

## Housing assistance (CAF)

**The French government provides financial aid for housing to people with low incomes, subject to certain conditions. This housing assistance, which is available to internationals, is paid by the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF)(Family Allowances Fund).**

International students and staff are eligible for housing benefit. It can be paid :

for accommodation in a university residence  
for a flat or house rented from a private landlord

The allocation of housing benefit is not automatic. You must meet the means test set by the CAF and apply online at the [CAF website](#), attaching a list of documents, including :

Proof of identity (national identity card or passport)  
Your birth certificate with a certified translation into French

### If you are a citizen of the European Union

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proof of registration at the University  
your European Health Insurance Card

### If you are non-European

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a residence permit valid for at least the duration of your academic year  
proof of registration with the student social security system

After studying your application, if you are entitled to it, the CAF will pay you your grant within 3 months, the amount of which is calculated according to your family and financial situation.

Please note! This benefit is not retroactive. You are strongly advised to apply as soon as possible, even if your residence permit has not yet been validated.

### Please note !

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The CAF website is only available in French. When you arrive in France, our teams will help you with this process :

If you are an exchange student, contact our mobility advisors : [dri@u-picardie.fr](mailto:dri@u-picardie.fr)