

## CALL 2016



### **CONACYT International Fellowships CONACYT Advanced Fellowships MAS Short-term Mobility Grants**

*The Newton International Collaboration Programme  
The UK Academies – Conacyt- Mexican Academy of Sciences*

The Mexican Academy of Sciences (MAS) and the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) invite candidates to submit applications for research exchange within the framework of the “Newton International Collaboration Programme” to undertake visits in 2016, in the following modalities:

- CONACYT International Fellowships.
- CONACYT Advanced Fellowships.
- MAS short-term Mobility Grants.

The CONACYT *International Fellowships* will be aimed at supporting early career post-doctoral (with no more than seven years' active full time postdoctoral experience) researchers from UK in their career development, covering all fields of the Natural Sciences and Engineering, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

The awards will be for **one year** and could be extended for a second year subject to evaluation, spent in Mexico undertaking research at a host university or research institute. For each award CONACYT, through the Fund for International Cooperation in Science and Technology (FONCICYT), will cover stipend, research expenses and medical insurance and will provide up to **£22,000 per year**.

The CONACYT *Advanced Fellowships* will be aimed at supporting early to mid-career (up to 15 years post-PhD) researchers from UK in their career development, covering all fields of the Natural Sciences and Engineering, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

The awards will be for **one year in length** and CONACYT, through FONCICYT, will provide a salary top as well as subsistence, research expenses and medical insurance. The awards will be up to **£19,000 per year**.

Approved nominations for CONACYT *International and Advanced Fellowships* modalities, as well as the resources allocated will be subject to budget availability of the FONCICYT.

For the CONACYT *International and Advanced Fellowships*, the Mexican Academy of Sciences will cover travel expenses for each fellowship awarded to UK applicants. Travel expenses are understood to cover one international roundtrip flight from the UK researcher's city of origin to final destination city in Mexico.

The MAS **short-term Mobility Grants** will provide the opportunity for early career and established researchers (postdoctoral onwards) based in UK to establish and develop new collaborations with Mexican counterparts. They will be based around a joint research project in the fields of exact and natural sciences; social sciences and humanities; and engineering.

The awards will be up to **£4000 for a period of three months** and will cover costs for subsistence, research expenses and travel expenses. Applications must have a Mexican and UK co-applicant and be based around a jointly conceived research project.

For short stays, the Mexican Academy of Sciences will cover travel costs for each UK fellowship holder.

Travel expenses are understood to cover an international roundtrip flight from the fellowship holder's city of origin in the UK to his/her final destination in Mexico. The short stay must be made in a single visit (not on several trips) of at least one month and up to three months. The amount of the fellowship will be proportional to the duration of the stay and will begin in the year of the call for applications, which in this case is **2016**.

### **Eligibility requirements**

#### For CONACYT International Fellowships:

Applicants must have a PhD with no more than seven years' active full time postdoctoral experience.

#### For CONACYT Advanced Fellowships:

Applicants must have a PhD at their early to mid-career, up to 15 years post-PhD.

**Candidates wishing to come to Mexico for a Postdoctoral Fellowship or Advanced Research must have a permanent contract at a university or research institution in the United Kingdom, which should cover the duration of the project.** Candidates should submit the following documents to CONACYT's contact e-mail in a PDF file, before **February 29, 2016**.

1. CONACYT-IF or CONACYT-AF Application Form
2. Résumé of UK-applicant (including general personal data, brief scientific biography with details of academic degrees, current post, and field of specialization) and a full list of academic publications.
3. Proof of applicant's doctoral degree
4. Resume of co-applicant from Mexico (including general personal data, brief scientific biography with details of academic degrees, current position and area of expertise) and a complete list of publications
5. Detailed research project to develop.
6. Detailed work program to be undertaken at a Mexican institution, indicating tentative starting and ending dates for the visit.
7. Letter of invitation from a university or research institution in Mexico. This letter must specify: i) The objectives of the visit; ii) the collaboration between the Mexican co-applicant and the UK candidate; iii) the impact the British researcher's visit will have on the Mexican research group; and iv) the commitment of the co-applicant and/or institution in Mexico to provide the necessary support for the British visitor regarding the logistics of his/her visit (accommodation and research arrangements). This letter must include the endorsement (approval) of an authority from the host institution in Mexico.
8. Letter from the candidate supported by his/her institution in the UK. This letter should include a statement of purpose, highlighting the impact his/her research work in Mexico will have on the area of his/her expertise for both his/her research group in the UK, and for the Mexican research group he/she is visiting. This letter must mention any financial support already secured or to be requested.

