



**EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIPS**
FOR INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

CALL FOR
APPLICATION

2022



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Excellence Scholarships for International Students from the Mexican Government.

The pandemic caused by the SARS COV-2 virus has impacted a myriad of our daily lives, demonstrating the importance of human capital training, scientific and technological development, and the value of Strategic Alliances.

The current context has highlighted the need to strengthen cooperation ties, promote actions that contribute to sustainable development and innovate to face global challenges adequately.

To contribute to the formation of human capital and promote equal access to quality education inclusively and equitably; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), summons international students interested in carrying out studies in Mexico, to participate in the Mexican Government Excellence Scholarships for International Students Call 2022.

This Call is open to students from over 180 countries under diplomatic relations and bilateral legal frameworks, multilateral mechanisms, and special agreements.

More than 70 Mexican Higher Education Institutions (HEI) participate in this Call, all of which have academic programs registered in the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT).

The development of this Call offers the opportunity to carry out student exchanges, which allow academic and cultural integration between the partner countries and Mexico.

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

GOAL

Contribute to developing high-level academic human capital by granting scholarships for face-to-face complete and mobility training programs in Mexico.



SCHOLARSHIP MODALITIES

Modality	Maximum period of scholarship
Undergraduate-level academic mobility	24 months maximum
Graduate-level academic mobility program	18 months maximum
Research stays at the Master's, Doctorate, and Post-Doctorate level	12 months maximum (1-month minimum)
Specialization	12 months maximum
Master´s	24 months maximum
Doctorate	36 months maximum
Medical Specialties and Sub-Specialties	36 months maximum
High medical specialty courses	12 months maximum

- No scholarship is awarded for thesis work to obtain an academic degree.
- The scholarship is non-transferable and may not be deferred for academic years after the period for which it was granted.
- Once the scholarship is awarded, the periods established in the publication of the results will not be modified or extended.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

AMEXCID will award to the selected applicants:

- For Undergraduate -level academic mobility, Graduate-level academic mobility program, Specialization, or Research stays at the Master's level, a monthly stipend equivalent to 4 (four) times the monthly value of the Unit of Measurement and Update (UMA), currently \$11,700.36 Mexican pesos. The Unit of Measurement and Update (UMA) is subject to the changes established by law. (Monthly amount delivered a month apart).
- For Doctorate, Research stays at the Doctorate and Post-Doctorate level or Medical Specialties and Sub-Specialties, a monthly stipend equivalent to 5 (five) times the monthly value of the Unit of Measurement and Update (UMA), currently \$14,625.45 Mexican pesos. The Unit of Measurement and Update (UMA) is subject to the changes established by law. (Monthly amount delivered a month apart).
- Enrollment and tuition, under the provisions of the program of each HEI (Annex 1) and subject to the final decision of each Institution (Annex 2), issued through the acceptance letter.





- Medical insurance through the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS), beginning at the seventh month of the scholarship and with a duration following the granted scholarship period. In the case of Private HEI, AMEXCID will be responsible for this management. In the case of Public HEIs, it will be directly with that HEI. (Annex 9)
- Waived cost to process the Mexican visa.
- International air transportation back to the recipient's country of origin upon satisfactory completion of the scholarship. Air tickets will be provided in tourist class according to the flight route determined by AMEXCID. Please refer to the list of countries to which this benefit is given. (Annex 3)

In all applicable cases, AMEXCID will acquire the air ticket; any individual purchase will not be subject to refunds.

Any change the scholarship holder wishes to make to the plane ticket purchased by AMEXCID after its issuance will be covered by the interested party.

In case of carrying out studies outside of Mexico City, the transportation from Mexico City to the host city of the receiving academic institution will be covered, as well as the transportation back to Mexico City upon completion with a passing result of the academic activities.

For journeys from Mexico City to the city where the HEI is located, with a travel distance by land less than 5 (five) hours, as well as those transfers that do not have air route availability from Mexico City, transportation will be by land route.

For journeys longer than 5 (five) hours, AMEXCID will provide air transportation.

The administration and management of the benefits mentioned above are the responsibility of the Direction for Academic Exchange at AMEXCID.





