

International Student Guide



**CENTRALE
LYON**

Welcome to the École Centrale de Lyon !

Centrale Lyon is one of France's top engineering schools. Since its foundation in 1857 it has been dedicated to innovation, entrepreneurship, internationalism and social responsibility, with a mission to educate and train engineers and researchers, providing them with the skills that will be needed to solve the scientific challenges of tomorrow, in an international context. The school offers a general degree programme in engineering science, nourished by high-level research and a close relationship with the business world, which equips its graduates to manage complex multidisciplinary projects.

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Academic Calendar



For further details on the application process and on the exact dates, you can download our Fact Sheet on our website : **Incoming students to Centrale Lyon!**

Our reputation

The École Centrale de Lyon is recognised for its strong industry connections, high research impact and wide range of innovative courses.



[Click here to consult our Key figures](#)



Stratimix room
LMFA Laboratory - Fluid Mechanics and Acoustics

LIRIS Laboratory - Computer Science and Image Analysis



By choosing to come to the École Centrale de Lyon, you are joining a school that is ranked amongst the best Engineering schools

École Centrale de Lyon primarily trains general engineers, benefiting from a multidisciplinary scientific and technical education of excellence, complemented by a significant culture in the human and social sciences. Your training will also be based on the quality of the partnerships that the School has forged with the business world and on the dynamism of its internationally renowned research laboratories.



Ranking by subject 2023



- ◆ 149 in the field of «mechanical, aeronautical and production engineering».
- ◆ 301-350 in the field of «electrical and electronic engineering».



Le Figaro Étudiant 2023

8th position of excellent Engineering Schools in France



SHANGHAI RANKING

Shanghai ranking 2022
76-100 in the field of Mathematics.



ICJ Laboratory
Camille Jordan Institute for Mathematics

An action learning school !

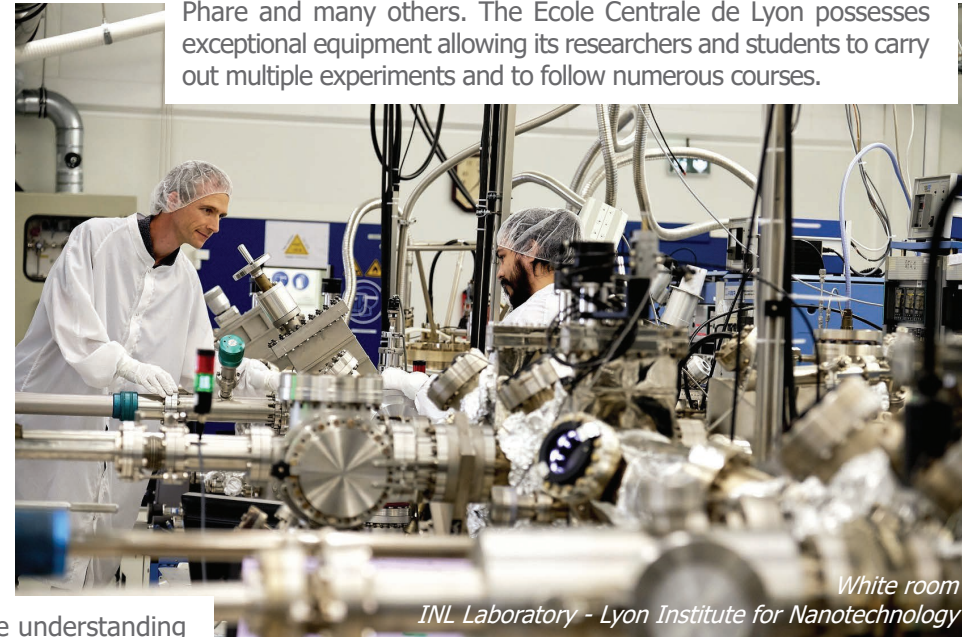
At the École Centrale de Lyon, unlike most schools in France, our teaching is essentially based on « learning by doing » ! We offer a wide range of practical courses so that you can carry out experiments on our many scientific installations.



