

**National Autonomous University of Mexico  
General Secretariat  
General Head Office for Faculty Affairs**

**ELISA ACUÑA GRANT PROGRAM  
Call  
UNAM Postdoctoral Grants Program 2023**

Whereas the participation of young recent graduates is contributing energy, vitality and creativity to UNAM's scientific community as they become part of its research teams in pursuance of their academic careers, this CALL is made for all its academic departments and entities to submit candidate proposals for postdoctoral grants at UNAM.

**I. Purpose**

1. To strengthen scientific endeavors and further the academic development of young researchers at the highest level throughout all university academic entities and departments, by fostering the participation of recent doctoral graduates in innovative research projects.

**II. Candidate Profile**

1. Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degrees from an institution of recognized academic reputation in the five-year period prior to the beginning of their postdoctoral engagement.
2. They must submit evidence of productivity by providing information on work published or accepted for publication in internationally recognized specialized journals or other media of renowned academic quality.
3. Candidates must not be employed by UNAM at the time the grant is awarded, nor for the full term the grant is in effect.

**III. General conditions**

Candidate proposal submission and grant awarding must comply with the UNAM Rules of Operation for Postdoctoral Grants (*Reglas de Operación del Programa de Becas Posdoctorales*) as published in *Gaceta UNAM*, and on the institutional web page of the General Head Office for Faculty Affairs (*Dirección General de Asuntos del Personal Académico*, DGAPA) at [https://dgapa.unam.mx/images/posdoc/2023\\_posdoc\\_reglas\\_operacion.pdf](https://dgapa.unam.mx/images/posdoc/2023_posdoc_reglas_operacion.pdf).

1. Official candidate submissions must be made by the academic entity where the postdoctoral stay is to take place and filed with the DGAPA by the UNAM schools and faculties, with the Coordinating Office for the Humanities (*Coordinación de Humanidades*) in the case of submissions by institutes and centers doing research in the humanities and social sciences, and with the Coordinating Office for Scientific Research for submissions by institutes and centers doing research in the sciences.
2. Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degree within the five-year period prior to the beginning of their postdoctoral engagement from a renowned institution other than UNAM, or if from UNAM, provided in the latter case that their postdoctoral work is to take place at an UNAM academic entity different from that where their doctoral work was completed, and different also from the entity where their doctoral advisors are employed; or else and in exceptional cases, at a venue of the same entity located in another campus, under another advisor and with a different project.
3. Candidates are required to submit proof that they have obtained prior authorization, as

regards project relevance and available entity resources, from the technical committee and/or the internal committee of the entity where the postdoctoral engagement is to take place.

4. Postdoctoral candidates must have made arrangements with their proposed advisors, the latter having to meet the following requirements: be full-time tenured professors or researchers of the entity where the postdoctoral engagement will take place; with prior experience as completed thesis advisors and who have successfully tutored at the graduate level. Advisors must in addition provide proof that authorization of the program from the relevant technical committee is in place and that they have submitted their last annual work report (as per article 60 of the Faculty Statute).
5. Candidates must comply with the requirements and obligations set forth in the UNAM Rules of Operation for Postdoctoral Grants (*Reglas de Operación del Programa de Becas Posdoctorales*).
6. Assessment committees will decide on the basis of the relevance of the project with respect to the entity's development plan, the candidate and advisor's career path, the quality, originality and pertinence of the project submitted, the entity's established order of precedence, past and full compliance of objectives by former grantees assigned to a given particular advisor in past calls, the number of postdoctoral candidates assigned to the advisor at the moment engagement commences and available budgetary resources, among others. Preference shall be given to postdoctoral interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary projects and those which foster collaboration among the faculty and academic staff. Committee decisions will be final and unappealable.
7. The grant will be in a fixed monthly amount of \$32,000.00 Mex. Cy., for engagements to be carried out at UNAM's central campus in Mexico City, and of \$35,000.00 Mex. Cy., for postdoctoral engagements taking place in any one of the multidisciplinary entities or any academic entity situated outside the metropolitan area of México City. The grant will also include health insurance (*Seguro de gastos médicos mayores*) covering the grantee, grantee's spouse and children residing in Mexico during the term of the engagement. This insurance will be subject to the usual terms and conditions established by the insurers retained to issue the insurance policy.

#### **IV. Bases**

1. Duly completed grant applications, including all relevant accompanying documentation (submitted in electronic PDF file), will be assessed and decided as provided in the UNAM Rules of Operation for Postdoctoral Grants.
2. As of the date of publication of this call, interested parties must send their duly completed application forms to the chosen entity. Academic entities will establish application submission deadlines.
3. The academic entity must submit all applications to DGAPA, the Coordinating Office for the Humanities, or the Coordinating Office for Scientific Research, as applicable as per the following schedule:

#### **Schools and Faculties:**

##### **New grants**

- Period I. For grant engagements beginning in August 2023, the deadline is February 10, 2023

- Period II. For grant engagements beginning in February 2024, the deadline is August 18, 2023

Decisions will be published as of the following dates:

- Period I. As of June 2, 2023
- Period II. As of December 5, 2023

**Renewals:**

- Period I. For grant engagement renewals beginning in August 2023, the deadline is May 31, 2023.
- Period II. For grant engagement renewals beginning in February 2024, the deadline will be November 24, 2023.

Decisions will be published as of the following dates:

- Period I. As of July 28, 2023
- Period II. As of January 29, 2024

**Humanities and social sciences institutes, centers, programs and units:**

**New grants:**

- Period I. For grants beginning in September 2023, the deadline is March 3, 2023
- Period II. For grants beginning in March 2024, the deadline is August 11, 2023

Decisions will be published as of the following dates:

- Period I. As of May 22, 2023
- Period II. As of October 23, 2023

**Renewals**

- Period I. For grants beginning in September 2023, the deadline is May 12, 2023
- Period II. For grants beginning in March 2024, the deadline is November 17, 2023

Decisions will be published as of the following dates:

- Period I. As of July 31, 2023
- Period II. As of February 6, 2024

**For scientific research institutes and centers:**

**New grants:**

- Period I. Grants beginning in September 2023, the deadline is March 3, 2023.
- Period II. Grants beginning in March 2024, the deadline is August 11, 2023

Decisions will be published as of the following dates:

- Period I. As of April 21, 2023
- Period II. As of September 22, 2023

4. No incomplete or rule-noncompliant files will be received.

**"THROUGH MY RACE THE SPIRIT SHALL SPEAK"**  
**University Campus, Mexico City, November 17, 2022.**

**THE SECRETARY GENERAL**  
**DR. LEONARDO LOMELÍ VANEGAS**

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