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# NICOLAS BAUDIN TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION

GUIDE FOR STUDENTS 2024



# 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).

This grant program was designed in 2017 to encourage Australian students to discover the French university system, and offers a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to pursue their dreams and study abroad. Laureates find opportunities to strengthen their language abilities, educational knowledge, and gain professional experience in France through the program, regardless of their stream.

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 (99€) at the French Consulate associated with their student visa.

Australian students can go to France in three different streams:

1. **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**.*
2. **The Exchange Stream**, *for students enrolled at an Australian university taking part in an **exchange program / study abroad** at a French establishment.*
3. **The Full Degree Stream**, *for students from Australia who are pursuing a **degree** at a French university, from first year undergraduate to Masters degrees, including double degrees jointly offered by a French and an Australian university.*

This guide covers the general eligibility and application process for these 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 on [education.canberra-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:education.canberra-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

# ELIGIBILITY

## FOR ALL CANDIDATES:

1. Australian citizens and international students enrolled in Australian universities are eligible to apply. French citizens are not eligible.
2. Applicants must be living in Australia.
3. Students from all fields and disciplines are eligible to apply.
4. Students enrolled in Undergraduate, Honours, and Masters Programs are eligible to apply for the general stream. Participants must retain their student status for the entire duration of the program.
5. Candidates must have a valid passport for the entirety of their time in France.
6. PhD students are not eligible. Further information on mobility for PhD students can be found [here](#).
7. A proof of proficiency (B2 level) in French is required of students enrolling in programs which are taught in French.
8. The Nicolas Baudin Travel Grant can only be awarded once.

# APPLICATION PROCESS



Applications open on 1 March 2024, and close on 1 May 2024.

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](mailto:education.canberra-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr).

The application file must be completed on a computer (do not print and fill out by hand). Please use Microsoft Word to type your responses and select from options in drop-down menus. The completed application form should be saved as a PDF.

Each file must be in PDF form and the maximum size of the email including all attachments must be below 5MB or it will not be delivered. Links to file sharing platforms (Dropbox, Drive etc) are not accepted.

File names of all attachments should include your name in the required format e.g:  
**LASTNAME\_Firstname\_Application-form.pdf**

Make sure to read each section carefully and send each document required.

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

- If you do not have the letter of support from your university, you can send your application in early, and send the letter afterwards. This is the only document acceptable after the deadline. Incomplete applications missing other documents will not be considered.

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 students.

- Internships commence **before 31 December 2024** and last up to 6 months.

### Specific eligibility:

- Students enrolled in one of the following participating universities can submit their application 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.

**Funding:** 5000\$, plus a monthly stipend in France.

- The Embassy of France in Australia provides the Baudin travel grant of 2500\$AUD to finance return travel to France.
- The home university (list of eligible universities above) provides the accepted student with a matching grant of 2500\$AUD for living expenses and rent during the internship.
- For all interns, the host institution in France pays the Australian student the mandatory internship stipend (minimum of 600€ per month according to [current internship laws](#) in effect).
  - For candidates selected in an internship with either Naval Group or Thales, these partners provide the travel grant. Selected candidates would receive funding from the French Embassy (a 2500\$AUD travel grant), the French host institution (a monthly

internship stipend) and their home Australian university (additional 2500\$AUD 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.

Due to the yearly calendar of the grant, **only students going on exchange in semester 2 are eligible** for the grant.

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

**Funding: 2500\$**

- The Embassy of France in Australia provides the Baudin travel grant of 2500\$AUD to finance return travel to France.

Students must select their exchanges 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.

The study program must begin before December 31 2024 in order to be eligible.

## FULL DEGREE STREAM

Australian students enrolling in university have a variety of options to enroll in French university, depending on circumstances they either enroll through a Dossier Blanc procedure with the Embassy, through the Parcoursup platform, or through the direct university. All these options are explained [here](#).

Once the student has enrolled in a full degree program in France, they can apply for the Baudin grant. They must have a letter of acceptance from the French institution as well as meet the other criteria.

**Funding: 2500\$**

- The Embassy of France in Australia provides the Baudin travel grant of 2500\$AUD to finance return travel to France.

The study program must begin before December 31 2024 in order to be eligible.