

## Banque de France doctoral grants

In 2026, the Banque de France will award doctoral scholarships in economics to students **starting their fourth year of a thesis in 2026-2027**.

Two schemes are available:

- **2 scholarships exclusively for doctoral students** in the fields of interest of the central banks;
- **1 grant for students on a specific theme for 2026-2027**.

**Applications must be submitted by 7 April 2026.**

Details are provided below.



## Banque de France grant for female doctoral students

**For the third year running, in 2026 the Banque de France is launching a call for applications for its annual scholarship scheme for female doctoral students in economics.**

These scholarships aim to remedy the current situation in which women are less present than men in the upper levels of research and higher education careers, particularly in the fields of macroeconomics and finance.

They are designed to encourage women to enter the economics profession, by enabling them to complete their doctorates under the best possible conditions, to produce original research of interest to central banks, and to disseminate this work more widely with a view to their future careers.

**The scholarships are offered for the academic year 2026-2027. They are intended for female doctoral students who will then be pursuing their 4<sup>th</sup> year of studies at a doctoral school in France. For the 2026-2027 academic year, they must receive remuneration in the form of a Temporary Teaching and Research Allowance (ATER).**

**Each grant is worth €10k, non-renewable.** It is paid to the winners on a personal basis (and not to the laboratory to which they may be attached) to enable them to cover mission expenses, database purchases, childcare costs, etc.

**The scholarship is also associated with:**

- **a mentoring programme** provided by Banque de France economists (career guidance, information on conferences where their work can be presented, etc.);
- **access to Banque de France data;**
- **Joining a research team** for a short period of at least 15 days.

**The Banque de France will give priority to doctoral candidates whose work falls within the fields of interest to central banks:** monetary economics, financial stability, wage and inflation dynamics, forecasting methods, growth and productivity, international economics, the economics of climate change and biodiversity.

**Two grants exclusively for female doctoral students are open in 2026.** Doctoral candidates should send their applications to [Bourse\\_doctorantes@banque-france.fr](mailto:Bourse_doctorantes@banque-france.fr) **before 7 April 2026**, together with the full application file detailed below. **The selection panel includes economists and researchers from the Banque de France.** After a possible interview with the candidates, **a short list of potential winners will be drawn up before 29 May 2026**, and the candidates on this list will be informed individually. **The grant will be awarded by 31 July at the latest, subject to submission of the ATER or post-doctoral contract covering the academic year 2026-2027.**

**Application form:**

- CV;
- Cover letter describing thesis work;
- Letter of recommendation from thesis supervisor;
- If applicable: copy of ATER or post-doctoral contract for 2026-2027.

## Banque de France doctoral student grant (m/f)

For the third year running, in 2026 the Banque de France is launching a call for applications for its annual scholarship scheme for a doctoral student (m/f) completing a thesis in economics.

The fellowship aims to encourage original, high-quality research in areas of interest to central banks on a specific theme. In 2026, the jury will give priority to work in the areas of:

- Central Bank digital currency and digital assets;
- Monetary policy transmission channels;
- Fragmentation of international trade and capital flows;
- Single market and European economic and financial security;
- The impact of Artificial Intelligence on growth, productivity and inflation;
- The economics of climate change and biodiversity loss.

The scholarship is offered for the academic year 2026-2027. It is intended for doctoral students who will then be pursuing their 4<sup>th</sup> year 4<sup>th</sup> year of studies at a doctoral school in France. For the 2026-2027 academic year, they must receive remuneration in the form of a Temporary Teaching and Research Allowance (ATER).

The grant is worth €10k, non-renewable. It is paid to successful applicants on a personal basis (and not to the laboratory to which they may be attached) to enable them to cover mission expenses, database purchases, etc.

The scholarship is also associated with:

- access to Banque de France data;
- integration into a research team for a short period.

Doctoral students should send their applications to [BOURSE\\_DE\\_THESE@banque-france.fr](mailto:BOURSE_DE_THESE@banque-france.fr) before 7 April 2026, together with the full application file detailed below. The selection panel includes economists and researchers from the Banque de France. After a possible interview of the candidates, a short list of potential winners will be drawn up before 29 May 2026, and the candidates on this list will be informed individually. The scholarship will be awarded by 31 July at the latest, subject to submission of the ATER or post-doctoral contract covering the academic year 2026-2027.

Application form:

- CV ;
- Cover letter describing the thesis work and its relevance to 2026 topics;
- Letter of recommendation from thesis supervisor;
- If applicable: copy of the ATER or post-doctoral contract for the academic year 2026-2027.