

Environnement



Agronomie



# esca

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DES AGRICULTURES



Alimentation



Nourrir le monde  
d'intelligences

**We are offering a company-sponsored Master's Degree at ESA with a major French International Dairy Production Company**

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# ESA



**is more than just a school, it's truly a place to live!**

- Founded in 1898, ESA is a multidisciplinary private Institute of Higher Education specialized in the fields of Agriculture, Agronomy, Food Science, Viticulture, Environment, Supply chain and Marketing.
- Over 100 classrooms including:
  - 6 computer rooms
  - A multimedia room for languages
  - 16 laboratories for practical work
  - 30 group work rooms available
  - Collaborative classrooms
  - 4 lecture theaters
- We welcome around 250 international students from all over the globe each year.

## Student clubs and societies

The school has many different clubs:

- Culture and media
- Music and dance
- Sports
- Food and wine
- Organisation of events
- Commitment and solidarity
- Junior enterprise
- Welcoming International students

Joining our school means:

- Living a rich interpersonal experience that will shape your future
- Expanding your vision of community life
- Meeting and sharing in a multicultural environment



**ESA is located in the west of France – Angers.**



**The city of Angers is located between Paris, Nantes, the Loire valley (an exceptionally beautiful part of France that attracts visitors for its architecture, its food and its wine), the Atlantic coast, Brittany and Normandy.**

- Angers is a **dynamic city of 40 000 students**
- Angers has been considered an **intellectual centre since the 1400s**, so it makes sense that it continues to be a lively and promising **university city** today.
- Angers welcomes international students with open arms- there is a drive and enthusiasm for creating special facilities, structures and events to **help students feel right at home**.
- Angers has **all the facilities that bigger cities have** in terms of culture, sport and entertainment but without all the hustle and bustle.
- Angers has **60** gymnasiums and training rooms, **6** swimming pools, **9** libraries, **8** theaters and exhibition centres, **4** cinemas, **5** museums (in addition to the Château d'Angers) and **34** municipal and community recreation centers.
- Angers also has a lot to offer in terms of **entertainment and night-life**.

**Being a student at ESA in Angers means enjoying a dynamic student life, both in the school and in the city !**



# I<sup>2</sup>FA Program

A fully funded Master's degree in agriculture science



## I<sup>2</sup>FA meaning

(FR)

Ingénieur International en Formation par Apprentissage

(ENG)

International Work-Study Engineering Degree Program

It's a part-time at ESA and part-time in the French Company (in other French towns) during the 2 years of studies

The program is fully sponsored by international companies, leaders in the field of the Food Industry, Agriculture, Seed production or Agribusiness.



I<sup>2</sup>FA exists since **2001**

**266** students have completed the program

**34** Companies

Fields: Food industry, Seeds, R&D, Business, Mechanization

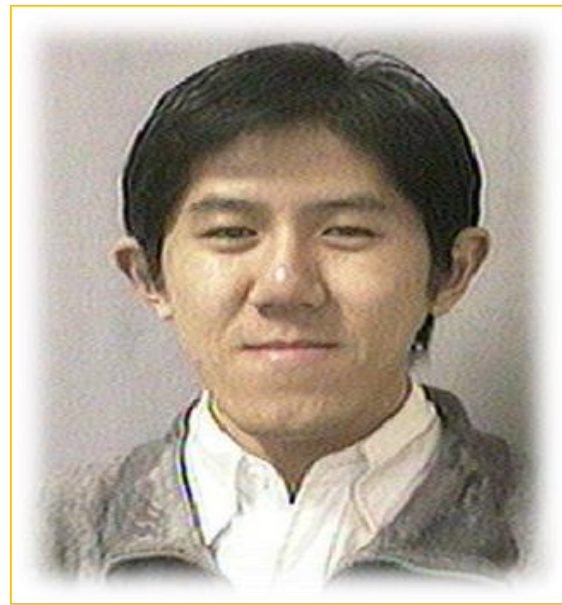


**39** Nationalities

**15** I<sup>2</sup>FA students Graduate per year



## Some I<sup>2</sup>FA Graduates



**Who are they?  
Where are they now?**



Guosheng WU

“I greatly appreciated this training program which taught me as much about French culture as about Vilmorin. The most enriching thing I have done in my life.”

### Background:

- 6 years of study in Plant Protection and Ornamental Horticulture in Nanjing University, China

### I<sup>2</sup>FA program:

- Recruited with VILMORIN (LIMAGRAIN) in 2006 and graduated 2009
- Began I<sup>2</sup>FA program after one year of intensive French at CIDEF in Angers (Center for French language training at UCO Angers)
- Guosheng studied Crop Science and Business during his 2 year apprenticeship
- He carried out his apprenticeship periods at Vilmorin's site in La Menitré (49)

### Today:

- Currently National Sales Manager for HM CLAUSE , China (LIMAGRAIN)





You need to be determined, hard-working and disciplined to succeed in this very challenging program – but all the effort is really worth it! “

Dinagul KANAPYANOVA

**Background:**

- 5 years of study in Microbiology at the Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan

**I<sup>2</sup>FA program:**

- Recruited with GROUPE LACTALIS in 2006 and graduated 2009
- Began the I<sup>2</sup>FA program after 6 months of intensive French at CIDEF
- Dinagul studied Food Sc. and Innovation during her 2 years apprenticeship – and validated an English exam required for her degree
- She carried out her apprenticeship periods at GROUPE LACTALIS sites in Pontivy (56) and Retiers (35)
- She worked at the Head of the Quality Department for the Foodmaster site in Almaty, KZ.

