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# ENTRANCE EXAM GUIDE

Industrial Design Programme

Textile Design Programme

Dual programmes / Dual degrees



## A SCHOOL FOR INVENTING TOMORROW

Founded in 1982, ENSCI - Les Ateliers is the only major French public school dedicated to industrial and textile design. **Its ambition is to nurture individuals who want to make a difference in a complex and paradoxical world by leveraging the power of design: objects, services, systems, spaces.** There are many challenges to be met: climate emergency, energy efficiency, material recycling, digital regulation, societal changes, etc.

Its entrance exam illustrates the spirit of design as a multifaceted discipline and the spirit of this unique school: thinking and rethinking the evolution of industrial and post-industrial society based on solid fundamentals.

**Designers trained at ENSCI question the place of humans within natural, technical, social and economic ecosystems. Their proposals seek to reconcile contexts and uses in all their dimensions.**

This is why the teaching provided is so varied: theoretical and practical courses, technical training, workshop projects

closely linked to professional reality, academic and professional internships in France and abroad.

**This demanding programme requires each student to be personally committed to their training and to gradually become more independent.** During their studies, they are asked to gradually build their professional profile as a designer.

**Design is therefore a career choice that must be made in deep harmony with oneself. It responds both to a desire to work for the common good and to a need for personal expression.** Potential candidates must be aware of this vocational dimension and feel a strong interest in the field.

With this in mind, we recommend that they regularly visit the School's website, which is rich in information (School Open Days, public thesis defences, the *Bis* exhibition space, etc.), and learn about the careers of designers through the many resources available to the general public.

ENSCi strives to recruit students based on their motivation and potential. **Creativity, ingenuity, team spirit and personality are key factors in the entrance examination.**

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You may only apply for one course per exam and you may only take the exam three times, regardless of the category and course. Admission to ENSCI - Les Ateliers is by means of an exam open to candidates who have a good knowledge of the French language and meet the criteria below, with no age limit.

## INDUSTRIAL CREATION AND TEXTILE DESIGN COURSE

### CATEGORY I / 5-YEAR PROGRAMME

Secondary school graduates, regardless of their baccalaureate specialisation or subjects, or holders of the Brevet de Technicien (BT), French Certificates and equivalent foreign diplomas.

The programme lasts five years. Final-year secondary school students will be admitted subject to obtaining their baccalaureate.

Exemptions may be granted for non-baccalaureate holders: see conditions on the [FAQ page of the ENSCI website](#).

Candidates still in their final year of secondary school should not send an exemption request.

### CATEGORY II / 4-YEAR PROGRAMME

Holders of a two-year post-secondary diploma ([registered with the RNCP](#) or clearly [recognised by the State](#)) from French or foreign higher education institutions, regardless of their specific nature (DUT, BTS, DMA, CPGE Arts et Design, etc.). The programme lasts four years.

### CATEGORY III / 3-YEAR PROGRAMME

**Holders of a diploma ([registered with the RNCP](#) or clearly [recognised by the State](#)) of a level at least equal to that of a French or foreign higher education bachelor's degree, regardless of its specific nature.**

The duration of the programme is 3 years.

### CATEGORY IV / 3-YEAR PROGRAMME

Candidates with at least 4 years of professional experience, regardless of their previous level of education.

The duration of the programme is a minimum of 3 years.

## DUAL SCIENCE AND DESIGN PROGRAMME

### CATEGORY I / SORBONNE UNIVERSITY / ENSCI

Secondary school graduates who have taken science-related subjects in their baccalaureate exams; or holders of a baccalaureate in science obtained one year prior to the ENSCI entrance exam. You can consult this link for the choice of specialised subjects at secondary school: <https://sciences.sorbonne-universite.fr/actualites/quels-choix-de-specialites-au-lycee>

## DOUBLE DEGREES

### ENSAM

First- or second-year students at ENSAM.

### ENSAPB

First- or second-year students at ENSAPB.

### CentraleSupélec

First-year students at CentraleSupélec.

### CELSA

Open to students who have completed a semester of immersion at ENSCI-Les Ateliers during their Master I programme.

## INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

The competitive entrance examination is open to international applicants under the same conditions as those applicable to other candidates.

The [DELF level B2](#) or proof of success in the [TEF Études](#) are required. This document must be submitted with your application.

