



CentraleSupélec

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CentraleSupélec and Cambridge University are celebrating ten years of partnership and strengthening their exchange program

CentraleSupélec and Cambridge University are celebrating ten years of exceptional partnership. The prestigious agreement initiated in 2008/2009 has been reinforced over the years, forging solid and faithful links between the two institutions.

Until now, nearly 40 students have participated in the exchange program of Excellence since its creation. This year, CentraleSupélec and Cambridge have selected four students for a peer-to-peer exchange program based on genuine reciprocity.

A year of high value-added study for students of Excellence

Students from Cambridge University Engineering Department are welcomed for one-year study at CentraleSupélec. They attend a 3rd year equivalent course (like a year of pre-specialization). They follow an individualized program, which is mainly based on CentraleSupélec 2nd year curriculum combining a choice of elective courses and innovation projects.

CentraleSupélec 2nd year selected students to Cambridge attend a 3rd year in Master of Engineering. They choose a major discipline of the 9 provided in the curriculum and supplement their learning with courses in economics, business and additional modules.

Students bring back effective proficiency to their home institution for their last year study.

"Participating in the exchange program will allow me to broaden my horizons, to experience living abroad and to discover cultural differences between our two countries. I am aware of the French and British complementary approaches. This will be useful to my career. It is a gratifying personal and academic experience," says Maxime Leroy, currently taking part in an exchange program year at Cambridge University.

A strict selection at the height of education quality and partner institutions' renown

Students who wish to access the exchange program must meet well-defined academic criteria of Excellence, not only in the disciplines selected in their host institution but also in mathematics and languages. Moreover, their motivation at the start is essential to their application.

Every year, both institutions offer an exchange program of "discovery". Each institution welcomes a dozen students to help them discover life on the partner's campus for a week, which is a nice way to lead them to further cultural and educational experience.

"We are very proud to pursue such a partnership of Excellence with Cambridge University, a key strategic partner in our international exchange programs, which *per se* provides high-ranking potential that we hope to develop in the years ahead, while maintaining the trust relationship prevailing between our two institutions," says Marc Zolver, Director of International Relations at CentraleSupélec.

For several years, CentraleSupélec has set up programs of study with English universities (Oxford, London Imperial College), more particularly with Cambridge in the fields of physics, pure and applied mathematics and industrial engineering. For its part, Cambridge has offered very few similar exchange programs to other universities in the world, which makes CentraleSupélec a privileged partner and an almost unique model.

"More than ten years ago, we started talking about the idea of an exchange program between our two schools. At that time, I could not imagine the extraordinary impact it would have on the students involved. This exchange program allows students to see the engineering world through two complementary cultures and two educational systems. It gives them a much deeper and clearer viewpoint that helps them grow and develop. For many of them, this study year abroad has positively transformed their professional life," says Richard Prager, Head of Cambridge University Engineering Department.

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About CentraleSupélec

CentraleSupélec, a Public Institution of a scientific, cultural and professional nature, was created by the merging of École Centrale Paris and Supélec in January 2015. Today, CentraleSupélec consists of 3 campuses in France. It has 4,300 students, 3,200 being engineering students and includes 16 laboratories or research teams. As an international School, CentraleSupélec is also located in China, India and Morocco. CentraleSupélec is a reference center in the field of engineering sciences and systems and a leading School in higher education and research, ranked among the best institutions in the world. CentraleSupélec is a founding member of Paris-Saclay University and chairs the École Centrale Group.

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