

FACT SHEET FOR INCOMING STUDENTS FROM JAPAN

Admissions for AY 2027-2028

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NOMINATION AND APPLICATION		
Nomination deadline	<p>Before submitting their application, students have to be officially nominated by their home university. Nominations should be endorsed by the international coordinator. Only nominations sent by mail by our partner universities to emmanuel.simantov@enpc.fr are accepted.</p> <p><u>Deadline for nominations : 12/06/2026</u> for students applying to a dual degree beginning in AY 2027-2028.</p>	
Application deadline	<p><u>Deadline for applications : 19/06/2026</u> for for students applying to a dual degree beginning in AY 2027-2028.</p>	
Application procedure	<p><u>Online Application Process</u></p> <p>The application must be sent through our online submission tool. The link will be sent directly after 19 May 2026 (opening of the platform) to the nominated students.</p> <p>Applicants have to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete the online form - Upload the required documents in the platform - Indicate the email address of a referent person, who will be asked to write a recommendation letter. An automatic email will be sent to the referent person, with a link to allow him/her sending us directly the letter <p>Any incomplete application file may be rejected.</p>	

	<p><u>Remote interview</u></p> <p>All applicants will have a remote interview with the Academic Head of the department they are applying to and an officer of the Direction of International Relations at ENPC.</p> <p>This 30 minute interview will be held in English or in French, depending on the applicant's choice.</p>
<u>ACADEMIC INFORMATION</u>	
<p>Semester dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall semester: September to end January - Spring semester: early February to mid June <p>Please note that <u>international students are required to be on campus as from end August</u>, as their orientation week takes place during the last decade of August. In 2026, they are required to be on campus on August 25th.</p>
<p>Grading system</p>	<p>Grades at ENPC are awarded on a scale of 0 to 20. The passing grade for an individual course is 10/20. To pass a given year, students must have passed every course. If not, an equivalent course is added to the curriculum. In some cases, the year is to be repeated. Traditionally, grades higher than 16 are seldom awarded.</p> <p>A transcript of records will be sent free of charge to the partner university's exchange coordinator (or to the student) at the end of the study period.</p>

STUDENT SERVICES

Living expenses	<p><u>Cost of living in Paris : 850 €/month as a minimum</u></p> <p>Housing : 400 - 650 €/month on campus (less 100 to 200 €/month governmental housing allowance)</p> <p>Food : 300 €/month</p> <p>Transportation : 40 €/month for Greater Paris</p> <p>Other : 250 €/month : leisure, mobile phone, internet, ...</p> <p>More information here : https://www.campusfrance.org/en/preparing-budget-student-France</p>
Scholarships	<p>Information about different ways of financing the study period at ENPC is available on this webpage: https://www.ecoledesponts.fr/en/scholarships-and-international-students-support</p> <p>Degree-seeking student are recommended <u>to firstly look for scholarships in their home country</u>. In Japan, they can apply to TOBITATE scholarships, obtain a scholarship from a Foundation</p> <p>In case they don't find scholarships in Japan, they can apply to these scholarships in France :</p> <p><u>Scholarship awarded by ENPC :</u></p> <p>The amount depends on the financial situation of each applicant and the number of persons in his household. However, this need-based scholarship is currently under review, and criterias might change in the future.</p> <p><u>Fondation des Ponts Scholarship program :</u></p> <p>Fondation des Ponts scholarship consists in a fixed monthly payment of 720 € during 10 or 15 months depending on whether students choose short or long internship (see section Formation d'ingénieur/Academic information/Duration below). No scholarship is paid during internship periods.</p> <p><u>Corporate fellowships</u></p> <p>ENPC has strong links with industry and some scholarships can be awarded to international students. Major partners are Meridiam and Ibn Rochd Foundation (students from Moroccan partners only). Eligibility criteria are set by the companies, which proceed to the final selection.</p> <p>For the above mentioned scholarship programmes, we proceed to calls for applications in June/July.</p> <p>Erasmus+ Scholarships might also be granted if ENPC agreement with the Erasmus Agency is renewed. The decision should be known in June 2026.</p> <p>For any additional information, please contact emmanuel.simantov@enpc.fr</p>