You must provide proof of recognition of your foreign qualification: <https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F463>

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# REGISTRATION PROCESS

## PARCOURSUP APPLICANTS

### Who is affected by Parcoursup?

• **Holders of a Baccalauréat or equivalent French or foreign diploma**, whether or not they are enrolled in post-baccalaureate programmes or preparatory classes for art schools. These candidates have not obtained any diploma after the Bac (Category I, 5-year programme).

**Holders of a post-baccalaureate diploma that is not registered with the RNCP or recognised by the State** must also go through Parcoursup (this is the case, for example, with certain Bachelor's degrees).

• **Students in their final year of secondary school, currently studying for their Baccalaureate** (Category I, 5-year course).

You must register via Parcoursup **AND** finalise your registration by submitting the additional documents required for the competitive examination via the ENSCI portal.

**Please note:** candidates enrolled in Science and Design programmes and dual degree programmes do not apply through Parcoursup.

### Two-step registration process

#### **Step 1: Register via Parcoursup.**

You must follow the Parcoursup procedure.

**Please refer to the specific terms and conditions of the Parcoursup procedure on its website.**

**Step 2: Submission of additional documents on the ENSCI portal** (see next page, "Compiling your application").

**The submission of additional documents on the ENSCI website will open on 6 March 2026.**

**Deadline for submitting additional documents on the ENSCI website: 3 April 2026 at 10 a.m.**

Access will be closed after 10 a.m. Paris time.

## CANDIDATES NOT REGISTERED WITH PARCOURSUP

### Who are non-Parcoursup candidates?

• **Holders of a French post-baccalaureate diploma recognised by the State or an equivalent foreign diploma:** BTS, Licence 3, Bachelor's degree (must be registered with the RNCP), DN MADE, DNSAP, Master's degree, CPGE 2, etc.

• Students **who are in the process of obtaining** a French post-baccalaureate diploma recognised by the State or an equivalent foreign diploma **for the 2024-25 academic year.**

• **Candidates with at least 4 years of professional experience**, regardless of their previous level of education.

• Candidates who choose the **Science and Design** programme.

• Candidates applying for **a double degree**.

• Non-baccalaureate holders requesting an exemption (this request must be made before 2 February 2026).

### Registration

Registration and submission of required documents on the ENSCI portal.

**Registration and document submission opens: 16 January 2026.**

**Registration and payment deadline: 9 February 2026 at 10 a.m.**

**Deadline for submitting your application documents: 13 February 2026 at 10 a.m.**

Access will be closed after 10 a.m. Paris time.

## FOR ALL APPLICANTS

### Notification of eligibility:

22 April 2026 from 3 p.m. on the School's premises.

### Interview and admission test period:

From 4 May to 11 May 2026 (except 8 May).

### Admission notification:

2 June 2026 from 3 p.m. on the School's website.

## OPEN DAY

If you would like to discover ENSCI, talk to its professors and students, and get advice on putting together your application, we recommend that you attend the School's open house, which will take place on site and online **on Friday 30 January and Saturday 31 January 2026**.

## DEGREE DEFENCE

Attending public thesis defences provides a good understanding of industrial design and textile design courses.

Sessions are usually held in October, December, March and July. These defences are broadcast live on YouTube. Please see the "News" section of our website.

## FEES

The registration fee is €121.

### PLEASE NOTE

Competition fees are non-refundable in the event of ineligibility, non-admission, withdrawal or for any application that does not meet the eligibility requirements.

It is the responsibility of candidates to correctly identify their category. If in doubt, please contact Sarah Aubry or Antoine Durot.

# PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

Below are the instructions for compiling your application file.

You must submit all of these items via the school's portal. **Submissions that do not comply with the required formats will be automatically rejected.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

All administrative documents must be submitted to our online registration platform in PDF format.

### These items are as follows:

- A copy of your national identity card.
- Copy of your census registration certificate, only for candidates of French nationality aged 18 to 25.
- Copies of your diplomas and term reports for the classes you took during your last two years of schooling.
- Copies of your work certificates, only for category 4 candidates.
- Diplomas and school reports must be certified translations into French, only for candidates who have studied abroad.
- Curriculum vitae, only for candidates in categories 3 and 4.
- For scholarship recipients: a copy of your scholarship award notification for the current academic year 2025-26.

**These administrative documents are not required from Parcoursup applicants as they will have been collected on the Parcoursup platform.**

## A VIDEO

Answer the question "**Who are you?**" in a short video of no more than 2 minutes.

