

International Academic Call For One Month Scholarships

Presentation

The League of Arab States and the Government of Mexico through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (*AMEXCID*) and the Embassy of Mexico in Egypt with the aim of promoting academic cooperation between Mexico and the Arab Institutions, hereby announces the call for six academic scholarships for short internships for researchers and professors with postgraduate degrees. The goal of this programme is to strengthen networks and links between the Arab and Mexican higher education academic institutions.

General overview

1. The intended recipients of the scholarships are researchers and professors of institutions of higher education, holders of postgraduate's degrees, in Mexico and in the League of Arab States' members, who are interested in short-term research or teaching internships between institutions of both sides, for a period of **30 days** during the **First Semester of 2019**.
2. The activities of research and teaching to be carried out during the proposed internships should be related to matters of interest of the recipient institutions on both sides, and relevant to the specific work conducted by the candidate.
3. In order to ensure a fair distribution of the scholarships, three of them will be granted to Mexican participants and three to Arab participants.
4. The League of Arab States will try as much as possible to provide an equitable distribution of the scholarships among the Arab countries in different sub regions of the Arab world.

Time table applications

5. The application forms must be submitted BETWEEN the publication of this call (November 30th) and February 15th 2019.
6. Results will be announced on March 1st 2019, through the League of Arab States and the Mexican Embassy websites.

<https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/egipto/index.php/es/>

<http://www.lasportal.org/ar/Pages/default.aspx>

Eligible Profile of the applicants

7. Application requirements:
- To hold a postgraduate degree, with preference given to holders of a Doctorate.
 - To be a researcher or professor of a higher education institution.
 - To fulfill the conditions of the visa and the institution regulations.
 - Proficiency in English or Spanish for Arab candidates and English or Arabic for the Mexican candidates.

Required documentation

8. **Applicants must forward the application form with photo to the League of Arab States or to the Embassy of Mexico in Egypt accompanied by the following documents in that order:**
- Acceptance letter from the host institution (Annex 1).
 - Motivation letter, one page maximum, font: Arial 12, 1.5 line spacing. (Annex 2)
 - Curriculum Vitae (One page maximum). (Annex 3)
 - A protocol of activities with reference to the following questions: What do you want to do? What do you plan to accomplish (possible results)? And how are you going to do it? (Annex 4)
 - Two Letters of Reference. (Annex 5)
 - Commitment Letter to return to the country of origin (Annex 6)

Footnote. Applicants should have:

- Either Mexican or Arab nationality
- Postgraduate degree and proving document attached (certificate or diploma)
- CV proving documents
- Good health conditions (physical and mental)
- Excellent command of English (TOEFL IBT 90 points minimum or IELTS 7.0)

9. The application form can be downloaded from the following links:

<https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/egipto/index.php/es/>

<http://www.lasportal.org/ar/Pages/default.aspx>

All documentation, together with the application form should be sent to the following e-mail addresses:

oficial@embamexcairo.com

waleed.osman@las.int

secgen@aaruu.edu.jo

Selection process

10. The goal of the selection process is to identify researchers and professors holders of postgraduate degrees interested in promoting long term interaction networks between Mexican and Arab institutions of higher education.

Selection criteria

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- a. The Selection Committee designated by the League of Arab States, AMEXCID and the Embassy of Mexico in Egypt will evaluate applications and will take the final decision in awarding scholarships, noting the importance of consulting with the relevant League's specialized organizations.
 - b. Preference will be given to relevance concerning the activities proposal.
 - c. Program choice will be based on priority issues for the recipient institution of the scholars.
 - d. The selection will take geographical diversity into consideration, in order to have a fair representation –as much as possible- from different sub regions of the Arab World.
 - e. Association between the academic and employment background of the applicant and the program he/she will undertake during the scholarship in Mexico or the selected Arab country.

12. THE PRESENTATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE LETTER OF THE HOST INSTITUTION, THE APPLICATION FORM AND / OR OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT IMPLY THE AUTOMATIC AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP. ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SELECTION PROCESS DEFINED ABOVE.

NONE OF THE DECISIONS RELATED TO THE SELECTION PROCESS ARE SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

Benefits included by the scholarship

13. The Scholarship will cover the round ticket of an international flight up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 USD.

14. Allowance of \$1,500.00 USD for the accommodation and the living expenses of the researcher/professor during the internship. (This sum will be provided one time only during the one month stay).

Expenses not covered by the scholarship

15. Any additional expense will not be covered by the scholarship including the fees for visa or internal transportation within the country of origin or at destination.

Responsibilities of the applicants

- a) The scholars must provide to the Mexican Embassy and to the League of the Arab States a letter of the recipient institution and a debriefing of the results of internship including the final product (article, essay, video, photographic evidence, PowerPoint presentation, etc.).
- b) The scholars must have health insurance that covers both major and minor medical expenses and which provides international coverage for this month.
- c) The scholars must have valid passports with a minimum of six months from the date of travel.
- d) The scholars must commit to pursue the visa process through the relevant consular authority.

Transitory Provisions

- The scholarships are non-transferable and may not be deferred for use in subsequent academic years.
- Once the scholarship has been awarded, changes of educational institution or studies will not be accepted.
- In the event that a fellow leaves the studies or engages in other types of activities that contravene the Mexican legal provisions, the scholarship will be canceled.
- The documents of declined applications will not be returned.

Eligible countries

MEXICO

MEMBER STATES OF THE ARAB LEAGUE