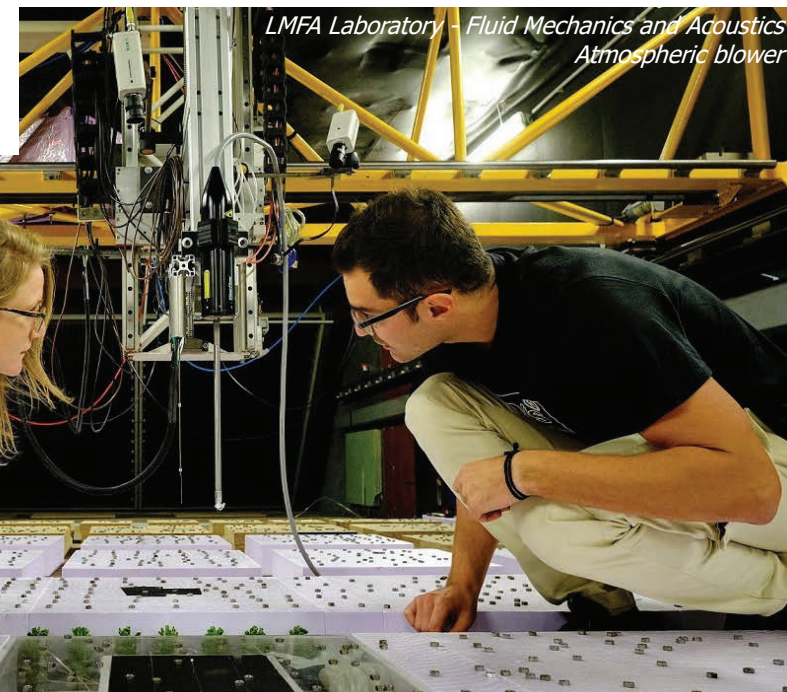
Acoustic chamber
LMFA Laboratory - Fluid Mechanics and Acoustics

Our teaching allows a concrete understanding of the courses, but also to create links through all the different group activities that are set up.

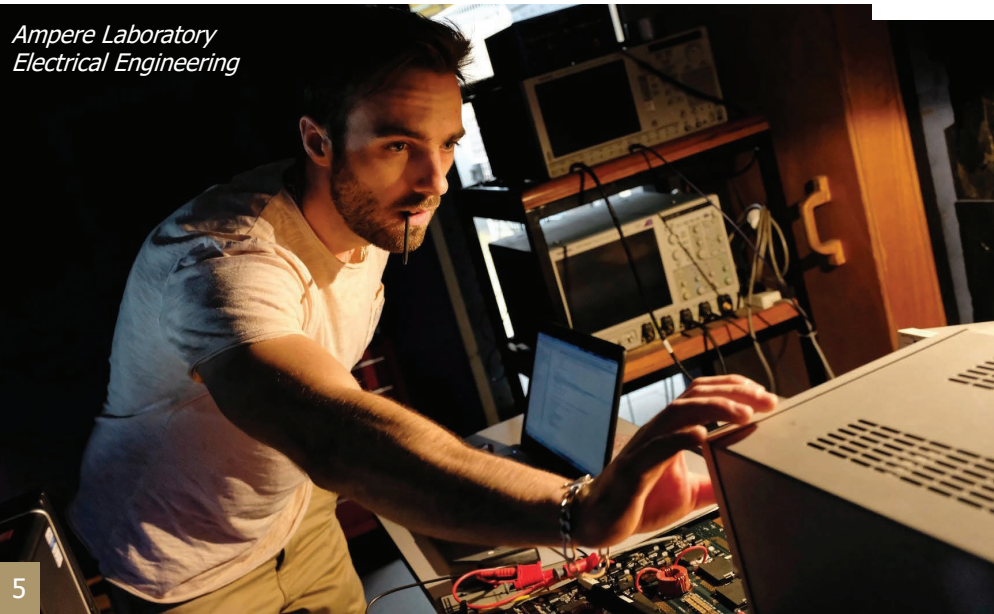
An ideal training for an international student who will easily be able to integrate!



White room
INL Laboratory - Lyon Institute for Nanotechnology



LMFA Laboratory - Fluid Mechanics and Acoustics
Atmospheric blower



Ampere Laboratory
Electrical Engineering



Community life



Fanfare club
Make some noise!



