

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS – CERCLE MONTESQUIEU SCHOLARSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ENTENTE CORDIALE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2021 APPLICATION NOTES

1. BACKGROUND & ELIGIBILITY

The Herbert Smith Freehills – Cercle Montesquieu Scholarship in partnership with Entente Cordiale aims to forge links and advance understanding between France and the United Kingdom through the exchange of the brightest young professionals. The British Council in Paris manages these scholarships for French scholars studying in the UK.

Further information about the scholarships can be found at the link below

- <https://www.britishcouncil.fr/en/programmes/education/entente-cordiale/herbert-smith-freehills-scholarship>

This scholarship is for candidates who fulfil all of the following conditions:

- Have French nationality OR have undertaken their higher education in France
- Have qualifications of at least *bac + 4* level at the time of their departure to the UK
- Have received an unconditional offer to undertake a full academic year 2020/21 studying at masters level (LLM) in a British university in one of the fields listed below. (At the time of application for the scholarship, candidates must have *at least* applied to one programme of study).
 - Business law
 - International banking and finance law
 - Intellectual property/technology, media and communications law
 - Tax law
 - Labour law
 - Energy and infrastructure
 - Litigation and international arbitration
 - Property law

2. SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

The total value of the Herbert Smith Freehills – Cercle Montesquieu scholarship amounts to 10,000 €.

The award is for a maximum of one year. Applications for a second year of funding by existing scholars will not be considered.

The awarded cannot be made to candidates receiving financial assistance from other scholarships of a similar nature.

The award will only be made to a candidate who has received an unconditional offer to study in the UK. As a minimum, at the time of submitting an application for the scholarship, candidates must have had their application to a relevant course of study acknowledged formally by that institution.

3. APPLICATION TIMETABLE 2021

Monday 15th March	Deadline for receipt of applications (23h59) – late dossiers will not be considered.
Wednesday 21st April	Shortlisted applicants invited to interview. Unsuccessful applicants notified.
Thursday 6th May (tbc)	Interviews in Paris with the Herbert Smith Freehills jury, selection completed and results announced that day.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Prepare and collect the supporting information required for your application.
- Complete the online application form on the British Council France website, uploading the supporting information. (Please provide digital copies of documents in .doc or .pdf format and avoid large file sizes) Submit your application
- Contact your 2 referees to ensure they return a reference for you by the application deadline date.

Please complete the application in English.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- i. A valid ID Document (passport/ID Card)
- ii. Evidence from at least 1 UK university confirming the status of your application to join a course of study commencing September/October 2021. (As a minimum, an acknowledgement of application is required. A conditional or unconditional offer is preferable).
- iii. Academic transcripts of studies (*relevés de notes*) since *baccalauréat* (copies). Please note that documents in English or French do not need to be translated; documents in other languages should be translated into either English or French
- iv. A curriculum vitae **in English** containing the following information
 - Correspondence address & contact details
 - Current occupation (role & main responsibilities) or current programme of studies.
 - Employment background – including relevant unpaid work experience.
 - Education background, listing completed courses/qualifications, completion dates & grades.

(Note: Curriculum vitae's that do not contain this information may result in the application being ineligible.)

- v. A supporting statement **in English** that includes your motivation for applying for the scholarship and for pursuing your course of studies, and that explains how you expect to benefit directly and outlines your future career aspirations. (Your statement should not exceed 500 words)

6. REFERENCES

You will also need to provide the details of two referees who can support your application. Each referee should be someone who has known you in an academic or professional capacity. You will need to ask each referee to send in their comments directly to us by email. The references should address your suitability for a Herbert Smith Freehills 6 Cercle Montesquieu scholarship. Referees are asked to address the 5 questions below and can be sent in French or English. You may use the sample word document if you prefer.

- Comment jugeriez-vous les qualités intellectuelles du candidat ?
- Comment qualifieriez-vous la motivation et le sens d'initiative du candidat ?
- A votre avis, quels bénéfices le candidat retirera-t-il de cette bourse ?
- A votre avis, quelle sont les capacités du candidat à contribuer à un réseau d'anciens élèves / anciens boursiers ?
- Merci d'évaluer de façon concise les aptitudes du candidat, incluant sa capacité d'adaptation dans la poursuite de ses études au Royaume-Uni

References should be sent to ententecordiale@britishcouncil.fr. Please ask your referee to write in the subject box "Referee HSF // *applicantname*"

References should also be received by the deadline date.

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