



CALL 2017

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 Short-term visits in 2017.

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 **2017**.

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must have a PhD and hold a permanent or fixed-term contract in an university or research institution in the United 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 **April 25, 2017**.

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 an 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.
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 she/he is visiting. This letter must mention any financial support already secured or to be requested.

Value and tenure

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 June to December 2017 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 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.

The Committee's decision will be final.

Formalization

Candidates who are selected will be notified through a letter of acceptance by MAS.

Allocation of Resources

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

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 she/he visited.

NEW CALENDAR

Publication of call for proposals:

JANUARY 23, 2017

Deadline for submission of proposals:

APRIL 25, 2017

Notification of evaluation results:

MAY 19, 2017

Beginning of stays

FROM JUNE TO DECEMBER, 2017

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