Theatre club
Time for drama!

If you wish to discover all the student clubs in more detail, you can consult the [Alpha brochure](#) produced by the members of the BDE (Bureau des Elèves).

Community life will enable you to consolidate and develop skills that complement those you will acquire through your studies.

With over 100 associations and clubs at the École centrale de Lyon, you will inevitably find one that pleases you. Science, arts, music, sports, sustainable energy, international clubs and so on are all available. You will discover all these clubs on your arrival and will be able to choose the one that corresponds to your passions!

Joining a student association or club is an ideal way to facilitate your integration, make friends and enhance your professional network.



Planet&co club
Let's take care of our planet



Sports club
Rugby, football, judo, ski, tennis...



Cosmos Club
Ready to build a rocket?



Join us!

And many other clubs!

If you are more of a party person, you can also join one of the many clubs that organize events and host parties, such as the Bar club, the WEI (integration weekend) club, or the Gala club.



Bar club
Drink with moderation!

The campus A great place to live



Click here to consult the campus map



Accommodation and catering

The Paul Comparat & Adoma residences are two furnished halls of residence that include various facilities and a pleasant residence life.

International students staying for a year or more, are guaranteed a room on campus.

More information can be found on this website



You will discover the welcoming life on the different residence floors. A place that will enable you to study in a peaceful environment whilst sharing fun moments with your neighbours!

The School also has a student refectory where you can eat a balanced meal for **less than 4 euros**. If you're in a hurry, there are also other catering facilities on the campus for you to buy a snack which you can take away! You can consult our **Food & drink page**



If you decide to not live on the campus, you can find an individual or a shared flat in Lyon or Ecully by searching on the following websites: [Leboncoin](#) or [Se loger](#).

The École Centrale de Lyon is located on a 17 hectare campus with a wooded and green landscape. A bubble of nature close to the very active and vibrant city of Lyon!





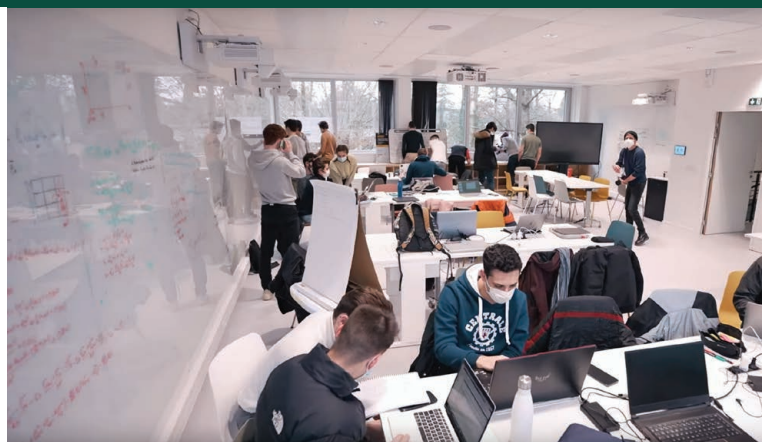
You will have access to many student facilities and services at the École Centrale de Lyon!

The Michel Serres Library

You will have access to a large source of documentation and discover the various exhibitions and cultural events that are organized there.

The SkyLab

The SkyLab is a space that offers new collaborative working spaces open to all. Designed to encourage creativity and entrepreneurship, it also displays research work and laboratory projects.



The FabLab

Open to all students, the FabLab is a place where students can carry out educational, research and personal projects. You will find : Ultimaker 3D printers, laser, plasma cutters (for wood, metals, etc.), milling machines, numerical control lathe, vinyl cutter, band saws, drill presses, sewing machines.



The Cooking Lab

Our partnership with the School of the very famous chef Paul Bocuse on our campus will enable you to attend at least one free cooking class and to taste a gastronomic dish that you prepared yourself!



Campus services



The Student's union

Why not visit the Students' Union? You'll find a bar, a cafeteria, comfortable chairs, and various games to play with your friends. There is also a stage with a sound and lighting system... Everything you need to party!