CALL CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	DATES
Call Publication	June 20, 2022
Application registration through the Academic Cooperation Management System (SIGCA) https://sigca.sre.gob.mx	June 20 to July 24, 2022
Application review and evaluation	July 25 to August 12, 2022
Notification of results to the selected applicants	Between August 15 and 23, 2022
Start of activities	Starting September 1, 2022, and up to December 6, 2022

POSTULATION

Applications must adhere to the provisions of this Call, including the documents referred to in it and the formats corresponding to the following terms:

- Considering the current health situation, for this Call all applications will be received in electronic format through the Academic Cooperation Management System (SIGCA) (<https://sigca.sre.gob.mx>) during the established period.
- The registration of applications must be in Spanish.
- The SIGCA portal will remain open to receive applications between June 20, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. Central Mexico time on July 24, 2022. For this, the documentation must be attached following the System's instructions and the scholarship for which the applicant is applying.
- The scholarship request is made in a personal capacity, and only one person will be accepted per application and registration.
- The applicant with more than one nationality may submit a single application, which must correspond to one of the eligible countries in this Call (Annex 4). The application must be under the nationality stated by the applicant.
- Only applications for a scholarship within the academic offer (Annex 1) of this Call will be considered.





INELIGIBILITY

- Foreign diplomats accredited in Mexico, as well as their families.
- Foreigners in Mexico who DO NOT have the Temporary Resident Student Permit in Mexico.
- Foreigners who also have Mexican nationality, including the child of a Mexican father or mother.
- Foreigners with a Mexican visa per family unit or aspire to obtain it.
- Applicants who have received a scholarship in the preceding year by any Institution of the Federal Government.
- If the applicant has a scholarship granted by any unit of the Government of Mexico.
- Former scholarship holders of AMEXCID applying for a scholarship when the same number of months they received the scholarship has not been enacted.

AMEXCID may verify the integrity of the information provided by the applicant, proceeding with current regulations in case the applicant provides false or inaccurate information.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Document Specifications.

- Documents in a language other than Spanish must be provided with a simple translation to Spanish.
- The applicant must send the documentation in PDF format (Maximum size 1.8MB)
- If the academic documents are not on a scale from 0 to 100 or on a scale of 0 to 10, it is mandatory to provide its equivalence to the Mexican System.
- Before the closure of the Call, all documents requested in this section must be attached to the application in the System.
- All documents must be legible.



Required Documents for all the applications

- Scholarship application form, duly completed and signed. (Annex 5)
- A letter detailing the reasons that motivate the applicant to conduct their studies or research in Mexico. (Maximum 2 pages, with font Arial size 12 and single line spacing).
- Curriculum vitae. (Maximum 3 pages, Arial font size 12, and single line spacing).
- Letter of academic acceptance from the Mexican recipient institution or response of the HEI to the application for admission. (see section "Requirements of the acceptance letter")
- Letter of commitment to return to the country of origin. (Annex 6)
- Letter of acceptance of the terms of the Call. (Annex 7)
- Copy of the birth certificate.
- Copy of the valid passport in color and in open book format, or government-issued I.D. with photograph.
- Copy of the medical certificate issued by a public or private health institution, maximum 3 (three) months before the application's presentation, indicating that the applicant is in good health.
- In cases where Spanish is not the native language of the applicant, they must submit a copy proving advanced knowledge of the Spanish language issued by any university or educational center for its accreditation, which guarantees a minimum level of B2 within the Common Framework of European Reference.
- Letter in which the applicant states under protest that the information provided is true (Annex 8).



1.2 The applicant must also attach the following documentation depending on the scholarship requested:

Undergraduate-level and graduate-level academic mobility

- Copy of the official Certificate of studies of the last period completed, issued by the institution of origin, which must accredit a minimum average of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10).
- Copy of the letter issued by the institution of origin, in which the commitment is stated, to recognize/validate the credits of the subjects or studies to be studied in Mexico.
- Suppose the mobility program is in a language other than Spanish and their native language. In that case, the applicant must submit a copy of the communication issued by the receiving institution in which they agree to grant tutoring in another language, specifying this and the tutor's name.
- If the applicant is already studying a degree in Mexico, a copy of a document proving a minimum cumulative average of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100, or 8.5 on a scale of 10), issued by the Mexican HEI in which it is registered, and signed by a responsible authority.
- In the case of graduate-level academic mobility, the applicant must present a copy of the previous degree title.

