



# POST-MASTER DEGREE MOTORSPORT ENGINEERING PERFORMANCE

STUDY IN ENGLISH, LIVE IN FRANCE



# A UNIQUE PROGRAM IN FRANCE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMPETITIVE MOTORSPORTS SECTOR

Competitive motorsports need qualified engineers specially trained to work in this sector. The Motorsport Engineering Performance Post-master's degree answers this need with a course that builds high-level skills and expertise in the Motorsport sector. Developed jointly with French companies, this MS® provides training in design, optimization and organization of all the technical solutions in the Motorsport sector, but also mastery of special production and manufacturing methods.

## PROGRAM IN BRIEF

### Aim

Acquire the skills to :

- Design, optimize and organize all the technical solutions;
- Master and implement product manufacturing methods;
- Take account of the productivity and quality imperatives of the Motorsport sector.

### Program benefits

- Teaching faculty heavily involved in the industrial sector;
- Concrete and practical project-based approach.

### Skills acquired

- Identify the different categories, race tracks and regulations in motorsport;
- Understand the sensor technology, analyze signals for reliability, analyze and create performance tools to present quantifiable results for car development / performance;
- Identify race vehicle architecture, make and analyze dimensioning calculations, pilot and analyze mechanical tests, propose new solutions, optimise a structure, get to know "new" materials;
- Define aerodynamic principles, identify aerodynamic phenomena, conduct and analyze wind tunnel tests, use CFD for analysis, organize track trials;
- Identify the architecture of a combustion engine, an electric, hybrid and hydrogen engine;
- Analyze gearbox technology;
- Identify the materials used in tyres, analyze tyre behavior, analyze the impact of tyres on performance;
- Analyze pilot behavior, identify track safety, perform driving analysis on track and on simulator;
- Manage projects, write reports, communicate and speak in public.

**700 hours of academic coursework** including a industrial project followed by a professional thesis (October to February).

**6 months minimum of in-company operational training** (March to August).

### Assessment

- Teaching modules assessed via exams and case studies;
- Academic project & Professional thesis assessed via dissertation.

### Job prospects

- **R&D Engineer:** design engineer, structural engineer, calculation engineer;
- **Aerodynamics:** aerodynamicist engineer, CFD engineer, wind tunnel engineer, aerodynamic track engineer;
- **Powertrain:** powertrain design engineer, powertrain control engineer, engine support engineer;
- **Electronics:** system engineer; electronic engineer;
- **Track operations:** data engineer, performance engineer, track support engineer, strategy engineer, simulation engineer, DiL engineer;
- **Management:** technical director, project leader, technical project manager, coordinator.

**Course breakdown:** Lectures, case studies, team work project and management.

**Language:** English

**Number of credits:** 75 ECTS





## PROGRAM

### INTRODUCTION TO MOTORSPORT

Data processing with Matlab  
 Basic network architecture and electronics  
 Introduction to thermal engine and gearbox  
 Driver coaching and driving (FFSA)  
 Analysis of data on a simulator (WINTAX)  
 Operating a Formula 4 on track (FFSA)  
 Track safety  
 English for Motorsport

100 Student Hours - 7 ECTS

### DESIGN OF A RACING VEHICLE: THE FUNDAMENTALS

Regulation analysis and impact on the race car design  
 Basic of car racing aerodynamics  
 Basics in tyre knowledge  
 Basic vehicle dynamics knowledge and performance parameters  
 Basic embedded systems

70 Student Hours - 6 ECTS

### RACING VEHICLE AERODYNAMICS

Basic aerodynamics  
 Completion, analysis and CFD optimization  
 Monitoring, completion and wind tunnel test analysis  
 Wind tunnel labwork

70 Student Hours - 6 ECTS

### POWERTRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Thermal engine structure  
 Transmission and gearbox  
 Electric motor architecture and energy storage  
 Hydrogen engine  
 Hybrid process and monitoring systems  
 Impact fuel on the ICE design

60 Student Hours – 5 ECTS

### OPERATIONS ON RACING CIRCUITS

Recommendations and a typical vehicle fine-tuning Pilot's behavior analysis  
 Organizing a team on the track  
 Race event preparation  
 Sensor and data acquisition in race vehicles  
 Development of reliability and performance analysis tools (Motec)  
 Race strategy on Trackside software  
 Driver behaviour analysis on ESTACA simulator  
 Race preparation on a circuit, in collaboration with students of the Meka association

90 Student Hours - 6 ECTS

### INDUSTRIAL PROJECT

200 Student Hours - 15 ECTS

### PROFESSIONAL THESIS

110 Student Hours - 10 CTS

### IN COMPANY OPERATIONAL TRAINING

24 Weeks - 30 ECTS



Note: the above program might be subject to minor changes.