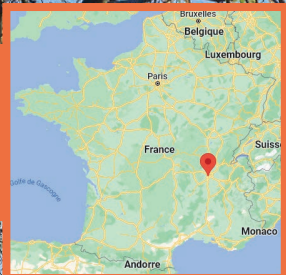
Sport is an integral part of the life of the School

The campus offers access to various facilities: A gymnasium with a climbing wall and a weight room, four outdoor tennis courts, a stadium, a football pitch and a rugby field.

You also have access to :
A cinema (the movie club offers 3 movies per week)
Self-service computer rooms
Three pianos available to all



The city of Lyon



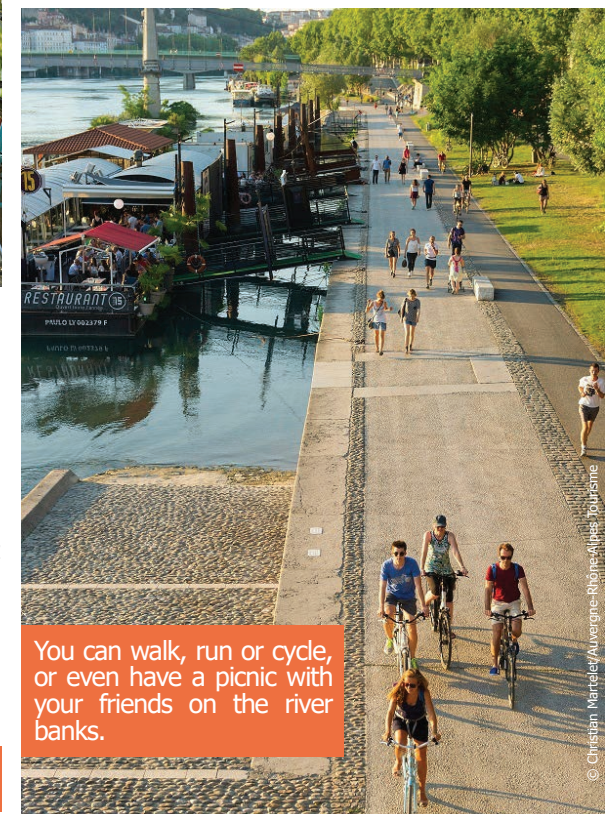
The 3rd largest city in France, Lyon is a place of history, culture and innovation. Chosen by the «World's Leading Emerging Tourism Destination», Lyon became the 1st destination to discover worldwide in 2022!



Lyon is a pleasant city. Rich in architectural treasures, the «Old Lyon» district is classified as a Unesco World Heritage Site!

Lyon is a young and dynamic city with plenty of places to discover. You can walk around the «Croix Rousse» district overlooking the city, or discover the animals and the greenhouses of the «Parc de la tête d'or». As a gastronomic city, there are many restaurants to try out!

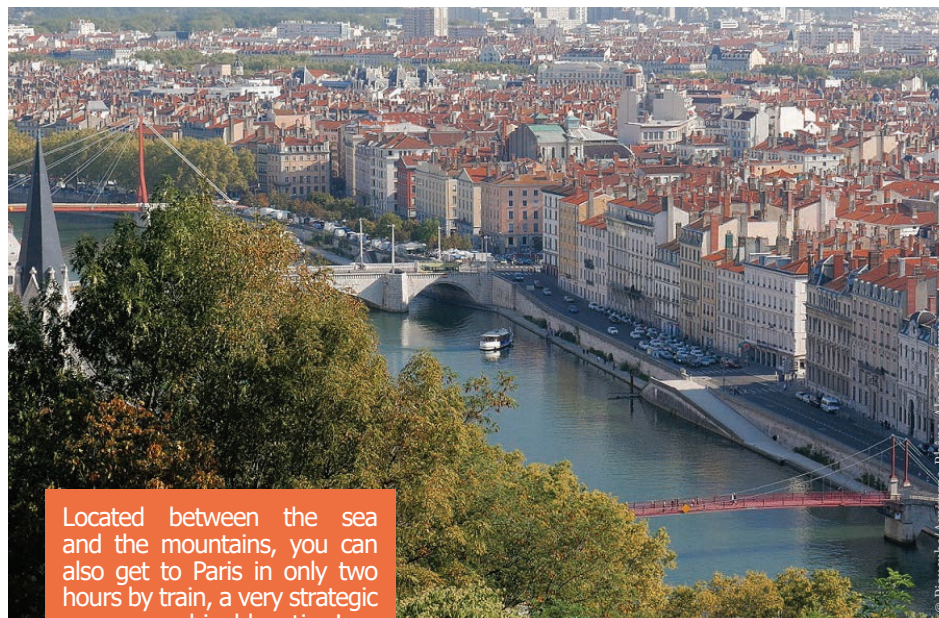
➔ Consult the website of the tourism office of Lyon



