> The international selection at the ENS

Awards two-year grants or three-year grants (in mathematics and computing science) to complete a master degree. Is intended for outstanding international students selected on examination of application and tests (see conditions enclosed).

The first step is online application between 7 January and 7 March 2014 (http://www.ens.fr/spip.php?article433). Students must provide proof of nationality other than French, must be under 26 years of age on September 1, 2014 (born after September 1, 1987), enrolled in a foreign university (or a French one if it is less than one academic year), in the last year of a university degree course (valid before September 1, 2013) or in the first year of a master course.

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A wide range of interdisciplinary courses in an international atmosphere
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To complete one of the master’s courses available at the ENS, as well as the ENS diploma
A further three-year grant may be awarded to finance a thesis.

> to train researchers and professionals

Who are aiming for a career in higher education, fundamental and applied research, politics, the arts, communication, or business.
The selection process is in two stages
Candidates must apply online on the ENS website, and then send in their applications between 7 January and 7 March 2014.
Candidates whose applications are selected will be asked to come to Paris for written and oral examinations in July.

> Map showing the bilateral exchanges and Erasmus agreements with the École normale supérieure
3 written exams and 2 oral exams.

The written exams include: documentary study, an exam in the special field chosen by the candidate (for these 2 tests, candidates may write in one of the following 6 languages: English, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or French) and a French test (to be written only in French).

The oral exams include: a commentary of a document in the chosen special field and an interview about the master’s project master on the one hand (Candidates may answer in one of the six languages listed above), and an interview about the study and research project, and about the candidate’s future academic and professional career on the other hand (candidates must speak in either French or English). The interviewers will speak in French.

Candidates choose one of the following fields of specialization:

> Anthropology
> Economics
> Sociology
> Arts (Art History, Film Studies or Musicology)
> History and Philosophy of Law
> Classics (Greek – Latin – Archeology)
> Geography
> History
> History and Philosophy of Science
> Linguistics (science of language)
> Literature studies
> Philosophy
> Cognitive sciences.

3 written exams and 2 oral exams.

The written exams include: a series of short exercises in the major field of study and in the minor field and a commentary of a document.

The oral exams include: one in the major field of study and one in the minor field. Candidates may answer in English or in French, both for the written and the oral.

Candidates should choose one major field and one minor field from the following:

> Biology
> Chemistry
> Information Technology
> Mathematics
> Physics
> Cognitive sciences
> Earth sciences.

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The masters courses taught at the ENS can be seen here: [http://www.ens.fr/spip.php?article35](http://www.ens.fr/spip.php?article35)
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