

## 2017 Mexican Government Scholarships for International Students

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## Introduction

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) invites foreign citizens who are interested in studying for a specialization, master's degree or doctorate, conducting graduate-level research, or taking part in an undergraduate or graduate-level academic mobility program in Mexico, to participate in the **2017 Mexican Government Scholarship Program for International Students.**

The scholarships are offered to more than 180 countries through a series of bilateral conventions, multilateral programs and special agreements. More than 90 Mexican institutions of higher education (IES) participate and all offer academic programs registered with the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) in the National Program of Quality Graduate Degrees. These programs demonstrate the progress made by Mexico in various areas of the sciences and humanities.

By offering Mexican government scholarships for international students, Mexico strengthens its role as an actor with global responsibility and renews its commitment to cooperation programs that help create highly skilled human capital. The presence in Mexico of international students, academics and scientists helps build permanent bridges of dialogue that enrich the long-term foreign policy agenda through contributions of exceptional value for the country and for its partners abroad. In addition, the Mexican institutions and the academic community benefit from the increased internationalization.

Thank you for choosing Mexico as your educational destination!

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation

## General Terms and Conditions

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The scholarships are awarded annually for the following:

Program	Maximum Length of the Scholarship <sup>1</sup>
Undergraduate and graduate mobility programs	One academic term (quarter, trimester or semester)
Graduate-level research and postdoctoral fellowships	12 months (1 month minimum)
Specializations	1 year
Master's degrees	2 years
Doctorates	3 or 4 years (according to the program)
Medical specializations and subspecializations	3 years

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE SCHOLARSHIP BE EXTENDED

Scholarships are not granted for direct Ph.D. programs (combined M.A. and Ph.D. programs), distance learning programs, open or online education.

The scholarships are offered for the following [institutions and academic programs](#) and are offered in [these countries](#).

The following academic programs are not eligible for scholarships: business administration, plastic surgery, accounting, marketing, dentistry and advertising, and related areas.

If the graduate studies program requires a preparatory or introductory course, the student must cover the cost, as it is not included in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/AMEXCID scholarship. The scholarship initiates at the beginning of the first academic term (quarter, trimester, semester), once the student has successfully completed the preparatory course, if required.

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<sup>1</sup> The Ministry of Foreign Affairs scholarships are awarded for the periods of time indicated in this scholarship program. If the course of study is longer, the student must pay the difference.

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If the academic program requires a thesis and an exam in order to obtain the degree, ***the student must finish the thesis and present the exam before the specified end date of the scholarship.***

Individuals already studying in Mexico at an institution of higher education and in an academic program included in the scholarship program may apply for a scholarship. However, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/AMEXCID scholarship is not retroactive. That is, it will not cover any expenses incurred before the scholarship is awarded.

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### Application Deadline

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Applications for the scholarship will be accepted from June 6<sup>th</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

The results will be announced starting November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, through the Mexican diplomatic offices abroad.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

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### Candidate Profile

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Requirements for all applicants:

- Bachelors, Master's or Ph.D. degree, as required by the program for which the scholarship is requested.
- Minimum grade point average of eight (8.0), on a scale of 0 to 10, or the equivalent, for the last academic degree received.
- Be accepted or currently enrolled in a program of the participating Mexican institutions.

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### Required Documents

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It is mandatory for applicants to submit their documents in the following order:

1. Official nomination of his/her government.
2. Application form, dully completed and including a digital photograph.
3. Statement of purpose indicating the reasons for which the applicant is interested in studying or conducting research in Mexico.
4. Curriculum vitae (maximum of 3 pages).

