

# WHAT IS THE MICHEL DAVID-WEILL SCHOLARSHIP?

The Michel David-Weill Scholarship carries a monetary value of \$80,000 and covers the cost of tuition and living expenses during a two-year master's program at Sciences Po.

Michel David-Weill is an alumnus of Sciences Po and former Chairman of Lazard Frères, a leading financial advisory and asset management firm. The Michel David-Weill Foundation created this scholarship to encourage exceptional American students to pursue their graduate education at Sciences Po, an international research university which specializes in the social sciences and offers multidisciplinary programs taught in English and French.

The scholarship is awarded each year to one American student who exemplifies the core values embodied by Michel David-Weill: academic excellence, leadership, multiculturalism, tolerance and high achievement.

- ELIGIBLE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS:**
- Boston College • Brown University • Columbia University • Cornell University • Emory University • Duke University • Georgetown University • Harvard University • Johns Hopkins University • Massachusetts Institute of Technology • Middlebury College • New York University • Northwestern University • Princeton University • Rice University • Stanford University • Tufts University • University of California, Berkeley • University of California, Los Angeles • University of Chicago • University of Michigan • University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill • University of Notre Dame • University of Pennsylvania • University of Southern California • University of Virginia • Vanderbilt University • Washington University-St. Louis • Wellesley College • Yale University



## ELIGIBILITY

To qualify as a candidate you must:

- Be a US citizen currently enrolled as an undergraduate senior at an eligible Sciences Po partner institution
- Have a 3.7 or higher GPA and be aged 19-25 without a doctoral degree
- Be accepted to an eligible Sciences Po master's program

Prior knowledge of French is not required, as the majority of programs offered at Sciences Po are taught in English, with French tracks or bilingual tracks offered for some programs.

Candidates are selected on the basis of their academic accomplishments and capacity for critical analysis as well as demonstrated history of leadership and a proven commitment to community.

## ELIGIBLE MASTER'S PROGRAMS AT SCIENCES PO

Sciences Po's master's programs prepare students for a wide range of professions in the public and private sectors and uniquely combine academic excellence with a focus on professional development. Our programs are four semesters long: three semesters are taken at Sciences Po in Paris and one semester is dedicated to either additional academic work at an international partner university or an internship. Most programs are taught in English; some are taught in French or require both languages.

Although there is no restriction on the specific field of study at Sciences Po, students who are interested in pursuing an economics curriculum are strongly encouraged to apply, as this is Michel David-Weill's field of expertise.

Eligible programs are any two-year master's programs taught entirely at Sciences Po, including the Master in Public Policy. Dual degrees with partner institutions and executive training courses do not qualify for the scholarship.

For a complete list of master's programs offered at Sciences Po, please visit [www.sciencespo.fr/en/education/graduate-studies](http://www.sciencespo.fr/en/education/graduate-studies).

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Each partner institution is responsible for conducting its own internal nomination process and selecting one candidate to compete for the Michel David-Weill Scholarship.

Once the student has won the institutional nomination of his or her home university, the university should submit the following application materials to Sylvain Quatravaux at the Center for the Americas via: [sylvain.quatravaux@sciencespo.fr](mailto:sylvain.quatravaux@sciencespo.fr)

- Completed candidate information sheet
- Candidate personal statement explaining motivation (1000 words)
- One institutional letter of support
- Three letters of recommendation (of which two must be academic)
- Recent graded research paper (8-10 pages with professor comments)
- Candidates must also apply for a Sciences Po master's program via our admissions website.

After receiving all Michel David-Weill Scholarship applications Sciences Po will notify nominees regarding their admission to a Sciences Po master's program. Then finalists will be chosen among nominees and their names will be submitted to the US Sciences Po Foundation, which works closely with the Michel David-Weill Foundation and the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Finalists will be invited to participate in an interview with the Michel David-Weill Selection Committee in New York. The interview will involve a discussion of the student's essay, as well as his or her application materials. The selection committee will designate the laureate of the Michel David-Weill Scholarship shortly thereafter.

## SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Michel David-Weill Scholarship Selection Committee is composed of several jury members, with one representative from each of the following organizations: the Michel David-Weill Foundation, Sciences Po and the US Sciences Po Foundation. Additional jury members have backgrounds in world affairs, business, finance, journalism or other domains.

## APPLICATION CALENDAR

Sciences Po strongly urges partner institutions to begin the candidate selection process as early as April or May of the year in which the application will be submitted. This allows students ample time to apply for and secure admission to one of Sciences Po's eligible master's programs.

### OCTOBER

Partner institutions select candidates for nomination to the Michel David-Weill Scholarship. Nominees begin their Sciences Po master's program online applications via Sciences Po's admissions website.

### NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30

Partner institutions submit their nominee's application materials.

### DECEMBER 15

Candidates must have submitted a complete online application for a Sciences Po master's program (including a TCF or DALF French language test score for those wishing to pursue a bilingual track or French track at Sciences Po; no French language score is required for English track programs).

### JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Finalists are invited to an interview with the Michel David-Weill Scholarship Selection Committee. Non-finalists are also contacted at this time.

### FEBRUARY / MARCH

Finalists are interviewed in New York by the Michel David-Weill Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarship laureate is contacted soon thereafter, as are the other finalists.

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Sylvain Quatravaux at Sciences Po's Center for the Americas: [sylvain.quatravaux@sciencespo.fr](mailto:sylvain.quatravaux@sciencespo.fr)



*“The Michel David-Weill Scholarship has allowed me to identify my goals and move closer to realizing them. I learn directly from accomplished professionals in my fields of interest. Every day, with Paris as a beautiful backdrop, I receive an education in cultural flexibility and the technical skills I need for an international career.”*

**Benjamin Schenkel**, laureate from Yale University

*“The interdisciplinary focus of the program combined with my own love of French history and culture makes this a once in a lifetime opportunity.”*

**Xavier Flory**, laureate from the University of Pennsylvania

*“Sciences Po was the perfect next step in my education and career. I felt that I needed to study at a French institution to fully understand the country’s politics, culture and current events.”*

**Katherine Li**, laureate from the University of Chicago



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