



Mexican Government Call for Projects from Canadian Indigenous Academic Groups 2024

AMEXCID

INTRODUCTION

The Government of Mexico recognizes education as a human right, assuming the commitment to guarantee its full exercise, and promote that it is equitable, inclusive, intercultural and comprehensive for all, under the universal principle of *leaving no one behind, leave no one out*.

In that sense, recognizing the multiculturalism of Mexico and Canada, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), announces the **Mexican Government Call for Projects from Canadian Indigenous Academic Groups 2024**.

The Project is aimed at students and academics in Canada, belonging to any of the Canadian indigenous communities Inuit, Métis or First Nations. Derived from its execution, the objective is to contribute to equal access to educational opportunities, strengthen cultural ties and intercultural and bilingual education; the formation of human capital and internationalization of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); in addition to promoting the conservation of traditions and customs, and the exchange of knowledge between the nations of both countries.

The development of the project, in addition to strengthening the bilateral relationship between Mexico and Canada, will result in reciprocity and cultural and linguistic enrichment of the nations of both countries, as well as in the human development, educational trajectories and well-being of the participants.

Sincerely,

The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)

Secretariat of Foreign Affairs



OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), through the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), in collaboration with the Higher Education Institutions (IES) in Mexico that have educational programs and experience in strengthening and cultural academic linkage between Mexico and Canada, seeks through student mobility, and cultural exchange between the indigenous populations of both countries, the strengthening in this area of knowledge with impact directly to this group of indigenous students and academics of the nations.

For these purposes, we invite Higher Education Institutions in Canada, who are interested in having their students and teachers carry out short-term academic and cultural stays in Mexico.

AMEXCID offers up to twelve (12) scholarships for eight (8) students and four (4) teachers from Educational Institutions in Canada, who must be formed into groups of one (1) academic and two (2) students maximum, interested in carrying out academic stays for a maximum period of 30 days between the months of October and November 2024, in the Institutions listed in the file **(Annex 2 participating HEIs)**.

During their stay, the Canadian academic groups will participate according to the academic program of each receiving institution **(Annex 1. UUII Academic Programs)**, in a variety of courses, workshops and field practices in the areas of:

1. Art, music and literature
2. Solidarity economy
3. Territory, space and traditions
4. Indigenous languages
5. Education, culture and learning processes
6. Corn, wheat and associated crops
7. Rights of indigenous peoples

It is expected that as a result of this Call, academic and intercultural links between nations, linguistic enrichment, and the exchange and appropriation of knowledge will be promoted.



BENEFITS

AMEXCID will provide up to twelve (12) scholarships for eight (8) students and four (4) teachers from Canadian Educational Institutions during their stay at one of the receiving Universities.

The support will cover for each selected Canadian national:

- ✓ Round air ticket (Canada-Mexico-Canada).
- ✓ Ground and/or air transportation to the receiving educational institution (**Annex 2. Transportation table by University**)
- ✓ Complementary support of up to \$13,202.12 (thirteen thousand, two hundred and two pesos 12/100 M.N.) pesos during the time of your stay, and with the objective of covering lodging and food expenses.

There will be no possibility of extending the period of support initially granted. The supports are not retroactive.

AMEXCID will not cover additional expenses that the Canadian student and/or academic has incurred during academic and/or extracurricular activities.

APPLICATION DATES AND RESULTS

Activity	Date
Start of registrations	July 2nd 2024
Informative webinar for questions about the call, which will be transmitted through the Microsoft Teams platform	July 8th
Closing of registrations in SIGCA.	August 15th 2024 at 18:00 Central Mexico Time
Start of Activities	October, November 2024

THE DEADLINES ARE NON-EXTENDABLE, DISCARDING APPLICATIONS THAT ARE SUBMITTED OUT OF TIME.





APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicant profile:

- ✓ Form a group of up to two (2) Canadian undergraduate (last semesters) or graduate students enrolled in a Canadian Higher Education Institution, accompanied by one (1) academic or teacher who belongs to the faculty of the applicant Higher Education Institution.
- ✓ That students have to identify as belonging to one of the Canadian indigenous communities: Inuit, Métis or First Nations.

NOTE: As part of the Canadian applicant groups, the candidacy of those who make up one or two Canadian citizens will also be considered.