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5. Acceptance letter from the Mexican host institution, signed by the responsible party (Director of the International Affairs Office, Director of Academic Exchanges, Head of the Graduate Studies Department, Graduate Studies Coordinator, etc.), stating the length of the studies with the start and end dates, and the type of studies.<sup>2</sup> For research, the acceptance letter should also state that the candidate will receive the mentoring needed for the research project and, if possible, the name of the advisor.
6. Copy of the diploma of the highest degree received.
7. Copy of the transcript of the last degree received showing a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 8/10. If a different scale is used, the equivalent on a 10-point scale must be submitted.
8. **For mobility scholarships**, a letter from the applicant's institution agreeing to give academic credit for the classes or course of study that will be taken in Mexico.
9. **For research grants**, a copy of the academic document showing the applicant has finished or is currently enrolled in a Master's or doctoral program.
10. **Candidates already in Mexico** must have a current immigration document, with a Temporary Resident Student Visa (card).
11. **If Spanish is not the applicant's native language**, include certificate of an advanced level of proficiency in Spanish from a university or language center.<sup>3</sup>  
**For research grants** in a language different from Spanish, it is mandatory to submit an official communication from the host institution, stating the commitment to provide tutoring in a different language, specifying the language and the name of the tutor.  
The communication must be submitted with the signature of the responsible party (Director of the International Affairs Office, Director of Academic Exchanges, Head of the Graduate Studies Department, Graduate Studies Coordinator, etc.),
12. Copy of birth certificate.
13. Copy of passport.
14. Original medical certificate of good health issued by a public or private institution no more than three months prior to submitting the documents. Independent health certificates will not be accepted.

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<sup>2</sup> Applicants can submit a contact letter from the institution with the scholarship application and continue with the procedures and requirements of the host institution.

<sup>3</sup> A Spanish course is offered for some countries prior to the beginning of the academic program. For more information, see the [list of countries](#).

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15. Four recent original photographs (not digital), full face on a white background, 3cm x 3cm, with name and nationality noted on the back.
16. [Letter of acceptance](#) of the General Terms and Conditions of the program, with the candidate's handwritten signature.

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**Documents in any language other than Spanish must be accompanied by a Spanish translation (need not be certified).**

**Incomplete files and original documents will not be accepted** (except for the medical certificate, which must be submitted in the original).

The entire scholarship application process must be done at the Mexican Embassy in the applicant's country or at the concurrent Embassy.

**Directory of Mexican Embassies:**

<http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/embajadas-de-mexico-en-el-exterior>

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED DIRECTLY FROM THE APPLICANTS

Applicants with more than one nationality may only submit one application. The nomination must come from the same country as the nationality chosen by the applicant to use while in Mexico. If awarded a scholarship, the recipient must travel to Mexico with the passport used throughout the application process, which must be issued by the nominating country. This is the only passport that may be used while in Mexico for the duration of the scholarship and to leave the country.

**THE FILES OF UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

**Selection Process**

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Preference will be given to candidates that:

- Select a program on issues that are a priority for the development of their country and of strategic interest to Mexico (priority will be given to academic programs related to the energy and telecommunications sectors).
- Apply for graduate programs not available in their country.
- Study or do research at institutions located outside of the Mexico City's metropolitan area.

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- Hold faculty or research positions at public universities and scientific research centers in their country.
- Are public officials in charge of areas or programs of special interest for their country.
- Have not previously received a scholarship from the Mexican government.

Applications that meet all of the requirements are subject to review by authorities from the applicants' respective countries as part of the selection process.

The Mexican government will only review files received from its embassies.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Academic excellence of the candidate in the intended area of study.
- The intended field of study or specialization in Mexico is related to the applicant's academic and job history.
- The area of study is important to and has a direct impact on the development of the applicant's country.
- The program must relate to specific current or approved projects that have an impact on the development of the applicant's country.

The final decision on the scholarships is made solely by the Mexican government.

