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## « France Excellence Internships » Guidelines for Partner Universities

France is the first top destination in European Union for students from Singapore wishing to pursue a higher education. Singapore is also the leading destination for French investment in South-East Asia, with more than 1,000 French companies based in the City-State.

The Embassy of France in Singapore is launching the 2021 edition of "France Excellence Internships" programme.

This programme aims to give French companies more visibility with regard to Singaporean students by offering internships which could take place in France, Singapore and the region. Upon graduation, these young talents will be able to join French companies looking for talents with skills *à la française*.

Launched during the closing of the France-Singapore Year of Innovation held on 15 March 2019 in presence of Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat, it was very well received with the Economic Development Board (EDB) lending its support to the initiative. All Singaporean autonomous universities (NTU, NUS, SIT, SMU, SUSS and SUTD) and more than twenty French companies joined the programme for the first two editions in 2019 and 2020.

The programme supports a very wide range of internships including engineering, business, art design, social science, management and much more. It is promoting to students through study and career physical and virtual fairs as well as through a dedicated platform and the programme stakeholders social media.

### I- Student eligibility criteria

- The programme is open to undergraduates in their 3rd or 4th year (Bachelor level) and to graduate students (Master level),
- The internships are between three to six months,
- The only requirement is an English proficiency,
- The internships are open to students from any nationality but they **must be enrolled in any of the six partner universities for the whole duration of the internship**: NTU, NUS, SIT, SMU, SUSS and SUTD,
- The internships may be carried out in any domain, no restriction applies.

## II- Support provided by the Embassy of France and the French companies

For the internships carried out in France:

- Students selected in the programme **will be exempt from visa fees** (i.e. exempted of approximately SGD150, service fees are still to be paid to VFS Global agency),
- The Embassy of France **will cover the cost of the round trip plane tickets**,
- The Embassy of France **will secure an accommodation** for the students during the internship period. The rent is to be paid by the students,
- Students **will receive a scholarship from the Embassy of France in order to follow French language classes** during the first three months of the internship period,
- The French company will provide monthly stipend to the student during the internship of a minimum of €577.50/month (≈SGD885) according to the French Law,
- All the remaining costs are at the charge of the student.

The companies are fully responsible of the selection of candidates. The application will be jointly approved by both the Embassy of France and the French company. After the selection is made, Campus France, a French public organisation attached to the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, will take over the administration of the logistical aspects of the scholarship (plane tickets, health insurance coverage, accommodation assistance, etc.).

The Embassy of France reserves the right to reject any student application or withdraw an internship offered through the "France Excellence Internships" programme.

## III- Guidelines and key dates

Please refer to the following schedule if your internship is carried in <b>SINGAPORE OR OVERSEAS</b> :		
	Singapore	Overseas
Activities	Dates	Dates
End of internship applications	1 month before the date of start of the internship	2 months before the date of start of the internship
<b>Companies select and notify the students</b>	15 days before the date of start of the internship	1 month before the date of start of the internship