





From April 24 to May 24 2019

Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through its Consular Network in the United States and the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME), calls on educational and academic institutions interested in participating in IME-Becas/Higher Education 2019 program to submit application proposals to get financial support for Mexican and Mexican origin students enrolled in their academic plans in higher education.

The foregoing call is in response to the Migrant Protection Strategy of the Mexican Government, whose main axis is the promotion of migrants' rights and the Mexican community empowerment abroad through educational programs.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Universities
- Community Colleges
- University Extension programmes
- Technological education
- Online and face-to-face courses

RULES

- Educational institutions may apply for a maximum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) of IME-Becas financial support through the Mexican Consulate in the jurisdiction to their registered address.
- Only institutions or organizations willing to commit themselves to obtain additional funds, which at least match those requested from the corresponding consulate, will be considered.
- Incomplete applications or those received after the closing date of this call, will not be accepted. For mailed proposals, the date of postmark will be considered and not the date of reception in the consular offices.



Applicants are responsible to make sure that the consular representation received their request.



REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Deliver the application signed by the Institution's representative and attach the following:
 - A copy of the Institution's bylaws.
- 2) A proposal with a maximum length of 3 pages, clearly stating the target population who would be beneficiary of the funds obtained through IME-Becas for Higher Education 2019 and complementary funds. The proposal must state that the resources will be devoted to Mexican or Mexican origin students enrolled in all forms of higher education. It must include the following:
 - a) Diagnosis of the most urgent needs of the student population of Mexican origin within the institution.
 - b) A full description and mission of the academic institution, including objectives, programs, activities and achievements on the education and the development of Mexican migrants.
 - c) Strategies and plans to achieve the proposed goals (stating how the resources obtained through IME-Becas will support the strategy), as well as the evaluation methods.
 - d) Describe if the institution has received funds from other sources in order to achieve the project's objectives and related activities.
 - e) Include a detailed Budget describing the proposed expenditures by the institution, including a brief description of their purpose.

Participating institutions must spend the obtained resources during the fiscal year for 2019.



SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any matter not foreseen in this call will be resolved by the Director of IME, according to its attributions.

The guidelines, the submission of applications, as well as further information about the selection process and the commitments by all those involved, are stated in the following link:

http://bit.ly/imebecas_edusup

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each Mexican Consulate will verify that all application forms meet the requirements of this call.

The selection corresponds to the Evaluation Committee, based in Mexico City and composed by at least five prominent individuals from the field of education in the United States. This Committee will evaluate the projects following inclusion, diversity and non-discrimination criteria.

- 1) The Committee will only consider institutions and organizations whose plan work meets the detected needs and achieves the objectives of this call.
- 2) The number of Mexican and Mexican origin beneficiaries will be taken into consideration.

- In order to determine the amount of support, the Committee will take into consideration the amount that the institutions and organizations will provide to their financial support programs, indicated in the written request.
- 4) Preference will be given to those institutions seeking to support Mexican origin students with no access to other sources of financial support for educational purposes.
- Those institutions that present projects aimed to strengthen the integral development of students of Mexican origin and their involvement with the Mexican community in their place of residence will be privileged, regardless of whether these students have restrictions or not to obtain other sources of educational funding.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The Institute for Mexicans Abroad will publish the results on June 21st, 2019. Consulates will hand over the funds before September 18th, 2019.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The distribution of funds will be done in accordance with what the Evaluation Committee determines, the funds will be sent to the nearest Consulate in order to be delivered in an official ceremony.