

Université Côte d'Azur Scholarship for Outstanding International Students Applicants for a Master Degree in "Innovation, Digitalization and Territories"

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Master program scholarship content

Brief description - The UCA Scholarship for International Students enables graduate students and young professionals from abroad to study and conduct research at Université Côte d'Azur. It is awarded to international students with interests in economics and management of innovation and digital changes.

The Scholarship covers a year (two semesters) of a master's degree in "Innovation, Digitalization and Territories" and includes a 3 to 4 months' internship (research stay) at the GREDEG (Groupe de Recherche en Droit, Economie et Gestion) Research Centre.

The research project is part of a larger pluridisciplinary program conducted in collaboration with the LEAT (Research Centre in Microelectronics – Laboratoire d'Electronique, Antennes et Télécommunications – UMR CNRS 7248), entitled "Towards Automation of Value Chains by Adopting Smart Contracts within IoT Platforms". The main research question is concerned with the social uses of smart contracts and digital trust issues in these new forms of contracts implemented in connected objects. The method used in the project will be primarily experimental and conducted in the experimental economics lab (Laboratoire d'Économie Expérimentale de Nice – LEEN).

Host institutions - The successful candidate will be part of the [Université Côte d'Azur](#) that is seen as a catalyst that will transform its territory through a different mode of thought, of entrepreneurship, and of research and development.

In particular, the scholarship is awarded by the pluridisciplinary academy of excellence "[Networks, Information and Digital Society](#)" which aims at improving comprehension of the transformation brought about by the digitalization of society, especially the impact of technological innovation and the role of physical artifacts in this transformation.

The Master Degree in "Innovation, Digitalization and territories" is delivered by the [Institut d'Économie et de Management](#) de Nice which gathers economics and management programs at both undergraduate and graduate levels. The internship will take place at [GREDEG](#) (UMR CNRS 7321).

Fields of study - The successful candidate will be invited to work on the social acceptance of smart contracts in the uses of connected objects and mobility services. In particular, the notion of digital trust will be assessed in experimental studies. Experiments will be conducted in the experimental platform at the [LEEN](#) (Laboratoire d'Économie Expérimentale de Nice).

Scholarship value/ duration - The scholarship offers 5400 euros to the successful candidate and will be given in two parts. The second half of the scholarship will be subject of successful exams at the end of semester 1. Subject to availability, the successful applicant will benefit from free a 3-months free accommodation at the UCA Welcome Center.

Eligibility requirements

The Grant will be awarded to outstanding international undergraduate (3rd year) or postgraduate students. Candidates with French nationality will not be considered. Applicants should demonstrate quality of their academic curriculum and records; their creativity potential and scientific independence.

Familiarity with data analysis and programming would be appreciated.

A score of B2 at the French proficiency test and a good knowledge of English are expected.

At the end of his/ her 1st year Master degree at ISEM, the successful candidate should then aim to apply to a 2nd year Master program at ISEM. A candidate aiming at applying for a Ph.D. programme at GREDEG will be considered more seriously.

Application material and deadlines

1. Detailed CV
2. Cover letter including motivation
3. Academic records (from A levels/ Baccalaureate grades to current records)
4. One reference letter is highly recommended.

The Call is launched on May 25th, 2017.

The Deadline is July 10th, 2017.

Skype interviews will be organized between July 10th and July 15th, 2017.

Results will be announced by July 20th, 2017.

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