

ORION MASTER GRANTS: PRACTICAL SHEET FOR THE RECEPTION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

In the ORION program, international students have the opportunity to receive a grant of 1000€ per month to do a research internship at Master 2 level in a UL laboratory. The internship can last from 4 to 6 months.

Students will be registered at the University of Lorraine in the LUE Graduate School Program. Enrolment in this University Diploma allows them to be part of this program and to apply for a **long stay visa valid as residence permit for students (visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour (VLS-TS) mention étudiant) valid from 4 months to 1 year.**

Below is a list of the people involved in the procedure for welcoming foreign students and their respective roles :

- The tutor who undertakes to welcome and accompany the student in the laboratory.
- ORION which assists the tutor and the student for the administrative registration. The student can benefit, if he asks for it, from 1000€ before his arrival for his mobility (IBAN of his country of origin) or from a refunding of his mobility expenses as soon as he is in France (French IBAN). Then, he will receive 1000€ every month for his internship (French IBAN). The maximum payment is 7000€.
- the International and European Relations Department (IERD or DRIE in French) which accompanies the student from the formalities before his arrival to the reservation of CROUS accommodation as soon as he is registered. The IERD welcomes the student at the train station and opens their bank account in Lorraine.

Important:

- CROUS housing: reservations are made by semester. The CROUS does not allow reservations for two academic years. Other housing options: <https://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr/fr/logement/>
- The student must not be residing in France at the time of the ORION grant application.
- For laboratories in a restricted area (In French, zone à régime restrictif: ZRR), the student's application must be anticipated as the waiting period can be very long.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The student must provide ORION with the following documents:

- IBAN from the country of origin if the student wishes to benefit from a mobility grant
- ID photo for student card
- Application form for the LUE Graduate School Program
- Foreign agent creation form for registration in the management tools
- Hosting agreement if requested by the consular services
- Signed letter of commitment
- Copy of passport

- Copy of student visa
- French IBAN on arrival in France

The application form for the LUE Graduate School Program, the foreign agent creation form, the hosting agreement and the letter of commitment will be available on the ORION website: <https://www.univ-lorraine.fr/osezlarecherche/en/2022/11/15/call-for-applications-for-orion-master-grants/>

The student should make sure to apply for a **long stay visa valid as residence permit for students** and not another kind of visa.

The hosting agreement is not systematic. The student must refer to the visa application procedure of the French consulate in his/her country. The hosting agreement must be submitted only if the consular services request it.

ORION sends the student the Master Grants certificate and the university registration certificate so that the student can receive a visa.

When the student is in France, ORION will request the creation of the student card and the school certificate.

STUDENT'S RECEPTION

IERD, within the framework of Welcome@Lorraine, proposes to help the student in the following steps:

- Kind of student visa to apply for
- Opening a French bank account
- Housing application
- Home insurance
- Social Safety

After final notification of the ORION MASTER GRANTS, the student can ask for an interview to help with mobility with the IERD (Nathalie Fick or Isabel Keller) but also with the supervisor if the latter is not used to welcoming international students. The purpose of this voluntary interview is to:

- Evaluate the aptitude for international mobility (comfort zone, degree of autonomy).
- To offer socio-cultural support for mobility and settlement in Lorraine (in coordination with the student associations).
- To know the student's status (in couple/with children), to inform him/her of the cost of living in Lorraine according to his/her situation (alone or with family).

After this interview, a budget table will be provided to the student to allow him/her to evaluate his/her financial capacity to come to France.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- The student will be able to eat in the university restaurants. He will have to download the Izly application to load his CROUS account in euros.
- If the student does not wish to live in a university residence, you should know that the University of Lorraine is a partner of the Studapart housing platform, which offers a housing guide and a guarantor system. All information on Studapart: <https://www.studapart.com/fr>. You will also find information on housing on the University of Lorraine's website, particularly those offered by the CROUS, as well as on how to obtain a guarantor: <https://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr/fr/logement/>
- [UL-timate Welcome Kit](#) lists the various services offered to students to help them settle in, in particular the Feel Français platform for online procedures (with the access code) and the BuddySystem to benefit from a sponsorship by a student already living in Lorraine.
- The Practical Guide for International Students with Disabilities and the Guide for International Students, as well as a wealth of practical information, can be found at <https://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr> under the heading "Study".