



# Groupe des Écoles Centrales

## PROFILE

Among the very best of France's Grandes Ecoles, the *Écoles Centrales* bring together on their campuses the three mutually reinforcing activities of teaching, research, and business consulting. Founded by manufacturers in 1829 to train engineers for future employment with their firms, the Ecoles Centrales have never deviated from their symbiosis with the economic world.

**Located in Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, and Paris—and affiliated since 1990 and 2005 for Marseille, the 5 *Écoles Centrales* are a major force in French education and research.** A permanent faculty of 750, plus 260 more research scientists, train 2,100 engineers and 250 doctoral candidates each year. The schools' alumni network numbers 20,000 active graduates.

The research facilities of the *Écoles Centrales*, renowned in France and abroad, maintain close ties with industry. Exploiting those centers of excellence, the *Écoles Centrales* offer graduate engineering programs at the master's level as well as doctorates.

Valued by firms in every economic sector, the general engineering program of the *Écoles Centrales* is distinguished by its strict selectivity and by the quality of teaching. All students emerge with a solid base of scientific knowledge underpinning the engineering disciplines—and with rigorous management training.

Specialized programs leading to Master's level degrees in engineering and business are oriented either toward research or toward the business world:

- Information and communication
- Applied mathematics and information systems
- Physics
- Industrial engineering



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- Health
- Mechanical and civil engineering
- Energetics
- Biotechnologies and related processes
- Automation and electrical systems
- Management
- Management sciences

The 32 research laboratories of the *Écoles Centrales* regularly welcome foreign researchers into postdoctoral positions or for sabbatical periods. Half of the schools' doctoral theses are based on the candidates' experience with business problems.

### Location

Situated in four very dynamic regions, each enjoying excellent transportation and rich cultural resources, the *École Centrale* offer a very special quality of life, with on-campus housing and numerous student clubs and organizations.

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[www.ec-nantes.fr](http://www.ec-nantes.fr)  
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## IDENTITY FORM

Precise name of the institution →	Groupe des Écoles Centrales: Centrale Lille, Centrale Lyon, Centrale Marseille, Centrale Nantes, Centrale Paris
Type of institution →	Public
City where the main campus is located →	• Lille • Lyon • Marseille • Nantes • Paris
Number of students →	6,500 (graduate level)
Percentage or number of international students →	25 %
Type and level of qualifications awarded →	• LMD • Other national diplomas • Own degree
French language courses →	Yes
Programs for international students →	Yes
Programs in English →	Yes
Registration fees / year (for information only) →	Depends on program
Postal address →	Groupe des Écoles Centrales - ECP, Grande Voie des Vignes - 92295 Chatenay Malabry

