

Call for proposals – Nuffic / SEP - 2010

April 15th 2010

Nuffic, the Netherlands organization for international cooperation in higher education invites all the Dutch Higher education institutions to participate in the call for proposals for Mexico.

Foundation Nuffic hereby, referring to the request of the Ministry of Public Education (Secretaría de Educación Pública - SEP) of Mexico, publicly announces a call for proposals for the realization of joint projects between Dutch higher education institutions and public Mexican higher education institutions (HEI).

As part of the internationalization policy in higher education of the Mexican authorities, the Ministry of Public Education has chosen Holland as focus country to strengthen international cooperation. As part of this policy, the Ministry asked Nuffic to launch a call for proposals to the Dutch higher education institutions in the following fields:

- Energy
- Environmental studies
- Healthy aging
- Design

Objective

The cooperation between Nuffic and SEP provisions exchange between the Dutch and Mexican HEI's in the fields of energy, environmental studies, healthy aging and design.

Cooperation principles

The call for proposals, the applications and the pre-selection of the projects on the Dutch side is organized and done by Nuffic.

The call for proposals, the application and the pre-selection of the projects on the Mexican site is organized and done by the Ministry of Public Education.

The cooperation between Dutch and Mexican HEI is based upon equality and reciprocity. The financing of the projects and the sending of students, researchers or professors, is also linked to this principal.

1. General conditions

1.1 All Dutch higher education institutions can send in proposals for projects, considering that they have signed the Code of Conduct.

1.2 The proposal of the Dutch higher education institution should be based on cooperation with one of the Mexican public higher education institutes. The proposal is sent to Nuffic.

1.3 The proposal of the Dutch Higher education institution may imply all levels of higher education (bachelor, master and PhD) but should be focused on the mentioned fields.

1.4 The proposal may include and foresee the sending and receiving of students, research, work missions or other forms of personnel exchange.

2. Selection Process

2.1 The selection of the proposals consists of 3 phases, which are: verification of document consistency, analysis of the requesting party, selection of proposals through a joint reunion of the Dutch-Mexican decision committee.

2.1.2 The analysis of the requesting party is a requisite on the Mexican side directed at the Mexican higher education institution. The joint selection committee will be organized by Nuffic and SEP. The decision of the selection committee is independent and definitive.

3. Finances

3.1 The financing of the projects on the Dutch side will be the responsibility of the participating Dutch higher education institution.

3.2 The Dutch partner in the project should take in account, following the general condition of equality and reciprocity, that the Dutch side of the project should foster the cooperation in equal terms of financing or in means of equal value out of own funds or through scholarships cq external financial structures.

3.3 The concession of scholarships to Mexican students is subjected to prior acceptance of the student.

3.4 The Mexican public higher education institution will not charge any tuition fee or utility costs for the Dutch student. In return the Dutch higher education institution should exempt the Mexican student from paying a tuition fee by financing the tuition fee through a scholarship or financing. The scholarship may be of any origin as long as it covers the cost of tuition.

4. Application

4.1 The application for Dutch institutions is based upon an open call for proposals in the mentioned fields for cooperation with public higher education institutions in Mexico.

4.2 Nuffic as facilitator will analyze the financial feasibility of the project proposal in combination with the demands for compatibility with the Mexican partner set by SEP.

4.3 The application should contain the following documents:

- Description of the project in English, including goals and objectives
- Financial plan signed by the responsible financial authority.
- Description of the Mexican partner

4.4 The Dutch institution is advised to enter in contact with the Mexican institution to discuss possibilities of the project before sending in the application to Nuffic.

The application can be sent to

Digitally, with a scanned copy of the signed financial plan, to: callforproposals@nesomexico.org

Hard copy to:

Call for proposals Mexico – Anuies
Nuffic – Education Promotion Department
Mr. Han Dommers, Department Head
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2502 LT, The Hague
The Netherlands

The closing date of this call for proposals is July, 1st 2010 .

For questions or additional information Dutch higher education institutions may enter in contact with the above mentioned email address.