NONE OF THE DECISIONS RELATED TO THE SELECTION PROCESS ARE  
SUBJECT TO APPEAL

## Scholarship Benefits

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- Monthly stipend of 4 times the minimum salary in Mexico City for undergraduate mobility scholarships, specializations, master's degrees or master's-level research, Spanish language or Mexican culture courses, currently the equivalent of \$8,412.00 pesos (approximately US \$502.32<sup>4</sup>).
- Monthly stipend of 5 times the minimum salary in Mexico City for doctoral studies and research, postdoctoral fellowships and medical specializations and subspecializations, currently the equivalent of \$10,956.00 pesos (approximately US \$627.90<sup>5</sup>).
- Registration fees and tuition, as established by the program at each institution (see the academic programs offered by the participating HEIs).
- Health insurance from the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), starting the third month of the scholarship **(the scholarship recipient must have health insurance that covers both major and minor medical expenses and provides international coverage for the first three months in Mexico)**.
- Round-trip, economy class, international airfare at the beginning and end of the scholarship.<sup>6</sup>

Should the recipient of the scholarship is pursuing studies outside Mexico City, transportation from Mexico City to the host institution and back will be provided, at the start and end of the scholarship. Five hours or less journeys will be done by ground transportation, as well as those where there is no available route from Mexico City. More than 5 hour journeys and with available routes will be done by air transportation, for which the Academic Exchange Direction will purchase the ticket. Any purchase made by the scholarship recipient will not be refunded.

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<sup>4</sup> Exchange rate as of March 17, 2016 (Source: Mexican Central Bank).

<sup>5</sup> Exchange rate as of March 17, 2016 (Source: Mexican Central Bank).

<sup>6</sup> For some countries, international transportation is offered only at the satisfactory conclusion of the scholarship. For more information, review the [list of countries](#).



### **Expenses Not Covered by the Scholarship**

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- Academic costs (registration and tuition) if not waived by the academic institution or granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Laboratory fees, workshops, language courses or other academic activities that are part of the academic program and are not waived by the academic institution.
- Fees for transferring academic credits and course revalidation.
- Cost of printing the thesis.
- Fees for obtaining the diploma and/or certificate.
- Registration in the National Registry of Foreign Citizens.
- Any other expense not mentioned above.

### **Transitory Provisions**

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- The admissions process of the Mexican institution and its letter of acceptance are independent of the scholarship program. Applicants are responsible for applying for admission directly to the academic program of interest.
- The applicant must present a nominating letter from his/her government for the scholarship application to be processed.
- Submission of an acceptance letter, a nominating letter and/or all of the required documents does not automatically result in a scholarship. All applications go through the selection process described in this announcement.
- Applicants will be advised in writing by the corresponding Mexican diplomatic office if he/she has been awarded a scholarship.
- The scholarships are non-transferable and may not be deferred for use in subsequent academic years.
- The following are not eligible:
  - i) Foreign diplomats accredited in Mexico or their relatives.
  - ii) Foreign citizens with permanent residence in Mexico.
  - iii) Foreign citizens with Mexican nationality.
- Scholarships will not be given to two or more people from the same family.

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**ONCE THE SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN AWARDED AND BEFORE TRAVELING TO MEXICO, THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MUST GO TO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY (CONSULAR SECTION) OR CONSULATE TO OBTAIN THE VISA THAT CORRESPONDS CORRECTLY TO HIS/HER LEGAL STATUS WHILE IN THE COUNTRY.**

Those candidates, no matter their nationality, who are awarded a scholarship and whose stay is of more than 180 days, must apply for the VISA instructed by the Academic Exchange Direction at the Embassy or Mexican Representation abroad in their country of residence, in order to obtain the required migratory documentation, once the candidate is in Mexican territory.

For more information regarding migratory matters, visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Consular Services webpage:  
<http://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visas-para-extranjeros>

Mexican Embassies abroad:  
<https://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/embajadas-de-mexico-en-el-exterior>

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST HAVE THE VISA THAT CORRESPONDS TO THEIR LEGAL STAY IN THE COUNTRY.**

All scholarship recipients must attend the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, in order to complete the formalities regarding their documentations. The Ministry is located in:

**Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mexican Agency for International Development  
Cooperation**

Plaza Juárez 20, Piso 4  
Colonia Centro, C.P. 06010  
México, D.F.