- 1) With temporary or permanent residency in Mexico.
 - 2) With Mexican nationality.
 - 3) Not identified to an indigenous population.
- ✓ It is expected that the teacher also identifies as belonging to a Canadian indigenous community, although this will not be considered a mandatory criterion.
 - ✓ That each student is pursuing a bachelor's or postgraduate degree. For these purposes, only applications from students over 18 years of age will be considered.
 - ✓ That each student has a minimum average of eighty-five (85), on a scale from 0 to 100, or its equivalent in Mexico.
 - ✓ That each Canadian student and academic have comprehensive international insurance during the time of their stay in Mexico.
 - ✓ Preference will be given to those who have a basic level of the Spanish language.

Requested documentation:

- Documents that are in a language other than Spanish must be accompanied by a simple translation into said language.
- The applicant must submit the documentation in color and clear PDF format, individually.
- Each document must be in PDF format.



- The documentation must be submitted individually through SIGCA (<https://sigca.sre.gob.mx/>) and in PDF.

A. Simple copy of the current passport. In open book format.

B. Motivation letter and request for participation. The document must be presented in English or Spanish, in free format, and by academic group, indicating:

- The indigenous group to which each member of the academic group belongs (students and teacher if they belong).
- The Program of interest and the justification for selection.
- The relevance of the participation of the academic group in the Program.
- Impact results that the participation of the academic group in the Program could have, both in their Educational Institution and for their Canadian community of origin.

C. Letter from the Canadian Higher Education Institution of origin. This letter, in the official format of the Institution, in English or Spanish, signed and sealed by some school academic authority, must expressly state:

- Authorization for the academic group to stay during the time considered by the receiving Institution.
- Approval to carry out the activities planned by the receiving Institution.

D. Kardex or academic history of individual grades, greater than 8.0 on a scale of 0 to 10, or the equivalent of the Mexican educational system.

E. Curriculum vitae, maximum 2 pages.

F. Document proving basic command of the Spanish language. (optional)

G. Copy of the **international insurance certificate** that covers the applicant during the time of their stay in Mexico.

H. Letter of commitment to return to the country of origin **(Annex 3)**

I. Letter of declaration under oath of truth of knowledge and acceptance of the Applicable Standards in case of being selected in the Call **(Annex 4).**



APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Interested Canadian student groups must submit their applications electronically and through the Academic Cooperation Management System (SIGCA) of the AMEXCID-SRE, with an internet link <https://sigca.sre.gob.mx/> from July 2nd, 2024 until August 15th, 2024 at 16:00 pm Central Mexico Time.**
- 2. Each member of the group must create an individual profile in SIGCA with their personal information.**
- 3. Applications must be submitted individually by each member of the group (students and academics), even when the letter of reasons document and project proposal are prepared as a group.**

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The selection of the applicants will be carried out without any distinction based on ethnic origin, gender, age, political or any other opinion, national or social origin, economic position, birth or any other condition that violates human dignity.

All applications submitted will be evaluated by a Selection Committee made up of officials from the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation, authorities and academics from the receiving Institutions.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- ✓ All the members of the academic group (students and teachers) submit their application to SIGCA and individually register all the requested documents.
- ✓ A proposal for a cooperation project or line of research is presented on priority topics for the development of the Canadian Educational Institution, the community of origin and the receiving Mexican Institution.

NOTE:

- Preference will be given to academic groups whose members have not previously received academic support from the Government of Mexico.
- Likewise, in recognition of the various situations and conditions of vulnerability between and within genders and population groups, the formation of academic groups with equal representation between Canadian male and female students will be considered as a selection criterion.



RESULTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION

Results:

The results will be announced between August 20 and 30, 2024, through the Diplomatic Representations of Mexico in Canada. Selected Canadian institutions will also be notified.

Additional application information:

- The decision to grant support will be communicated by email to each applicant and to the higher education institution of origin through the corresponding Diplomatic Representation of Mexico and by AMEXCID. Only selected candidates will be notified.
- The support is not transferable, nor can it be deferred for academic years after the year in which it was granted.
- Once the support has been granted, no changes will be accepted in the receiving University and/or the members of the academic group. In the event that a selected student decides to cancel their participation, this no/will not be replaced by another applicant
- The presentation of proposals or applications and/or all the required documentation does not guarantee being selected to receive a scholarship or support. All applications without exception will be subject to the selection process described in this call.
- Matters not provided for in this Call will be resolved by the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation.

For more information, it is suggested to contact the AMEXCID Scholarship Information Center, with email infobecas@sre.gob.mx

*****DECISIONS RELATED TO THE SELECTION PROCESS MAY NOT BE APPEALED. THE GRANTING OF SUPPORT IS SUBJECT TO THE BUDGETARY AVAILABILITY OF AMEXCID*****

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