ESSCA Master Program

Conditions of Admission 2018 for International Candidates

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What are the admission criteria?

- You must have a first degree at Bachelor level or above (in any field). For the Master of China-Europe Business Studies, the minimum requirement is a four-year Bachelor Degree (in any field)
- For students still finishing their first degree at the time of application, the most recent transcripts of records are accepted during the application phase. Once admitted, students must provide a copy of their degree certificate (and an official translation in English or French) before November 1st 2018.
- You must provide a GMAT score of no less than 2 years or take the International Admission Test (SHL) organized by ESSCA (contact : infomaster@essca.fr)

How do I apply?

1st step: Written Application

In order to be admitted into ESSCA's Master degree, **International Applicants** must:

a) Register on-line and download and fill out the application form (click here)

b) Provide:

- a copy of their **Bachelor degree** (any academic field) or higher; a copy of the **most recent transcripts of records** (translated in English or French)
- a **GMAT score**. Please note that **ESSCA's GMAT recipient-code is XWFAM009**. Applicants can also take the International Admission Test (SHL) through ESSCA. Contact infomaster@essca.fr
- all applicants should **check carefully with the French authorities** in their home country whether or not they have to provide a French language score in order to obtain a student visa. Prior knowledge of French is not a requirement for admission to the programme[1];
- a **copy of their passport**;
- **two letters of recommendation** issued by professors from the applicant's home institution, or a company or organization for which they have worked.

c) Pay an **application fee** of 130 euros either on line or by bank transfer (Please see below for bank references)

Bank Reference	Banque Populaire Atlantique
Bank Address	1 rue francoise Sagan Saint Herblain 44919 Nantes cedex 9
Account Holder	ESSCA
Account number	31321298815
SWIFT/BIC code	CCBPFRPPNAN
IBAN	FR76 1380 7008 4031 3212 9881 546

All documents must be sent to

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[1] It is however strongly recommended to take French language courses before coming to France, in order to facilitate daily life and broaden future internship opportunities.

2nd step: Interview

All international applicants will have to take an **interview** with 2 ESSCA representative, either in person or by skype.

This 30-minute interview will be conducted in the language in which applicants wish to study at ESSCA.

The objective of the interview is to evaluate the student's motivation and preparation to study at ESSCA, as well as their future career plans and objectives.

Interviews will be conducted between January and July 2018.

Only complete applications (application form duly completed, documents attached and application fee paid) will be presented to ESSCA's admissions panel. The candidates will receive the admissions panel's decision by e-mail.

What is the admission process?

ESSCA's admissions panel meets once a month, from January to July 2018 and can give one of 2 decisions:

- Strongly recommend for admission.
  In this case the panel will make the candidate an offer, to be confirmed at the official admissions board meeting, chaired by a representative of the French Education Ministry
- Admission rejected[2].

How do I know if my application has been successful?

- The panel will make the candidate an offer, to be confirmed at the official admissions board meeting. ESSCA will e-mail the candidate a tuition agreement in PDF form confirming that
  - The admission will be definitive only after confirmation by the Official Admission Board Meeting in January, April, May, June or July and specifying :
    - The conditions of refund[3]
    - The registration conditions for the French State Health Insurance

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If offered a place, how can I confirm that I accept?

Those who are "strongly recommended for admission" should confirm their choice to study at ESSCA by sending back their tuition agreement duly signed. This should be done by e-mail (Pdf) and post with the payment of the first tuition fee instalment, 20% of the total fees for the year. A letter of pre-acceptation will be sent by e-mail (with a copy to the CEF[4]) and where necessary, the visa application process can begin.

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[2] The application fee will not be reimbursed

[3] In the unlikely event of an admitted student not obtaining his/her visa, ESSCA will refund the first instalment, after deduction of an international transfer bank fees.

[4] Centre Etudes en France

What is the calendar for admission in 2018 ?

- Applications must be submitted on-line **between November 2017 and June 13, 2018**
- GMAT scores can be sent separately but must arrive at ESSCA
    - in March 2018 for the Admission Board in April,
    - in April 2018 for the Admission Board in May,
    - in May 2018 for the Admission Board in June,
    - in June 2018 for the Admission Board in July.
- Oral interviews take place between beginning of January and July 2018.
- Decisions on applications presented to the admissions panel are given on a monthly basis. Students whose admission is qualified as “strongly recommended” should send back the tuition agreement duly signed with the payment of the first installment in order to receive the letter of pre-acceptation.
- Official confirmation of offers is given mid-May 2018 for the application examined by the Admission Panel before May 1st, mid-June for the application examined before June 5th, and in July for the others.

What are the tuition fees?

It is a 2 year-program.
Master 1 - Tuition fees for 2018/2019 : 10 500€
Master 2 - Tuition fees for 2019/2020 : 10 605€

Can I apply for a scholarship?

ESSCA offers 10 excellence scholarships for international students

Students should send a letter of motivation to Alejandro Escudero Yerro : infomaster@essca.fr

What medical insurance must I have?

- All students of 28 years of age and over: a copy of international health insurance (in French or English) valid for 1 year minimum, to be renewed later.
- All students of 27 years of age and under must pay the French State Health Insurance (Sécurité Sociale) of 217 € (to be confirmed for 2018-2019) except students from the European member countries if they have a valid European Health Insurance Card.

Who can give me additional information?

Feel free to contact with any questions
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