

THE ESCP – EAP EXPERIENCE

Going to ESCP – EAP means not only the opportunity to do an exchange term in Paris, but also the opportunity to come back in March the following year for two and a half months for a dual degree.

A. Ways of getting scholarships either in India or abroad and getting other funding there (Rooms, grants)

French government scholarship is the only source. From this year onwards, the EGIDE scholarships also become available to IIML students. If you get a visa called "carte de sejour" then you get a relief on house rent paid (around 30% gets refunded).

B. Visa Requirements

Letter from ESCP-EAP confirming admission, letter from IIML, French translated birth certificate, a letter from French cultural centre. Visa should be a normal student visa with a statement that carte de sejour is not dispensed. This carte de sejour can be obtained from Police station (ESCP-EAP will arrange all these) after you arrive in Paris.

C. Lodging Details

ESCP-EAP will arrange in Maison de l'Inde (India house) at the cost of Euro 250 pm (if room is shared) or Euro 305 pm (if room is not shared).

D. Supermarkets and shopping

Most of the shopping should be done from a supermarket called "Franprix" which is around half a kilometer from Maison de l'Inde and is also there near ESCP-EAP. Phonecards to call India are also available in Gare du Nord (6 euros for 30 odd minutes)

E. Transport

Take a monthly pass of the metro at the cost of Euro 48.5 (zone 1 and 2). This pass also includes all possible bus travel.

F. What to take from India

Take utensils like pressure cooker etc., which are difficult to find there. Take a plate, spoons and glasses as well, they are pretty expensive. Articles like iron, bedsheets and blankets are part of the package offered at India House. Also take spices and pickles from India, as they are very expensive in Paris.

H. Professors to contact there

Prof. Frederic Jallat is in charge of the International Business and Project Management (IBPM), which most exchange students opt for. He is very helpful and can be of help in

case you need to do an RA or need to do some research course.

He can be reached through Frédéric Jallat jallat@escp-eap.net

I. Possibility of Research Assistantships

You can try and get research assistantship from the course coordinators of the various majors.

IBPM Major coordinator Prof. Frederic Jallat and Finance major coordinator Prof. Chris Kobrak offered RAs to some of us. You can assist them in their research work or refinement of case studies. The pay is 7.5 euros per hour.

J. Name of the Administrative Coordinator

Exchange co-ordinator Eva Eljam: eeljam@escp-eap.net

K. Good courses

There are three majors offered in English. Marketing, Finance and IBPM.

The Finance major is good, a bit demanding but chill compared to IIML. You need to write examinations in all courses. Minimal group work. Good courses include: Portfolio management, Capital markets and Options, futures and derivatives/

IBPM major is a good value add specially since the program focuses on managing businesses in cross - cultural /multi national arena. This year we had 15 nationalities in the class. It is a 4 credit course and involves 8 modules by instructors from all over the world. Lots of projects and presentations, working in teams involved. No examinations.

Marketing major also has lots of projects and no examinations. However non of us opted for it, so not much idea about the quality of Profs and courses.

One may choose to opt all the electives from the list of electives floated in the term. Amongst electives, International finance was a fraud course, zero value add.

L. Dates for arrival and departure

We were required to report on 15th of September and our term ended on 18th December.

M Comparative experiences of students of other IIMs (If different from IIML students)

There are students from IIM A and C and MDI.

MDI also has a dual degree program.

IIMA guys come on a very decent scholarship, either from industry or ESCP

All of us were put up at India House. So lots of interaction with them. You can plan your trips with them. Being in Paris means traveling to different parts of Europe becomes very convenient. Those who opt for IBPM usually have Fri. – Sat. – Sun. off.