The EHESS Exiled Students Program

What is the EHESS?

The École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), or School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, is an institution of international reputation, with over 700 teachers and researchers, 450 research associates, and 3,000 enrolled students, about half of whom come from countries outside France.

EHESS trains students in all disciplines of the human and social sciences: history, anthropology, sociology, economics, geography, linguistics, psychology, political science, philosophy and mathematics.

EHESS takes a unique hands-on approach to research training: students directly experience professional research by working alongside scholars who provide insight into the research process. Research seminars form the primary locus of research and training.

The headquarters of EHESS are currently located at 54 boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris (métro: Saint-Placide or Sèvres-Babylone). As of 2019-2020 a number of courses will be given on our new Campus, called Campus Condorcet, in Aubervilliers.

What diplomas does the EHESS award?

The EHESS awards three diplomas:

- The diplôme de l'EHESS is a three-year program that allows candidates without prior graduate school experience to pursue research training in consultation with a research supervisor. It offers students the possibility of giving scholarly form to a personal project and may also lead to study at the master’s and doctoral level. The diplôme de l’EHESS is a local rather than a nationally-recognized diploma, but it gives access to full student status during the three years of study, and it subsequently allows students to apply to the master’s program at the EHESS. Students need a certain level of maturity as there is no pre-determined formal course of study but an individual program will be constructed with their tutor.

- The master’s program requires two years of study involving an interdisciplinary combination of courses and individual research. It prepares students for doctoral studies. Students need a BA level or a diplôme de l’EHESS to enroll in the master’s program.

- Doctoral studies are conceived as a process of apprenticeship into the world of professional research in the human and social sciences. The EHESS also encourages the undertaking of joint PhDs with non-French institutions of higher education. Students must have shown their aptitude to do research during their MA.
Specific possibilities for exiled students?

EHESS has a long tradition of welcoming international students, including refugees, some of whom have become renowned EHESS teachers and researchers.

In order to facilitate the integration of exiled students, EHESS has set up a program which includes

- **Exemption from tuition fees**
- Flexible deadlines and simplified procedures for enrolment during the academic year
- Intensive **language courses** by professional teachers, adapted to the students’ linguistic level
- Continuous **mentoring** by a supervising teacher and support by the students’ association “Collectisse des liens”.

Who can apply to the program?

The EHESS program is open to all foreigners who have been obliged to abandon their project of university studies in their home countries due to persecution, discrimination, armed conflicts or catastrophe, regardless of nationality or administrative status. (Applicants should note, however, that student status is usually not compatible with the RSA – Revenu de Solidarité Active – minimum income.)

The EHESS program requires a previous university diploma and a level of scientific maturity adapted to postgraduate studies, which will be evaluated by the prospective EHESS supervisor.

The EHESS program is open to students from all disciplines with a long-term perspective of research in the human and social sciences.

What do you need to apply?

- Fill out the [enrollment form](#)
- Contact an [EHESS professor](#) who may accept to be your advisor, corresponding to your discipline and interests
- A 1-2 page research proposal
- A **Curriculum Vitae**
- Copies of your previous **diplomas** and an ID card showing your status in France

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