



# BOOTCAMPS - FAQ

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN FRANCE

### THE BOOTCAMPS

The Community College in France Bootcamps allow students to spend two weeks in France during the summer to explore current global issues, improve their transversal skills and broaden their intellectual horizon.

Visit our [website](#) for more information. Still can't find an answer to your question? Please get in touch with us at: [anna.malan@frenchculture.org](mailto:anna.malan@frenchculture.org)

### BEFORE APPLYING

- What are the eligibility requirements?

Students need to be enrolled in a U.S. Community College for the 2021-2022 academic year.

- Do I need to be enrolled in a French class?

The Bootcamps are entirely in English. No prior knowledge of French is needed, and you do not need to be enrolled in a French class.

- Can I apply if I am under 18?

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept students who are under 18.

- Is there an age limit for who can participate and receive scholarships?

There is no maximum age limit. Every student over 18 is welcome to apply



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- Can a student who will be graduating in May participate?

Yes, students can participate in the Bootcamps as long as they are enrolled in a Community College for the 2021-2022 academic year.

- If I have a disability, how will I let you know?

If you have a disability, you will be able to let us know when you fill out our online application form. If you have any concerns regarding accessibility or your specific needs, we encourage you to contact us in advance so that we can make the necessary adjustments.

- Can my family accompany me during the program?

We do not recommend having family accompanying you as this is an academic program. This is an all-inclusive experience: accommodation, meals, and cultural visits are included in the fees and organized by the host institution. You will have activities programmed every day and the goal of this program is for participants to meet other students and expand their network. In addition, please note that we would not cover any additional costs if your family were to come with you. They would not be accommodated by the host institution.

- Do you run Bootcamps at other times of the year?

No, unfortunately, these programs only run during the summer.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

- What is the application deadline?

The application deadline is February 15th, 12pm EST.

- What documents do I need to submit with my application?

As part of your online application form, please upload your most recent academic transcript.

- Do I need to send an official transcript of records?

We accept unofficial transcripts.



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- **What is the nomination process?**

To be nominated for the Bootcamps, please contact the study abroad coordinator for global engagement or a teacher at your Community College, letting them know that you would like to participate in this program. They will then need to send an email to [anna.malan@frenchculture.org](mailto:anna.malan@frenchculture.org), with your full name, to confirm that your enrollment at the community college and that they are aware of your application to the Bootcamps. The email needs to be sent before the application deadline.

- **Is there a limit to the number of students who can be nominated?**

No, there is no limit to the number of students who can be nominated by a community college, although we wouldn't recommend more than 10 students.

- **What are the selection criteria for the program?**

Our selection is based on each applicant's individual application and whether the student demonstrates motivation and interest in participating in the program. We are also interested in how the Bootcamps you choose are relevant to your academic and/or professional aspirations. Application submissions are reviewed holistically, taking every section of the application into consideration. Please submit well-written responses to the application questions.

- **What are the selection criteria for the grant?**

As part of our continuing commitment to widening participation in study abroad, priority will be given to underserved and underrepresented students. The grant offered by the Embassy is need-based and merit-based. We will also look at the selection criteria listed above.

- **Can I apply to multiple Bootcamps?**

When filling out the application form, you will be asked to choose a first choice and a second choice. We will try our best to accommodate your first choice.



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- Can I participate in more than one Bootcamp?

We do not recommend participating in more than one Bootcamp. They do not run sequentially, and the dates might overlap. We cannot accommodate students outside of the program dates.

- Do I need a passport to participate in the Bootcamps?

Yes, you will need a valid passport issued within the past 10 years and valid for at least 3 months after the intended departure date. If you do not have a passport, you can still submit an application. However, please apply for a passport as of now, as it can take up to 11 weeks to obtain one. Please note that the French Embassy cannot help you obtain a passport in the U.S. The information provided by the state department should be helpful. Your Community College and their office for global engagement (or similar) might be able to assist you.

## **AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

- How will I know if my application has been received?

You will receive an automatic email confirming receipt of your application.

- When will I know if I have been accepted? How will I be notified?

We will notify you via email as soon as a decision has been reached. The jury will be held in March. Make sure you give us your correct email address!

- What is included in the program fees?

This is an all-inclusive program. The fees include: housing, pick up at the airport, 3 meals a day, cultural visits and local transportation. You will have to pay for airfare to and from France.

- How much does the scholarship cover?

The total program cost is \$2400. If you are selected for a scholarship, the French Embassy will cover \$1400, to lower the participation cost to \$1000.



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- When will I have to pay my fees?

Program fees should be paid before April 15, 2022. Your place in the program is only guaranteed once we receive full payment.

- How do I pay the program fees?

If you are selected for one of the Bootcamps, we will send you a link to a secured online platform where you will be able to pay your fees using a credit or debit card.

- Can I get a refund after I paid my fees?

If you pay your fees and choose to withdraw from the program BEFORE April 15, we will refund 100% of your program fees. We will not be able to process refunds after this date. It is recommended to purchase insurance that would help you recover the program costs and airfare if you have to cancel.

- Do I need a visa to study in France?

All US citizens can spend 90 days in Europe, including France, without applying for a visa. For other nationalities, rules can be different, and we will advise you individually.

### COVID-19

- Do you require vaccination to participate in the program?

We do not require vaccination to participate in the program. However, given current health regulations, it is highly recommended that students are fully vaccinated before going to France. Non-vaccinated students might be required to test very frequently at their own cost to access the program's venues.

- Do I need to have an insurance?

Every student will need to buy a travel health insurance that includes repatriation for the duration of their stay in France. We also recommend students to buy a trip cancellation insurance.



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- What will be put in place to ensure students are safe?

France is putting in place numerous measures to protect its residents and visitors. At this time, all patrons have to show proof of vaccination or a recent negative test result. Masks are required on public transport to go to restaurants, museums, or other public venues. The program organizers are closely following the regulations and adapting the program accordingly. Whenever possible, outdoor activities will be encouraged.

### **I AM A FACULTY OR ADMINISTRATOR**

- How can I participate in one of the Bootcamps?

Community college professionals interested in joining one of the Bootcamps for the summer may complete the online application form. Please be aware that Community College in France is primarily an opportunity for students. Administrators are accepted on a limited, space-available basis. Priority for these limited spots is given to those who will be accompanying their own students on the program.

- How much does it cost?

Administrators will need to pay a fee of \$1000 to cover housing and meals.