

Press Release
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MBDA Programme of Excellence established at ISAE

MBDA, the ISAE-SUPAERO Foundation and the Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace (ISAE) have signed a sponsorship agreement setting up an Indian scholarship programme in France. Between 2014 and 2017, this programme will contribute towards the financing of 24 students and young aeronautical professionals from India, enabling them to undertake Masters studies at ISAE.

MBDA, an international group active in the Aeronautics and Space sector, specializes in the research, development and production of missiles and missile systems. The company is eager to develop direct cooperation with India's aeronautical and defence industry. As a result, MBDA is keen to support the training of Indian engineers in this field, notably via advanced studies offered by ISAE in France.

The ISAE-SUPAERO Foundation is a state approved association whose main mission is to support the advancement of the national and international reputation of ISAE, to develop research and the international mobility of students, lecturers and researchers and to encourage social openness.

ISAE is a higher educational institution located in Toulouse (southern France) established following the merger of two colleges (SUPAERO founded in 1909 and ENSICA founded in 1945). It offers 22 Masters and Specialised Masters programmes of the highest international standard. Each year, ISAE welcomes foreign students, particularly those from India and is therefore keen to develop its profile in India.

MBDA would like to support the international popularity of ISAE, especially in the context of its links with India, by establishing a Programme designed to finance the studies of Indian students and young professionals at Masters or Specialised Masters level at ISAE.

This Programme will, as of the 2014 academic year, offer advantageous scholarships to 24 Indian students (eight students over three successive study programmes) thereby advancing their education in the aeronautics field. These scholarships will cover course fees as well as contributing to the living expenses of the students involved.

Olivier Zarrouati, President of the ISAE-SUPAERO Foundation and CEO of Zodiac Aerospace: "I am very pleased by the signing of the agreement establishing this new Programme which paves the way for a new model in the relationship that ISAE would like to develop with the aerospace industry. After the creation of a Chair heading Innovation Management in 2011 and of another, set up this year, in the aircraft design field, the Foundation is now supporting the Institute as it strives to strengthen its links with India. This aligns perfectly with the Foundation's new development dynamic to benefit the ISAE"

Olivier Fourure, General Director of ISAE: "Since 2007, the development of ISAE Masters courses given in English has resulted in the Institute having a very high visibility amongst Indian universities and students of aeronautics and space. The "MBDA Programme of Excellence for India at ISAE" will allow MBDA to benefit, as a major European partner of the Institute, from this reputation and at the same time help to attract some of the brightest of Indian students to ISAE".

Antoine Bouvier, CEO of MBDA: "The development of strategic partnerships with certain major countries forms a key element of MBDA's development strategy. Supporting the education in France of foreign students at the highest technical and technological levels will contribute very effectively to the implementation of this strategy aimed at firmly establishing MBDA in major countries like India who are keen to develop industrial centres of excellence with us".

About MBDA

With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2012 MBDA achieved a turnover of 3 billion euros with an order book of 9.8 billion euros. With more than 90 armed forces customers in the world, MBDA is a world leader in missiles and missile systems.

MBDA is the only group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development.

MBDA is jointly held by BAE SYSTEMS (37.5%), EADS (37.5%) and FINMECCANICA (25%).

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About ISAE

A global centre of education and research in the field of aerospace, the Institut Superior de L'Aeronautique et de l'Espace (the Higher Institute of Aeronautics and Space) offers a comprehensive and unique range of courses in aeronautical and space systems engineering: SUPAERO engineer, ENSICA engineer, CNAM-ISAE engineering apprenticeship, eight Masters and Research Masters, 19 specialised Masters, six post-graduate doctorate schools and a large range of continuous training programmes through EUROSAT, a subsidiary jointly owned with ENSTA Paris Tech.

Established in 2007 by the merger of SUPAERO (1909) and ENSICA (1945), ISAE has a faculty of 100 permanent lecturers, 2,000 guest lecturers from the professional world, 1,625 full time students of whom 28% are from foreign countries and nearly 3,000 students undertaking training courses each year. ISAE can call on a network of 20,000 alumni who are actively involved with the ISAE-SUPAERO-ENSICA Association

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About the ISAE-SUPAERO Foundation

A state approved association, the ISAE-SUPAERO Foundation's aim is to contribute to the advancement of the national and international reputation of ISAE, emphasizing research, education and social openness.

The activities of the Foundation are carried out in direct collaboration with ISAE, supporting its work with its students, faculty members and in research. These activities are structured around five objectives: encourage the development and advance of aerospace research, consolidate the provision of teaching tools, develop the entrepreneurial skills of the students, support the international mobility of faculty members and students, encourage the social openness strategy of ISAE.

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