



Making progress become reality



Talent comes from every background: the Francis Bouygues Foundation welcomes 125 new high-achiever grant-holders



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- 125 new high-achiever grant-holders join the Francis Bouygues Foundation's 2026 intake, continuing more than 20 years of work to ensure that talent and merit are not held back by social background.
- Close to 1,700 students have received support since 2005.
- Close to 800 former grant-holders have entered the world of work, fulfilling the Foundation's ambition to promote equal opportunities and help drive upward social mobility.

Created in 2005 by Martin Bouygues, the Francis Bouygues Foundation supports high-achieving school leavers from disadvantaged backgrounds, enabling them to pursue ambitious higher education studies in the best possible conditions.

As well as financial support, the Foundation provides grant-holders with personal support throughout their studies. Each grant-holder is supported by a mentor – a current or retired employee of the Bouygues group, or a former grant-holder – who shares their experience, advice and network.

Promoting equal opportunities

For over 20 years, the Foundation has been supporting young people from a variety of backgrounds, including those from rural areas, disadvantaged neighbourhoods, French secondary schools abroad, and those from the child welfare system. Their backgrounds may differ, but they all share a determination to succeed and achieve their ambitions.



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During the ceremony, Martin Bouygues, Chairman of the Bouygues group, recalled the legacy on which this commitment is based: "Francis Bouygues, Founder of the Bouygues group, firmly believed that talent and determination should matter more than social background. That is the legacy we are carrying forward through the Foundation that bears his name. At a time when society is facing increasingly complex challenges, companies must play their full part in fostering social cohesion and helping to restore upward social mobility. That is what our commitment is all about: giving everyone the opportunity to find their own path and succeed. I wish all our new grant-holders every success!"

Pierre Auberger, Chairman of the Francis Bouygues Foundation, reiterated that: "Since 2005, through the Francis Bouygues Foundation, the Bouygues group has been strongly committed to promoting equal opportunities as a responsible corporate citizen", before addressing the following message to the new grant-holders: "At the Foundation, you can dream big. The Francis Bouygues Foundation believes in you. Believe in yourselves too. Self-confidence, combined with hard work, is one of the keys to success."

About Bouygues

Bouygues is a diversified services group operating in over 80 countries with 200,000 employees all working to make life better every day. Its business activities in the **Construction Division** (Colas, Bouygues Construction and Bouygues Immobilier); **energies & services** (Equans); **telecoms** (Bouygues Telecom) and **media** (TF1) are able to drive growth since they all satisfy constantly changing and essential needs.

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