Health insurance	<p><u>Health insurance is compulsory and free when studying in France.</u> Once in France, students have to register for the French social security scheme. Such scheme reimburses up to 70% of major medical expenses.</p> <p>Students from EU are automatically registered provided they bear their European health insurance card.</p> <p><u>To be fully covered, we highly recommend all international students to take out an optional complementary private health insurance that includes repatriation.</u></p> <p>Information is available on the platform of our partner FEEL FRANCAIS, who will send identifiers to all admitted students after their admission (see additional information in the Welcome desk section hereafter).</p>
Visa	<p>Visa requirements differ per country. We recommend that students directly contact the French Embassy or Consulate in their country. They will get up-to-date information on the process to get a visa, including the related cost.</p>
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 auditoriums - 32 classrooms seating 15 / 20 or 30 / 50 people - « La Ruche », a co-working space - Learning Center includes 200 000 documents available upon reservation - 9 open-access computer rooms - A professional studio, available upon request - Hosting d.school Paris, dedicated to design thinking - A maker space (3D printing...) - 2 incubators dedicated to student entrepreneurship - 1 co-innovation lab including 3 technical platforms dedicated to smart cities - Tennis courts, basket ball and urban football pitches on campus - Swimming pool, gymnasium (basketball, handball, volley ball, climbing ...) and football/rugby pitches near to the campus
Housing	<p>Our policy is to accommodate newcomers in one of the students' residences very near to the campus, or in Maison des Mines et des Ponts, located in a very attractive neighborhood in Paris.</p> <p>Thus, all double-degree students are guaranteed an accommodation in one of these residences during their first year at ENPC.</p> <p>After this first year, they are invited to leave their accommodation for the next newcomers. Most second-year students choose to live at Maison des Mines et des Ponts, where tariff is affordable.</p> <p>For any question regarding accommodation or to obtain a housing certificate, send an e-mail at the following address: bve@enpc.fr</p>

Welcome desk

International students are offered a bespoke service provided by our partner FEEL FRANCAIS, through a specific online French/English platform and direct contacts.

Assistance before arriving in France :

- Visa application
- Subscription to mandatory housing and liability insurances
- French bank account opening
- Subscription to a mobile phone plan
- Payment of [CVEC](#)

Assistance after arriving in France :

- Mandatory visa validation
- Registration to the French social security scheme
- Application for the Government housing allowance (students from UE only)
- Subscription to a private health insurance
- Subscription to a public transportation card
- Renewal of the residence permit ...

Shortly after their admission, all admitted students will receive a login to connect to FEEL FRANCAIS platform dedicated to ENPC.

More information about [FEEL FRANCAIS services at ENPC](#)

"FORMATION D'INGENIEUR" (MSc in Engineering)

- Fully taught in French
- For students with a Bachelor Degree upon arrival on ENPC campus

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APPLICATION	
Required documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Statement of purpose in English or French</u> (350 words), which explains how student's projected studies at ENPC coincide with their studies to date and their future career plans; students should indicate their experience, achievements and skills with respect to their area of studies; - <u>CV in French or English</u> (using the Europass CV model : https://europa.eu/europass/en); - <u>Stamped transcript of records (in French or English) over the last 3 years</u>, issued by the home university with a French translation (or English translation) of the grading system of the home university; - <u>Ranking certificates</u> in the student's school/department; - <u>List of courses</u> in which the student is currently enrolled; - <u>Proof of French language level</u>; - <u>Proof of English language level</u> ; - <u>Recommendation letter</u> sent by the Referee through the platform; - <u>Targeted programme at ENPC</u>, downloaded from our website (English version) and signed by the applicant, for double degree application. - Identification : Photocopy of <u>valid passport</u>

