



The attached is a descriptive folder of the aims and purposes of the newly-formed American Institute of France. It will be greatly appreciated if this folder reaches the proper department.

Under separate cover is being mailed a display poster for bulletin boards which contains the salient details of the Institute in briefer form.

Additional copies of both folder and poster can be obtained upon request.

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THE EXCHANGE OF QUALIFIED STU-  
DENTS AND SCHOLARS BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FRANCE IS DESIGNED:

1. To provide opportunities to qualified American students and younger scholars to study in the best French institutions of learning.
2. To provide similar opportunities to qualified French students and younger scholars to study in American universities and technical institutions.
3. To provide specialized assistance to individual students and scholars in both the United States and France, and systematically to evaluate work done abroad so that students may be properly accredited upon returning to their respective countries.

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## AIMS OF THE INSTITUTE

The American Institute of France has been formed by prominent educators in both the United States and France in order to forge stronger cultural bonds between the two great democracies. By making possible the interchange of outstanding students and scholars, the Institute will assist both American and French citizens who hope, in the words of its president, Dean William F. Russell, that "the two countries may stand shoulder to shoulder in the future as they have in the past."

**PROGRAM:** The Institute's primary function is to make it possible for exceptionally qualified American scholars, teachers and students to study in the great educational institutions of France on a basis which has seldom been possible in the past. The Institute will assist those interested in the fine arts, the law, medicine, the French language and culture, and all other courses of study which French schools are particularly fitted to offer. It will make available for students of the history of art an unparalleled opportunity to study the treasures held in France's museums and collections. Special emphasis will be given to assisting French students who wish instruction in American professional and technical

schools of the highest standards and who desire to participate in educational programs within industry, a type of instruction not now available on a wide scale in France.

As the liaison body, the Institute will be particularly helpful in making possible the integration of American and French students into the disparate educational systems of the two countries. It will put into operation a system of properly crediting scholastic work done by Americans abroad and will also assist American admission offices in evaluating such credit.

**ORGANIZATION:** While the Institute is privately financed and managed, official recognition has been granted it by the French government. The French Ministry of National Education has provided offices for the Institute in Paris. English-speaking French teachers particularly familiar with the American educational system have been placed at the disposal of the American Institute of France by the French government which will collaborate closely in placing American students in French schools.

The administrative headquarters of the Institute are in New York City, with the principal educational activities centered in Paris.



## FACTS ABOUT THE AIF

**For whom is the program of the American Institute of France intended?**

American students desirous of pursuing serious studies at French schools.

**Are candidates restricted to any particular group or to any field of study?**

No.

**Are there any requirements or restrictions as to the length of time that must be spent in France?**

No.

**Does the American Institute of France offer scholarships or financial assistance?**

At present it does not. All students will have to defray their own expenses while abroad.

**What is the minimum sum needed for a year's study in France?**

No definitive answer can be given at this time owing to the postwar economic situation. However, the Institute is constantly abreast of conditions in France, and is able to advise candidates of current living costs and offer counsel on financial matters.

**Is financial assistance under the terms of the G.I. Bill of Rights available to veterans studying in France under the auspices of the Institute?**

Yes.

**How are candidates selected?**

On the basis of their personal qualifications as evidenced by their previous studies and recommendations from the professors or faculty members with whom they have studied. The Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant.

**What particular service does the Institute offer?**

Experienced counselling in regard to the particular field of work in which the student is interested, choice of school and course of study.

Personal introductions in the case of especially qualified students to the leading experts in France in their particular field of study.

The possibility of admission to specialized French schools to which none but French citizens have as a rule been admitted in the past.

**How can the Institute offer this assistance?**

Through the personal contacts of the members of the Advisory Committee and of the officers of the Institute in academic and educational circles in France.

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**How many students can avail themselves of study in France at this time?**

French educational facilities are not yet prepared to accept more than a limited number of American students owing to immediate postwar conditions. It is expected, however, that there will be ample facilities within another year to accommodate all those qualified.

**What French schools may candidates enter?**

Insofar as French government schools are concerned, there are in general no restrictions as far as facilities permit. The Institute will assist to the best of its abilities students who desire to enter private schools.

**Must the candidates have a working knowledge of French?**

Preferably yes. However, in the case of students who are not planning to go to France immediately upon filing their applications and who are in a position to improve their knowledge of French, this requirement will be waived. Facilities in acquiring specialized language knowledge in particular fields, as in medicine, may be provided by the Institute.

**Does the Institute make any provision for housing American students in France?**

While the Institute does not primarily concern itself with such questions, it will assist American students in securing accommodations at the American House at University City in Paris, and until such time as normal conditions permit, will offer its assistance where necessary in obtaining living quarters.

**Can a student who does not meet all the requirements mentioned above apply to the Institute for assistance?**

Yes. Although the Institute may not be in a position to offer him all the facilities that it offers to the selected group, it will nevertheless assist him in obtaining all necessary information if he is prepared to study abroad on his own account. This naturally means that he may avail himself of the services of the Institute's Paris office.

**Must candidates necessarily be engaged in postgraduate or professional work in this country before being eligible to study abroad under the auspices of the Institute?**

While the Institute is primarily interested in postgraduate and professional students, it will nevertheless assist able students in other categories.

**Does the Institute conflict with other organizations operating in the student exchange field?**

No. The Institute will refer those students who can be better cared for under other auspices to the proper agencies.

**To whom should applications be sent?**

All applications should be made directly to the Secretary, American Institute of France, Inc., 25 East 64th Street, New York 21. All requests for additional information should also be directed to this office.

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