**This is a sincere and creative presentation of yourself, with no restrictions on tone or style. You are not required to appear in the video or speak.**

**Accepted format:** MP4

**Maximum size:** 30 MB

[To compress your file, please refer to the tutorial on the last page of this guide.](#)

**Maximum duration:** 2 minutes

## AN OBJECT

**Choose an object and present it to us using several visuals of your choice (photographs, sketches, technical drawings, etc.) and written text.**

The concept of an object is very broad here: industrial objects, handcrafted objects, textiles, etc. However, it cannot be one of your personal creations or an artistic production.

Express your personal relationship with this object, freely choosing one or more angles of approach. The style and tone of your presentation are up to you.

It is also possible to propose a modification to this object: colour, shape, mechanism, use, etc. Please briefly explain the idea behind this contribution.

**Accepted format:** PDF

**Maximum size:** 5 MB

**Number of pages:** maximum 1 page

**Number of words:** maximum 300 words. Texts must be typed or legible if you choose to write them by hand.

**Please note:** links to external sources (videos, websites, etc.) are not permitted.

## THREE PERSONAL PROPOSALS

**Present three personal proposals expressing your views and interests.**

You are free to address the topics of your choice, explore the areas in which you are actively involved, and highlight the projects or activities that you consider significant.

**This presentation can take various forms: your notable achievements, your individual and/or collective actions and experiences.**

Remember to structure your presentation.

**Accepted format:** PDF

**Maximum size:** 15 MB

**Number of pages:** 10 pages maximum (including cover page).

**Maximum number of words:** 600 words maximum for all 10 pages.

**Please note:** adding links to external sources (videos, websites, etc.) is not permitted.

# SUBMITTING YOUR ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Whether you are a Parcoursup or non-Parcoursup candidate, **you must create an account on the school's registration and application portal**. Please ensure that you use an email address that you check regularly and do not use a Free email address (bulk emails will be rejected). Important messages about the competition and admission invitations will only be sent to the address you provide.

If you have already taken the exam, you already have an account. **Please use the same email address you used to register. You can reset your password if you have forgotten it.**

Once you have created your account, **follow these steps:**

### STEP 1 | ADMINISTRATIVE FORM

Complete the online administrative form. Gather and submit the required administrative documents. Do not forget any of the administrative items, as the absence of even one of them will result in your application being rejected as incomplete.

**Parcoursup applicants will not be required to provide additional administrative documents, as these have already been submitted on the Parcoursup platform.** However, these applicants must complete all fields on the form. In all cases, the applicant's civil status information must be included on this account (for example: no nicknames or parents' identities, etc.).

### STEP 2 | REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES

Pay the exam registration fee of €121 online via our secure platform.

**Online payment of the fees by credit card validates your registration and allows you to submit your application.**

We therefore recommend that you register for the competition as soon as the ENSCI portal opens so that you can submit all the required documents.

**Parcoursup applicants will not be required to make any payment, as this has already been settled via the Parcoursup platform.** For these applicants, payment and confirmation of their choice via Parcoursup validates their registration. It is important to note that any application submitted on our portal without prior registration on Parcoursup will not be considered.

### STEP 3 | SUBMITTING ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Submit all the required documents to our online portal, following the instructions given in the "Putting together your application" section of this guide.

Once you have created your account and paid the registration fee, you can access your submission area at any time to gradually add the elements of your application, thus avoiding having to submit everything at the last minute.

**We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the closing date to submit the required documents and that you anticipate any IT problems you may encounter.**

Please make sure you refer to the opening and closing dates corresponding to your category: Parcoursup or non-Parcoursup (see the "Registration process" page for dates).

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the deadline and time indicated will not be accepted.

## FEE

The registration fee for the entrance exam is €121.

**Please ensure that you do not register twice, once on Parcoursup and once outside Parcoursup.**

It is the responsibility of candidates to correctly identify their category.

If in doubt, please contact Sarah Aubry or Antoine Durot by email.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For more information on how to apply, candidates are also invited to read the FAQ. If you cannot find the answers to your questions, you can contact Sarah Aubry or Antoine Durot.

The FAQ is available [here](#).

# INTERVIEWS AND ADMISSION TESTS

Admission results will be published on the School's website on Wednesday 22 April 2026 from 3pm.

You will also be sent an invitation by email. **Admissions will take place at the School from Monday 4 May to Monday 11 May 2026 (except 8 May).**

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AND INITIAL CONTACT

You are invited to briefly introduce yourself during a round table discussion with the jury members and other candidates.

