



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) invites candidates to submit applications for research exchange within the framework of the “Newton International Collaboration Programme” to undertake visits in 2015, 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 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 will provide a salary top as well as subsistence, research expenses and medical insurance. The awards will be up to **£19,000 per year**.

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.

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 an International or Advanced Fellowship should submit the following documents to CONACYT's contact e-mail in a PDF file, before March 2015.

1. CONACYT-IF or CONACYT-AF Application Form
2. Resumé 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. Detailed research project to develop.
4. Letter of invitation from a university or research institution in Mexico (with the host institution approval).
5. Detailed work program to be undertaken at this institution.
6. Letter from the candidate including statement of purpose and report of 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 an eligible university or research institution, which must span the duration of the project.

Collaborations should focus on a single project involving UK-based scientist (the applicant) and Mexican-based scientist (the 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 March 2015.

1. AMC-MG Application Form
2. Resumé 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. Resumé 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.
4. Detailed joint research project.
5. Letter of invitation from an academic institution in Mexico (with the host institution approval).
6. Detailed work program to be undertaken at this institution.
7. Letter from the candidate including statement of purpose and report of any financial support already secured or to be requested.

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:

Funding consists of the equivalent (in Mexican pesos) of £4000 for a period up to three months and will cover costs for subsistence, research expenses and travel expenses (travel expenses are understood to cover one international roundtrip flight from the UK researcher's city of origin to final destination city 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.
2. Presentation and justification of joint program.

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 and/or MAS.

Allocation of Resources

The allocation of resources will take place at the beginning of the stay 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.

Calendar

Publication of call for proposals:	December 2014
Deadline for submission of proposals:	before March 2015
Publication of evaluation results:	April 2015
Beginning of stays	from April 2015

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.

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.

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