



Call for applications for a scholarship for a master's degree as part of the training activities of the IOC to encourage technology transfer, research and postgraduate studies

Madrid, 23 March 2021

Dear Madam, Sir,

As part of its training and technical cooperation activities to encourage research and strengthen the skills of technical managers in the olive sector, the International Olive Council (IOC) plans to award four scholarships for the master's degree in Olive Growing and Oil Technology in 2021 <http://www.masterolivicultura.org/>. The programme has been organised in collaboration with the University of Córdoba (UCO); the Consejería de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Desarrollo Sostenible de la Junta de Andalucía (CAP); the Instituto Andaluz de Investigación y Formación Agraria, Pesquera, Alimentaria y de la Producción Ecológica (IFAPA); the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM); the Fundación Patrimonio Comunal Olivarero (FPCO); and the IOC.

The scholarships for the master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology are granted to support professionals in the fields of olive growing and olive oil technology. The goals are to encourage research, meet the growing demand for specialised technicians in the sector, facilitate the transfer of technology and the sharing of information and experiences and cultivate cooperative relationships between participants.

The IOC awards grants to cover registration fees, travel costs at the beginning and end of each academic year as well as a monthly stipend of €860. However, scholarships may be managed by another body, usually the University. Scholarship holders are required to commit to the programme full-time.

Participants in the master's programme must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a university degree, preferably in agronomy, agricultural industries or food technology.
- Have a sound knowledge of Spanish, the language in which the courses are held, (for candidates whose first language is not Spanish, an intensive course will be given in September 2021).
- Have a sound knowledge of English (intermediate level), for understanding scientific documents and references in English that will be distributed to participants.
- Have training or initial experience in the olive sector.

Applications must be sent to iooc@internationaloliveoil.org and be accompanied by the application form attached in Annex I (one per candidate). They must also be uploaded to http://www.masterolivicultura.org/index_in.html.





Copies of the following should be sent to the IOC and the university with the application form:

- National identity card (or passport)
- University degree
- Transcript of grades
- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter

Deadline for receipt of proposals: 30 April 2021

The master's programme takes place over two academic years. The first year covers the postgraduate specialisation course, and the second year will be dedicated to an introduction to research, which will lead to the final thesis.

Only students who pass all exams in the postgraduate specialisation course with a mark above 7/10 will be awarded a scholarship for the second year. The subject of the thesis will also condition the award of the scholarship for the second year.

These scholarships will only be awarded to nationals of IOC member countries who meet all the requirements of the selection process. The award of scholarships is subject to budgetary availability of the IOC.

The submission of applications does not in any way oblige the IOC to select candidates supported by its Members.

Successful candidates will be chosen based on their file. The principles governing the scholarship and the criteria for exclusion, selection and award of the subsequent evaluation are outlined in Annex II.

Please note that some candidates may be excluded from the selection process. The IOC may request additional documents from candidates or ask them to clarify the documents submitted.

Before the course begins, participants will have to provide proof that they have health insurance. The Master's Office at the UCO will be able to provide information on this subject.

The IOC is available to assist candidates nominated by national authorities in organising their participation (contacts with the university, visa process, etc.).

Yours faithfully,

Abdellatif Ghedira
Executive Director





ANNEX I - APPLICATION FORM

XIV Master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil Technology

Personal information

Last name:

First name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Nationality:

Studies

University degree:

University:

Years of study:

Other studies:

Professional information

Workplace (Institution/Company):

Current employment:

Duties:

Address:

Website:

Previous employment

Workplace (Institution/Company):

Position:

Duties:

Address:





Website:

Address for correspondence

Street and number:

City:

Post code:

Country:

Telephone (include country code):

Fax:

Email:

Languages (VG=Very good, G=Good, M=Medium, I=Insufficient)

LANGUAGE	SPEAKING	READING	WRITING
Spanish			
English			
Others			

Supporting documents*

University degree	
Transcript of grades	
Curriculum vitae	
Motivation letter (detailed description of the reasons for the scholarship application, expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities).	
Other (indicate)	

* A copy of the documents will suffice. When registering, participants will have to present the original documents with a copy. University degrees and transcripts of records issued outside Spain must be certified through diplomatic channels in accordance with the instructions that will be duly provided by the UCO.





APPENDIX II - PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP. CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION, SELECTION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS DEFINED FOR FURTHER EVALUATION

The principles governing the scholarships

- The objective of the exchange is to help achieve the objectives set out in the current International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives.
 - <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ENGLISH-AGREEMENT-2015.pdf>
- Principle of non-profit: grants may not have the purpose or effect of generating a profit for the beneficiary.
- Principle of non-retroactivity: expenses incurred before the formal award of the grant are not covered.
- Principle of non-cumulation: a single application may give rise to the award of a grant to only one beneficiary per financial year.
- Principles of publicity, transparency and equal treatment.

Exclusion criteria

The exclusion criteria are designed to assess the eligibility of applicants.

Candidates will be excluded from the procedure of this call for applications if:

- They are not nationals of IOC member countries.
- They do not meet the requirements of the call for applicants.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria make it possible to assess the applicant's capacity to complete the proposed activity/work programme.

Applicants must have the skills and qualifications required to carry out the proposed work programme.

To be selected for a **master's** scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Hold a university degree, preferably in agronomy, agricultural industries or food technology.
- Have a sound knowledge of Spanish, which will be the working language of the course. For candidates whose first language is not Spanish, an intensive course will be held in September 2021. The Cervantes Institute has a virtual Spanish language classroom for learning Spanish online. We suggest that students who do not know Spanish should





register for these courses before their arrival in September. For more information, visit <http://ave.cervantes.es>, where the information is given in several languages.

- Know English at translation level, as part of the bibliography that will be distributed during the course will be in this language.

Applicants must demonstrate that they work, conduct research or train in the olive sector.

Award criteria

The award criteria are designed to assess the quality of applications.

The criteria used to award the scholarships are the merits of the candidates and their work, research or study experience in the olive sector.

In accordance with the rules, knowledge of English will also be taken into account.

Support from the Members' representatives will also be considered an asset.

The cover letter should set out the reasons for applying to the programme (detailed description of the reasons why a scholarship is required) and the expected impact of the scholarship on the applicant's activities.

Should two candidates from the same country reach a tie, the younger candidate will be selected.

The greatest possible geographical diversity will be sought in the awarding of scholarships.

The allocation of scholarships is subject to budgetary availability of the IOC.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING THE MASTER'S DEGREE	POINTS
ACADEMIC TRAINING (MERITS)	70
WORK, RESEARCH OR STUDIES IN THE OLIVE SECTOR	20
SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIVES	7
COVER LETTER WITH THE REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION (DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE REASONS FOR WHICH A SCHOLARSHIP IS REQUESTED) AND THE EXPECTED IMPACT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP ON THE APPLICANT'S ACTIVITIES.	3

