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# ***CALL FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS***

FROM THE MEXICAN  
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FOREIGNERS 2023 

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**AMEXCID**  
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INTERNACIONAL PARA EL DESARROLLO



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AMEXCID), has developed a scholarship program to contribute to nations' sustainable development by fulfilling objectives and commitments adopted in international agendas. Additionally, the program aims to address global issues effectively and shared challenges by training excellent human capital and providing access to quality, inclusive, and equitable education.

This call is open to foreign individuals interested in pursuing studies in Mexico from over 180 countries per diplomatic relations, bilateral legal frameworks, multilateral mechanisms, and special agreements.

More than 80 Mexican Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) participate in this edition.

The development of this call offers the opportunity to carry out student exchanges that allow for academic and cultural integration between partner countries and Mexico.

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



## 1) OBJECTIVE

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

## 2) SCHOLARSHIP MODALITIES

Modality	Maximum duration of scholarship award
Undergraduate Mobility Program	24 months maximum
Master's Mobility Program	12 months maximum
Master's Program	24 months maximum
Doctoral Program	36 months maximum
Postgraduate Research Stays (Master's, Doctoral, and Postdoctoral)	12 months maximum

- Scholarships will not be granted for preparing thesis papers to obtain an academic degree.
- The scholarship is non-transferable and cannot be deferred to academic years following the period for which it was granted.
- Once the scholarship has been granted, the established periods published in the results announcement will not be modified or extended, nor will there be any changes to the academic program, Institution, and/or research.

## 3) SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

**AMEXCID will grant the selected applicants:**

- For Master's scholarships, mobility at the Bachelor's and Master's levels, and Master's level research, a monthly stipend of 4 (four) times the monthly value of the the Federal Economic Measurement Unit (UMA), currently equivalent to **\$12,614.80 (Twelve thousand six hundred fourteen pesos and 80/100 M.N.)** per month. The UMA is subject to changes established by law. (Stipend is paid in the following month).
- For Doctoral scholarships and research stays at the doctoral and postdoctoral levels, a monthly stipend of 5 (five) times the monthly value of the UMA, currently equivalent to **\$15,768.50 (Fifteen thousand seven hundred sixty-eight pesos and 50/100 M.N.)**. The UMA is subject to changes established by law. (Stipend is paid in the following month).
- Enrollment and tuition, under the provisions of the program of each Mexican Educational Institution (**Annex 1**), subject to the final decision of each Institution, issued through their acceptance letter.



4. Medical insurance through the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS). The coverage will begin from the seventh month of the scholarship and will last for a period similar to the scholarship period granted **(Annex 2)**.
5. Payment waiver for issuing the Mexican visa.
6. International air flight transportation upon satisfactory completion of the academic program. AMEXCID will determine the flight route. Please refer to the list of countries to which this benefit is given **(Annex 3)**.
7. National Transportation. If the studies are carried out outside Mexico City, transportation from Mexico City to the host city of the receiving academic institution will be covered, as well as transportation back to Mexico City upon completion of the scholarship period with a satisfactory result of academic activities. **Only applicable for national airfare or ground transportation (Annex 4)**.
8. In all applicable cases, AMEXCID will purchase the air flight ticket; any purchase made individually will not be subject to refunds.
9. Any changes the scholarship recipient wishes to make to the airline ticket purchased by AMEXCID after issuance will be covered by the recipient.
10. If the national transportation assigned is ground transportation, the scholarship recipient must pay for the bus fare and will be reimbursed for the amount spent.
11. The administration and management of the aforementioned benefits will be the responsibility of AMEXCID's Direction of Academic Exchange and selected candidates will be notified before the scholarship is formalized.

#### 4) TIMELINE OF THE CALL

ACTIVITIES	DATES
Publication of the Call	May 15, 2023
Registration of applications in the <b>SIGCA</b> (Academic Cooperation Management System) <a href="https://sigca.sre.gob.mx/">https://sigca.sre.gob.mx/</a>	From May 15 to July 21, 2023
Review and evaluation of applications	From July 24 to August 4, 2023
Notification of results to selected candidates	From August 7 to 11, 2023
Start of activities	From September 2023 to December 8, 2023

#### 5) APPLICATION

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

1. Applications will be received electronically through the Academic Cooperation Management System (SIGCA) (<https://sigca.sre.gob.mx>) during its validity period.
2. The application registration must be in Spanish.