**Today:**

- Currently Engineering Project Manager for the Lactalis site in Georgia.





“This program offered me the occasion to learn new ways of thinking and working – it is a real challenge! I would say that in order to succeed in this program you need to be open-minded and adaptable! I never worked so hard in my life...”

Liliya POLOVYNKO

#### Background:

- 6 years of study in Hydro Technology in the State Agrarian University in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine

#### I<sup>2</sup>FA program:

- Recruited with RAGT SEMENCES in 2009
- Spoke French some in 2009
- Liliya studied Crop Science and validated courses in genetics, statistics and the English language – none of which she had previously studied
- She carried out her apprenticeship periods at the RAGT site in Gaillac (12)
- Graduated in 2011

#### Recent position:

- Director of RAGT Seed Breeding Station in Ukraine





“This program offers unique opportunities to both graduates and companies developing internationally – it is very rewarding for everyone involved at many levels...”

Pawel JAKUTOWICZ

#### Background:

- 5 years of study in Food Technology in the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland

#### I<sup>2</sup>FA program:

- Recruited with GROUPE LACTALIS in 2006 and graduated in 2009
- Began I<sup>2</sup>FA program after 6 months intensive French at CIDEF
- Pawel studied Food Science and Innovation during his two year's apprenticeship
- He carried out his apprenticeship periods at GROUPE LACTALIS sites in Riom-ès-Montagnes (15) and Xertigny (88)
- Began his career as a workshop manager at the Lactalis Polska site in Polser (produces Galbani mozzarella)
- He was holding a position as a Production Manager in Lactalis, Belmont, Wisconsin USA (2 years)

#### Today:

- Currently holds a position of Industrial Director in Lactalis, Poland.



Inathi MAGIDA

“This program gave me the possibility to improve my professional skills and to specialize in a particular field (e.g.: Dairy products processing...). I learnt to adapt to a country really different from my motherland. You have to commit yourself as much as possible right from the beginning of the program...”

### Background:

- Five years of study in Food Technology in the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in Cape Town, South Africa

### I<sup>2</sup>FA program:

- Recruited with GROUPE LACTALIS in 2013 and finished in 2015
- Began I<sup>2</sup>FA program after 6 months of intensive French at CIDEF in Angers
- Inathi carried out her apprenticeship periods at LACTALIS in Vitré (35)
- She studied Food sciences and Innovation.

### Recent position:

- production manager in a Parmalat plant in South Africa.





Balint SOMOGYI

“I acquired an essential network both among French and international students met at ESA, but also among professionals of the company. Within these two years I learnt to never underestimate myself, to listen to and benefit from French people’s advice.”

### Background:

- Four years of study in Horticultural Engineering in the Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. Balint also did an internship in France during 17 weeks in 2012

### I<sup>2</sup>FA program:

- Recruited with AXERREAL in 2013 and finished in 2015.
- Already fluent in French, began I<sup>2</sup>FA program in August 2013.
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- Balint carried out his apprenticeship periods at AXERREAL Olivet (45).
- He studied Crop Science and courses in genetics.
- He graduated in 2015.

### Today:

- Currently holds a position as technical –commercial manager with Axéreal in Hungary.





**Oleksandra HORODETSKA**

Salarié RAGT semences  
Promo I<sup>2</sup>FA 2018-2020

Ukrainian Trainee RAGT semences Ukraine  
I<sup>2</sup>FA PROMO 2018-2020

“ The I<sup>2</sup>FA program is, above all, a rich **human experience** for the student as well as for the academic supervisor who follows the student for two years. Interculturalism is at the heart of this program. This strong collaboration can fulfill to each party's needs: companies' international development strategy, the apprentice's professional ambition and the development of intercultural expertise for the teachers at ESA. ”





**What about you?**

**Are you open to learning a new language and to facing interesting challenges ?**

**Would you like a career in the Dairy sector working for an international company in your country ?**

**If yes, apply to join our I<sup>2</sup>FA program**

## Benefits

- **Successful graduates earn a Master of Science in Engineering** from l'Ecole Supérieure des Agricultures Angers, a Higher Education Institution [www.groupe-esa.com](http://www.groupe-esa.com)
- **Spend two and half years in France** with your **intensive French** program included
- Part-time at ESA and part-time in the French Company during the 2 years of studies
- Live in a dynamic city of 40 000 students
- **Get monthly grant for living expenses**
- **All tuition fees are paid and travel costs are refunded**
- **Work for a minimum of two and a half years** in the sponsoring company in your country after the program in France

## Application

On the **Online Application** form : <https://olage.groupe-esa.com>

Apply to « I<sup>2</sup>FA program – 2023-2025 ». **Deadline Round 1 : October 20th, 2022** for applications

ESA will examine your application and will contact you for a first interview in English by international admissions team.  
If ESA decides you are a solid candidate we will pass your file/application on to the company for an interview.

## Requirements

- Graduated with a **BSc or MSc in Food Sciences**, Microbiology, Biotechnology or Chemical Engineering
- **B2 certified level in English** (equivalent of 700 points in TOEIC)
- A Strong motivation to learn new cultures and a new language (French)
- A real capacity to overcome challenges and to develop new competencies
- An experience abroad would be appreciated
- A strong motivation for a **career in dairy production**
- **Under 26 years old** in September 2023
- **No French required to apply**

**For further information please do not hesitate to contact**



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