University of Manchester-CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGÍA
2015 Call for Proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships

The University of Manchester (UoM) and the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT) endorse their commitment to the creation of a Joint Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, as signed in a Specific Agreement, by joining efforts and resources through this Call for Proposals.

Objective

Contribute to the strengthening of scientific capacity, technology and innovation of the United Kingdom and Mexico.

Presentation of proposals for postdoctoral fellowships

Researchers from Mexico that have obtained the degree of PhD in a period of no more than 5 (five) years prior to the year of publication of this Call for Proposals.

Postdoctoral fellowships will be completed at the University of Manchester.

Up to 6 (six) postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded, at a salary which is in accordance with the University of Manchester’s salary scale for the role and which is commensurate with the skills and experience of the successful candidates. In addition, the postdoctoral researchers will have the rights, privileges and obligations and will be subject to the rules and regulations that pertain to all postdoctoral researchers at The University of Manchester.

Postdoctoral fellowships are up to three (3) years in the first instance, subject to satisfactory annual evaluation and review.

Postdoctoral fellowships will be held in any scientific area of the University of Manchester; however, priority will be given to the following areas:

- Graphene
- Energy
- Bioengineering
- Biomechanics
- Materials
- Applied Mathematics
Review and Evaluation

All proposals received will be subject to a formal review according to the following procedures:

1. Initial review
   Proposals will be considered for technical review when they meet the following requirements:
   - Include all required documents.
   - Clearly identify focus, objectives, and/or deliverables.
   - Sufficiently justify the relevance of the project.

2. Application procedure
   - Once the call has closed CONACYT will send the documents to the University of Manchester and the applications from the candidates.
   - The University of Manchester will produce a shortlist of candidates from the documents and the list of applicants sent by CONACYT.
   - The University of Manchester will interview the candidates either in the offices of CONACYT in Mexico or via Skype.
   - The University of Manchester will inform CONACYT of the name of the successful candidate who will be offered the position once all the shortlisted candidates have been interviewed. In addition, the University of Manchester will provide a list of the potential appointees from the candidates who applied in order of suitability.
   - The University of Manchester will provide CONACYT with a pre-filled form which will be used to provide feedback to the unsuccessful candidates.
   - Results are final.

Length of Call for Proposals

Proposals will be accepted until June 15, 2015 at 10:00 pm Central Time (Mexico). Proposals received after this time and date will not be considered.

Proposal Contents

All proposals must be written in English. Proposals must include the following components to be considered:

- CV for the postdoctoral researcher (2 pages)
- Proposal summary/letter of intention addressed to the host institution
- Detailed research proposal that must include: a literature review, research timeline, research objectives, deliverables, and an explanation of how research and expected deliverables will promote interaction between institutions in the United Kingdom and Mexico
- Proof of Ph.D. degree
• If the researcher is employed in an institution, a letter from the researcher’s direct supervisor stating the employment status and authorizing the postdoctoral researcher leave
• 2 (two) letters of reference
• Proof of English proficiency. Internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of 89 with 17 in Listening and Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking or IELTS 6.5 (with at least 5.5 in each section).

Proposal submission

All proposals must be submitted electronically in portable document format (PDF) as shown below.

Attached file and name
Proposals must be attached as a single portable document format (PDF) and titled as follows:

Researcher’s last name_UoM

Example:

Dr. Pedro Sánchez, the file name should be:

Sanchez_UoM.pdf

Multiple Files
Proposals containing multiple files will not be accepted.

Electronic delivery
All proposals should be submitted via e-mail.

For information on delivering proposals or for questions

conacyt.manchester.postdocs@manchester.ac.uk

Notification

• CONACYT will publish the results and inform the candidates of the decision taken.
• If for some reason the selected candidate cannot take up the position then the position will be offered to the next most suitable candidate in the appointee list provided by the University of Manchester.
• The University of Manchester will provide the postdoctoral researcher salary on a monthly basis for the duration of their stay, through the procedure to be established for this purpose.
Calendar

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**TRANSPARENCY, EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, ECONOMY, AND INTEGRITY**

It is an obligation of the Government of Mexico and its public servants to administer economic resources with transparency, efficiency, effectiveness, economy, and integrity, meeting the objectives for which they are designed.

Beneficiaries should also observe these principles, administering the funds they are awarded for the due completion of their stated ends.

To meet this objective, reports must be presented according to the terms presented in the Agreement. CONACYT may verify compliance at any time.

Any deviance from these principles will be motive for cancellation of support.

The received information as a result of this call is subject by the Federal Law of Transparency and Access to Public Government Information, which will be considered public. In cases where confidential information is delivered, reserved or commercial reserved, you must manifest that character written, where there must be identify the documents or sections containing sensitive information, including why they are consider of having that character.

The incorporation of sensitive or confidential information, and the consequences of their possible exposure to third parties will be exclusive responsibility of the applicant, in case the proponent does not emit specifying sensitive or confidential information, this will be considered public. People who have on custody or transaction confidential information will be required to maintain
that quality. Those who violate this provision will be sanctioned in accordance with penal laws and/or administrative provisions.

Under the above, CONACYT will safeguard classified information and will establish the necessary mechanisms to ensure the confidentiality of the contained information in the presented proposals, both during assessment and monitoring.

FAIRNESS AND NONDISCRIMINATION

The selection of recipients of CONACYT funds is conducted through competitive, efficient, fair, transparent, and public procedures, supported by merit and quality; funding awarded is subject to evaluation processes, selection, formalization and follow-up, according to the normative framework that corresponds to each program. As such, CONACYT, and the designation of resources to its beneficiaries, is obliged to not discriminate against applicants for any reason or social condition.

SOCIAL APPROPRIATION OF KNOWLEDGE

The knowledge generated by scientific, technological research and innovation must be used by Mexican society as a permanent process of transformation, social and economic development; particularly that knowledge must become an engine of development and in dynamic factor of social change. The knowledge must be socialized to have a real impact.

The social appropriation of knowledge should serve to consolidate the institutions devoted to research and research groups.

In accordance with article 12, fraction XV of the Law on Science and Technology, the beneficiaries of the support granted by the federal government in science, technology and innovation, will diffuse to society their activities and the results of their research and development, without prejudice of the correspondent intellectual property rights and the information that, by reason of its nature, must be reserved.

The subject of support or beneficiaries, as part of the project deliverables must submit an executive summary of the project objectives and outcomes; such information will be public and may be requested to the subject of support or beneficiaries to presents at events or public workshops, which in case, CONACYT or any department or agency of the sector concerned, organize.

The information presented by the subject of support or beneficiaries must be included in the integrated system of information on scientific research, technological development and innovation referred to articles 14 and 15 of the Law on Science and Technology.
INTERPRETATION AND UNFORSEEN ISSUES

The interpretation of the present Call for Proposals and unforeseen issues within will be jointly resolved by CONACYT and the University of Manchester and their resolutions will be binding.

The terms of the present call for proposals are in accordance with the juridical dispositions derived from the Ley de Ciencia y Tecnología and other applicable related findings. The results derived can only be questioned within the legal framework indicated.

The presentation of applications under the terms of this call implies the acceptance of the established conditions and other regulations issued by CONACYT or applicable to the case.