

DAAD Office Mexico

Dear Programme Coordinators,

The DAAD Office in Mexico, in collaboration with the Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), offers full scholarships for Mexican students for complete master's degrees or PhD's at German universities. Due to the global pandemic, the 2021 edition will only award 40 scholarships specifically for study programmes focused on the areas of health and medicine. The co-financed CONACyT-DAAD scholarship programme is one of the largest offered by the DAAD in Latin America, and it is one of the most important elements of the German-Mexican scientific and academic collaboration.

A special trait of this very successful scholarship programme (which has already granted more than 1,000 students the opportunity to receive a German university degree over the last 20 years) is its early deadline: the candidates have to upload their complete application by mid-May in order to start their studies in September or October of the same year (winter semester). A complete application includes the binding letter of acceptance issued by their German host university. Due to the legal structure of this scholarship programme, it is unfortunately impossible to postpone the deadline to a later date.

Although we have had experience with some exceptions, the DAAD Office has been informed that many German universities conduct their regular admission processes from May to June for the following winter semester. As such, these dates do not match the application deadline of the CONACyT-DAAD Programme.

Fortunately, CONACyT also accepts a **non-binding pre-acceptance** letter issued by the German host university of choice before its respective application deadline, so we hereby kindly ask for your support on this matter. This is a document to be issued in English and it should contain the following information:

- Confirmation that the German university received the complete application, and that the candidate fulfils the formal application requirements
- Confirmation of general eligibility of the candidate
- Dates of the official admission process of the specific career (application deadline, admission process and publication of results)
- Additionally, a short personal statement concerning the actual possibilities of the candidate being admitted at your university during the official admission process can be an advantage for the interested party



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A non-binding pre-acceptance letter allows the candidate to be included in the selection process of the CONACyT-DAAD scholarship programme. We have had very good experiences with this procedure and the number of refusal letters issued by respective German host universities at a later point of time is relatively low. A letter of refusal towards the student does not only imply that their enrolment at the German university will not be granted, but it also represents the loss of the CONACyT-DAAD scholarship. Due to the tight time frame, a replacement with another candidate for the scholarship is not possible.

We make this letter available during the application process of the CONACyT-DAAD scholarship programme, so candidates can request the aforementioned non-binding pre-acceptance letter at German universities if necessary. The document is available for download in German and English language on our website www.daad.mx.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

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With best regards,

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