Postgraduate research stays

- Copy of the Title of the immediate previous degree.
- Copy of the academic record that proves that they concluded or Enrolled in a Master's or Doctorate program.
- Suppose the research stay is in a language other than Spanish and their native language. In that case, the applicant must submit a copy of the communication issued by the receiving institution in which they agree to grant tutoring in another language, specifying this and the tutor's name.



- Copy of the official Certificate of studies of the last period studied, issued by the institution of origin, which must prove a minimum average of 85 (on a scale from 0 to 100, or 8.5 on a scale of 10). The applicant with a Doctor's degree should not certify a minimum average.
- The letter of acceptance must state that tutoring will be offered for the development of the investigation, as well as the name of the person who will advise the applicant.

Specialization, Master's, Doctorate

- Copy of the Title of the immediate previous degree.
- Copy of the Certificate of studies of the last period studied, issued by the institution of origin, which must prove a minimum average of 85 (on a scale from 0 to 100, or 8.5 on a scale of 10). The applicant with a Doctor's degree should not certify a minimum average).

Medical Specialties and Sub-Specialties and High medical specialty courses

- Copy of the Title of the immediate previous degree.
- Copy of the official Certificate of studies of the last period completed, issued by the institution of origin, which must accredit a minimum average of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100, or 8.5 on a scale of 10).
- Copy of the current selection certificate, obtained through the National Examination of Applicants to Medical Residencies.
- In the case of Medical Specialties and Sub-specialties who are already studying in Mexico, they must present the transcripts of grades with a minimum average of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100, or 8.5 on a scale of 10) from both the hospital, and the HEI in which the studies are taking place.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

GENERALITIES

Copy of the Letter of academic acceptance of the Mexican recipient Institution must meet the following requirements:

- Show the letterhead of the institution.



- Contain the name and signature of the competent authority for its issuance. (Director of the Office of International Affairs, Director of Academic Exchanges, Head of Postgraduate Studies, Postgraduate Coordinator, etc.)
- Indicate the duration of the studies or research with start dates and end-term (in the mandatory format: DD/MM/YYYY).
- Indicate the modality of the studies to be carried out.
- Specify the scheme or exemption from academic costs if applicable and under the legal framework of collaboration with AMEXCID.

PARTICULARITIES

If the applicant is already studying in Mexico, they must submit a letter from the institution stating the following:

- State they are a regular student.
- Accredited a minimum average of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100, or 8.5 on a scale of 10).
- The modality of studies.
- Legal framework for collaboration with AMEXCID, including the scheme or exemption of academic costs if your application is accepted.

Suppose they cannot submit a copy of the letter of acceptance from the HEI where they want to carry out the academic activity. In that case, they may send a copy of the contact letter from the HEI, which must include:

- Institution letterhead.
- Name and signature of the competent authority to issue the letter (Director of the Office of International Affairs, Director of Academic Exchanges, Head of Postgraduate Studies, Coordinator of Graduate Studies, etc.).
- Modality of the studies to be carried out.
- Name of the studies to be carried out.





- If possible, the response of the Mexican Higher Education Institution to the application request or the status of the application.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of the applicants is made without any distinction for any reasons, including those of ethnic origin, gender, age, disabilities, social status, health, religion, sexual opinions or preferences, marital status, or any other situation and/or condition that violates human dignity and has the purpose of annulling or impairing the rights and freedoms of individuals. In addition, the selection will be subject to the following criteria:

- The submittal of all the documents requested in this Call.
- Academic excellence background of the applicant.
- History of performance as a teacher or researcher in public institutions of higher education and centers of scientific research from the country of origin.
- Choice of studies or research in institutions located in the states at the interior of the Mexican Republic.
- Preference will be given to social welfare, science and technology studies, sport, tourism, culture and education, and humanitarian assistance.
- Preference will be given to the applicant who has never been a recipient of an AMEXCID scholarship.

