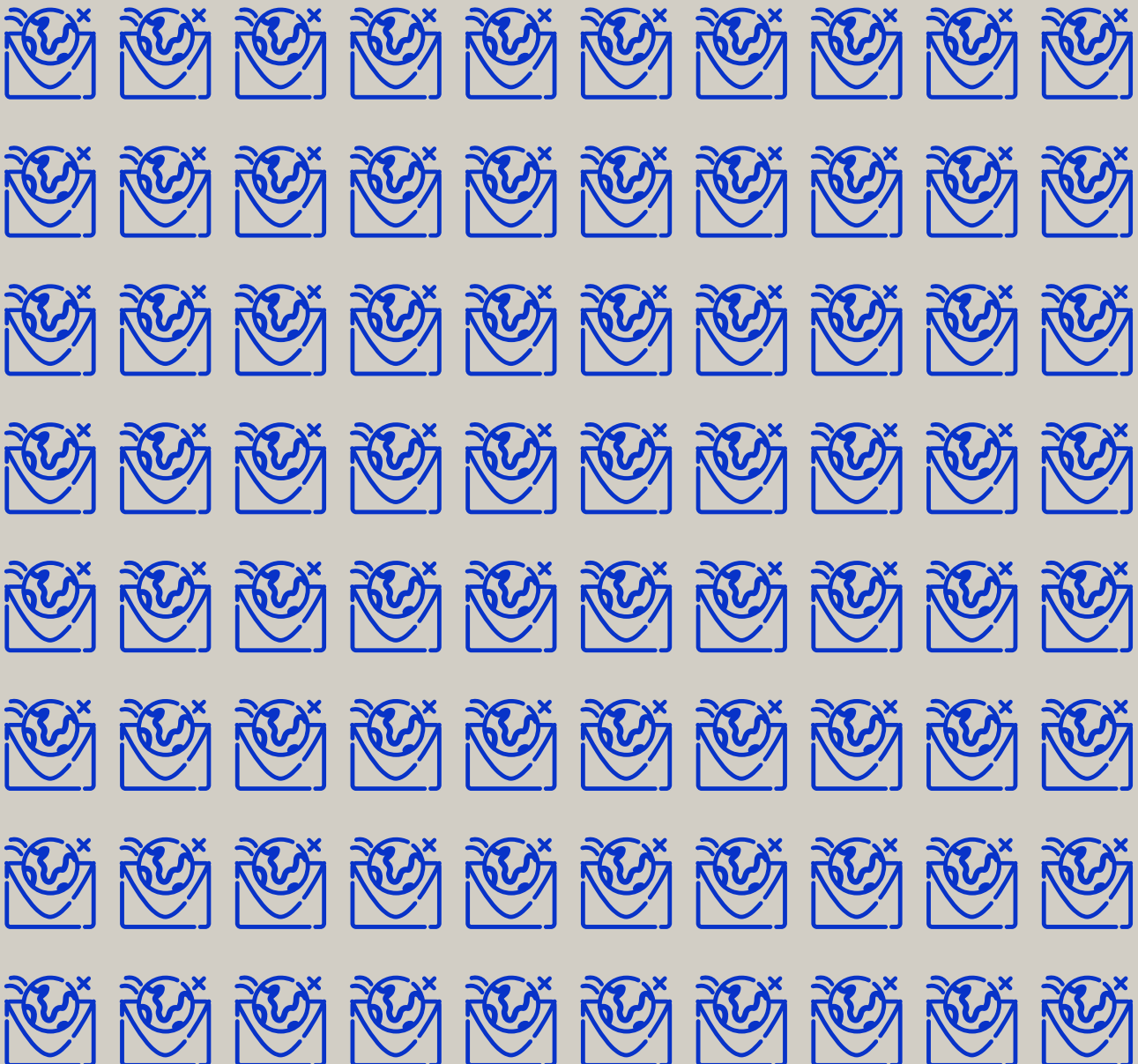




# FACT SHEET INCOMING MOBILITY 2026/2027

École des Arts Décoratifs - PSL



*This document is intended for international partners wishing to nominate their students for an exchange at École des Arts Décoratifs - PSL, for the prospective students themselves to guide them through the application process, and for the students who are ultimately selected to support them in preparing for their arrival.*

