



THE ALLIANCE-BNP PARIBAS SCHOLARSHIP 2011/2012 GUIDELINES



Created in 2002, the Alliance Program is a transatlantic joint venture between Columbia University, the Ecole Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

The Alliance-BNP Paribas Scholarship is intended to support students from the Alliance network who specialize in finance.

■ ELIGIBILITY

- Students pursuing the following dual and joint Master degree programs are eligible:
 - Masters in International Affairs, Concentration in Finance (Sciences Po / SIPA)
 - Tracks in Mathematics of Finance / Financial Engineering (Ecole Polytechnique / Columbia University)
- Graduate students from the Alliance network who are not pursuing the above degrees but whose academic pursuits fit the scope of the scholarship may also apply.

■ SCHOLARSHIP

- Up to 3 Alliance-BNP Paribas scholarships of \$4,375 each will be granted this year.
- The scholarships will be granted to students whose current or following academic year is spent in New York. The scholarships may be spent at the discretion of the student.

■ APPLICATION

- To apply please submit the following application, in English, by email to al3012@columbia.edu, by **September 30, 2011**:
 - ⇒ **Curriculum vitae** of the applicant
 - ⇒ **Cover letter** (one page)
 - ⇒ **Essay** (two pages, single spaced, size 12) which examines the differences and similarities of the French and American banking systems. The essay should be informed by existing literature and focus on the student's personal interest in finance.
 - ⇒ **Two letters of recommendation** (preferably one academic reference and one professional reference). For confidentiality purposes, these letters will be sent directly by the reference persons to the Alliance Program by e-mail.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- The scholarships winners will be announced in October and granted in November 2011.

■ REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Recipients shall contact the BNP Paribas representative within the first two months of their first semester in New York.
- Recipients commit to attending Alliance or BNP Paribas events both on and off campus.
- Recipients will mention the Alliance-BNP Paribas scholarship in their resume.

■ CONTACT & INFORMATION

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