Then, you will have a maximum of 5 minutes to meet with the jury members as an introduction to your admission day.

## GROUP TEST

Candidates will be divided into two groups for a collaborative storytelling exercise.

Each group randomly draws four cards from a deck based on four specific families. Each group has the option to exchange or draw a new card to modify its initial draw and guide its initial story ideas.

Once each draw has been quickly finalised, each group must separately come up with an original narrative based on its four cards. For 30 minutes, it structures its research using visual (drawings, storyboards, diagrams, etc.) and written notes. It then uses these elements to prepare a 5-minute oral presentation, in the tone and style of its choice.

## INDIVIDUAL TEST

An action verb is given to the candidates in each admissions committee.

In thirty minutes, you will create a formal three-dimensional proposal that visually conveys your personal interpretation of this verb.

The materials are provided (different types of paper and cardboard, adhesive tape, wire, string) and you will have your own kit of small items (pens, scissors, eraser, adhesive tape, glue, coloured felt-tip pens, etc.).

You will have 2 minutes to give an oral presentation of your proposal to the jury and the other candidates.

## INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW

The interview lasts 15 minutes.

You will be asked to talk about your background, your motivation for applying to ENSCI and your vision for your professional future.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

**8:45 a.m.** Arrival of candidates and jury members

**9:00 a.m.** Round table discussion

**9:10 a.m.** Individual introductions lasting a maximum of 5 minutes (timed)

**10:00 a.m.** Group test, maximum 1 hour 15

minutes **11:30 a.m.** Individual test, maximum 1

hour 15 minutes **12:45 p.m.** Lunch break

**2:00 p.m.** 15-minute interview

**5:00 p.m.** End of interviews

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Please contact us if you are an applicant with special needs, for example due to:

- Motor, sensory or mental disorders
- Learning difficulties (dyslexia, dysorthographia, dyscalculia, etc.)
- Communication disorders
- Chronic disabling illness
- Attention deficit disorder

In order to enable you to pass the admission phase of the competitive examination under the best possible conditions, ENSCI implements compensatory measures, i.e. measures designed to mitigate the disadvantages caused by your disorder. These may include adjustments such as extended exam time, adapted document etc.

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# USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Rapid developments in artificial intelligence applications have been in the news every day for the past two years. In February 2023, we drew candidates' attention to the fact that their use was not permitted and was irrelevant in the context of the ENSCI entrance examination. We therefore reserved the right to verify the origin of the digital files submitted by each candidate.

In 2024 and 2025, we observed that artificial intelligence is profoundly challenging design practices by redefining the relationships between tools, services, uses and users. We therefore took its growing influence into account in order to allow for its reasonable and critical use during the eligibility phase of the entrance examination.

In 2026, as in 2025, we are renewing this option. **Each candidate therefore has the option of using one or more artificial intelligence applications to develop their answers, which must still be personal, to the tests they are given. However, they are required to:**

- **to name the tool(s) they use**, the version used and whether it is paid for,
- **describe precisely how they use it,**
- **measure the importance of this use in each finalised answer.**

Each candidate is, of course, expected to be honest in their statements and to be able to take a step back from their work. In the context of the entrance exam, artificial intelligence is not a solution but a possibility or even an opportunity, depending on each individual's approach.

**Candidates may choose not to use artificial intelligence** and will not be penalised for doing so. They must simply mention this and briefly explain why they have made this choice.

**You must attach your response regarding whether or not you will use AI in the form of a one-page, typed PDF file of no more than 250 words.** You must upload your PDF file to the ENSCI registration portal, and it must not exceed 1 MB.

This PDF will not be assessed.

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# TUTORIAL ON HOW TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF YOUR VIDEO

## STEP 1

Download the free Handbrake software

To do this, go to: [www.handbrake.fr](http://www.handbrake.fr)

Once downloaded, you can install it.

## STEP 2

Open Handbrake and click on **Open Source** (top left).

A menu will open, and you will need to select the video you want to compress. Click Open.

## STEP 3

Go to the **Preset** menu at the top left.

Select **Web**, and in the Web submenu, select **Social 25MB 2 minutes 540p60**.

## STEP 4

Start the compression process by clicking

**Start** (green button at the top).

**The compression process will begin.**

By default, a location is determined on your computer. If you wish to change the location where your compressed file is saved, you can go to **Browse** (bottom right) and select a folder of your choice.

## STEP 5

Check the size of your file. With the settings shown, your file should be less than 30 MB.