You can walk, run or cycle, or even have a picnic with your friends on the river banks.



The city is also full of museums and festivities. You will be able to attend many concerts and discover the very famous «Fête des Lumières» which attracts 3-4 million visitors every year. It is the world's 3rd biggest tourist event (in terms of visitor numbers) after the Rio Carnival and the Oktoberfest !



Located between the sea and the mountains, you can also get to Paris in only two hours by train, a very strategic geographical location!

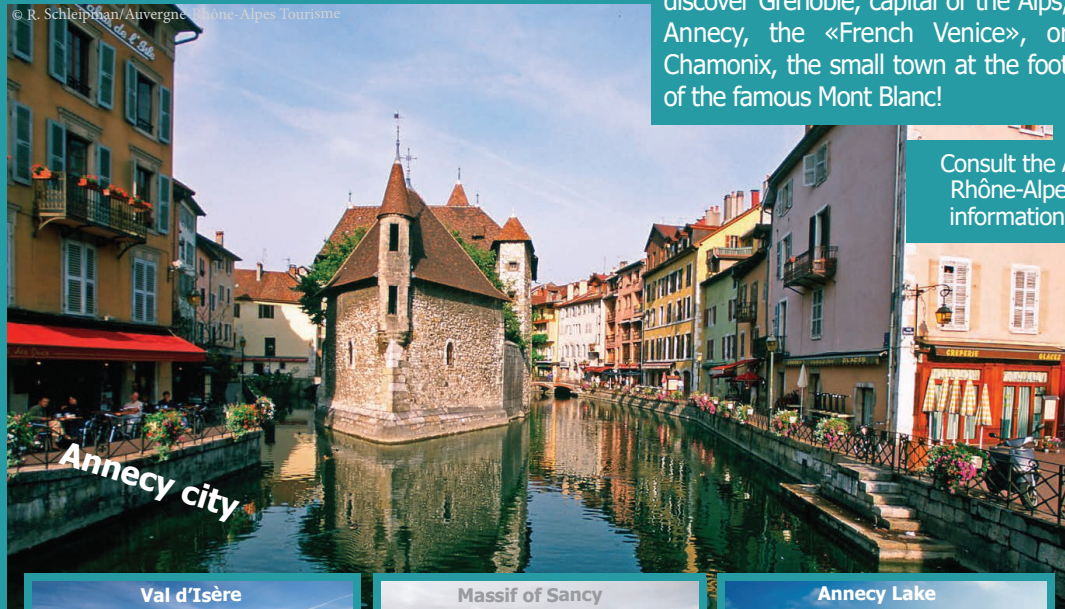
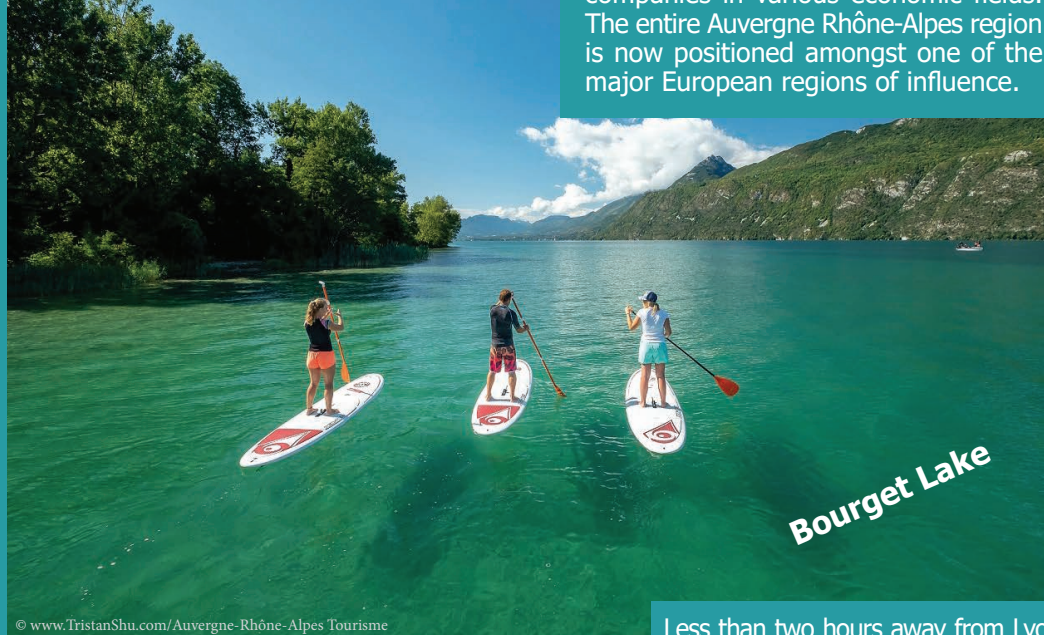


