

## Call for Applications

### 2026 Doctoral scholarship program

*The Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Embassy of France in Egypt are offering a co-funded doctoral scholarship program to France, open to Egyptian PhD students enrolled in Egyptian universities (public or national) and research centers.*

Each scholarship supports one or more research stays in a French laboratory. The scholarship covers international transportation (airfare), social security, and a monthly allowance to cover living expenses in France.

Three scholarship formats are available:

- **Scholarship for joint thesis** (dual PhD enrollment in both an Egyptian and a French institution): 3 stays in France of 6 months each, with a monthly allowance of €1770.
- **Scholarship for a PhD co-direction** (PhD enrollment in an Egyptian institution, with co-direction by a researcher from a French institution): 2 stays in France of 6 months each, with a monthly allowance of €1704.
- **Scholarship for a doctoral research** stay (PhD enrollment in an Egyptian institution, with a research stay in a French institution): 1 stay in France of 6 months, with a monthly allowance of €1704.

***Candidates are strongly encouraged to pursue a joint thesis (dual enrollment in Egypt and France to obtain a dual degree) or, at a minimum, co-direction. Priority will be given to such projects.***

Research projects may be conducted in French or English.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Must be of Egyptian nationality and must not hold French nationality;
- Must be enrolled in a PhD program at an Egyptian university or research center (public or private);
- Must be a **teaching assistant or research assistant** holding a Master's degree in the relevant field;
- Must be **no older than 35 years** of age at the date of publication of the call for applications;
- Must have completed or been exempted from **military service**;
- The PhD topic must be officially registered in order to benefit from the scholarship and carry out the research stay in France;

- If the **PhD topic is already registered**, the **registration date must not exceed three years** from the date of publication of the call for applications;
  - Must have a **sufficient level of proficiency in French or English**, depending on the language of the research project;
  - Must **not have previously received another scholarship** or mission for PhD purposes;
  - Must **not currently be receiving a scholarship** from the **French government**.
- The required language proficiency is defined as follows:
- If the working language is English: IELTS 5.5
  - If the working language is French: DELF B2 or TCF (minimum level B2)

### **Eligible Research Fields**

**All academic research fields** are eligible for the doctoral scholarship.

### **Implementation Conditions**

The 6-month research stay in France for enrolled PhD candidates will be recognized as an official mission under the national mission plan.

Selection committees will be composed of professors from Egyptian universities, in collaboration with representatives of the French side.

A coordination commission will be established between the Egyptian and French parties to monitor the implementation of the agreement.

The Egyptian Cultural Bureau in Paris will liaise with the PhD supervisors to prepare a report on the outcomes achieved during the six-month stay and their relevance to the research plan.

## Application process

Complete the following form and upload all required supporting documents by **12 February 2026**:  
<https://phdfrance.mohe.gov.eg>

## Required documents

- A recent CV in French or English (1-2 pages).
- A motivation letter in French or English (1-2 pages).
- Copy of your passport.
- Updated research project summary (6-10 pages), specifying:
  - The relevance of the research stays in France to the overall project.
  - The research activities to be conducted in the French host institution (experiments, literature reviews, data analysis, etc.).
  - The proposed timeline for completing these activities and drafting the thesis.
- Copy of the most recent degree obtained.
- Invitation letter from the French laboratory supervisor specifying the proposed research stay dates.
- Copy of the international joint thesis agreement (for joint thesis).
- Copy of the international co-direction agreement (for co-direction).
- Proof of PhD enrollment in an Egyptian university.
- Proof of PhD enrollment in a French university (for joint thesis).
- Proof of co-direction agreement signed by both co-directors (for co-direction).
- Letter of recommendation written in French or English.
- Statement confirming the absence of any alternative funding sources from the mission authority for the PhD research.
- Proof of military service exemption
- Endorsement letter with an acceptance from the work entity (dean of the faculty or president of the research center)

### **Scholarship Cancellation**

The French Embassy reserves the right to cancel a scholarship, even after issuing an official confirmation, for reasons including but not limited to:

- Visa refusal by the French Consulate or force majeure preventing the mobility.
- The recipient holds another French government scholarship.
- Non-compliance with any of the eligibility criteria mentioned above.

**Application Deadline:**

**February 12th, 2026**

*Kindly note that the provisional departure date of the research stay should initially be set  
**for October 1st, 2026.***