SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
From: Olivera Joksimovic, Graduate Awards Officer, Graduate Awards
CC: Joshua Barker, Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Charmaine Williams, Acting Vice-Dean, Students; Laura Stathopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards and Financial Aid
Date: April 16, 2019
Re: CONACYT – U of T Joint Funding Program

Award Overview

Student Deadline to CONACYT: June 14, 2019
Value/Duration: Tuition, living stipend, cost of UHIP for up to 4 years (see below for details)
Level of Study: Doctoral
Required Legal Status: International (Mexican citizens)
Results: July 26, 2019 by agency

Purpose

The National Council for Science and Technology/The Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia (CONACYT) is an organization funded by the Mexican government that has been encouraging the development of professionals of the highest quality for more than 30 years.

The University of Toronto and the Government of the United Mexican States’ National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) renewed their partnership by signing an agreement to support up to 150 scholarships over the period of the 5-year agreement (starting Fall 2018) for Mexican students to pursue doctoral education at the University of Toronto.

Value and Duration

CONACYT: will provide successful PhD or PhD U (direct entry) applicants funding towards the cost of tuition (equivalent to the program’s domestic tuition rate to a maximum of $21,000 CAD/Yr), health insurance (generally up to 715 USD/Yr.), and living expenses (generally up to 13,200 USD/Yr.) for up to 4 years.

U of T: Financial obligations for graduate units/supervisors accepting CONACYT scholarship recipients under this agreement will be contingent on existing departmental funding guidelines, i.e. units will cover any differential in funding between the CONACYT Scholarship and that of the normal funding package provided to international students.
Eligibility to Apply

In order to qualify for a CONACYT doctoral scholarship, applicants must be Mexican citizens and entering or currently enrolled in doctoral studies.

PhD degree program applicants must also meet all of the U of T's requirements for admission to a doctoral program. Typically, this entails the prior completion of a degree equivalent to a U of T Master's for a PhD program, as well as meeting the minimum academic and English language requirements. In order to apply for the CONACYT – UToronto Program scholarship, applicants must already have received an offer of admission from the University of Toronto.

The following cohorts (by admission period) are eligible for funding under this program: Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. Although applicants who started previous to 2018 are not included in the joint CONACYT- UToronto agreement, they may still be eligible in the main CONACYT competition and are welcome to apply.

While applicants from all disciplines are welcome, CONACYT has identified the following fields of study as priority areas for CONACYT scholarship funding in 2019:

- Anthropology;
- Applied mathematics and modeling;
- Biotechnology and Agricultural Sciences;
- Biology and chemistry;
- Energy;
- Environment;
- Earth Sciences;
- Geography
- Historical and biocultural heritage;
- Industrial manufacturing technologies;
- Information technology and telecommunications;
- Law and Human Rights;
- Materials;
- Medicine and health;
- Nanotechnology;
- Sociology;
- Structural Violence;
- Teaching and Education.

Application Process

Step 1: Applicants to the University of Toronto must first apply for admission to a doctoral program in order to obtain an official offer of admission letter before the CONACYT submission deadline.

IMPORTANT: Applicants should indicate on the SGS Online Admissions Application that they have or will be applying for the "CONACYT – UToronto Program". In addition, applicants should notify their proposed graduate unit, and potential supervisor that they intend to apply for a CONACYT scholarship and any associated deadlines.

Step 2: A separate CONACYT application must be created between April 15 and June 14, 2019 as per instructions on the CONACYT website. Once applicants receive an official U of T offer of admission letter, they may then use this letter to finalize their CONACYT scholarship application and submit it before the CONACYT deadline. Students currently registered in a doctoral program must, in addition to the original offer of admissions letter, submit proof of registration.

Results

CONACYT will communicate the results directly to applicants by July 26, 2019.
Contacts & Resources

Please direct questions regarding the competition to:

CONACYT
Mexico City and metropolitan area: 5322 7708
Interior of the Republic: 01 800 800 8649
From abroad: (52) 55 5322 7708
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Information for Graduate Units Only

Admission Offers Conditional Upon Approved Scholarship Funding (as per the SGS Admissions Manual)

As there is an approved memorandum of understanding between U of T and CONACYT, graduate units are permitted to issue offers of admission conditional upon students securing CONACYT scholarship support by the deadline to register. The admission code **CGE93** is to be used on ROSI by graduate units who wish to add this condition to the admission offer letter. Codes CGC3, CGD4, and CGS3 may also be used. Letters that have additional conditions such as minimum grade requirements or English language proficiency may be rendered unsuccessful/ineligible by CONACYT.

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<th>Use in Letter</th>
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<td>CGE93</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>Confirmation of CONACYT scholarship funding must be received by the graduate department offering admission prior to registration.</td>
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<td>CGC3</td>
<td>Permitted</td>
<td>Successful completion of your master's program, and confirmation of degree conferred.*</td>
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<td>Permitted</td>
<td>Completion of your current program with satisfactory standing.*</td>
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<td>* To clear the condition(s) identified with an asterisk (*), you must arrange for the issuing institution(s) to forward an official transcript of your final academic record to the graduate department to which you have been admitted.</td>
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**Note:** CONACYT does not require the CGE93 condition to be on the admission letters. The purpose of the condition is to allow units the ability to not admit applicants should they be unsuccessful in obtaining a CONACYT Scholarship. Currently registered doctoral students may use their previous official offer of admission letters for their CONACYT application.

**Modifying a Candidacy**
If graduate units wish to provide an unconditional offer of admission, or remove the CONACYT condition at a later date, they may do so by modifying the candidacy on ROSI by using the following steps:

- Go to the 3 C A D screen
• Re-admit the student and use ADY instead of ADD for conditional offers or ADX instead of ADM for clear offers.
• Assign the correct condition/remark codes on the admission data screen. Original conditions do not carry over.
• Be sure to include RGU6 “This is a revised offer of admission” remark. Return to 1 A F D to preview correspondence and print the revised offer letter.

Note, candidacies may only be modified once.