A city of arts and events !



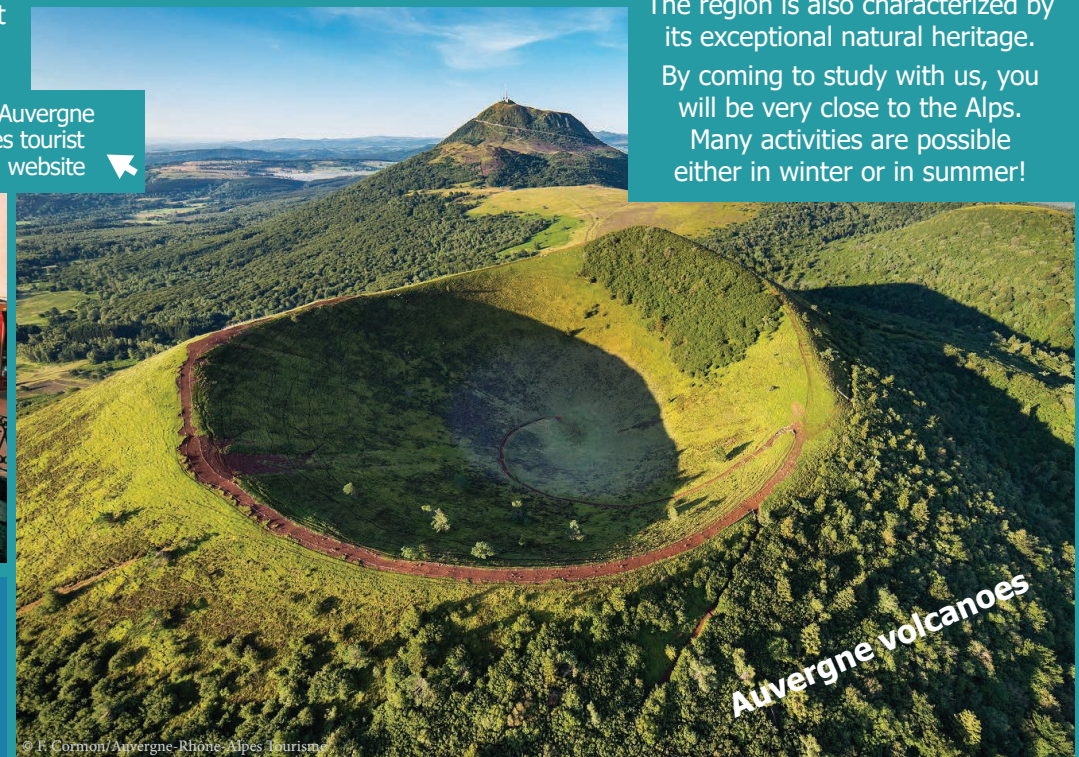
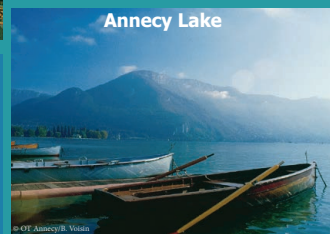
The Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region

It is one of the most industrial regions that hosts over fifty world-leading companies in various economic fields. The entire Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region is now positioned amongst one of the major European regions of influence.



