ISTOM is a school of engineering with a 100 years of experience in training specialists in international agricultural development. The school prepares graduates for work in the world’s tropical and subtropical zones (in Africa, Asia, and Latin America) and to meet the challenge of feeding and protecting the planet for generations to come. In the 5-year agricultural engineering program students master scientific fundamentals (primarily biology) as well as the humanities and economics. Subjects taught at ISTOM are divided into modules comprising academic courses, lab work, and field expeditions.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**
Undergraduate studies: learning science The first 3 years of the program are devoted primarily to the life and earth sciences, the basic sciences, and the humanities (including economics and sociology). Graduate studies: gaining skills in the following specialized areas: Plant production in tropical zones; agri-food industries; design and implementation of agricultural development projects; water and environmental management; and land development. Careers after ISTOM Most ISTOM graduates work in one of the following fields: agronomy, development, agri-food industry, humanitarian aid, and environmental protection. The school’s alumni occupy positions of responsibility in development projects, water resource consultancies, international organizations, and nongovernmental organizations, among other posts.

**RESEARCH**
The teaching team consists of 20 teaching and research professors working in collaboration with researchers from organizations that deal with development research issues. ISTOM has initiated a multidisciplinary research program aimed at better understanding development problems. That program is closely linked with students’ research projects.

**STRENGTHS**
ISTOM’s engineering curriculum is in touch with professional requirements and challenges. Over the course of the curriculum the school works closely with students to plan their future career. Internships and missions (requiring a total of 16 months) enable students to apply the tools and methods they learn in class. As part of the Institut Polytechnique Saint Louis (IPSL) in Cergy-Pontoise, ISTOM and its four sister schools make up a campus of 2,500 students. Student housing is available on campus. The school has a network of more than 2550 graduates attending in 114 countries.

**LOCATION**
ISTOM is located 30 minutes from Paris in Cergy Pontoise, on the pleasant Port site.

**IDENTITY FORM**
- Precise name of the institution: ISTOM - École supérieure d’agro-développement international
- Type of institution: Private; recognized by the French government and accredited by CTI, the French national commission on engineering degrees. Label EUR ACE
- City where the main campus is located: Cergy Pontoise
- Number of students: 480
- Percentage or number of international students: 3%
- Type and level of qualifications awarded: Engineering degree
- French language courses: No
- Programs for international students: No
- Programs in English: No
- Registration fees/year (for information only): 5 200 euros/year
- Postal address: ISTOM - 32 Boulevard du Port 95000 Cergy-Pontoise - France

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