

CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología) Scholarship for Studies Abroad

- The application process for this institution is time-consuming and highly bureaucratic, so keep this in mind when making your application. Make sure you **FOLLOW** the instructions on the website **CAREFULLY**. This is essential if you want your application to go through.
- As IMESS involves living in two countries with two different currencies (the application software does not recognise such a combination), I would suggest only to apply for funding during the year in London (700 pounds per month) for up to one year (as the academic year is only 10 months long, you would still have some money remaining for the second year, where expenses significantly decrease). I am sure this is another reason why my application was pushed forward.
- When asking for your 3 references, ask people who really know your work and **NEVER** from the same institution. It especially helps if one of your referees is a member of the **SNI (Sistema Nacional de Investigadores)**, as its members are the ones approving the scholarships.
- Do spend a reasonable amount of time working on your letter of interest, as it is reviewed and marked by at least 3 people, and include only the relevant information to the field of study you state in the application software.
- Keep in mind that, unless you have a job offer outside Mexico, your contract includes a clause that states you should go back for at least 6 months.