NICOLAS BAUDIN TRAVEL GRANT

INFORMATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

NICOLAS BAUDIN PROGRAM 2023
Program Overview

The Embassy of France in Australia supports student mobility from Australia to France through the Nicolas Baudin Travel Grant, named for the French explorer and botanist who in 1802, at the same time as Matthew Flinders, charted the coast of New Holland (Australia).

The Travel Grant covers the cost of a return flight ticket between Australia and France (up to the value of €1450, or AUD$2500).

As recipients of a French government grant, the Laureates are also exempt from paying the application fees associated with their student visa.

Australian students can go to France in two different streams:

- **The Internship Stream**, for students enrolled at an Australian university seeking to undertake a research internship in a French laboratory in collaboration with a French company in the framework of the Internships in France Initiative.
- **The Exchange/Degree Stream**, for students enrolled at an Australian university taking part in an exchange program / study abroad at a French establishment. Or for students pursuing a full degree at a French university, including double degrees jointly offered by a French and an Australian university.

This guide covers the general eligibility and application process for both streams. Please read this guide carefully if you want to apply for the grant, and consult the FAQs [here](#) for any questions. If you have more specific questions, please contact us.

All the best with your application!

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Eligibility

- **For all candidates:**
  - Australian citizens and international students enrolled in Australian universities are eligible to apply. French citizens are not eligible.
  - Applicants must be living in Australia.
  - Students from all fields and disciplines are eligible to apply.
  - Students enrolled in Undergraduate, Honours, Masters Programs are eligible to apply for the general stream. Participants must retain their student status for the entire duration of the internship.
  - Candidates must have a valid passport for the entirety of their time in France.
  - PhD students are not eligible. Further information on mobility for PhD students can be found [here](#).
  - A proof of proficiency in French is required of students enrolling in programs which are taught in French.
  - The Nicolas Baudin Travel Grant can only be awarded once.

- **For the Internship stream:**
  - Students enrolled in one of the following participating universities can submit their candidature for one of the French internships on offer:
    - [Group of Eight universities](#) (ANU, Monash, UofA, UniMelb, UNSW, UQ, UniSydney, UWA),
    - [Australian Technology Network of Universities](#) (Curtin, RMIT, UniSA, UTS, Deakin),
    - [Innovative Research Universities](#) (James Cook, Griffith, La Trobe, Flinders, Murdoch, Western Sydney, UCanberra),
    - [Queensland University of Technology, Macquarie University, University of Wollongong, University of Tasmania](#)
  - Other eligibility requirements may be specified in the individual internship offers.

Application Process

⚠️ **Applications open on 1 March 2023, and close on 4 May 2023.**

The application form, found on the website [here](#), outlines the process and the criteria for each stream. Please send the completed form and all supporting documents to education.canberra-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

Make sure to read each section carefully and send each document required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- If you are applying for more than one internship, please fill out and send separate applications for each internship.

Accepted laureates will be announced in June.
**INTERNSHIP STREAM**

The Nicolas Baudin Internships in France initiative offers students from participating Australian universities the opportunity to undertake a research internship at a French host university in collaboration with an industry partner. French universities and laboratories propose 3-6 month internship projects for Australian Bachelor or Master students.

- Internships commence **before 31 December 2023** and last up to 6 months.

**Funding:**

- The Embassy of France in Australia provides the Baudin grant to finance return travel to France.
- For all interns, the host institution in France provides the Australian student intern with a mandatory internship stipend (minimum of 560€ per month according to current internship laws in effect).
- For candidates selected in an internship with either Naval Group or Thales, these partners cover the travel of those students (for students from Group of Eight universities, Flinders University or UniSA). Selected candidates would receive funding from the French Embassy (a AU$2500 travel grant), the French host institution (a monthly internship stipend) and their home Australian university (additional AU$2500 mobility grant).

**EXCHANGE STREAM**

Students interested in enrolling in an exchange or study abroad program in France through any Australian university are eligible to apply for the grant.

- Exchanges must be a minimum of one semester. Short courses and summer programs are not eligible for the grant.

In addition, students pursuing a full degree in any French university are eligible for the grant. Students must select their exchanges or French degrees, and then apply for the grant. The embassy cannot enroll students into programs.

Candidates must also get a letter of support from the Australian university confirming their enrolment in the exchange or study abroad program.

If enrolled in a full degree program in France, they must have a letter of acceptance from the French institution.

**The study program must begin before December 31 2023 in order to be eligible.**
Partners of the Nicolas Baudin Internships in France initiative:

24 Australian university signatories of the Nicolas Baudin Program:

+ Queensland University of Technology, Macquarie University, Deakin University, University of Wollongong, University of Tasmania

French institutions hosting Australian interns in 2023:

In collaboration with their industry partners: