

Brief presentation of CRAterre

Earth has been used for eleven millennia and today remains the most widely used building material around the world. A quarter of the total human population lives in a building made of earth. Earthen architectures, simple and monumental, are present in a diversity of contexts and meet a vast array of needs. Since 1979, CRAterre, the International Centre for Earth Construction, has been working to promote the use of earth materials to meet the challenges of the environment, cultural diversity and improved living conditions. CRAterre undertake training, research, application and dissemination. Its activities focus on 3 main areas: earthen architectural heritage (Heritage area); scientific and technical foundations for earthen construction and architecture (Materials area); improving living conditions in society (Habitat area). CRAterre has been working in partnership with numerous organisations around the world (UNESCO, UN-Habitat, etc.) The CRAterre team include around thirty people of different nationalities and a wide range of disciplines (architecture, anthropology, sociology, engineering, archaeology, etc.).

Programme

Earthen architecture is an important part of Iran's architectural heritage. There are many earthen sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List. There are also many contemporary earthen buildings. Indeed, raw earth is particularly suitable for reducing building's embodied energy; passively improve hygrothermal comfort; recovering excavated soil otherwise considered waste and facilitating recycling of materials used at end of life.

CRAterre is offering a 2-week theoretical and practical training course to around 15 students, to help young professionals develop their skills in earth construction techniques.

The aims of the course are to 1) provide an overview of earth construction cultures; 2) learn how to observe earth in order to determine its main characteristics, and to learn about the most common laboratory tests used to determine the preferred techniques for a given soil; and 3) understand the principles of earth design and construction.

Application timetable:

- Until 1st September 2024: deadline for sending applications to <u>zohreh.mirbaha@diplomatie.gouv.fr</u>
- 20 September 2024: announcement of results and start of visa procedures;
- 12 27 October: Autumn School in Grenoble.

Eligibility requirements:

- Iranian nationality and residence in Iran;
- be a recent graduate or a student enrolled in a bachelor's, master's or doctoral programme in architecture;
- hold a certificate certifying a B2 level in English;
- have a proven interest in or a project related to earthen architecture;
- be no more than 35 years old on 1 January 2024;

Benefits of the scholarship during the period covered:

- return plane ticket Iran France Iran;
- accommodation booked for the duration of the school;
- social insurance during the stay in France;

1/4 – The applicant

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First name	
Date of birth	
Birthplace	Photograph
Nationality	
Personal status	
Passport number	
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Current position

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Position	
Field	
University – Research Institute / Workplace	

Academic background

Year	Academic degree / Specialization	Institution	Comments

Professional experience

Year	Occupation	Institution	Comments

References

Name	Position	Organization	Email

Languages proficiency (basic, medium, fluent)

Language	Reading	Writing	Comprehension

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3/4 Project

Cover letter (scientific added-value, professional perspectives, and motivation)

4/4 Required documents in English or French (to be attached to the Application Form)

- 1. Formulaire passerelle (previously mentioned)
- 2. Birth certificate
- 3. Copy of highest degrees
- 4. Copies of languages' proficiency tests in English or French
- 5. CV in English with the list of publications, awards, patents, and previous grants, if any

Should there be any question about the program, please contact <u>zohreh.mirbaha@diplomatie.gouv.fr</u>

Nota bene: Please note that late or incomplete submissions will not be considered, as well as any applications, which do not satisfy the eligibility criteria. Each candidate who will have submitted his file in due time will receive an acknowledgment of receipt within 72 hours.

I declare that all the above information, from page 1 to 5, as well as the information provided in the attached documents are correct and *bona fide*.

I agree with the conditions of the program and the selection criteria. If I am selected, I acknowledge that not completing next steps' process in due time (completion of visa procedures, etc.), with no proper reasons, will expose to reducing the length or cancelling the benefit of the scholarship. I acknowledge that any scholarship will not be valid after the end of the year 2024.

If I am selected, I will be keen to deliver documents (video, exhibition, talk, etc.) to enhance my participation in the program towards specialists' and non-specialists' audience.

Place:

Applicant's Signature:

Date: