



The Government of Mexico, aware of the need to contribute, along with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), to the strengthening of technical capacities in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in terms of giving high priority to agriculture, has agreed to establish a strategic Alliance with IICA which will be executed by the National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT) in that country.

Through this Alliance, CONACYT will offer a hundred scholarships per year to professionals in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) who wish to undertake postgraduate programs in sustainable

agriculture or any other science related to the thematic areas of the Institute.

To this end, CONACYT and IICA will jointly select the applicants for postgraduate programs who are interested in reinforcing their knowledge and thereby contribute to the development of an agriculture that is competitive, sustainable and inclusive in the Americas. Moreover, through their units and Offices in the member countries, the Institute will provide CICY-CONACYT with all the information required for properly selecting the Mexican institutions that will receive the applicants, in keeping with their needs and expectations.

IICA will also provide support and follow-up to the scholarship recipients in their country of origin, in order to ensure progress in the fulfillment of the postgraduate requirements. IICA will also ensure that the research topics are linked to the topics outlined in the IICA Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the period 2010-2014.

Thematic area

The initiative will focus on the development of technical capabilities of the scholarship recipients, through its participation in studies of specialization or programs of MSC and PhD in the following topics:

- Technological innovation
- Agricultural health and food safety
- Agribusiness and commercialization

- Agriculture, territories and rural well-being
- Agriculture, natural resource management and climate change
- Agriculture and food security
- Other related topics

Beneficiaries

One hundred (100) scholarships will be granted annually to professionals involved in sustainable agriculture and related fields.

How to Apply to the Scholarships?

- Submit your Request Form and a research project that is consistent with the requirements of the country where you reside.
- Being selected initially by IICA to join this call and this will be validated by the Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán.
- Be accepted into a graduate program registered with the National Graduate Program Quality (PNCP) of Mexico, related to agriculture and related areas.
- Being nominated for a National CONACYT Scholarship by graduate Academic Coordinator shall issue



Más de 100 profesionales se beneficiarán con los programas de becas para especialización, maestrías y doctorados en pro de una agricultura sustentable

General Requirements

- Complete the Scholarship Application Form IICA-CONACYT.
- The candidate must have a weighted average grades in his final grade of 80 (range 0-100), for grants to be part of the National Quality Graduate (PNCP).
- Must be fluent in Spanish as the official language of the studies in Mexico, which will be developed in the graduate (not required).
- At the end of their studies, grantee to return to home country to reinstate the project or institution.

- It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain and present the duly authenticated documentation evidencing their studies, notes, weighted average and obtaining the required degree. Once accepted by the Mexican Education Institution, must also meet the requirements of The Government of Mexico for obtaining visa.
- The only CONACYT grants scholarships to study in programs endorsed by the National Quality Graduate Program. Due to the number of institutions offering graduate programs, these requirements are general. The applicant should review the specific requirements demanded by the institution to which you want to apply.
- Admission to graduate, stating the reasons why you want to join the program, which is available on the website of the Institution.
- Curriculum Vitae (free format) the applicant, with documents to support it.
- Possess preceding undergraduate degree.
- Official record of courses and grades (for his career, not including school or high school).
- Documents must be certified by the Mexican Consulate in your country. In cases where the original documentation is in a language other than Spanish, must be accompanied by a translation duly authenticated.
- Medical Certificate issued 30 days before the date of the application, including blood type.

Furthermore:

- IICA Office in your country will support the applicant to provide the required formalities.
- The candidate must have knowledge of English (reading comprehension). Due to the different requirements of the institutions, consult the website of the institution to which you want to apply to review the level of English proficiency required by the institution to which it applies.
- Once admitted into a program of study, must obtain a permit to stay in Mexico issued by the National Immigration Institute.

- For this document must apply to the Consulate of Mexico in their country, with at least 60 days prior to the date of travel to Mexico. All citizens of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Venezuela do not require prior visa to enter Mexico.
- The exemption of tuition and enrollment is subject to agreements made by the CONACYT with higher education institutions, backed by National Quality Graduate Program. In this sense, this benefit will be granted only in those institutions who accept part of CONACYT Scholarship Program-IICA.
- The Mexican higher education institution will be responsible for performing the steps of his students to the CONACYT. This process will begin once the institution end academic selection of their candidates.
- The CONACYT will reply the approved grants within a maximum period of 30 days after the close of the period for receipt of requests from CONACYT.
- The duration of the scholarship will be: Specialty, from 6-12 months; Mastery, up to a maximum of two years; PhD, for up to 48 month's trainees Master's Degree and up to 60 months with the title Fellows professional degree.
- The scholarships will cover, according to the current tab, the l support payments, and medical care through the Institute of Security and Social Services for State Workers (ISSSTE). The Tab existing grants are 4.0 Specialty minimum salaries; Masters: 4.5 minimum salaries, Ph.D.: 6.0 minimum salaries.

