

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR "MASTER'S EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS" 2025-2026

- open to any student with a French or  
foreign university degree –

Launch of the call: **Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Deadline: **Friday, April 4, 2024**

Results: **Thursday, May 15, 2024**

## CONTEXT

Formal, Physical and Engineering Graduate School and Research (**also called SPECTRUM Graduate School**) offers a **top-level multidisciplinary education at master's and doctorate level**, often taught in English, rich in theoretical knowledge and practical applications in **mathematics, physics, astrophysics, earth sciences, chemistry and engineering**. SPECTRUM is seeking to attract the best students to its academic programs.

The Graduate School is therefore offering excellence scholarships to very high-level Master 1 or Master 2 students interested in applying. These scholarships aim **to develop the attractiveness of all the master's programs of the Graduate School and increase their national and international visibility**. The call for applications is therefore aimed at any student with a French or foreign university degree.

These merit-based scholarships will be awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year. **Each scholarship amounts to 1,000 euros per month for 10 months** (September to June). Non-EU scholarship recipients will have part of their registration fees reduced to a level comparable to those of EU students.

*The funding granted by SPECTRUM cannot be combined with other merit-based scholarships funded by Université Côte d'Azur.*

## MASTER'S DEGREES OF THE FORMAL, PHYSICAL AND ENGINEERING GRADUATE SCHOOL (SPECTRUM GS)

Students in work-study and apprenticeship master's programs are not eligible for these scholarships.

[SPECTRUM master's degrees](#) that qualify for these scholarships:

- **Molecular Chemistry**
  - Molecular Chemistry – 1st year<sup>1</sup>
  - Medicinal & Bioorganic Chemistry (MedBioChem) – 2nd year<sup>1</sup>
- **Mathematics and applications**
  - Fundamental and Applied Mathematics (MFA) – 1st and 2nd year<sup>1</sup>
  - General Mathematics for Teaching (MATH AGREG) – 2nd year
  - Mathematical Engineering (IM)\* – 1st and 2nd year<sup>1</sup>
- **Fundamental physics and applications**
  - Master track in Astrophysics (MAUCA) – 1st and 2nd year<sup>1</sup>
  - Waves, Atoms, Matter (OAM) – 1st and 2nd year<sup>1</sup>
  - Optics, Photonics, Telecom, and Instrumentation (OPTIQ) – 1st year
- **Earth and planetary sciences, environment**
  - Development, Geotechnics, Engineering (AGI) – 1st year
  - Geophysics, Geology (2G) – 1st and 2nd year

<sup>1</sup>Master's program partially or fully taught in English.

\*Excluding apprenticeship courses.

## ELIGIBILITY

Students who meet the eligibility requirements can apply for a scholarship for the first or the second year of the master's degree for the 2025-2026 academic year.

1) Any student with a bachelor's degree equivalent to the French L3 obtained from a French (including UniCA) or foreign university and applying for one of the Graduate School's master's degrees (see list above) is eligible for the merit-based M1 scholarship. There is no age limit or nationality requirements for applying for these scholarships.

*The scholarship awarded to a student in the first year of the Master's degree can be renewed in the second year if the student's results are satisfactory. However, the student will need to re-submit an application.*

2) Any student with a degree equivalent to the French M1 obtained from a French or foreign university and applying for the second year in one of the Graduate School's master's degrees (see list above) is eligible for the M2 scholarship. Applications from current UniCA master's students will not be accepted. There is no age limit or nationality requirements for applying for this scholarship.

## TIMETABLE

- Launch of the call: **November 7, 2024**
- Deadline for submitting applications: **April 4, 2025**
- Notification of scholarship recipients: **May 15, 2025**
- Deadline for accepting the scholarship: **May 20, 2025**

## APPLICATION

To apply, send a single "zipped" file by email to [eur-spectrum.aap@univ-cotedazur.fr](mailto:eur-spectrum.aap@univ-cotedazur.fr) with the following subject: "Application for Master's Excellence Scholarships" before April 4, 2025 containing the following documents:

- A Curriculum Vitae no longer than two pages.
- A cover letter describing how the choice of the degree corresponds to your personal and professional career goals, and if applicable, showing how your doctoral project matches the research themes of UniCA laboratories.
- The transcript and rank for each year of your bachelor's degree and possibly of your master's degree (translated into English or French for foreigners). For foreign transcripts, an explanation of the grading method would be appreciated.
- The detail of courses taken in 2024-2025.
- A letter of recommendation from your last department head and a letter of recommendation from one of your professors. These letters should be sent directly by them to the email address specified above and with the same subject. Recommenders

must also provide their contact information.

- The master's degree and track for which you plan to apply.
- A copy of the applicant's passport.
- Image rights authorization (optional).

Foreign applicants are usually required to follow the *Etudes en France* procedure to obtain a visa. **If you are awarded one of our scholarships, you will be exempt from the *Etudes en France* deadline of December 15, 2024.** You can still apply for one of our scholarships, even if you have not submitted your application to *Etudes en France* within the deadline.

## APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The excellence of the applicant, as reflected by his or her previous university record. The applicant must have demonstrated a particularly high academic level.
- The student's motivation and how his or her profile corresponds to research and innovation demands on the Côte d'Azur. His motivation to pursue a thesis in a laboratory of the Graduate School will be particularly appreciated.
- An interview of the candidate may be scheduled (via videoconference with webcam) if necessary.

## SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS

- Administrative approval of applications (*see paragraphs "Eligibility" and "Application"*).
- Approval and shortlisting of applications by the head of the relevant master's degree.
- Ranking of applications by the SPECTRUM Graduate School Scientific and Pedagogical Subcommittee on the basis of the evaluation criteria mentioned above in the paragraph "*Application evaluation*".
- Selection and approval of applications by the SPECTRUM Graduate School Steering Committee.

## SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE

**Selected applicants must confirm acceptance of the scholarship within 5 days following notification.** They are automatically accepted in the master's degree mentioned in the application, but **nevertheless need to complete all the administrative enrollment formalities. These need to be completed within eight weeks maximum** depending on the date of acceptance of the scholarship.

If the candidate fails to meet the deadlines (*see paragraph "Timetable"*) or refuses the scholarship, it is offered to the next shortlisted candidate.

# APPENDIX

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- 2) I agree to make every effort to give an interview (radio, audiovisual, written) and/or a testimony (event) during the academic year.

Signed in 1 copy, at..... on .....

Signature:

The scholarship recipient (after the words "read and approved")

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