

## 2015 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 or postdoctoral research, or taking part in an undergraduate or graduate-level academic mobility program, to participate in the 2015 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 70 Mexican institutions participate and all offer academic programs registered with the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) as National Quality Graduate Programs. These programs demonstrate the progress made by Mexico in 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 its partners abroad. In addition, the Mexican institutions and 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 Duration of the Scholarship <sup>1</sup>
Undergraduate and graduate mobility programs	One academic term (quarter, trimester or semester)
Graduate research and postdoctoral fellowships	12 months (1 month minimum)
Specializations	1 year
Master's degrees	2 years
Doctorates	3 years
Medical specialities and subspecialties	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 following institutions and academic programs are included:  
<http://amexcid.gob.mx/index.php/es/oferta-de-becas-para-extranjeros/2028>. The

scholarships are offered in the following countries:  
<http://amexcid.gob.mx/index.php/es/oferta-de-becas-para-extranjeros/1738>.

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

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<sup>1</sup> The Foreign Ministry scholarships are awarded for the periods of time indicated in this document. If the program applied for is longer, the scholarship recipient is responsible for financing the period of time not covered by the scholarship.

If the academic program requires a thesis and an end-of-course exam, *the student must finish the thesis and take the exam before the specified end date of the scholarship.*

### Application Deadline

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Applications for the scholarships will be accepted from May 9<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

The results will be announced starting in November 2014 by Mexico's diplomatic offices abroad.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE  
PROCESSED

### Applicant Profile

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Requirements for all applicants:

- Bachelor's, 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 to or currently enrolled in a program at one of the participating Mexican institutions.

### Required Documents

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The applicant must submit the documents in the following order:

1. [Official nomination of his/her government](#)
2. [Application form](#)

3. A letter explaining why the applicant is interested in studying or conducting research in Mexico
4. Curriculum vitae (maximum of three pages)
5. Acceptance letter from the Mexican host institution indicating the length of the program with start and end dates and the method of study<sup>2</sup>
6. Copy of the diploma for the last degree obtained
7. Copy of the transcript of the last degree obtained showing a minimum grade point average 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. Candidates already in Mexico must have a current immigration document with a temporary student resident visa (card).
10. **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>.
11. Copy of birth certificate
12. Copy of passport
13. Original medical certificate, issued by a public institution no more than three months prior to submitting the application
14. Eight recent photographs (not digital), full-face front view, white background, 3 cm x 3cm. Write name and nationality on the back.

Documents in any language other than Spanish must be accompanied by a Spanish translation.

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

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<sup>2</sup>Applicants may submit a contact letter from the institution while applying for the scholarship and continue with the process 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, consult the Mexican diplomatic office for your country.

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

## 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 and to leave the country while a scholarship recipient.

## 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 an issue important to the development of their country.
- Apply for graduate programs not available in their country.
- Study or do research at institutions located outside of the Mexico City metropolitan area.
- 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 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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- Registration fees and tuition, as established by the program at each institution.
- Health insurance from the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), starting in 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.)
- Transportation from Mexico City to the host institution and back at the start and end of the scholarship, if studying outside of Mexico City.
- Monthly stipend of \$8,074.80 Mexican pesos (equivalent to USD\$595.93<sup>4</sup>) for undergraduate mobility scholarships, specializations, master's degrees or master's degree research, Spanish language and Mexican culture courses.
- Monthly stipend of \$10,093.50 Mexican pesos (equivalent to USD\$744.91<sup>2</sup>) for doctoral studies and research, postdoctoral fellowships and medical specializations and subspecializations.

## Expenses Not Covered by the Scholarship

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- Academic costs (registration and tuition) if not waived by the academic institution or authorized by the Foreign Ministry
- Fees for transferring academic credits and course revalidation
- Cost of printing a thesis
- Fees for obtaining the diploma
- Registration in the National Registry of Foreign Citizens
- Other expenses not mentioned above

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<sup>4</sup>Exchange rate as of January 20, 2014



## Transitory Provisions

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- The admissions process of the Mexican institution and its letter of acceptance is 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 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 applicants 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 residents in Mexico
  - iii) Foreign citizens with Mexican nationality
- Scholarships will not be given to two or more people from the same family.

ONCE THE SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN AWARDED AND BEFORE TRAVELING TO MEXICO, THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MUST GO TO THE APPROPRIATE MEXICAN EMBASSY (CONSULAR SECTION) OR CONSULATE FOR THE CORRECT VISA.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MAY NOT TRAVEL TO MEXICO AS TOURISTS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

## Responsibilities of the Scholarship Applicants and Recipients

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- Complete all required forms fully and correctly and submit all 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 end-of-course exam, 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.
- Agree to the following commitments: (Link to the commitments of Foreign Ministry scholarship recipients)

Issues not covered in this document will be resolved by the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation.

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## 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, S.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 S.C. (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 A.C. (COLMICH)
- El Colegio de San Luis (COLSAN)
- El Colegio Mexiquense (CMQ)
- El Colegio de Tlaxcala (COLTLAX)
- 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
- Instituto de Investigaciones Eléctricas (IIE)
- Instituto Latinoamericano de la Comunicación Educativa (ILCE)
- Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua (IMTA)
- Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica (INAOE)
- Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales, Agrícolas y Pecuarias ( INIFAP)
- 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 Ciudad Juárez (UACJ)
- 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 Colima (UCOL)
- Universidad de Guadalajara (UDG)
- Universidad de Guanajuato (UGTO)
- Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLA)
- Universidad de Quintana Roo (UQROO)
- Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana (USJ)
- 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)