

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**IFPO & CONSULATE GENERAL OF FRANCE IN JERUSALEM**  
**FRANCE EXCELLENCE PHD SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**IN SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES**

**Scholarship programme 2024-2025**

**1. Presentation and aims of the programme**

The French Institute of the Near East (Ifpo) and the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem are launching a new study scholarship at doctoral level in humanities and social sciences for the academic year 2024-2025.

**2. Length of stay**

The France Excellence PhD scholarships covers up to three years. Six-month theoretical periods in France will alternate with six-month practical periods in Jerusalem and/or Palestinian territories.

**3. Conditions for applicants**

Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Be a **Palestinian national** (dual citizens French-Palestinian are not eligible);
- Be a permanent resident in West Bank, Jerusalem or Gaza strip;
- Hold a **master's degree** or finishing last year of master;
- Have an **admission or pre-admission** in a certified French higher education establishment hosting a doctoral school;
- Be proficient in the language of study and research;
- Have a thesis project in line with the disciplinary fields of Ifpo, that is to say in humanities and social sciences in Palestine and Near East, from the Prehistorical period till the contemporary period (inclusive).

This scholarship cannot be combined with any other full grants (for example Erasmus+).

**Co-funding is highly encouraged.**

The French Institute of the Near East and the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem are committed to promoting gender equality. Women are highly encouraged to send their applications.

**4. Selection criteria**

Only candidates with complete applications and meeting all of the above conditions will be considered for this grant. The selection criteria are the following:

- **Academic excellence** and level in the language of the thesis;
- **Quality of the research project**;
- **Necessity for stays in France and in Jerusalem/Palestinian territories** for the thesis projet;

- Project relevance and consistency with past experiences and the professional project;
- Quality of extra-curricular experiences;
- Motivation.

A close attention will be paid to thesis topics that fit within current research axis and projects of Ifpo.

Interest in reciprocal cooperation will also be taken into account, as the doctoral scholarship could, for example, be complementary to a research project Partenariat Hubert Curien Al Maqdisi.

The final selection is conditional to sending a copy of the Master's diplomat and a letter of admission in PhD thesis.

## 5. Amount of the scholarship

This France Excellence PhD grant is co-funded by the Consulate general of France in Jerusalem and the French Institute of Near East.

The grant from the Consulate general of France in Jerusalem covers the stays in France of the selected student. It gives to beneficiary the status of French government scholarship holder during the 18 months of PhD thesis in France, in alternance with their stays in Jerusalem and/or Palestinian territories, within a 3-year period. The duration of stay in France may not exceed 6 months per year.

The scholarship during the stay in France includes:

- A **monthly allowance** (fixed at 1690 euro per month in 2024<sup>1</sup>, flat-rate deduction for the provision of accommodation);
- **3 round-trip airplane tickets and transportation** (train or bus) to the city of study in France (corresponding to the 3 periods of six months spent in France);
- Health and liability insurance in France;
- Assistance from the Campus France agency to find an accommodation;
- Visa free of charge (except for Aramex);
- Exemption of national tuition fees in universities recognized by the French Ministry of Higher education.

This scholarship does not cover:

- Transportation to get to the departure airport
- Any other expenses incurred by the research project and the stay in France.

**Visa applications remain the responsibility of the beneficiaries.** Also note that the allowance is insufficient to cover travel and family expenses. Campus France only assists for the search of one-person accommodation.

The grant from the French Institute of the Near East (Ifpo) includes:

- A monthly allowance of €1,060 (within the limit of seven months per year, that is to say six months of stay in Jerusalem/Palestinian territories per year with a tolerance of one month to take into consideration the hazards of the calendar. The total amount of the allowances paid to the student cannot exceed €19,080 (that is to say 18 monthly allocations of €1,060);
- A desk at Ifpo office in Jerusalem.

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<sup>1</sup> For following years, the yearly decision of the minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France will fix the amount of the grant.

The scholarship starts with 6 months in France, from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, therefore the allowances from Ifpo will be staggered over the years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

The selecting student is responsible for contracting a social insurance in Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories.

## 6. How to apply?

Before starting the online application procedure, you need to find a thesis director and get a pre-admission from a French doctoral school. Then, gather the required documents (below).

Directory of doctoral schools [here](#).

The [application form](#) must be filled in online.

The application, written **in English or French**, must include the following documents:

Files to attach (PDF format)	Name of file
1. Passport copy	1_FAMILYNAME*_FIRSTNAME*_PASSEPORT
2. Admission letter or pre-admission letter in a doctoral school <u>signed by the director of the French lab</u>	1_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_PREADMISSION
3. Detailed thesis project (3 pages maximum) specifying the topic, a short literature review, the research question, the methodology as well as the calendar considered for the thesis (including stays in France and in Palestine)	2_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_PROJET
4. Resume (two pages maximum)	3_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_CV
5. Cover letter	4_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_MOTIV
6. Copy of Tawjihi, baccalaureate or equivalent	6_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_TAWJIHI or FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_BACCALAUREAT
7. Bachelor's degree or equivalent	7_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_BACHELOR
8. Master's degree or equivalent (or official letter from your university with the provisional date of graduation)	8_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_MASTER
9. Transcripts	9_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_RELEVE1, 9_FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_RELEVE2, ...
Any other useful item (for instance: language certificate, recommandation letter, other diplomas, etc.)	Examples: FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_DELF, FAMILYNAME_FIRSTNAME_IELTS or FAMI- LYNAME_FIRSTNAME_RECOMM...

\*Replace with your family name and first name. Please respect the format and name of each file.

The application file must be sent **before April 12th at 6PM** to the following email addresses: [universitaire@consulfrance-jerusalem.org](mailto:universitaire@consulfrance-jerusalem.org) and [secretariat.directeur@ifporient.org](mailto:secretariat.directeur@ifporient.org) adding « *FAMILY NAME First name – Candidature – Bourse IFPO / CF JERUSALEM* » in the subject line. **Only complete applications** in the required format will be considered.

Please note that all documents **must not exceed 5 Mo**. Possibility of sending 2 e-mails if necessary. Paper files will not be accepted.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to you by email a few days after receipt of the file. Do not hesitate to write to us if you do not receive the acknowledgement of receipt as some emails are not received due to their size.

It should also be noted that in order to obtain this grant, **the successful applicants must devote themselves full-time to their research project and studies.**

## 7. Selection calendar

- **March 2024:** Opening of the applications for the PhD study scholarship in humanities and social sciences
- **April 12<sup>th</sup> 2024:** Application deadline
- **April 2024 :** Scientific evaluation of applications
- **End of April / beginning of May 2024:** Interviews with Ifpo and the higher education cooperation service of the Consulate General of France in Jerusalem
- **May 2024 :** Results
- **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024:** Departure of scholarship holders to France (for 6 months)

## 8. Cancellation of the scholarship

The Consulate General of France has the right to cancel the scholarship, even after having given the laureate their signed attestation, for the following reasons, among others:

- Visa not granted;
- The student is recipient of another grant or scholarship at the same time;
- One of the eligibility conditions mentioned above is not met;
- Failure to enrol in the program for which the scholarship was awarded
- Grant rules not obeyed by the grant holder.

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