


Tips & Advice for your MSc Application

Masters of Science - Paris programmes



Now that you've made the decision to apply to one of our specialised Master of Science programmes, we are happy to share some of our top tips and advice to help make your application stand out.

We recommend that you **allocate at least three days** to complete your online application, as you will have to personalise your CV, provide supporting documents, and answer several open-ended questions.

ESCP Business School takes a holistic approach when evaluating your past academic studies, employment history, language proficiency, international experience, extracurricular activities and interests and, of course, your motivation for joining the programme.

My FAQs

Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply to a Master of Science, you need at minimum a bachelor degree with at least 180 ECTS (or equivalent) in any discipline. You will also need to be proficient in the language(s) of instruction.

What are the minimum GPA and English language scores to apply?

We work on a multi-criteria selection of candidates, taking into consideration all aspects of the application. For this reason we don't impose minimum scores in order to be able to apply.

What language should I submit my application in?

If the programme is taught fully in English, your application should be submitted in English. For programmes taught in French, we recommend submitting your application in French, but documents can be accepted in both languages.

Should I submit a GMAT, GRE or TAGE MAGE in my application?

Management test scores are no longer required for your MSc application. However, for programmes with a strong quantitative component like the MSc in Finance, a good score can be a great asset and help you to stand out among the high volume of applicants.

What's the next step if I am shortlisted?

Successful candidates will be invited to a personal interview with the Academic Director as well as professionals from the sector.

What you need

- ✗ Scan of passport or identity card
- ✗ A copy of a master/bachelor diploma obtained or a certificate of enrolment for current studies
- ✗ A 2-year university transcript of your Master or Bachelor degree
- ✗ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ✗ Standardised English Test - TOEFL, TOEIC (listening and reading), or IELTS [valid 2 years]

Optional documents

- ✗ Standardised Management Test (TAGE MAGE, GRE or GMAT)
- ✗ Two letters of recommendation (strongly advised)

Language Proficiency

- ✗ If you are a native English speaker (with passport) or if you have studied at least 3 full years entirely in English during your higher education, you may request an English test exemption.
- ✗ For programmes taught in French and English, you will need a sound knowledge of French. Although we don't require a certified test, your level will be checked during the interview.

N.B. All documents should be submitted as PDFs and named appropriately



Top 6 Application Tips

→ Here are a few simple tips to take on board when filling in your online application

1 Education

Make sure that in your application (and your CV) you have the following information related to your past education:

- Start and end dates
- Title of degree
- Name of university
- The number of credits earned
- Your final grade score (or predicted score)

Important: Make sure you add all your past education at a university level (including Master degrees, if applicable).

2 International Experience

Add ALL your experience abroad. This will include:

- Living overseas experience
- Studying abroad experience
- Volunteering experience
- Travel and tourism experience (when longer than one week, don't add weekend trips, unless you find them significant)
- If you have never lived/travelled abroad, please add at least one experience within your home country where you interacted with other cultures.

Important: Adding these experiences will help us pre-determine how you would fit in our highly international cohort and to pre-assess your scope for working with international companies.

3 Work Experience

When filling in your application, your work experience must clearly show each role title and company, start and end date, location, and whether it was an internship or a full-time position

Make sure this information corresponds to what you have included in your CV

We look forward to receiving your application!

Paris MSc admissions team

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4 CV

Length: Maximum two pages

Content: Your content must align with the work experience provided in your application form. In addition to professional and educational experience, remember to include:

- A short introduction to yourself
- Your English ability and most recent test scores, if available
- Any short courses relevant to the degree
- Your core skills and competencies
- Volunteering experience
- Any interests and hobbies, so we can get a clearer picture of your personality

Important: You should clearly state the month and year you started and ended each experience, and if an experience was full-time, part-time (incl. how many hours per week), freelance or as part of your previous studies. Include also the city and country in which the experience took place.

5 Motivation Questions

Length: 2 to 3 paragraphs per question

Content: Focus on why you are applying to this course and reflect on these questions when preparing your responses.

- What kind of skills and previous experience can you bring to this course?
- How will this course help you in your intended career?
- Why are you applying to ESCP Business School and this programme specifically?
- Think about what inspires you - your wider reading and activities related to this course

Important: Your motivations should not be simply an extended CV. This is your chance to elaborate on experiences, especially your core skills and strengths. This is also a good place to summarise your career aspirations and what makes you stand out as a candidate, so don't be shy in showing your personality and values.

6 Reference Letters

Although it will be accepted without them, we strongly recommend providing references to support your application.

We suggest providing one academic and one professional reference, but any combination is acceptable. You may merge them and upload them as a single document, or your referees can send them to our admissions team themselves.

A template is also provided on our website for referees who prefer to use this.