## **Responsibilities of the Scholarship Applicants and Recipients**

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- Complete all required forms fully and correctly and submit all required documentation within the acceptance period for applications.
- The correct visa must be obtained from the appropriate Mexican consular office before traveling to Mexico.
- Scholarship recipients must have health insurance that covers major and minor medical issues and international medical coverage that covers the first three months in Mexico.
- If the academic program requires a thesis and an exam to obtain the degree, these must be completed within the period covered by the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients may not change their immigration status with Mexican officials while they are receiving the scholarship.

Issues not covered in this document will be resolved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation.

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Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation  
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<http://www.gob.mx/amexcid/acciones-y-programas/becas-y-cursos-de-cooperacion-academica?idiom=es>

## Participating Mexican Institutions

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- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)
- Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán, A.C. (CICY)
- Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada, B.C. (CICESE)
- Centro de Investigación en Alimentación y Desarrollo, A.C. (CIAD)
- Centro de Investigación en Geografía y Geomática “Ing. Jorge L. Tamayo,” A.C. (CENTROGEO)
- Centro de Investigación en Matemáticas, A.C. (CIMAT)
- Centro de Investigación en Materiales Avanzados, A.C. (CIMAV)
- Centro de Investigación en Química Aplicada (CIQA)
- Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del Instituto Politécnico Nacional (CINVESTAV)
- Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, A.C. (CIDE)
- Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste (CIBNOR)
- Centro de Investigaciones en Óptica, A.C. (CIO)
- Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS)
- Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo (CIMMYT)
- Centro Regional de Enseñanza de Ciencia y Tecnología del Espacio para América Latina y el Caribe, Campus México (CRECTEALC)
- Colegio de Postgraduados (COLPOS)
- El Colegio de Jalisco (COLJA)
- El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
- El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR)
- El Colegio de México (COLMEX)
- El Colegio de Michoacán (COLMICH)
- El Colegio de San Luis (COLSAN)
- El Colegio Mexiquense (CMQ)
- Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia (ENAH)
- Escuela Nacional de Conservación, Restauración y Museografía “Manuel del Castillo Negrete” (ENCRyM)
- Escuela Nacional de Pintura, Escultura y Grabado “La Esmeralda” (ENPEG)
- Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)
- Instituto de Ecología, A.C. (INECOL)
- Instituto de Investigaciones Dr. José María Luis Mora (IMORA)
- Instituto de Investigaciones Eléctricas (IIE)
- Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua (IMTA)

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- Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica (INAOE)
- Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Nucleares (ININ)
- Instituto Nacional de Medicina Genómica (INMEGEN)
- Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública (INSP)
- Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN)
- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Celaya (ITC)
- Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)
- Secretaría de Salud (SALUD)
- Universidad Autónoma Agraria “Antonio Narro” (UAAAN)
- Universidad Autónoma Chapingo (CHAPINGO)
- Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes (UAA)
- Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC)
- Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua (UACH)
- Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (UANL)
- Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (UAQ)
- Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí (UASLP)
- Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas (UAT)
- Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala (UATX)
- Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (UADY)
- Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas (UAZ)
- Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo (UAEH)
- Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEMEX)
- Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos (UAEM)
- Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM)
- Universidad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas (UNICACH)
- Universidad de Colima (UCOL)
- Universidad de Guadalajara (UDG)
- Universidad de Guanajuato (UGTO)
- Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP)
- Universidad de Quintana Roo (UQROO)
- Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana (UCSJ)
- Universidad del Mar (UMAR)
- Universidad Iberoamericana (UIA)
- Universidad La Salle (ULSA)
- Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo (UMSNH)
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
- Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (UPN)
- Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP)
- Universidad Veracruzana (UV)