RESULTS

- Per the calendar of this Call, the decision to award the scholarship will be communicated by email only to the applicants selected by AMEXCID.

If AMEXCID does not have an affirmative answer of acceptance of the scholarship by the selected applicant, AMEXCID may award the scholarship to another applicant who meets the requirements requested.

- Once the scholarship is awarded, changes in educational institutions or studies will not be accepted.
- An acceptance letter from one of the participating HEIs in this Call does not imply granting a scholarship from the Mexican Government.





- The final decision on the granting of the scholarships is only to be made by the Government of Mexico.
- Any decision made during the selection process is final and will be adjusted to the budgetary availability of AMEXCID.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Any expense not stated in this Call will not be covered or reimbursed by AMEXCID.
- The selected applicant will receive further instructions by email to start the process of formalizing the granting of the scholarship. Suppose AMEXCID does not receive a response to the communications in the time established for it. In that case, this may lead to the cancellation of the scholarship award, and AMEXCID reserves the right to select another applicant.
- By accepting the scholarship, the selected applicant agrees to comply with the "Rules Applicable to Foreign Scholarship Holders" and abide by the updated terms during their scholarship period.

The selected applicants must have health insurance covering major and minor medical expenses and international medical assistance for six (6) months of their stay in Mexico since the beginning of the scholarship's granting. If they don't have international medical insurance, the applicant must cover the expenses of any medical event without responsibility for AMEXCID.

The selected applicant who is already studying in Mexico must present their Unique Population Registry Key (CURP in Spanish) and Social security number (NSS) in case of having them.

Suppose the selected applicant has to stay in Mexico for a period equal to or greater than 180 days regardless of nationality. In that case, they must apply for the category of visa indicated by the Direction for Academic Exchange at the Embassy or Representation of Mexico in their country of residence that is most convenient for them. The latter is to be able to obtain, once in Mexican territory, the corresponding immigration documentation.



The selected applicant must appear at the facilities of the Direction for Academic Exchange (DIA), located in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, with address at Plaza Juárez No. 20, Floor 4, Col. Centro, C.P. 06010, Mexico City during business hours from 09:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on business days, during the first 10 (ten) calendar days of the first month of the scholarship period.

To formalize the scholarship, the applicant must present an original medical certificate issued by a public or private health institution, with a maximum of 1 (one) month before the formalization of their scholarship, in which it is stated that the applicant is in good health.

The selected applicant will be considered a scholarship holder when formalizing the documentation delivery in the offices of the Direction for Academic Exchange, subject to the requirements of this Call.

TRANSIENT

- Any matter not foreseen in this Call will be resolved by AMEXCID officials, who have the authority to do so.
- This Call is subject to the provisions of the Ministry of Health in regards to the strategy for reopening social, educational, and economic activities by region in the context of epidemiological risk.
- In the event of force majeure in which the granting of the scholarships of this call is not possible, AMEXCID will notify the applicants about the situation as unappealable.

The measures taken must consider the evolution of the pandemic in the territory where each campus of the institution is located, recognizing the peculiarities of local contexts.

Priority is given to the applicants' health, safety, and integrity to be awarded the scholarship.

- For more information about immigration matters, the following links are provided:

Consular Services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visas-para-extranjeros>



Embassies of Mexico abroad:

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

SRE/AMEXCID puts at their service the following email through which they can ask queries and questions related to this Call: infobecas@sre.gob.mx
We recommend that they read the Applicant's Guide before applying to register successfully. (Annex 10)

Only questions regarding the registration process will be answered, and guidance will be provided. Any other situation will be given an automatic answer.

Personal data is protected by the general law of protection of personal data in possession of obligated subjects and the law of transparency and access to public information, for which it must guarantee the security and confidentiality of said data, avoiding the unauthorized access and use, disclosure, theft or other action that may undermine the right to protection of personal data, in terms of the aforementioned regulations.

See the privacy notice at the following link:

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