Less than two hours away from Lyon, discover Grenoble, capital of the Alps, Annecy, the «French Venice», or Chamonix, the small town at the foot of the famous Mont Blanc!

The region is also characterized by its exceptional natural heritage. By coming to study with us, you will be very close to the Alps. Many activities are possible either in winter or in summer!



Financial support

Scholarships

There are many scholarship offers that can help you finance your stay. However, applications for this must be submitted before your arrival. Please contact your Home University to have more information on this.

Part-time jobs

To finance your studies, you can work part-time, up to 964 hours per year, i.e. 60% of the legal annual working time in France (except for certain visa requirements). There are also a limited number of job opportunities on campus.

Housing subsidies

As a student at the École Centrale de Lyon, you are entitled to a housing allowance. This amount depends on your income. You can simulate the procedure on the [CAF'S website](#) («Caisse des Allocations Familiales») and check how much you may approximately receive.

Paid internship

During your training, you may be required to complete an internship. This can be paid under certain conditions, and can therefore bring you additional financial support. The placement must be in France and last at least two months. The hourly rate is at least €4.35 per hour of internship. Further details can be found on [the Service Public website](#).

Insurances

Health and travel insurance

If you do not have the European Health Insurance Card (CEAM) when you arrive in France, or the RAMQ form (for Quebec), you must register on the [Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie \(CPAM\)](#) website for your health insurance coverage.

Your medical expenses will not be covered until you are registered with the CPAM. We therefore recommend you to have a travel health insurance before your departure to cover the first month of your stay.

Please note that the CPAM reimburses approximately 70% of your expenses (within the limit of the regulated rates). It is therefore strongly advised to subscribe to an additional «mutuelle» for additional coverage (especially in the case of a hospitalisation). Some insurance companies offer good rates for students.

«Responsabilité civile» insurance

The «responsabilité civile» insurance is mandatory for all students and is used to cover physical and material damage caused to third parties. This insurance can be included in other insurances (such as the one you subscribe to for your accommodation which is also compulsory). It is therefore important for you to look into this in detail in order to avoid unnecessary additional costs.

Repatriation insurance

We advise you to take out repatriation insurance for the duration of your stay before your arrival in France. Some bank cards include repatriation insurance, check this with your bank before you leave.

Obtain your VISA

If you are not a citizen of the European Union, Monaco, Andorra or Switzerland, you will need to apply for a student visa.

You will probably obtain a VLS-TS visa, which is valid 4 to 12 months, depending on the duration of your stay. This visa can be renewed if the duration of your stay is longer (for Double Degree Students for example).

Within three months of your arrival, your student visa must be validated. You will be accompanied by the International Relations Department, and the full procedure will be explained on your arrival.



What budget for your arrival?

Prepare a budget before you arrive as several expenses will be incurred on your arrival. Ideally, in order to be comfortable, we suggest you plan a budget of around 2000 euros.

Rent and deposit

If you are staying in the student halls of residence. On your arrival, you will have to pay the rent for the month of August as well as the full rent for the month of September. A deposit of 500 euros will also be requested. In total, this will cost you between 1000 and 1500 euros depending on the halls of residence you've chosen.

Memberships

The BDE (*Bureau Des Élèves*), will offer you several memberships at the beginning of the year:

- Membership to the **AEEL** (*Association des Élèves de l'École Centrale de Lyon*), as well as to the **USEEL** (*Union Sportive de l'École Centrale de Lyon*), enabling you to be part of an association (see page 7-8).

- It is strongly recommended to also join the «**pack poly du SDeC**» (*Service Des Cours*) « association. By joining, you will have access to several printing facilities such as your lecture notes sent to you or your internship report bound or even having the possibility to print A0 format posters.