#### For MAS short-term Mobility Grants:

Applicants must have a PhD and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in a university or research institution in the United of Kingdom, which must span the duration of the project.

Collaborations should focus on a project to be undertaken in a visit from one to three consecutive months, which will include a UK researcher (the applicant) and a researcher from Mexico (co-applicant).

Candidates wishing to come to Mexico should submit the following documents to the MAS e-mail (amc\_mobilitygrants@amc.edu.mx) in a PDF file, before **February 29, 2016**.

1. AMC-MG Application Form
2. Resume of UK-applicant (including general personal data, brief scientific biography with details of academic degrees, current post, and field of specialization) and a full list of academic publications.
3. Proof of applicant's doctoral degree
4. Resume of Mexican co-applicant (including general personal data, brief scientific biography with details of academic degrees, current post, and field of specialization) and a full list of academic publications.
5. Detailed joint research project.
6. Weekly schedule for the research project to be undertaken, indicating the date of the start and end of the visit (intermittent visits are not permitted).
7. Letter of invitation from a university or research institution in Mexico. This letter must specify: i) The objectives of the visit; ii) the collaboration between the Mexican co-applicant and the UK candidate; iii) the impact that the British researcher's visit will have on the Mexican research group; and iv) the commitment of the co-applicant and/or institution in Mexico to provide the necessary support for the British visitor regarding the logistics of his/her visit (accommodation and research arrangements). This letter must include the endorsement (approval) of an authority from the host institution in Mexico.
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#### **Value and tenure**

For CONACYT International Fellowships:

Funding consists of the equivalent (in Mexican pesos) of £22,000 for a period of one year and will cover stipend, research expenses and medical insurance.

For CONACYT Advanced Fellowships:

Funding consists of the equivalent (in Mexican pesos) of £19,000 for a period of one year and will provide a salary top as well as subsistence, research expenses and medical insurance.

For MAS short-term Mobility Grants:

Financing consists of the equivalent (in Mexican pesos) up to £4,000 for a period of three months and a minimum of one month (visits must start within the period from April to December 2016 and be carried out uninterruptedly). If the visit is less than three months, support will consist of a

proportional amount (£1,333.33 per month or where appropriate, £333.33 per week). This amount is to cover living expenses, research expenses and expenses incurred by local trips that are independent from the travel expenses involved in the fellowship holder's arrival and departure from Mexico (these will be covered by the Mexican Academy of Sciences. In other words, in addition to the fellowship, the Academy will cover the cost of a roundtrip ticket from the UK researcher's city of origin to the city of his/her final destination in Mexico).

### **Application process**

Applications will be considered by an *ad hoc* committee of the MAS and CONACYT, and will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria.

1. Background and academic achievements of candidate and co-applicant.
2. Presentation and justification of joint program.
3. Collaboration between the candidate and Mexican research groups.
4. Impact of the visit on the research groups of both the British and the Mexican researcher.

### **Formalization**

Candidates who are selected will be notified through a letter of acceptance by CONACYT and MAS, and must sign an agreement of resource allocation with CONACYT, through FONCICYT, and/or MAS, at the latest 45 labor days after being notified.

### **Allocation of Resources**

The allocation of resources will take place at the beginning of the stay in Mexico of each approved researchers.

### **Monitoring**

Approved researchers must present a report of activities at the end of their stay, which must be signed by the host researcher, with the approval of an authority at the Institution s/he visited.

