



What is the Chevening Scholarship Programme?

The Chevening Scholarship Programme, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, offers students from several countries and opportunity to attend a one-year Master's degree programme at British universities and higher education institutions in areas related to UK's international strategic priorities.

How does the Chevening Scholarship Programme work in Mexico?

Mexico is one of the 130 countries which benefit from the Chevening Scholarship Programme. Since its inception in 1983, the programme has granted some 1500 scholarships to Mexican students. Chevening Scholarships are managed by the Association of Commonwealth Universities on behalf of the British Embassy.

Scholarships are granted to high calibre Mexican applicants with outstanding performance in their professional field who have conditions needed to become future leaders, opinion formers and drivers of change in their countries.

Scholarships granted cover Masters Degree courses only (undergraduate course scholarships are not available).

Why applying for a Chevening Scholarship?

The Chevening Scholarship Programme enjoys international prestige for a number of reasons:

- Selection is done by the British Embassy and the Association of Commonwealth Universities;
- Possibility to select out of some 200 higher education institutions;
- Around 2,300 scholarships granted every year around the world for research and post-graduate studies;
- Follow up on students' professional career back in their countries of origin;
- Enables talented students and professionals develop strong ties with the UK and themselves in a global network.

What are the areas of interest?

The Chevening Scholarship Programme considers applications from candidates interested in the fields linked to the UK's international strategic priorities. Such priorities are:

- **Prosperity** – Including English Language Teaching, science and innovation, creative industries, economic and finance issues and to strengthen work on governance and promote public sector and economic reform
- **Energy, Climate Change and Sustainable Development** – Including urban planning and design and to promote capacity building across the energy sector following recent energy reform
- **Security and Justice** – To combat terrorism, arms proliferation, organised crime and its principle causes as well defence related studies
- **Human Rights** – To strengthen human rights in various areas: gender studies particularly around issues regarding violence in conflict, supporting the application of international standards in human rights

- **Mexican & International Institutions** – To encourage the cooperation, development and strengthening of efficient Mexican and international organisms particularly via the Pacific Alliance

Candidates are to establish how their area of study relates to the UK's strategic international priorities. For example, the relation between a post-graduate engineering programme focusing on sustainable production and recycling, or a post-graduate course in Law focusing on human rights defence and promotion in local legislation.

Requirements

- Completed undergraduate programme (candidates must hold a valid degree certificate when applying. The certificate will be required should a candidate be pre-selected for interview. Applications will be turned down should candidates fail to submit their degree certificate);
- Excellent academic performance, and an outstanding professional experience linked to the field of study;
- Leadership potential in their area, which must be linked to the above priorities;
- At least two years of full time professional experience in a field related to the post-graduate course applicant intend to study;
- To have started selection procedures for the higher education institution selected;
- English studies certificate with a minimum equivalent of IELTS 6.5 (some universities may require a higher score) at the time of application;
- Mexican national living in Mexico and willing to return to Mexico to contribute to the nation's social and economic development by implementing the knowledge acquired in the UK.

What do the scholarships cover?

- All university tuition fees;
- Subsistence allowance for the duration of the course;
- Additional support to cover administrative costs;
- One round trip economy flight.

How to apply

Those interested in applying for a Chevening scholarship should go to the Chevening web page: www.chevening.org

Applications will open in August 1st and close in November 15th 2014 for 2015/16 courses.

For successful applications and pre-selection, references will be sought before an interview. Applicants therefore have to supply telephone numbers for their personal references.

Successful candidates must supply original documents. Applications will be revoked should they fail to supply them.

Successful candidates will then be eligible to apply for a student visa to the UK.

If you have any questions, send an email to chevening.mexico@fco.gov.uk