3. The SIGCA portal will remain open to receive applications **from May 15, 2023, starting at 6:00 PM, to July 21 at 3:00 PM Central Mexico time.**
4. The request is made on a personal basis, and only one registration per person will be accepted.
5. An applicant with more than one nationality may submit only one application, which must correspond to one of the eligible countries in this Call for Applications (**Annex 5**). This must be submitted in accordance with the nationality with which the applicant will be accredited.
6. Only applications for a scholarship that is part of the academic offer (**Annex 6**) of this Call for Applications will be evaluated.

## 6) INELIGIBLE

1. Foreign diplomats accredited in Mexico, as well as their direct family members.
2. Foreigners in Mexico who DO NOT have a Temporary Student Resident stay in Mexico.
3. Foreigners with Mexican nationality, including children of Mexican parents.
4. Foreigners with a Mexican visa for family unity or aspiring to obtain it.
5. Applicants who have received a scholarship in the previous year from any Federal Government Institution.
6. If you were granted a scholarship by any agency of the Government of Mexico.
7. Former grantees of AMEXCID who applied for a scholarship when the same number of months during which the benefits were received has not elapsed.

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

## 7) CHARACTERISTICS OF DOCUMENTS

1. Documents in a language other than Spanish must be accompanied by a simple translation into Spanish on a separate sheet and 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 close of the call.
4. The documents must be legible.
5. In documents requiring a signature, it must match the applicant's passport and be signed in blue ink.



## 8) REQUIREMENTS:

Please add all academic documents related to the studies or research to be carried out in addition to the following:

1. Copy of a valid passport that shows the applicant's identification information.
2. Signed declaration letter by the applicant **(Format 1)**.
3. Curriculum Vitae filled out using a word processor—maximum of 4 pages, signed by the applicant **(Format 2)**.
4. Copy of a medical certificate issued by a public or private healthcare institution, dated no more than 3 (three) months before the application submission, indicating that the applicant is in good health. (If it is in a language other than Spanish, it must be sent with a certified translation).

### If you are studying in Mexico, you must also attach the following:

1. Unique Population Registry Code (CURP).
2. Temporary Resident ID card for students.

### For undergraduate and graduate level mobilities:

1. Acceptance letter from the receiving Mexican University not exceeding 60 calendar days from the date of issuance indicating a GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10) equivalent to the Mexican education system, and the start and end dates of the studies **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN MEXICO)**, or;
2. Letter of introduction from the Mexican University not exceeding 60 calendar days from the date of issuance stating the candidate's GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10), current and regular status as a 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 carried out in a language other than Spanish and different from their mother tongue, a copy of the communication issued by the receiving Institution committing to provide tutoring in another language, specifying the language and the name of the tutor.
5. If the candidate is already pursuing a degree in Mexico, a copy of the academic transcript showing a minimum accumulated GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10) issued by the Mexican IES in which they are enrolled, signed by a responsible authority.
6. For **graduate level mobilities**, a copy of the previous degree certificate must be submitted.



## Master's Degree, Doctorate:

1. Acceptance letter from the receiving Mexican University not exceeding 60 calendar days from the date of issuance indicating a GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10) equivalent to the Mexican education system, and the start and end dates of the studies. **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN MEXICO)**, or;
2. Letter of introduction from the Mexican University not exceeding 60 calendar days from the date of issuance stating the candidate's GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10), current and regular status as a student, and the start and end dates of the studies **(ONLY FOR CANDIDATES RESIDING IN MEXICO)**.
3. Copy of the immediate previous degree.
4. Copy of the studies certificate from the last study period, 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). An applicant with a doctoral degree does not need to demonstrate a minimum average.
5. If the candidate is already pursuing a degree in Mexico, a copy of the academic record that certifies 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 in which the applicant is enrolled, signed by a responsible authority.
6. If the studies are in a language other than Spanish and different from their native language, a copy of the communication issued by the receiving Institution must be presented, committing to provide tutoring in another language, specifying this language and the name of the tutor.

## Research stays at graduate level

1. Copy 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 Institution of origin, which must specify a minimum GPA of 85 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 8.5 on a scale of 10). An applicant with a Doctorate degree does not need to prove a minimum average.
3. The acceptance letter must indicate that tutoring will be provided for the development of the research, and the name of the person who will advise the applicant and the name of the research to be conducted.
4. If the research stay will be conducted in a language other than Spanish and different from the applicant's native language, a copy of the communication issued by the receiving Institution must be provided, committing to provide tutoring in another language, specifying this language and the name of the tutor.