*It brings together all the necessary information, organized into several categories:*

- A presentation of the International Office and useful contacts;*
- The fields open to applications;*
- Language proficiency requirements;*
- Nomination deadlines and nomination and application procedures;*
- The academic calendar;*
- The credit system and course selection procedures;*
- Practical information about life as an international student in Paris.*

## **1. Presentation**

→ **École des Arts Décoratifs – PSL** is a leading French school of art and design under the French Ministry of Culture and a member of Université PSL (Paris Sciences & Lettres).

For more than **260 years**, the School has been a vibrant center of intellectual, creative, and artistic innovation, educating artists and designers who shape the contemporary world and contribute to its ecological, social, and technological transformation.

The School educates 711 students across **10 specialized departments** and is distinguished by a **unique pedagogical model** that combines experimentation, critical inquiry, and the integration of theory and practice, while addressing contemporary ecological, social, and technological challenges.

Its research activity is structured around a **laboratory**, EnsadLab, composed of 5 research groups, and it currently hosts 20 doctoral candidates, reflecting a strong commitment to research and advanced study.

Internationally oriented, the School is part of a global network of 135 partner institutions and collaborates each year with 50 public and private partners and sponsors.

Its campus includes 19 technical workshops, a materials library, a library, 2 lecture halls, and a student office, providing a **dynamic learning environment**.

## 2. International Office

### 🔗 Address:

31 rue d'Ulm, 75005 Paris  
Office 105 (1st floor)

### 🔗 Contacts:

General email, incoming students and staff: [international@ensad.fr](mailto:international@ensad.fr)

### 🔗 Website:

<https://www.ensad.fr/fr/international-students-o>

→ Erasmus code : FPARIS116

## 3. Nomination and application deadlines

- for the Autumn semester: **6th April**
- for the Spring semester: **1st October**

## 4. Information required for the nomination

Each year, the partner school receives the nomination link approximately two months before the nomination and application deadline.

→ The partner school is kindly invited to nominate its students in advance to ensure they have sufficient time to complete their application.

*If the platform says an account is already existing, please reach out to us so that we can fix it as soon as possible with our IT support!*

To nominate, we require the home institution to give the following information:

- o Country
- o Institution
- o City
- o Contact
- o Civility
- o Name
- o First Name
- o E-mail address

## 5. Information required for the application

- After the nomination, students receive immediately on their email address the link and password to access their account and complete their application.
- Students log in (possibility to choose the English version before logging in), fill in the online form and submit:
  - **Portfolio** (PDF, 10Mb max)
  - **Motivation letter** preferably in French (PDF, 3Mb max)
  - **CV** (PDF, 3Mb max) – *Please write your level of study at your home institution!*
- Students receive a confirmation email after submitting their documents.  
**If they have not received it, it means that the documents are not the right size and that the application has not been registered.**
- Our teachers examine the applications received and make a selection. Sometimes, teachers can reassign you in another level of study, depending on the technical skills they see in their portfolio. Students receive a response approximately one month after the application deadline.

Please note that due to a large number of applications, not all candidates will be selected.

We are not able to welcome as many exchange students in the Spring as we do in the Fall Semester. This is due to our own educational model (where our students mostly do their exchange semester in the Fall, opening up some spaces in our classes).

→ Spring applications are therefore more competitive.

## 6. Calendar of academic year 2026/2027

### → Autumn semester:

Study period: September 15th 2026 – January 30th 2027

Exam period: January 19th 2027 – January 23rd 2027

### → Spring semester:

Study period: February 2nd 2026 – May 29th 2026

Exam period: May 18th 2027 – May 22nd 2027

## **7. Acceptance is not automatic.**

The admission to each department is based on the departmental review of the complete applications. The applicants are evaluated on their creative work. Applicants need to have sufficient background/previous academic training in the field they apply to.

Students have to be nominated before they send their application material.

