

**SCOALA NORMALA SUPERIOARA
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**Scoala Normala Superioara – Bucharest
-Short Description-**

- Scoala Normala Superioara - Bucharest (SNSB) was created after the model of the French Ecole Normale Superieure, its Italian counterpart Scuola Normale Superiore and of the University Colleges from Cambridge and Oxford, by the initiative of a group of young researchers freshly graduated from prestigious schools (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ecole Normale Superieure Paris, Harvard University).
- Its main objective is to guide toward research the best Romanian students, by offering them conditions similar to the top Western universities.
- The scientific activities are supervised by a Scientific Committee formed by world experts in each discipline. SNSB has no tenured professors, and the courses change yearly. The Scientific Committee selects each year the courses from a list proposed by, and open to academics and researchers from around the world.
- Each year the SNSB admits in each discipline, via a thorough selection process, up to ten students who have just completed two undergraduate years of study. They become SNSB students for three years. In the first two years (the preliminary cycle) they graduate from their home university and follow complementary courses at the SNSB. The last SNSB year (the master's cycle) is devoted to a Master's program, offered by the SNSB, finalized through a Master's thesis.
- SNSB charges no tuition fees. Moreover, it offers each student scholarships proportional with their achievements as measured by final exams (440EUR/exam for the highest grade in 2005-2007).
- The courses of the SNSB have started in October 2001 for the Department of Mathematics, and in October 2002 for the Computer Science Department. In the future the SNSB will comprise the disciplines: Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.
- SNSB organize introductory courses destined to students from the first university years, in order to encourage them to choose a scientific career.
- SNSB is accredited as an institution of graduate studies by the Romanian Government (Decree 693 from June 12, 2003).
- In 2006-2007 the SNSB has 16 students in Mathematics and 10 in Informatics.
- Currently, the SNSB Department of Mathematics is hosted by the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy.
- The funds for 2006-2007 are provided by the by: the Romanian – American Enterprise Fund, Softwin, Clay Foundation, DAAD, French Embassy and the Institute of Mathematics of the Romanian Academy.
- Full details about the SNSB are to be found on the internet at <http://snsb.online.fr>