voyage.

Any student registered in an overseas institution (Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, Reunion, Mayotte, French Polynesia, New Caledonia) must complete a negative PCR test 72 hours before arriving in the overseas territory concerned, regardless of their country of origin (metropolitan France, European space, countries in the green zone and countries in the red zone).

7 DAYS QUARANTINE

Upon your arrival or during your study stay in France, you may be invited to spend 7 days in guarantine. In this case it is recommended to:

- Stay at home as much as possible
- · Limit your time outside to essential needs
- Avoid contact and always wear a mask in the presence of another person
- Inform your training institution for distance support in the registration process etc.
- At home, avoid contact with other people in your residence
- In case you have accommodation in a university residence, inform the host of the quarantine so that cleaning and disinfection measures can be implemented
- In case of symptoms, contact a doctor immediately.

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CAMPUS FRANCE INFORMATION FLYER

Campus France has published a flyer that summarises information on the steps to follow for international students and researchers.



Flyer France welcomes you!

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france.org/en/resource/international-students-france-welcomes-you>

It is available in French, English and Spanish. It will be updated regularly, depending on the pandemic situation.

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