## **8. Departments available for applications**

- o Interior Architecture
- o Animation Cinema
- o Art-Space
- o Graphic Design
- o Product Design
- o Textile & Material design
- o Fashion & Accessory Design
- o Printed Image
- o Photography-Video
- o Set-Design

## **9. Language requirement:**

A B2 level in French is required, as almost all courses are taught in French.

→ While no official language certificate is requested, it is essential to have a basic command of French upon arrival in order to successfully follow classes and participate fully in academic life.

## **10. Credit system and selection of courses**

At the beginning of the semester, you will receive on your school email a link to log in your choices.

→ You can check the timetables and electives courses on <https://eval.ensad.fr/catalog/>

Your imposed sector courses will give you between 15 and 23 credits. They take place from Monday to Wednesday.

As you will have to validate 30 credits, you will then make choices for elective courses to complete your schedule.

You will make wishes for the:

- **HTC** (History of Art) - Thursday AM / 2 credits each
- **Studios** (Transversal Courses): i.e. engraving, drawing, painting, etc... Thursday and Friday / 2 credits each
- **MRC** (Module Recherche et Création) - Thursday and Friday / 2 credits each
- **Workshop** - 2nd and 3rd year / 3 credits

You will have two mandatory French classes per week, which represent 2 additional ECTS credits. You will be dispatched into level groups, based on an initial test.

## **11. Evaluation**

The assessment of skills and knowledge can take three forms:

- Continuous assessment: regular evaluation throughout the semester through submissions, presentations, projects, practical work, or participation.
- Final exam: overall evaluation at the end of a course.
- Mixed mode: a combination of the two.

The assessment criteria are presented by the instructor responsible for the course unit during the first class. Evaluations must take place during the relevant semester, and grades are communicated to the students.

Courses are evaluated by a mark on 20 or in «Pass (P) /Fail (F)» mode. The GPA is calculated using marks upon 20 and leveled with the credits. Credits are acquired if the mark is more than 10/20, with the «pass» mention or for marks between 8/20 and 10/20 if the GPA is more than 10/20.

## **12. Practical information**

### **→ Lunch – CROUS**

Résidence Concordia  
41 rue Tournefort  
75005 Paris

→ With your student ID card, you have access to the CROUS where you can have a complete lunch for 3,30 euros.

### **→ Bank account**

Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/AdMgERlOnkI>

→ Opening a French bank account is optional

## → Social security

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEpy9XrgUKk>

→ Registration is mandatory

## → PSL Welcome Desk

École des Arts Décoratifs - PSL is an associate member of PSL University (Paris Sciences & Lettres). Their Welcome Desk offer assistance for International Students with administrative formalities:

- Questions about visas
- Housing and insurance
- Healthcare
- Survival Guide to Studying at PSL
- Transports
- Student jobs
- Tips for students in Paris

*Where?*

→ 5 rue André Mazet, 75006 Paris

*When?*

→ Monday-Thursday (9.30am-6pm), Friday (9.30am-5pm), by drop-in or appointment (preferred) via their website (<https://psl.eu/vie-de-campus/services-etudiants/psl-welcome-desk>)

## → Transportation

→ Monthly travel card: €90.80 per month.

→ Imagine R card: €392.30 per year. Please note that it takes about 10 days to receive the card. The application must be completed online, along with a certificate of school enrolment, and the request needs to be reviewed and approved before the card is issued.

→ There are also biking options with Velib.

## → Housing in Paris

Finding an apartment in Paris can be challenging, especially for students. We recommend joining Facebook and WhatsApp groups dedicated to student housing, and also relying on word of mouth — personal recommendations can be very helpful.

Here are some useful websites to search for accommodation :

- Le Bon Coin: <https://www.leboncoin.fr/>
- Se Loger: <https://www.seloger.com/>
- Gens de Confiance (members-only platform based on referrals, often considered more secure and reliable): <https://gensdeconfiance.com/fr>
- Jinka: <https://www.jinka.fr/>

Be cautious of scams, never transfer money before signing a contract, and always try to visit the apartment (or request a live virtual tour) before making any payment.