## 9) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OR INTRODUCTION LETTER

1. It must display the Institution's letterhead.
2. It must contain the name and signature of the competent authority who issues it (Director of the Office of International Affairs, Director of Academic Exchange, Head of Graduate Studies, Graduate Program Coordinator, etc.).



3. It must indicate the duration of the studies or research with start and end dates (in the required format: **MM/YYYY**).
4. It must specify the type of studies to be carried out (undergraduate and graduate mobility, Master's or doctoral degree, research stay at the postgraduate level specifying whether it is at the Master's, doctoral or postdoctoral level).
5. It must include the name of the academic program.
6. It must specify the legal framework for collaboration with AMEXCID and the scheme or exemption of academic costs to be granted.
7. The Higher Education Institution in Mexico where the applicant wishes to pursue their studies must be requested to adjust the acceptance or presentation letter to **Annex 7** of this Call.

## 10) SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of applicants is made without any 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 undermine people's rights and freedoms, and is subject to the following criteria:

1. Delivery of all the documents requested in this call.
2. Academic excellence background of the applicant.
3. Preference will be given to the applicant who has never received an AMEXCID scholarship.

## 11) RESULTS

1. In accordance with the schedule of this call, the decision on the award of the scholarship will be communicated by email only to the applicants selected by AMEXCID.
2. If AMEXCID does not receive a positive response from the selected applicant to accept the scholarship, AMEXCID may award the scholarship to another applicant who meets the requested requirements.
3. Acceptance at any of the Higher Education Institutions participating in this call **does not** guarantee the award of a scholarship by the Mexican Government.
4. The final decision on the award of scholarships is solely up to the Mexican Government.
5. All decisions made during the selection process are final and not subject to appeal, and will be subject to **AMEXCID's** budget availability.

## 12) CONSIDERATIONS

1. Any expense that is not specified in this Call for Applications will not be covered or reimbursed by AMEXCID.





2. The selected applicant will receive instructions via email to initiate the process of formalizing the scholarship grant. If AMEXCID does not receive a response to its communications within the established timeframe, it may result in the cancellation of the scholarship grant and the selection of another applicant.
3. The selected applicant, upon accepting the scholarship, commits to complying with the "Applicable Regulations for Foreign Scholarship Recipients" (NABE'S), as well as keeping up-to-date with them during their scholarship period.
4. In the case that the selected applicant carries out a stay equal to or greater than 180 days, regardless of their nationality, they must request the visa category indicated by the Academic Exchange Directorate at the Embassy or Representation of Mexico in their country of residence that is most convenient in order to obtain, once in Mexican territory, the corresponding immigration documentation.
5. The selected applicant must appear at the Direction of Academic Exchange (DIA) located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Mexican Agency for International Cooperation for Development, at Plaza Juárez No. 20, Ground Floor, Col. Centro, C.P. 06010, Mexico City during business hours from 09:00 to 13:30 on business days, during the first 14 (fourteen) natural days of their scholarship.
6. The selected applicant will be considered a scholarship recipient only after delivering the required documentation to the offices of the Direction of Academic Exchange, and will be subject to the commitments of this Call for Applications.

**The applicant will be responsible for covering their medical expenses in case they require it, so it is recommended to acquire an international medical insurance that covers the period where they will not have access to medical services.**

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

### 13) TRANSITORY

1. Any matter not provided for in this call will be resolved by the officials of AMEXCID who have the authority to do so.
2. In the event of force majeure preventing the granting of the scholarships in this call, AMEXCID will notify the applicants about the situation as a final decision.
3. For more information on immigration matters, the following electronic links should be consulted:

#### **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>



SRE/AMEXCID offers the following email address for inquiries and questions related to this call:  
[infobecas@sre.gob.mx](mailto:infobecas@sre.gob.mx)

We recommend that before submitting your application, you consult the Applicant's Guide so that you can complete your registration successfully **(Annex 8)**.

**We will only address doubts and provide guidance on the registration process. Any other matters will receive an automatic response.**

#### 14) PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

*" Personal data is protected by the General Law on Protection of Personal Data Held by Obligated Parties and the Federal Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information, so the security and confidentiality of such data must be guaranteed, avoiding unauthorized access and use, disclosure, theft or any other action that could undermine the right to the protection of personal data, in accordance with said regulations. Please refer to the privacy notice at the following electronic link: <https://portales.sre.gob.mx/transparencia/amexcid/avisos-de-privacidad>"*