

Excellence Scholarship for the Diploma in Intensive French

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is introducing a prestigious new scholarship programme for the 2019-2020 academic year. These scholarships are available to fifteen exceptionally talented international students (residents and non-residents of the UAE), and they cover 100% of tuition (46,000) and administrative fees (2,700 AED).

Session 2

The main objective of this Foundation Year is to develop proficiency in the use of the French language so that the students will be adequately prepared to undertake university-level studies at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi in the following academic year.

How to apply?

- The scholarship form should be submitted online before 28th February 2019 (midnight UAE local time). Please click **here** to complete the online scholarship form and submit the following documents.
- 1. Valid Passport copy
- 2. Emirates ID (for UAE residents)
- 3. Recent passport size photo
- 4. Transcripts of your last two high school years
- 5. A detailed curriculum vitae
- 6. Personal statement in English
- Make sure you provide all required supporting documentation. Incomplete applications will be automatically rejected.
- Do not submit more than the requested documentation.
- There is no application fee.

Who is eligible?

- International overseas students and UAE residents (non-Emiratis).
- Applicants must have completed a secondary level education (an equivalent of twelve years of schooling by September 2019).
- Applicants should meet the minimum requirement of 80% achieved in their last or previous high school year.
- Excellence scholarships are available to students under 21 years old.
- Students who participated to the 1st session of December 2018 are not eligible to apply again.

Calendar

- 28th February: Deadline for enrolment.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is received before the deadline date. Due to our very tight timescales, we cannot accept applications which are received late or with a postmark of the deadline date. The Scholarships Office will email you to acknowledge receipt of your application.
- 9th March 2019: Online test at 4:00pm (Abu Dhabi local time).
- 16th-17th March 2019: Skype interviews for shortlisted students.
- 21st March 2019: Results to be released.
- 7th April 2019: Confirmation from students that they accept the offer.

Terms and conditions apply

- The scholarship is awarded for one year and is only available for students who wish to be admitted to the morning programme of the Diploma in Intensive French at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi (click **here** for further information about the diploma programme).
- Health cover, housing and living expenses are not covered.
- Students must always maintain a grade of 12/20 or greater to retain their scholarship.
- Students under scholarship will pass a first French language test at the end of October 2019. If their grade is less than 14/20 they will receive a first warning.
- Students under scholarship need at least 12/20 to the mid-term exams which will take place in February 2020. If a student's grade is less than 12/20, they will not be able to receive a scholarship for the second semester. They will consequently be charged the tuition fees for the second semester (AED 23,000).

- Scholarship is not extended to undergraduate programmes; however, a number of partial scholarships are available for excellent academic performance and personal qualities. Scholarships start with a 25% reduction in tuition fees up to a rate of 75%. Please click **here** for further information.
- Receiving the scholarship is conditional on the student fulfilling all admission criteria. Click here for further information.
- The University reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a scholarship at any time if the student doesn't respect the Student Code of Conduct. Click **here** for further information.

NB: All scholarship applications are open to new students only. If you are an existing student at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, unfortunately, you are not eligible to apply. However, you can apply for current student scholarships.

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Test structure

Test section	Number of question
General knowledge	25 questions
Verbal	25 questions
Critical and verbal reasoning	15 questions
Numerical ability	10 questions
Writing assessment	1 topic
Total exam time	1 hour

General knowledge

This section will evaluate your general knowledge (science, literature, history, politics, economics, geography, arts, sports, cinema, etc.)

Verbal

Your knowledge of English language through sentences where you need to find the missing word, synonyms (a word which is identical in sense and usage with another) and antonyms (a word which is of contrary meaning to another)

Critical and verbal reasoning

This section will evaluate your critical thinking by:

- A. Measuring the ability to make deductions, to conceptualize with words and sentences.
- **B.** Measuring the ability to understand if an argument is strong or weak or if a conclusion follows or doesn't follow a particular situation.

Numerical ability

This section will evaluate your numerical ability, your ability to understand and logically evaluate numerical information.

Writing assessment

The writing assessment is designed to measure your ability to analyse ideas and to communicate those ideas clearly and effectively. You will be asked to write an essay where you need to analyse your arguments in a structured way of thinking (100 words).