

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS MAEC-AECID 2015-2016

HISTORY

This year we are commemorating the **75th anniversary of International Grants, Scholarships and Assistantships** of Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC) and of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), on the occasion of the creation in 1940 of the *Consejo de la Hispanidad* (Hispanic Culture Council), which established as one of its priorities the awarding of grants to strengthen cultural, educational and scientific ties with Latin America. In subsequent years, the Hispanic Culture Council would be replaced by different cooperation institutions with Latin America, Africa and Asia, which would in turn be integrated, in 1988, into the AECID. The Agency now manages these grants through its Department of University and Scientific Cooperation, within the Directorate of Cultural and Scientific Relations. These grants and assistantships share this anniversary with the **AECID Library**, both of which are Spanish Cooperation's seminal programmes.

Following the creation of the Institute of Hispanic Culture in 1947, the annual grants programmes with Latin America were designed, which would, gradually and continuously, be extended to the rest of the world, and steadily encompass all areas of knowledge and arts and culture programmes, leading up to the current, 68th edition for 2015-2016. In addition to the grants programmes linked to Spanish Cooperation and to the creation of the AECID, there are even older precedents of national grants programmes, such as the fellowships of the **Royal Academy of Spain in Rome**, founded in 1873, during Spain's First Republic, and the grants programme for Latin American citizens published in the *Madrid Gazette* on 22 January 1921.

MAEC-AECID GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS TODAY

After a history of more than seven decades, the MAEC-AECID grant, scholarship and assistantship programmes have become consolidated as one of the foremost instruments of Spain's foreign policy, which now constitutes a diverse network including thousands of former recipients worldwide.

The **programmes** in the present 2015-2016 edition comprise a wide-ranging offer of training and internships aimed at **both Spanish and foreign citizens**, both in Spain and abroad, in areas of impact involving development cooperation and in areas linked to art, education and culture.

APPLICATIONS, DEADLINES AND SELECTION PROCESS

The application process –including the submission of the documents required– is carried out **exclusively online**, through the AECID

website (www.aecid.gob.es), with different deadlines during the months of February and March, depending on each programme (Item Three of the Terms and Conditions common to all programmes). The duration of each programme varies **between one and eighteen months**, with the **possibility of renewal** in certain cases.

The **Evaluation Committee**, chaired by the Director of Cultural and Scientific Relations, is the body responsible for studying and assessing applications, and submits its draft resolution on successful candidates to the AECID Director, in accordance with each programme's corresponding requirements and criteria, including, as the case may be, a list of ranked runners-up to cover possible withdrawals or relinquishments. The Committee may also seek the opinion of renowned external experts in each area.

PROGRAMMES 2015-2016 (Official Spanish Gazette [BOE] of 4 February 2015)

University and Scientific Cooperation for Development

- Mobility grants for researchers¹⁻²
- Official Master's Degree grants for foreign civil servants at Spanish universities¹
- Paid scholarships internships on the occasion of Spain's UN Security Council membership²

Art, Education and Culture

- Scholarships for the Royal Academy of Spain in Rome²⁻³
- Paid internships in international cultural management²
- Paid internships at AECID Training Centres in Latin America²
- Paid internship at Latin American Spanish Language Academies³
- Scholarships for the College of Europe²
- ART-EX grants for artistic projects abroad²
- Scholarships for musical training¹
- Paid internships in graphic design at AECID²
- Paid internships in editing and publishing at AECID²

Assistantships

- For teaching Spanish at foreign universities²

Applications from February to March, depending on the programme

- *Monthly stipends between €600 and €2200, depending on the programme and posting*
- *Travel allowances between €200 and €1500, depending on the posting*
- *Medical insurance*
- *Duration of on 1 to 18 months*

¹For citizens from the 23 countries and populations in the Fourth Master Plan for Spanish Cooperation 2013-2016. Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Senegal, Saharawi Population and the Palestinian Territories.

²For Spanish citizens and, when applicable, EU residents in Spain.

³For citizens of Latin America and other target countries (check each program).

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