- **The WEI** (*Weekend d'intégration*): This is up to you to decide whether you wish to take part in this weekend or not. It is the occasion to meet the other students and make new friends. The cost is about 130 euros.

In total, on top of your rent and deposit, you will pay around 540 euros if you decide to sign up to these different associations.

Furthermore, the associations also sell goodies if you wish to treat yourself!

What budget for your daily life?

During your stay with us, you will face a multitude of expenses for food, for going out, for your leisure... The etudier-en-france.net site gives an average estimate of the cost of living in France, on housing, bills, food, leisure... do not hesitate to consult it.

Welcome week

A welcome week is organised at the end of August for our international students. You will arrive one week before all the French students in order to facilitate your installation and get your administrative procedures out the way.

If you pick a room on campus, the Bureau International will interview you on your arrival to find out who you are and what you like, in order to assign you a room in the building and on the floor that suits you best.

Many activities are organized during this week to help you integrate and meet other students !
Discover the Bureau International's [Facebook page](#).



Transportation

Transportation out of Lyon



« Carte Avantage Jeune » (Travel pass for young people).

For people aged between 12 and 27 years old. This can be bought for 49 euros on internet or at the train station. It gives you a 30% discount on train tickets during one year. One way Lyon-Paris : average 45 euros with the «carte avantage jeune». Check the [SNCF website](#) for for this travel pass.

Transportation in Lyon



In Lyon, the transportation is managed by the TCL agency. One ticket is 1.90 euros. For students between 18 and 27 years old, you can have a subscription at **25 euros per month**. This gives you the right to use the metro, buses and streetcars in the whole agglomeration! Check the [TCL website](#).

Getting to the École Centrale de Lyon by public transport

The campus is served by bus lines C6, C6E, 3 and 55.

Approximate travel time :

- From the Perrache train station: about 30 min.
- From the Part-Dieu train station: 30 to 45 minutes.
- From Lyon Airport : about 1h30.

Some websites to consult

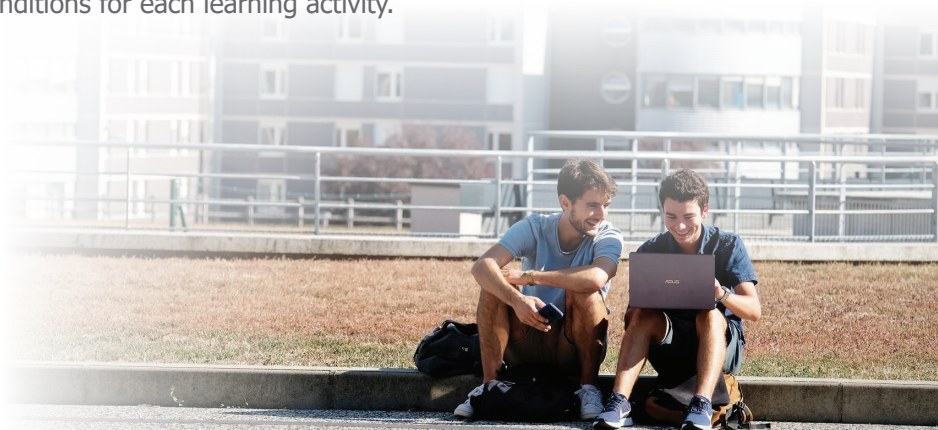
[École Centrale de Lyon website](#). Discover our school through its official website



[École Centrale de Lyon website \(intranet\)](#). *For registered students only* - You can access ECL's intranet website. lots of information and also have access to your private mailbox. The «international student» section will also provide plenty of information to help you when you arrive.



[Moodle](#). *For registered students only* - Discover our school through its official Moodle website You will find all the available resources for the courses provided at the School. You must visit this website to learn more about the terms and conditions for each learning activity.



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Our team is composed of 9 people, to help and accompany you throughout your stay with us!

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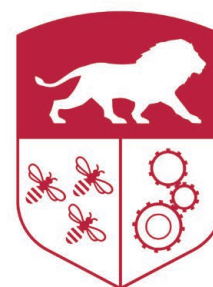
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