<p>Scientific prerequisites</p>	<p><u>It is of utmost importance that applicants read our scientific prerequisites to make sure that they comply with them.</u> Non-compliance to these prerequisites will lead to rejection.</p> <p>Prerequisites are presented in our website (https://ecoledespons.fr/en/academic-departments). Then choose any department. Prerequisites can be downloaded from the home page or consulted in Prerequisites.</p> <p>For each course, prerequisites are specified in our course catalogue : Then select "Departments" and then the chosen host department.</p>
<p>Language requirements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Requirements in French</p> <p>As almost all of our courses are taught in French, we require all double-degree students in our MSc in Engineering be proficient in French when they begin their mobility : their level must be at least B1 in French language when they arrive on our campus. Only exceptions : B2 is required from applicants to City/Environment/Transportation and Economics/Management/Finance departments.</p> <p>However, <u>we have no requirement in French at the application stage.</u></p> <p><u>Admitted students with no or very little knowledge in French commit themselves to carry out a 5-month intensive internship in France, before arriving on our campus.</u> Such internship will take place at CAVILAM-Alliance Française, a highly qualified place for French immersion courses located in the city of Vichy, which has proved to be very effective.</p> <p>At the end of this internship, students will take an official exam in French language (DELF/DALF). They will have to provide ENPC with the corresponding certificate showing a B1 or B2 level.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Requirements in English</p> <p>We require from incoming students enrolled in a double degree mobility to provide an official certificate (TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge Proficiency, CAE or FCE) showing that their level in English language is B1 at least.</p> <p>Such requirement derives from the French regulation that requires B2 level in English to be graduated as an engineer, which means <u>when students finish</u> their studies at ENPC.</p> <p>We do not require the B1 certificate at the time of the application. However, students will have to provide it before June 11^h 2027.</p> <p>Without the required minimum, ENPC reserves the right to right to cancel the admission for the MSc in Engineering (formation d'ingénieur").</p>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Duration	<p>Double-degree students must complete all the scientific, technical and language modules over 3 course semesters, and validate a short (min. 10 weeks) or long (min. 43 weeks) internship between the second and the third year of our MSc in Engineering. The last semester consists in the end-of-study project carried out in a company or in a lab (min. 17 weeks).</p> <p>Thus, depending on the duration of the internship, <u>graduating from ENPC implies a 2 year or a 3 year mobility.</u></p> <p>Please note that any internship carried out in France and lasting more than 2 months is paid by law. Internships and end-of-study projects can be performed abroad.</p>
Study programme	<p>Double degree students have to follow the study programme (cursus) of their host department, where most courses are compulsory. They must validate at least 120 ECTS credits to pretend to graduation :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 113 scientific and technical ECTS, including 2.5 ECTS for the compulsory internship and 30 ECTS for the end-of-study project, - 6 ECTS in languages. - 1 ECTS in sports. <p>Customization with courses taken in another department at ENPC is possible to some extent and upon formal agreement of the host department.</p> <p><u>At the application step, double-degree students are required to download the programme of the department they have chosen, sign it and upload it on the application tool.</u></p> <p>Programmes can be downloaded from our website https://www.ecoledesponts.fr/en/academic-departments. Programmes are at the top left of the page of each department.</p> <p>Please note that the decision to admit a student is made taking into consideration his choice of department. <u>Thus, changing departments after the admission is not possible.</u></p>
Course selection	<p>In June before joining ENPC, double degree students receive from their host department the detail of their study programme for the whole academic year to come. Most courses are compulsory.</p> <p>They will be asked to choose among a selection of elective courses. Some of them have a limited capacity, especially in the Civil and Structural Engineering department, and registration to these courses cannot be guaranteed. Should this occur, students will be proposed alternative courses once they are on campus.</p> <p>Detailed information can be obtained in the course catalogue. Then select "Departments" and then select the chosen host department.</p>
French language courses	<p><u>French language courses are compulsory for all foreign students enrolled in a degree programme.</u></p> <p>A placement test upon arrival is a requirement for defining their level and the courses that they will be taking.</p>

	<p>Depending on their level, they can be registered to our intensive 2-week French seminar, offered free of charge in September, before program start.</p>
Fees	<p>Note : all the tariffs indicated hereafter are 2026-2027 tariffs, and are subject to change afterwards.</p> <p><u>Tuition fees</u> : 4 150 €/year in 2026-2027</p> <p><u>CMCI</u> (special fee for international students to partly cover specific services) = 1 000 €/year in 2026-2027</p> <p>In case of long internship: tuition fees and CMCI are reduced.</p> <p><u>CVEC</u> (Contribution for student and campus life) : 105 €/year in 2025-2026</p>