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On its 15th anniversary the Elior Foundation “Acting for education” is taking on new commitments

In 2011 the Elior Foundation “Acting for education” awarded 82 bursaries in its fifteenth year of sponsoring students. Backed by its 15 years of experience, it decided to continue its commitment and expand its field of activity by supporting access to Sciences Po by students educated in the Zone d’Education Prioritaire (Priority Education Zone).

Created in 1995 with the support of the Fondation de France, the purpose of the Elior Foundation “Acting for education” is to help students who have one parent working in a collective catering company or catering concession to continue their studies. Consequently the Foundation awards a bursary each year which helps to subsidise the students’ requirements in terms of accommodation, transport, purchasing study materials ... Since its creation the Elior Foundation has granted 1 115 bursaries to 764 students. Today its bursary recipients include doctors, engineers, teachers and also some original vocations such as a line pilot, an orchestra director, a writer...

On its 15th anniversary the Elior Foundation “Acting for education” has decided to increase the scope of its actions by supporting students from the Zone d’Education Prioritaire recruited by Sciences Po. Thus, on top of the annual bursaries it is committing human and financial support to secure the progression of students selected by Sciences Po via the Conventions d’Education Prioritaire. This partnership responds to the conviction shared by Elior and by Sciences Po that diversity is a rich recruitment resource for both institutions of higher education and companies.

The Conventions d’Education Prioritaire of Sciences Po are an extremely selective recruitment channel intended for the most deserving pupils, who are studying at partner establishments in the Zone d’Education Prioritaire partners of Sciences Po. They aim to combat the self-censorship of secondary school students, the lack of information on higher education and the lack of financial means. Developed by Sciences Po in 2001, they have benefited more than 730 students.

For Richard Descoings, Director of Sciences Po : *“The commitment of the companies means that not only can we make the bursaries permanent, which guarantees that these students can continue their education under optimum conditions; but also, thanks to the tutorial system, this provides them with the keys to prepare their future careers.”*

For Agnès Bureau-Mirat, Director of Group Human Resources : *“Knowing that certain colleagues do not always possess the means to support their children’s studies, and being regularly approached by part-time research students wanting to supplement their income, in 1995 the Group decided to create the Elior Foundation “Acting for education”. After 15 years the new partnership*

between Sciences Po and the Foundation fits perfectly with Elior's concern for giving priority to helping young people in accessing education and professional integration".

About Elior

Founded in 1991, Elior ranks third in the European market for contracted catering and related services. The Group, which achieved a turnover of 3.783 billion Euros in 2009/2010, applies its knowhow to three sectors: catering, concessions and services.

Its 82 000 staff offer catering and personalised service solutions to three million clients in fourteen countries every day with unwavering commitment: welcoming and taking care of each one enthusiastically and competently.

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