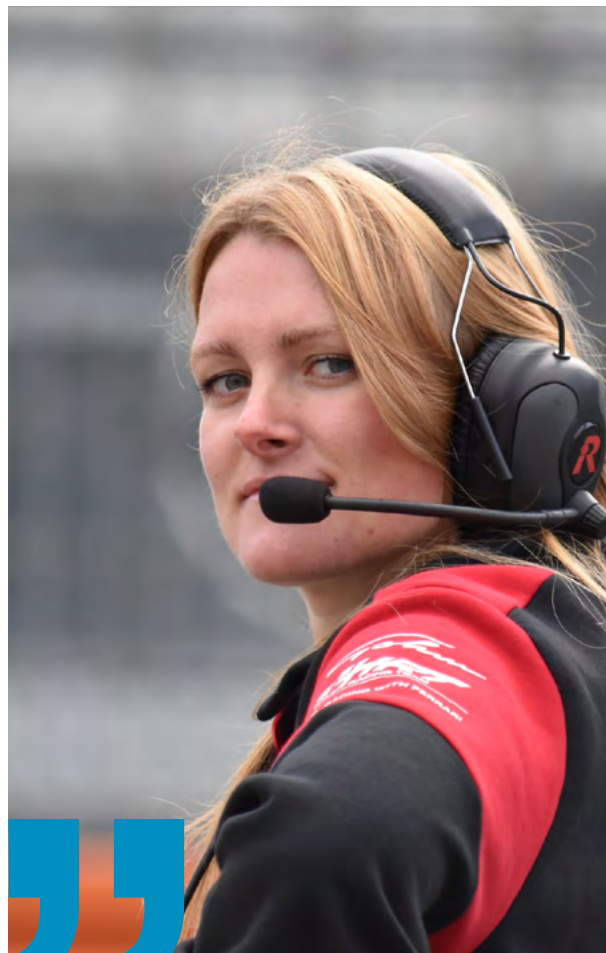
# A PROGRAM DESIGNED JOINTLY WITH INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS

This training course is proposed in partnership with the **FFSA Academy (French Federation of MotorSport)** that prepares young drivers and mechanics from all around the world in order to reach the motorsport's world top level.

It covers the construction of the program, joint teaching of course modules, the availability of business experts and the team premises for "projects". ESTACA aims to meet the human, technical and operational needs of companies working in the competitive motorsports sector.



Among the companies and federations involved in the program are the FIA, Renault Sport Racing, Automobile Club de l'Ouest and Peugeot Motorsport.



## ACQUIRING THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO GET YOUR DREAM JOB

Since I was a child, I've been into motorsports. I chose a general engineering school because I wasn't sure if I wanted to make a career out of it. But once I'd graduated, I started looking for a job in this sector. All I got was rejection. So I decided to continue my studies at ESTACA. This course gave me the technical knowledge I needed to enter this highly specialized field. Classes are taught by engineers actually working in motorsports, making them highly practical and covering current technologies. My internship in Germany as a Data Support / Performance engineer in GT3 at HRT, Haupt Racing Team, gave me the opportunity to confirm my knowledge through practice, and also my career choice!

**Julie SCHOTTER,**  
2024 graduate, Data Support and Performance Engineer at HRT



# STUDY CLOSE TO MOTORSPORTS RACING CIRCUITS

## TWO SITES FOR ONE PROGRAM: ESTACA-LAVAL AND FFSA LE MANS

Classes in the Motorsport Engineering Performance Post-Master's Degree are held on two sites. Part of the course is given at 'ESTACA-Laval, in the Mayenne department (1½ hours from Paris by TGV). Classes include visits to the race teams on the region. The second half of the program is given at Le Mans race track, on the premises of FFSA Academy.

## ESTACA GRADUATE ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Founded in 1925, ESTACA is a member of ISAE group, 1<sup>st</sup> world cluster in aerospace training and research. ESTACA is highly specialized in the fields of aeronautics, space, automotive, railway and naval industries.

The training courses constantly evolve to meet the requirements of companies and adapt to the emergence of new technologies or disciplines. ESTACA's graduates undertake the design, development and production of transport systems and components. The industry has ranked ESTACA among the best engineering schools for its expertise in the transportation fields.

## ESTACA IN FIGURES

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**campuses:** ESTACA-Paris Saclay, ESTACA-Laval and ESTACA-Bordeaux

450

**graduates** per year

2,500

**students**

10,000

**alumni**

2

**research teams**

## ISAE IN FIGURES

**Group of the 5 most prestigious French engineering programs in Aerospace:** SUP'AERO, ENSMA, SUPMECA, ESTACA, École de l'Air et de l'Espace, ENAC

6,000

**students** at a high scientific level in aerospace

475

**doctoral students**

68,000

**alumni**

700

**faculty, researchers and engineers**

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## Eligibility

**This program is open to all foreign and French students holding a Master Degree (preferably in scientific fields, business master may also apply).** Applicants proving 3 years of professional experience should have completed four years of studies in an engineering (Master Level or Advanced Bachelor). Applicants should have English language proficiency (TOEFL iBT: 91, TOEIC: 850 or IELTS: 6.5).

## Location

ESTACA-Laval, Le Mans

## Tuition fees

16,000€ (reduced fees for young students graduating in the last year and ESTACA Alumni: 14,000€)

## Admission process

**Admission upon application, possibly with an interview.**

- Application Form available on the website:  
[www.admissions.estaca.fr](http://www.admissions.estaca.fr)
- Application period: application is to be sent before May 30<sup>th</sup> for non-european students (visas requirements) and July 30<sup>th</sup> for European students.

**Degree accredited by the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles\***

[www.cge.asso.fr](http://www.cge.asso.fr)

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