



About ConTex

The **ConTex** office was established by the **University of Texas System** to support a program of cooperation with Mexico's National Council of Science and Technology (**CONACYT**). This new program will expand current collaborations with CONACYT and many other first-rate academic institutions in Mexico.

ConTex will be a model of international collaboration connecting Texas with one of the most important trade partners of the United States. It will support bilateral efforts to enhance academic and research cooperation between Texas and Mexico.

ConTex Programs

Doctoral Fellowships – 30 new students per year from Mexico to Texas

Funding available for students admitted to Ph.D. programs beginning **fall 2017**. Fellowship covers tuition and fees, monthly stipend, and health insurance costs for up to five years.

Postdoctoral Fellows – 10 per year selected from either country

Annual call for applications will be announced in **November 2016** with a deadline of **March 2017**. Selected applicants will be notified in **June 2017**. Postdoctoral scholars seeking to pursue research at Mexican or UT System institutions will receive an annual salary and health insurance for up to a 12-month period. Fellowships are open to all areas of study. High priority areas may be defined in the call.

Faculty Fellows – Up to 9 per year from each country

Two calls for fellowship applications will be announced annually. Fellowships provide support for Mexican and UT System faculty pursuing research and cross border collaborations. Selected fellows will receive a monthly stipend and health insurance for a period of up to six months.

Non-degree Seeking Student Research Experience – 10 per year selected from either country

Funding supports short-term visits for Mexican and UT System master's and Ph. D. students to engaged in research experiences for six to twelve months. Selected students will receive a stipend and health insurance support.

Collaborative Research Grants – \$1.0 million annual competition

Call for proposals will be announced in **November 2016**. Awards of up to \$150,000 will be provided for a maximum of 24-months. Proposed projects must be co-directed by a Principal Investigator from a UT System Institution and a Principal Investigator from a top Mexican academic institution.

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About CONACYT

CONACYT is a decentralized public agency of Mexico's federal government in charge of the promotion of scientific and technological activities, setting government policies for these matters, and granting scholarships for graduate studies. It is the equivalent of the National Science Foundation in the United States.

CONACYT oversees 27 highly specialized public research centers located in several regions of Mexico. These research centers are grouped into three major subsystems: Natural and Exact Sciences (10 centers); Social Sciences and Humanities (8 centers); Technology Development and Services (8 centers); and one specialized in Financing graduate studies. These research centers offer 34 doctoral degrees and 61 master programs.

CONACYT grants around 52,000 scholarships to graduate students in Mexico and 6,000 for Mexicans to pursue graduate studies in foreign countries. Likewise, CONACYT provides funding for postdoctoral positions and sabbatical leaves.

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