CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Short Scientific Internships - Grants for 2012-2013

- Are you undertaking your postgraduate research?

- Do you wish to acquire a practical experience in a reputable French laboratory/research institution to back up your studies or scientific career?

...this is your chance!

Apply NOW for an internship jointly being offered and supported by the Embassy of France to Malta, the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research) Office of European Research and International Co-Operation and the Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) in conjunction with the University of Malta!

The Embassy of France to Malta, CNRS whose office for the Mediterranean is located at the University of Malta campus in Msida and MCST are indeed offering grants and travel support to Maltese students/teachers/lecturers/researchers interested in carrying out research/training in a French laboratory or research institution.

This scholarship programme aims at strengthening cooperation between the universities and research institutes situated in France and the University of Malta (UOM) by intensifying exchanges of students and academics and increasing competences and transfer of knowledge in the field of research.

Please note that French language is not a prerequisite, since English is a common language in French laboratories and research centres, which have acquired an international level.
Public concerned
UOM-affiliated fellows and students currently carrying out research at master’s, doctoral and post-doctoral level are especially concerned since this offers them the opportunity to use advanced equipment and research data of French laboratories and research centres while acquiring an exceptional experience by working with highly competent French and international researchers.

Fields of study
All sciences, including humanities and social sciences, and related fields are concerned: pure sciences, ICT, engineering, aeronautics, medical sciences, environmental sciences, biotechnology, etc.

Application forms
Application forms can be downloaded from http://www.ambafrance-mt.org/Grants-and-Scholarships,2124. They are also available from the French Embassy offices in Valletta and the CNRS Office for the Mediterranean at the UoM’s Msida campus.

The application form should be duly completed and should indicate clearly the objectives of the internship and the perspectives to develop and maintain cooperation between the institution of origin of the candidate and the host institution in France.

An application (application form and CV) should be sent electronically to the following email addresses: romina.caselli@diplomatie.gouv.fr and edouard.michel@cnrs.fr (Subject: Malta-France Science Internships application).

Three copies of the application form and of an updated CV should be sent by regular mail to the French Embassy and addressed as follows:
French Embassy to Malta
SCAC
Application for Science Internships Programme
130, Melita Street, Valletta

Applications for internships in academic year 2012-2013: Deadline: 10th December 2012
It is in the candidate’s interest to apply as early as possible since there is a limited number of grants available. The applicant should also take into consideration the time needed to be accepted by the French laboratory and we recommend that applications are sent quite in advance.

Selection procedure
The application form and CV will be examined by a Selection Committee, which will be composed by representatives of the French Embassy to Malta, CNRS, MCST and the University of Malta.

Although not binding, the Selection Committee may decide to give preference to first-time applicants who have not yet benefited from the Programme.

All applications will be acknowledged, and if accepted, the candidate will be called for an interview.

The internships or training courses will be granted to selected candidates only subject to the approval of the hosting institution, laboratory or university in France.
The internship will start only after approval of the precise subject that will be dealt with during the internship, as well as of the working plan and of the appointment of the training supervisor in the hosting institution.

**Selection of laboratory / research centre:**
Candidates are expected to select the laboratory or research centre which would best respond to their demand. The candidates are also encouraged to contact (Either directly or through their Head of Department or research supervisor) the laboratory/research centre in order to make sure the work it undertakes corresponds exactly to the research/study proposed by the candidates. They should also ask whether the laboratory/centre accepts trainees (or as they are known in France: “stagiaires”) for the period they are proposing.

If the application is accepted, the French Embassy to Malta and/or the CNRS will support the request of the candidate to follow the internship at the selected laboratory/centre.

The following links present lists of the major French research institutions in France:
French Institutions & Labs : [www.di.ens.fr/~cousot/institutions/institutionsFR.shtml](http://www.di.ens.fr/~cousot/institutions/institutionsFR.shtml)

**Dates of Internships, Duration and Deadlines:**
Training courses/internships will be available for the duration of minimum 1 month, up to a maximum of 3 months, according to the nature of the subject or of the project and subject to the overall funding capacities of the programme.

Only requests for internships taking place between the 1\textsuperscript{st} March 2013 and 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2013 can be considered for funding under this Call.

**Financial conditions**
- The grant amounts to **900 € per month**, all charges included.
- A limited number among the selected candidates will also be offered a **travel grant of up to 300€** by the [Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST)](http://www.campusfrance.org/en).

**Other conditions**
- Each candidate undertakes in writing, before departure, and upon receipt of the grant, to make a report, which shall be approved by the training supervisor in France and addressed to the French Embassy and to the University of Malta as well as to the CNRS Office to the Mediterranean if the chosen laboratory is affiliated to the CNRS.
- Living expenses including accommodation are directly managed by the candidate. As for accommodation, help and advice might be sought, for instance, from the French supervisor or local international offices of relevant universities and research institutes. To find out more, browse [www.fnak.fr/index.php?setLang=E](http://www.fnak.fr/index.php?setLang=E) and [www.campusfrance.org/en](http://www.campusfrance.org/en) if you are a student.
- Travel expenses are to be covered by other sources.
- All postponements or interruptions of the internship will have to be approved by the French Embassy and the University of Malta, and the CNRS Office of the Mediterranean if relevant, as well as by the training supervisor in France. In case of overcharge, a refund procedure will be activated. Should the motivation behind the interruption of the internship by the candidate not be satisfying, the candidate will be requested to refund the whole amount of the bursary.