

emlyon business school strengthens social inclusion in its Grande École Program by offering full tuition coverage to CROUS scholarship students (levels 4 to 7)

Lyon, April 28, 2026 – emlyon business school is taking a new step forward in its commitment to social inclusion. Starting in the 2026–2027 academic year, the School will cover 100% of tuition fees for newly admitted CROUS scholarship students at levels 4 to 7 enrolling in its Grande École Program (PGE). This major decision will make it possible to exempt approximately five times more students than today from tuition fees and to remove financial barriers to access to excellence in higher education.

A pioneering social inclusion policy for nearly twenty years

Long committed to promoting social diversity, **emlyon** business school has been deploying student support schemes since 2006.

Since 2022, the School has financed up to 100% of tuition fees for CROUS scholarship students, with full exemption for the highest scholarship levels (level 7) and progressive coverage for other levels.

This proactive policy has helped increase the proportion of scholarship students in the Grande École Program – Master in Management to nearly 30%.

A major step forward starting in the 2026–2027 academic year

Building on these results, emlyon business school is now going even further. From the 2026–2027 academic year onward, full tuition coverage will be extended to new CROUS scholarship students at levels 4 to 7, whether they come from CPGE tracks (Classes Préparatoires) or direct admissions.

This decision will multiply by five the number of students exempt from tuition fees over the coming years, significantly strengthening social diversity within the Grande École Program.

A comprehensive ecosystem to support equal opportunity

Beyond tuition coverage, **emlyon** business school deploys a comprehensive support ecosystem designed to secure the academic journeys of students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

- **The trEMplin program:** Launched in 2021 in partnership with the School's alumni network, this initiative offers holistic support to scholarship students, combining mentoring, administrative assistance, coaching, and student life follow-up. Since 2022, participation in the program has increased by more than 60%.
- **The emlyon Foundation:** Thanks to fundraising efforts that doubled in 2025 compared with 2024, the Foundation is now able to support up to 500 students each year. In particular, it has chosen to focus certain living-cost grants on the most financially vulnerable students, awarding ,Ç`5,000 per year to CROUS scholarship students at levels 6 and 7 in their first year of the Grande École Program, from their arrival and for the entire duration of their studies.
- **Zero-interest student loans:** A partnership with the INFINITE fund enables students to access zero-interest loans of up to ,Ç`45,000, in addition to existing financial aid.

*“Our ambition is clear: no talent should have to give up an excellence-driven higher education pathway for financial reasons. By strengthening our scholarship policy, we fully affirm the responsibility we assume as a business school and a Mission-Driven Company, convinced that social diversity is an essential condition for academic and collective excellence,” emphasizes Isabelle Huault, Chair of the Executive Board and Dean of **emlyon** business school.*

About emlyon business school

Founded in 1872 by the Lyon Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emlyon business school welcomes 9,375 students from 135 nationalities across four campuses worldwide (Lyon, Shanghai, Paris, and Mumbai).

emlyon relies on a faculty of 180 international professors and researchers and a network of 237 academic partners worldwide to deliver excellence-driven, globally oriented learning pathways.

The School counts a community of 48,000 alumni in 130 countries.

A Mission-Driven Company since July 2021, emlyon's purpose is to:

“educate and support throughout their lives enlightened individuals who transform organizations effectively, for a fairer, more inclusive and more environmentally respectful society.”

Its “maker” pedagogy closely links action and reflection.

emlyon places hybrid skills and social responsibility at the heart of its academic programs, fostering encounters between the best of the socio-economic and academic worlds.

Its strategic plan, “Resonances 2028,” reaffirms the importance of the maker mindset that has defined emlyon’s DNA since its founding. The plan is built around the five qualities expected of emlyon “makers” as entrepreneurs of change: academic excellence; entrepreneurial spirit; commitment; hybrid knowledge; and resonance with society.

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