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## Partnership Agreement in the framework of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at Sciences Po

### I- Application process

The application process for candidates to the Mastercard Foundation (MCF) scholarship is the following:

#### 1- Application to the MCF scholarship before November 25, 2020 for Master's candidates.

Candidates must apply on the dedicated website: <https://sciencespo.smapply.io/>

Candidates must provide:

- o **Basic personal information**
- o **A letter of recommendation from the institution** which supports their application in the framework of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program and attest to their academic excellence and their financial needs.
- o Information and documentation **about their financial situation, their education, their extra-curricular activities and their plans for the future**

#### 2- Eligibility to the MCF scholarship

The relevance of applications to the MCF scholarship will be assessed with regard to the applicant's education and extracurricular background and financial situation. If they are deemed eligible, applicants will be notified via email that they are **granted a fee waiver**. They will then be able to complete their application to Sciences Po without having to pay the application fees (<https://admission.sciencespo.fr/applicants/login>).

**IMPORTANT : The eligibility to the MCF scholarship does not pertain to the applicant's admission to Sciences Po, which is subject to a separate process.**

#### 3- Application to Sciences Po

**Applicants eligible to the MCF scholarship must imperatively comply with the following deadlines to apply to Sciences Po, which are planned slightly earlier than the general application deadlines:**  
December 6, 2020 for Master's candidates.

#### 4- Award of the MCF scholarship

The application to the MCF scholarship will be taken into account **for candidates admitted to Sciences Po only** at the end of the admissions process.

**IMPORTANT: Being admitted to Sciences Po does not guarantee being awarded the scholarship.**



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#### Useful links:

- Information on the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at Sciences Po:  
<http://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/fees-funding/financial-aid/mastercard-foundation>
- Application to the Mastercard Foundation scholarship: <https://sciencespo.smapply.io/>
- Graduate admission procedure:  
<http://www.sciencespo.fr/admissions/en/graduate-international-admissions>

*Reminder: All our Master's programs are eligible to the MCF scholarship except for one-year Master's and dual-degree programmes.*

## II- Commitment of the parties

#### The partner institution commits to:

- 1- **Inform the students from its institution** about the existence of the Mastercard Foundation Program at Sciences Po and invite them to consult our website for further information:  
<http://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/fees-funding/financial-aid/mastercard-foundation>
- 2- **Pre-select a maximum of 7 students** matching with the profiles sought-after, on the basis of the following criteria: **financial need, academic excellence, leadership potential** (i.e. previous experience in community service and/or volunteering) and eligibility to Sciences Po.  
This means, for each pre-selected candidate:
  - **that the candidate fits the Sciences Po international graduate admissions eligibility criteria:**  
<https://www.sciencespo.fr/admissions/en/content/graduate-international-eligibility.html>
  - **that you answer for their lack financial means** from family or other sources to pursue post-secondary (university) education in their home country or elsewhere
  - **that you answer for their academic excellence and leadership potential**
- 3- **Go over the application process and eligibility requirements with all pre-selected students**
- 4- **Issue a letter of recommendation** on the institution's letterhead (*see attached template*) **to each pre-selected candidate**. This document is **mandatory** for the students to apply to the MCF scholarship in the first place.
- 5- **Use the Mastercard Foundation and Sciences Po logo** (*attached*) in all its paper and digital communication about the program.



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**Sciences Po commits to:**

- 1- Examine and assess the application of all candidates. If their profile corresponds to the eligibility criteria (financial need and academic excellence, leadership potential), they will be **granted an application fee waiver to apply to Sciences Po.**
- 2- **Take into consideration all eligible candidates who have been admitted to Sciences Po for the award of the MCF scholarship** at the end of the application process.
- 3- Provide **detailed feedback** to each partner institution on the application process at the end of the admissions campaign.