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AFD - PSIA Student Scholarships in Development 2015

Call for Applications

Based on a special partnership between the **Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA)** and the **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)**, multiple scholarships ranging from partial to full tuition fee grants will be offered every year to incoming students in the Development programs of PSIA. The AFD is the main implementing agency for France's official development assistance to developing countries and overseas territories.

Eligibility to apply

- The AFD-PSIA Scholarship is dedicated to nationals of African countries only. Priority will be given to students coming from the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Liberia, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe.
- Applicants must have already submitted a full application to the Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA) for the 2015 intake through the [Sciences Po Admissions Portal](#) (including all supporting documents and references) and must have applied to one of the following programs in Development:
 - ◇ PSIA's [Master in Development Practice](#) (one-year program)
 - ◇ PSIA's [Master in International Development](#) (two-year program)

Please note that only applicants successfully admitted to PSIA will be considered for the scholarship.

- Students applying to a dual degree program are not eligible.

Scholarship Conditions

- Multiple scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to the best candidates on the basis of their academic record and their project at Sciences Po.
- In principle, the AFD-PSIA Scholarship goes towards covering tuition fees.
- The AFD-PSIA scholarship is offered for the entire length of study at PSIA on condition of sufficient academic performance (top 50% of the class). Students who do not meet this requirement will have their scholarship withdrawn.
 - ◇ **Master in Development Practice:** in principle, the scholarship is offered for one year. Students enrolled on this program must show sufficient academic performance during the first semester or their scholarship will be withdrawn in the second semester.



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- ◇ **Master in International Development:** in principle, the scholarship is offered for both years of study. Students enrolled on this program must show sufficient academic performance over the course of the first year or their scholarship will be withdrawn in the second year.
- The scholarship is dependent on the awardees completing their course of study at PSIA. A change in Master will lead to the withdrawal of the scholarship.
- Please note that the scholarship offer is for students beginning their studies in September 2015 and may not be deferred.

Application

To apply, please send the following materials by email to Ms Heather Clarke at heather.clarke@sciencespo.fr with 'AFD-PSIA Scholarship Application 2015' in the subject line.

- For all applicants:
 - ◇ CV in English
 - ◇ Cover letter of 1000 words in English (indicating which program at PSIA you are applying for) addressed to the members of the joint selection committee
 - ◇ Completed and signed release form (see page 3)
- For applicants coming from Sciences Po's Undergraduate College **only**, in addition to the two above mentioned items (CV and cover letter), please also provide:
 - ◇ Copy of the official academic transcripts for the entire length of your time in higher education (including periods spent abroad on exchange programs)
 - ◇ Two letters of reference from professors. To ensure confidentiality, these letters should be sent by the professors directly by email to: heather.clarke@sciencespo.fr
- The AFD-PSIA joint selection committee will review the scholarship applications.

Deadline

- The deadline to apply for the AFD-PSIA Scholarship is **Sunday 8th February 2015, at 11:59pm, French time.**
- Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The 2015 Sciences Po admissions campaign begins in October 2014.
- Results will be announced around mid-April 2015.

For more information

- [Agence Française du Développement](#) & [Paris School of International Affairs](#)
- [Sciences Po Admissions](#)
- Academic inquiries: Ms Kate Vivian, Academic Advisor: kate.vivian@sciencespo.fr
- Scholarship inquiries: Ms Heather Clarke, Scholarships Assistant: heather.clarke@sciencespo.fr



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RELEASE FORM

Re: AFD-PSIA Scholarship — 2015

I, , hereby agree that the documents submitted for my application to Sciences Po admissions for the academic year 2015-2016, will be communicated to the joint selection committee for the purpose of the AFD-PSIA Scholarship selection process.

My 11-digit Sciences Po application reference number* is:

Date:

Signed:

** This reference can be found on the online candidate application form.*