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TO : DEANS, DIRECTORS, HEADS OF ACADEMIC UNITS

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SUBJECT : Call for Applications for the Embassy of France in the Philippines  
Scholarship Programs for the 2021 Academic Year (September intake)

DATE : 08 February 2021

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The Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA), through its Office of International Linkages (OIL) Diliman, is calling for applications by regular UPD faculty to the Embassy of France in the Philippines Scholarship Programs for the 2021 Academic Year (September intake). We request your dissemination of this information to your faculty. Thank you.

### 1. PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship Program

Through a partnership by the French Embassy and the Department of Science and Technology's Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI), the jointly administered PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship Program aims to encourage Filipino professionals working in academic, research, or government institutions to pursue a Master's or Doctorate degree at a French public higher education institution.

Intending to strengthen exchanges of scientific knowledge between France and the Philippines, the PhilFrance Scholarship prioritizes the following fields of study: Agriculture, Biological Science, Climate Change, Forestry, Health and Medical Research, Material Sciences, Natural Resources and Environment, Nuclear Application on Health, and Veterinary Science.

Awardees of the PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship will be entitled to the following benefits:

- One round-trip ticket from Manila to France
- A monthly living allowance covering the duration of their study
- A relocation allowance
- Coverage of pre-travel expenses



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From the French Embassy

- An exemption from public university registration fees
- An exemption from visa application
- A healthcare package
- Priority access to public student accommodations

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicant must:

1. Be a Filipino citizen
2. Not be more than 50 years old at the time of the application
3. Be in good health condition
4. Hold a higher diploma recognized by the Philippine government allowing enrolment in the host course in French Republic
5. Demonstrate an excellent academic level
6. Demonstrate the knowledge or expertise required to carry out higher studies within the host establishment in the French Republic
7. Pass the admission requirements for graduate studies in any of the public universities in France
8. Pass the interview and other screening procedures

### **Application Material**

DOST Requirements:

- Completed DOST Application Form  
Available here: [PhilFrance-DOST Application documents](#)
- Birth Certificate
- Endorsement from two former professors in college (for MS application) or two former professors in the MS program (for PhD application)
- If employed:
  - a. Recommendation from Head of Agency
  - b. Permission to take a leave of absence (LOA) while on scholarship
- Medical certificate, as to health status and fitness to study, from a licensed physician with his/her PRC license number indicated
- Valid NBI Clearance
- Budgetary requirements (with supporting documents for bases of rates used)  
Available here: [PhilFrance-DOST Application documents](#)
- Re-entry plan narrative

French Embassy Requirements

- CV (maximum of two pages) detailing academic, professional, and leadership experience
- Academic essay, no longer than 500 words, explaining the reasons for wanting to study in France and how the experience and degree will benefit the Philippines and Filipino society



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- NB: Essays exceeding the word limit will be discarded along with the application. Be advised that we ask for an academic essay, not a cover or motivation letter.

**Submission of application/s through:**

Submission of documents can be done through the following link: <https://philfrance-scholarships.com/application/philfrance-dost-scholarships/>

**2. PhilFrance Scholarship Program**

This scholarship program is directed to Filipino students and professionals wishing to come to France to pursue a Master's degree in an academic discipline taught at a French higher education institution. It is awarded to highly-qualified candidates who have demonstrated strong academic leadership qualities in their scholarly and professional activities.

Awardees of the PhilFrance Scholarships will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Tuition subsidy
  - a. For state-regulated public universities: Exemption from university registration fees
  - b. For other French higher education institutions: Partial tuition fee subsidy, amounting to a maximum of €5,000 per academic year (non-negotiable), covering the duration of the Master's program
- One round trip ticket from Manila to France
- An exemption from visa application fess
- A monthly living allowance of €700 covering the duration of their studies
- A healthcare package
- Priority access to public student accommodations

**Eligibility Criteria**

Applicant must be:

1. A Filipino citizen residing in the Philippines at the time of application
2. A graduate or graduating student of a Philippine higher education institution, i.e., a graduate or final-year student of a Bachelor-level degree

**Application Material**

Key requirements:

- One-page CV detailing applicant's academic, professional, and leadership experience
- Academic essay, no longer than 500 words, explaining the reasons for wanting to study in France and how the experience and degree will benefit the Philippines and Filipino society
- Official copy of complete and most recent academic transcripts (university-level grades)
- Letter/s of acceptance or proof of a completed application to a Master's degree program, issued by the French higher education institution (HEI) where the applicant applied to
  - a. Letter/s of acceptance: Digital copy or screenshot of acceptance email



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- b. Proof of completed application: Screenshot of the automated email confirmation upon successful submission of application, or of the onscreen notification (on the HEI's online application portal) of completed application
- Copy of the program of study / study plan (chosen program's curriculum or academic calendar) for its duration
  - Proof of financial resources (personal or household)  
Examples: latest income tax return statement, recent bank statement or certificate

**Submission of application/s through:**

Submission of documents can be done through the following link: <https://philfrance-scholarships.com/application/philfrance-scholarship/>

**Application Period:**

Application for the PhilFrance-DOST Scholarship Program and for the PhilFrance Scholarship Program shall open on **08 February 2021** and close on **15 March 2021 (12:00 noon)**.

**For further inquiries:**

Applicants may also go to their website at <https://philfrance-scholarships.com/> or contact OIL Diliman via UP Trunkline 981-8500 local 2561 (c/o Ms. Catherine Tagaban), or [oil\\_d\\_acadadminstaffmobility.upd@up.edu.ph](mailto:oil_d_acadadminstaffmobility.upd@up.edu.ph).

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