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CALL FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGNERS 2024

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), has developed a scholarship program aimed at contributing to the sustainable development of nations, fulfilling objectives and commitments adopted in international agendas, and addressing effectively shared global challenges through the formation of human capital of excellence, providing access to quality, inclusive, and equitable education.

This Call for Applications is open to foreign individuals interested in pursuing studies in Mexico from more than 180 countries in accordance with diplomatic relations, bilateral legal frameworks, multilateral mechanisms, and special agreements.

Over 90 Mexican Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are participating in this edition.

The development of this Call for Applications offers the opportunity to carry out student exchanges, fostering academic and cultural integration among partner countries and Mexico.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation AMEXCID

1) OBJECTIVE

Contribute to the development of high-level academic human capital by granting scholarships for full-time, on-site training programs in Mexico at the Master's and Doctoral levels, student mobility at the undergraduate and master's levels, as well as postgraduate research stays.

2) SCHOLARSHIP MODALITIES

Modality	Maximum duration of scholarship award
Undergraduate mobility program	24 months maximum
Master's level mobility program	12 months maximum
Master's program	24 months maximum
Doctoral program	36 months maximum
Postgraduate research stays (master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral levels)	12 months maximum

- Scholarships are not granted for thesis work to obtain an academic degree.
- The scholarship is non-transferable and cannot be deferred to academic years beyond the period it was awarded.
- Once the scholarship is awarded, there will be no modifications or extensions to the periods established in the publication of results, nor will any changes in the academic program, institution, and/or research.

3) SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

AMEXCID will grant to the selected applicants:

- For Master's, undergraduate and Master's level mobility, and master's research scholarships, a monthly maintenance stipend of 4 (four) times the monthly value of the Unit of Measure and Update (UMA), currently equivalent to **\$13,202.12 (Thirteen thousand two hundred two pesos 12/100 M.N.)** monthly. The Unit of Measure and



- Update (UMA) is subject to changes established by law (Maintenance is provided monthly in arrears).
2. For Doctoral scholarships and research stays at the doctoral and postdoctoral levels, the monthly maintenance stipend will be 5 (five) times the monthly value of the Unit of Measure and Update (UMA), currently equivalent to **\$16,502.65 (Sixteen thousand five hundred two 65/100 M.N.)** monthly. The Unit of Measure and Update (UMA) is subject to changes established by law (Maintenance is provided monthly in arrears).
 3. Enrollment and tuition fees, in accordance with the program established by each Mexican Educational Institution (**Annex 1**), and subject to the final decision of each institution, issued through the acceptance letter provided to each applicant.
 4. Medical insurance through the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS). Validity begins from the seventh month of the scholarship, and lasts for a duration similar to the scholarship period granted. (**Annex 2**).
 5. Exemption from the cost of issuing the Mexican visa.
 6. International air transportation upon successful completion of the scholarship. The ticket will be provided in economy class and according to the flight route determined to be most convenient for AMEXCID. Please consult the list of countries eligible for this benefit (**Annex 3**).
 7. National transportation. In the case of studying outside Mexico City, transportation will be covered from Mexico City to the host city of the receiving academic institution, and back to Mexico City upon completion of the scholarship period with satisfactory academic results. **Only applies to national airfare or ground transportation. (Annex 4).**
 8. In all applicable cases, AMEXCID will purchase the airline ticket; any individual purchases will not be subject to reimbursement.
 9. Any changes desired by the scholarship recipient to the airline ticket purchased by AMEXCID after its issuance will be covered by the individual.
 10. If the national transportation provided is by land, the scholarship recipient must cover the bus fare and will be reimbursed the amount expended.
 11. The administration and management of the aforementioned benefits will be handled by the Academic Exchange Directorate of AMEXCID and will be communicated to selected candidates before formalizing the scholarship.



4) CALENDAR FOR APPLICATIONS

ACTIVITY	DATES
Publication of the Call for Applications	May 16, 2024
Registration of applications in the SIGCA (Academic Cooperation Management System) https://sigca.sre.gob.mx	May 16 to June 28, 2024
Notification of results to selected applicants	Between August 5 and August 9, 2024

The scholarships will be awarded between the months of September and before December 8, 2024.

5) APPLICATION

Applications must adhere to the provisions established in this Call for Applications, including the documents referred to herein and the corresponding formats, under the following terms:

1. Applications will be received in electronic format through the Academic Cooperation Management System (SIGCA) (<https://sigca.sre.gob.mx>), during its validity.
2. The registration of applications must be in Spanish.
3. The SIGCA portal will remain open to receive applications during the period from **May 16, starting at 18:00 hours, until June 28, 2024, at 15:00 hours Central Mexico Time.**
4. The application must be made on a personal basis, and only one registration per person will be accepted.
5. Applicants holding more than one nationality may submit only one application, which must correspond to one of the eligible countries listed in this Call for Applications (**Annex 5**). This should be submitted according to the nationality with which the applicant will be accredited.
6. Only applications for scholarships within the academic offerings (**Annex 6**) of this Call for Applications will be evaluated.

6) INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

1. Foreign diplomats accredited in Mexico, as well as their direct family members.



2. Foreigners living in Mexico who do not have a Temporary Student Resident Card from the Government of Mexico.
3. Foreigners who also hold Mexican nationality, including children of Mexican parents.
4. Foreigners holding a Mexican visa for family unit or aspiring to obtain one.
5. Applicants who have received a scholarship in the immediate previous year, from any Federal Government Institution.
6. If the applicant already holds a scholarship granted by any Government agency of Mexico.
7. Former AMEXCID scholarship recipients who apply for a scholarship, when the same number of months has not elapsed since they received the benefits.

AMEXCID may verify the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant at any time, proceeding in accordance with the current regulations if the applicant provides false information.

7) DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Documents in a language other than Spanish must be accompanied by a simple translation into Spanish on a separate sheet and **must** be signed by the applicant.
2. The applicant must submit the documentation in PDF format in color (Maximum size 1.8 MB).
3. All documents requested in this section must be attached to the application in the System before the Call for Applications closes.
4. Documents must be legible.
5. Signatures on documents must match those on the passport and must be signed in blue ink.

8) REQUIREMENTS:

Include all academic documents according to the type of studies or research to be undertaken, in addition to:

1. Copy of the valid passport showing the applicant's identification details.



2. Declaration letter filled out using a word processor and signed by the applicant (Format 1).
3. Curriculum Vitae filled out using a word processor. Maximum 4 pages signed by the applicant (Format 2).
4. Copy of the medical certificate: Issued by a public or private health institution, dated no more than 3 (three) months prior to the submission of the application, stating that the applicant is in good health. (If in a language other than Spanish, it must be accompanied by a certified translation).

If you are currently studying in Mexico, please also attach:

5. Copy of the Unique Population Registry Code (CURP).
6. Copy of the Temporary Student Resident Card.

For Bachelor's and Master's level mobility:

1. Copy of the Acceptance letter from the receiving University issued no more than 60 natural days prior, indicating a GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10) equivalent to the Mexican educational system, specifying the start and end dates of the studies **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN MEXICO)** or;
2. Copy of the Introduction letter from the receiving University in Mexico, issued no more than 60 natural days prior, indicating the applicant's GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10), as a regular student, and the start and end dates of the studies **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES WHO RESIDE IN MEXICO)**.
3. Copy of the letter issued by the home institution committing to recognize/validate the educational credits of the subjects or studies to be taken in Mexico.
4. If the mobility is conducted in a language other than Spanish and different from your native language, you must provide a copy of the communication issued by the receiving institution committing to provide tutoring in another language, specifying this language and the tutor's name.
5. If you are already pursuing a degree in Mexico, a copy of the academic certificate accrediting a minimum cumulative GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10), issued by the Mexican HEI where you are enrolled, signed by a responsible authority.
6. For **Master's level mobility**, you must provide a copy of the previous degree certificate.



For Master's and Doctoral levels:

1. Acceptance letter from the receiving University issued no more than 60 natural days prior, indicating a GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10) equivalent to the Mexican educational system, specifying the start and end dates of the studies **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN MEXICO)** or;
2. Introduction letter from the receiving University in Mexico, issued no more than 60 natural days prior, indicating the applicant's GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10), as a regular student, and the start and end dates of the studies **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES WHO RESIDE IN MEXICO)**.
3. Copy of the Title of the immediate previous degree.
4. Copy of the Certificate of studies from the last period attended, issued by the home institution, which must specify a minimum GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10). Applicants with a Doctoral degree do not need to provide a minimum GPA.
5. If you are already pursuing a degree in Mexico, a copy of the academic certificate accrediting a minimum cumulative GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10) issued by the Mexican HEI where you are enrolled, signed by a competent authority.
6. If the studies are conducted in a language other than Spanish and different from your native language, you must provide a copy of the communication issued by the receiving institution committing to provide tutoring in another language, specifying this language and the tutor's name.

For Postgraduate Research Stays:

1. Copy of the Title of the immediate previous degree (Master's or Doctorate as applicable).
2. Copy of the Certificate of studies from the last period attended, issued by the home institution, which must specify a minimum GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10). Applicants with a Doctoral degree do not need to provide a minimum GPA.
3. Copy of the Acceptance letter from the institution where you will carry out the research. The acceptance letter must indicate that tutoring will be provided for the development of the research and include the name of the person who will advise the applicant and the name of the research to be conducted.



4. If your research stay will be conducted in a language other than Spanish and different from your native language, provide a copy of the communication issued by the receiving institution committing to provide tutoring in another language, specifying this language and the tutor's name.

9) REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACCEPTANCE/INTRODUCTION LETTER

1. Must display the institution's letterhead.
2. Should include the name and signature of the competent authority for its issuance (Director of the International Affairs Office, Director of Academic Exchange, Head of Graduate Studies, Graduate Program Coordinator, etc.).
3. Indicate the duration of the studies or research with start and end dates (in the mandatory format: **(DD/MM/YYYY)**).
4. Specify the mode of studies to be undertaken (undergraduate and master's level mobility, master's or doctoral degree, postgraduate research stay specifying if it is at the master's, doctoral, or postdoctoral level).
5. Name of the academic program.

10) SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of candidates is made without distinction based on ethnic origin, gender, age, disabilities, social status, health conditions, religion, opinions or sexual preferences, marital status, or any other situation and/or condition that undermines human dignity and aims to nullify or diminish the rights and freedoms of individuals, and is subject to the following criteria:

1. Submission of all documents requested in this Call for Applications.
2. Academic excellence background of the applicant.
3. Preference will be given to applicants who have never received a scholarship from AMEXCID.
4. Priority will be given based on the order of registration of the application. (Preference will be given to applications registered first).

11) RESULTS



1. In accordance with the Calendar of this Call for Applications, the decision on the scholarship award will be communicated via email solely to the selected candidates by AMEXCID.
2. If AMEXCID does not receive a positive response accepting the scholarship from the selected candidate, AMEXCID may award the scholarship to another candidate who meets the required criteria.
3. Acceptance at any of the Higher Education Institutions participating in this Call for Applications does not guarantee the granting of a scholarship by the Mexican Government.
4. The final decision on the granting of scholarships lies solely with the Government of Mexico.
5. All decisions made during the selection process are final and cannot be appealed, therefore no responses will be provided regarding unsuccessful applications.
6. By registering on the platform (SIGCA), the applicant accepts the conditions of this call, as well as the processing of personal data in accordance with the General Law on the Protection of Personal Data Held by Obligated Subjects and the Federal Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information.

12) CONSIDERATIONS

1. Any expense not specified in this Call for Applications will not be covered or reimbursed by AMEXCID.
2. The selected candidate will receive instructions via email to initiate the process of formalizing the scholarship award. Failure to respond to communications within the specified timeframe may result in the cancellation of the scholarship award by AMEXCID, and another candidate may be selected.
3. The selected candidate must submit acceptance of the scholarship to AMEXCID to provide administrative support and adhere to the commitments of this Call for Applications.
4. If the selected candidate does not use the international air transportation service provided by AMEXCID, they may request reimbursement for the incurred expenses.
5. By accepting the scholarship, the selected candidate commits to comply with the "Applicable Rules for Foreign Scholarship Holders" (NABE'S), as well as any updates during the scholarship period.



6. If the selected candidate carries out a stay equal to or longer than 180 days, regardless of nationality, they must obtain the visa specified by the Academic Exchange Directorate at the Embassy or Representation of Mexico abroad.
7. The selected candidate must report to the offices of the Academic Exchange Directorate (DIA), located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, at Plaza Juárez No. 20, Ground Floor, Col. Centro, C.P. 06010, Mexico City, during office hours from 09:00 to 13:30 on business days, during the first 10 (ten) natural days of the first month of their scholarship, in accordance with the instructions of the Academic Exchange Directorate staff.
8. The selected candidate will be considered a scholarship holder only upon formal submission of documentation to the offices of the Academic Exchange Directorate, and will be subject to the commitments of this Call for Applications.

The scholarship recipient must cover their medical expenses if needed, therefore, it is recommended to acquire an international medical insurance policy that covers the period when they will not have access to medical services.

It is recommended that you have resources to cover your expenses for at least the first 60 days of your scholarship period.

13) TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Any matter not covered in this Call will be solved by the officials of AMEXCID who have the authority to do so.
2. In case of force majeure preventing the granting of the scholarships in this Call, AMEXCID will notify the applicants about the situation, which will be final and unappealable.
3. The granting of the scholarships in this Call is subject to the budgetary availability of AMEXCID.
4. For more information on migration matters, please consult the following electronic links:

Consular Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<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>



The SRE/AMEXCID is at your service through the following email address for any inquiries or questions related to this Call: infobecas@sre.gob.mx

We recommend consulting the **Applicant's Guide** before submitting your application to ensure a successful registration (**Annex 7**).

Only inquiries and guidance regarding the registration process will be addressed. For any other inquiries, an automated response will be provided.

14) PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Personal data is protected by the General Law on the Protection of Personal Data Held by Obligated Subjects and the Federal Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information. Therefore, it is essential to ensure the security and confidentiality of this data, preventing unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or theft, or any other action that may undermine the right to the protection of personal data, in accordance with the aforementioned regulations. Please refer to the privacy notice at the following link for more information:

<https://sre.gob.mx/index.php/avisos-de-privacidad-convocatorias>