### **Calendar**

Publication of call for proposals:	<b>DECEMBER 17, 2015</b>
Deadline for submission of proposals:	<b>FEBRUARY 29, 2016</b>
Notification of evaluation results:	<b>AT THE END OF MARCH, 2016</b>
Beginning of stays	<b>FROM MAY TO DECEMBER, 2016</b>

## **EQUITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The recipients of the grants of CONACYT are selected through competitive, efficient, equitable, transparent and public procedures based on merit and quality; props that are awarded are subject to processes of evaluation, selection, formalization and follow-up, in terms of the regulatory framework that corresponds to each program, therefore, CONACYT, in the allocation of resources to beneficiaries, is obligated not to discriminate the proponents for no reason or social status.

## **HONESTY, TRANSPARENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY**

An obligation of the Federal Government and its public officers is manage the available financial resources with transparency, efficiency, effectiveness, economy and honesty, to meet the objectives for which they are intended.

Also, beneficiaries must observe these principles, managing props that are granted to them for the proper performance of the purposes.

To do so, they must submit reports on the terms set out in the Agreement. CONACYT may check at any time.

Information received within the framework of the present Call, is subject to the provisions of the Federal law of Transparency and Access to Governmental Public Information, so it will be considered public. In those cases in which confidential information, reserved and commercial reserved information is delivered, this character must manifest itself in writing, where you must identify documents or sections of these containing sensitive information, including the reason why consider having that character.

The incorporation of sensitive or confidential information, and the consequences of their possible exposure to third parties, will be responsibility of the applicant, should the proponent will not issue the specification of sensitive or confidential information, this will be considered public. Persons having under their custody or processing, confidential information shall be obliged to keep that quality. Those who fail to comply with this provision will be punished in accordance with the provisions of applicable criminal or administrative law.

Foregoing, CONACYT preserve classified information and establish the necessary mechanisms to ensure the confidentiality of the information contained in the proposals presented, both in the phase of evaluation and follow-up.

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## **PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The private appropriation of knowledge plays an essential role as a detonator of the economic development of the country, which represents a motivator essential private investment in research and economic development.

The subject of support or beneficiary in the execution of their projects must respect the rights of intellectual property of developers who are entitled to them.

The violation of the aforementioned rights determined by the competent authority firm resolution shall be cause for cancellation of support.

## **SOCIAL APPROPRIATION OF KNOWLEDGE**

Generated knowledge by scientific, technological research and innovation should be used by Mexican society in its ongoing process of transformation, social and economic development; particularly such knowledge should become a development engine and dynamic factor of social change. Knowledge must socialize to have a real impact.

In accordance with article 12, fraction XV of Science and Technology Law, beneficiaries of supports granted by the federal Government in scientific, technological and innovation matters, must disseminated its activities and the results of its research and development, without prejudice to the corresponding intellectual property rights, and the information that, by reason of their nature must be reserved.

Beneficiaries, as part of the deliverables of the project, must submit an executive summary of the objectives of the project and its results; this information will be public and the beneficiary may be asked to present it at conferences or public workshops organized by CONACYT or any other sector entity.

Information submitted by the beneficiaries must be included in the integrated information system on scientific research, technological development and innovation referred to in articles 14 and 15 of the Science and Technology Law.

## **INTERPRETATION AND UNFORESEEN ISSUES**

The interpretation of this call and issues not covered herein shall be resolved jointly by the Deputy Direction of Scientific Development and may be supported by instances that be deem appropriate.

## **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Candidates, whose stays are supported by other programmes of the CONACYT, are not considered likely to receive support within the framework of this call.

Proposals will not be supported when the candidate has non-compliances with CONACYT.

No applications will be eligible who have conflicts raised against CONACYT or any of its funds or to administrative or judicial bodies arising from projects supported in any program of the Council.

**The terms of the present call for proposals are in accordance with the juridical dispositions derived from the Ley de Ciencia y Tecnología and other applicable related findings. The results derived can only be questioned within the legal framework indicated.**

The presentation of applications under the terms of this call implies the acceptance of the established conditions and other regulations issued by CONACYT or applicable to the case.

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