

# COIL PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR FOREIGNERS 2023











# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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The current global context has highlighted the need to collaborate internationally and promote actions that contribute to sustainable development and innovation to effectively address global issues and challenges.

With this objective and to contribute to the training of graduates with intercultural and digital skills, as well as to equal access to quality, inclusive, and equitable education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AMEXCID), invites foreigners interested in carrying out short stays in Mexico, at Bachelor's and Master's level, to present their activities and experience in Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) in Mexican universities, to participate in the "Call for Scholarships for COIL projects from the Mexican Government for Foreigners 2023".

The Call is offered to more than 180 countries, within the framework of bilateral agreements, multilateral mechanisms, and special agreements.

Through the awarding of COIL Project Scholarships by the Mexican Government for foreign students, Mexico strengthens its role as a leading actor with global responsibility and reaffirms its commitment to fostering cooperative actions to promote internationalization at home, the internationalization of the curriculum, the development of intercultural competencies and the formation of high-level human capital.

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



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#### OBJECTIVE

Contribute to the construction of permanent and long-term bridges of dialogue that enrich the academy through the presence of students and academics related to COIL projects in Mexico.

#### **PROFILE:**

Scholarships are offered to academics and students with experience in COIL projects in countries outside Mexico (Annex I) at the time of applying or who have carried out a COIL Project with any Mexican Higher Education Institution (HEI) in accordance with **Annex 2** to carry out an exchange of experiences and best practices that contribute to the improvement of quality, management, internationalization, teaching and management schemes of Mexican public higher education institutions, or as part of the COIL Project scheme.

#### **OBLIGATIONS**

At the end of the academic stay, the members of the group must submit a report with the results of the work carried out during their period as scholarship recipients.

#### **TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

• On-site. For stays of 14 to 30 days

#### BENEFITS

- 1. One-time stipend for living expenses (accommodation, food, and development of activities) equivalent to 4 (four) times the monthly value of the Federal Economic Measurement Unit (UMA), currently \$12,614.80 (Twelve thousand six hundred and fourteen pesos 80/100 M.N.).
- 2. Waiver of costs for issuing the Mexican visa.
- 3. 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).
- 4. In case the Mexican HEI is located outside Mexico City, ground or air transportation, depending on the travel time (Annex 4).



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#### CALENDAR OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ACTIVITY	DATES
Publication of the call for applications.	June 21, 2023
RegistrationofapplicationsinSIGCA(AcademicCooperationManagementSystem) <a href="https://sigca.sre.gob.mx">https://sigca.sre.gob.mx</a>	June 22 to August 30
Review and evaluation of applications.	September 1st to 12th
Notification of results to selected applicants.	September 13 to 20
Beginning of activities.	From October 1 to December 1, 2023.

#### **INELIGIBLE**

- 1. Foreign diplomats accredited in Mexico, as well as their family members;
- 2. Foreigners in Mexico who do NOT have the status of Temporary Student Resident in Mexico;
- 3. Foreigners who also have Mexican nationality, including children of Mexican parents;
- 4. Foreigners who have a Mexican visa for family unit or who aspire to obtain it.
- 5. Applicants who have received a scholarship in the previous year from any Federal Government Institution.
- 6. Applicants who have received a scholarship granted by any Mexican Government Institution.
- 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.

## APPLICATION

Applications must comply with 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.

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- The SIGCA portal will remain open to receive applications during the period from June 22 starting at 6:00 p.m. Central Mexico time until August 30, 2023.
- 4. A group composed of one academic and a maximum of two to five students will be formed to present their candidacy.
- 5. Only one application per academic or student will be accepted.
- 6. Applicants 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 1**. The application must be submitted in accordance with the nationality with which the applicant will be accredited.

#### Application process.

- The professor and each student must register in **SIGCA**, attaching all the required documents in this call for applications indicated in the Section: **Required Documents.**
- Students must include in each form the name of the professor with whom they will form a team.

