

10 GOOD REASONS TO STUDY IN FRANCE



FRANCE WELCOMES
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#01

POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS SUBSIDIZED AND GUARANTEED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

The French government subsidizes a very **large share** of the actual cost of higher education (€14,000 per student per year).

#02

QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION, ADAPTED TO STUDENTS' NEEDS

France's system of higher education comprises **3,500 public and private institutions**.

#03

A SOPHISTICATED RESEARCH ENTERPRISE

France ranks sixth in the world in terms of domestic spending on research and development. **16 of 55 Fields medals** have been awarded to French nationals. **41.1% of the doctoral candidates in France are internationals**.

#04

A WORLD-CLASS ECONOMIC POWER

France has the world's **five-largest economy**. Its gross domestic product ranks second in Europe, and the country is Europe's second-largest market (IMF, 2014; Eurostat, 2014).

#05

AN APPEALING DESTINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

France is the world's **4th leading country for international students** after the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia (UNESCO, 2014).

#06

AN ENVIRONMENT FAVORABLE TO INNOVATION AND TO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

France is **home to more of the world's top 100 most innovative companies than any other country in Europe** (Thomson Reuters 2016). It ranks sixth in the world in number of international patent applications (WIPO, 2013).

#07

A PLEASANT AND SATISFYING STYLE OF LIFE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Situated in the very heart of Europe, France is the **world's top tourist destination** in terms of number of foreign visitors (UNWTO, 2014). Paris is ranked the world's second best city for students (QS Best Student Cities, 2017).

#08

THE ART OF LIVING "À LA FRANÇAISE"

More than 40,000 monuments and protected sites, 41 cultural sites appearing on UNESCO's world heritage list, 8,000 museums, 2,000 cinemas, and nearly 500 festivals.

#09

FRENCH, AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

French is the world's fifth most widely used language, with 274 million speakers. **After English, French is the most widely studied language in the world**. It is the world's third most common business language and second most common language of international news (OIF, 2014).

#10

ADVANCED INDUSTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS THAT ARE LEADERS IN THEIR FIELD

France is **home to 31 of the world's 500 largest corporations** (Fortune Global 500, 2014).