AMEXCID may verify at any time the veracity of the information provided by the applicant, proceeding under current regulations in the event that the applicant provides false information.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

#### Characteristics of the documents.

- 1. Documents in a language other than Spanish must be accompanied by a simple translation into Spanish, on a separate sheet of paper, and must be signed by the applicant.
- 2. The applicant must send the documents in color PDF format (Maximum size 1.8 MB).
- 3. All documents requested in this section must be attached to the application in the system before the closing date of the call for applications.
- 4. The documents must be legible.

#### **Requested documents.**

- 1. Copy of a valid passport showing the applicant's identification information.
- 2. Signed declaration letter from the applicant (Format 1).
- 3. Background information of group members (Form 2).
- 4. Application letter from the institution of origin (Format 3).
- Letter of acceptance by an Institution of Higher Education in Mexico (Form 4).
- 6. Copy of the medical certificate issued by a public or private health institution, with a maximum of 3 (three) months prior to the submission of the application, stating that the applicant is in good health.

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- 7. COIL Project (Format 5).
- 8. Letter of commitment along with image and intellectual property rights agreement **(Form 6).**
- 9. Copy of the international insurance certificate covering the candidate during his/her stay in Mexico. In case of not having the document, a written statement taking responsibility for his/her health and integrity and releasing **AMEXCID** from any responsibility for any issue that may endanger or threaten his/her health and life (The document must be signed in blue ink).

# **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The selection of applicants is made without any discrimination 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 violates human dignity and has the purpose of nullifying or impairing the rights and freedoms of persons, and will be subject to the following criteria:

- 1. The delivery of the totality of the documents requested in this call for applications.
- 2. Academic excellence record of the applicants in the group.
- 3. Record of performance as a teacher or researcher, in public and private institutions of higher education and scientific research centers in the country of origin.
- 4. Number of years participating in COIL projects.
- 5. Preference will be given to applicants who have never received a scholarship from AMEXCID.

AMEXCID may convene a group of experts in COIL projects for the selection of candidates.

## RESULTS

- In accordance with the schedule of this call for applications, the scholarship award decision will be communicated by e-mail only to the applicants selected by AMEXCID within the deadlines established in this call for applications.
- 2. Once the scholarship has been awarded, changes of study institution will not be accepted.
- 3. All decisions made during the selection process are final and will be subject to **AMEXCID's** budget availability.

## CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. AMEXCID will not cover or reimburse any expenses that are not stated in this call for applications.
- 2. The selected applicant will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to initiate the process of formalizing the scholarship award. If AMEXCID does

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not receive a response to these communications within the established time, the scholarship award may be canceled and another applicant may be selected.

- 3. By accepting the scholarship, the selected applicant agrees to comply with the "Rules Applicable to Foreign Scholarship Recipients", as well as to update them during the scholarship period.
- 4. The selected applicants must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Mexico.

The selected applicant must appear at the facilities of the Academic Exchange Office (DIA), located at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Mexican Agency of International Cooperation for Development, at the following address: Plaza Juárez No. 20, Planta Baja, Col. Centro, C.P. 06010, Mexico City during business hours from 09:00 to 13:30 hours on working days, upon arrival.

## 1) TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Any matter not foreseen in this call for applications shall be resolved by AMEXCID officials who have the authority to do so.
- 2. 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, 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 offers the following e-mail address where you can send your questions and queries related to this call for applications: **infobecas@sre.gob.mx** 

We recommend that you consult the **Applicant's Guide** before applying so that you can successfully complete your registration.

Only answers and guidance related to the registration process will be provided. Any other situation will be answered automatically.



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## 2) PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

"Personal data are protected by the General Law for the Protection of Personal Data in Possession of Obligated Subjects and the Federal Law of Transparency and Access to Public Information, so the security and confidentiality of such data must be guaranteed, avoiding unauthorized access and use, disclosure, subtraction or any other action that may undermine the right to the protection of personal data, in terms of the aforementioned regulations. Consult the privacy notice at the following electronic link: <u>https://portales.sre.gob.mx/transparencia/amexcid/avisosde-privacidad</u>".

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