

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

RESEARCH ABROAD PROGRAM AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN UNIVERSITY, ILLINOIS, USA

(EXPERIENCIA DE VINCULACIÓN INTERNACIONAL – EVI)
SPRING 2024

Tecnológico de Monterrey aims to offer its high-performing students a multicultural environment that provides a global perspective, and academic and personal development in prestigious international institutions. The Vice Rector's Office for Internationalization, in collaboration with the EIC and the research laboratories of URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, invite pre-graduate students to carry out research abroad in Spring 2024 term.

This call is aimed at Tec21, and previous study plans students of IBT.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Research stay period: February – June 2024
- Students enrolled in the IBT program.
- To be enrolled in the fifth semester by the time of applying to this call.
- To have completed a minimum of 72 credits by the time of applying.
- A minimum general average of 90.
- High English language level: TOEFL iBT 80, TOEFL ITP 550, or IELTS: 6.5 (current).
- Previous participation and experience in research projects.

GUIDELINES

- It is the candidate's responsibility to carefully read the information on possible research projects and additional information on the center or laboratory, and scientists associated with the research project of their interest.
- This call does not include funds to pay for accommodation, food, or personal expenditure. Thus, students must have sufficient funds and appropriate Medical and Liability Insurance as per hosting university guidelines to support themselves in URBANA-CHAMPAIGN for the duration of the respective research stay. Please, consider the [living costs](#).
- A professor from Tecnológico de Monterrey will supervise the student's performance and monitor the compliance of the research objectives to assign a grade to the student.
- Students are required to pay a fee for the University visa DS-2019 and GET services Processing Fee: 1260 USD in addition to visa fees paid to US Embassy and Campus Undergraduate Fees (w/Health Insurance Waiver): 1620 USD.

- In addition to the medical insurance a general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 500,000 USD is required.
- In addition to COVID-19 vaccine, the students must provide a certified translation of vaccination records according to the following guidelines: <https://mckinley.illinois.edu/new-students/new-student-faq>

PROJECTS

Vacancies	Professor Member Division of Nutritional Sciences	Research Topic	Address
1	Dr. Hannah Holscher https://fshn.illinois.edu/directory/hholsche	Effect of whole foods in microbiota and obesity	361 E R Madigan Laboratory 1201 W. Gregory Dr. Urbana 61801 (217) 300-2512 hholsche@illinois.edu
1	Dr. Yuan-Xian Pan https://fshn.illinois.edu/directory/yxpan	Gene expression related to host-microbiota interaction during increased inflammation.	461 Bevier Hall 905 S. Goodwin Urbana 61801 (217) 333-3466 yxpan@illinois.edu
1	Elvira de Mejia https://fshn.illinois.edu/directory/edemejia	Effect of proteins and peptides in inflammation and adipogenesis	228 E R Madigan Laboratory 1201 W. Gregory Dr. Urbana 61801 (217) 244-3196 edemejia@illinois.edu
1	Mike Miller https://fshn.illinois.edu/directory/mille216	Lactic Acid Bacteria focused research	101 Agricultural Bioprocess Lab 1302 W. Pennsylvania Urbana 61801 (217) 244-1973 mille216@illinois.edu
1	Matthew Jon Stasiewicz https://fshn.illinois.edu/directory/mstasie	Applying engineering and statistical approaches to applied food safety problems	103 Agricultural Bioprocess Lab 1302 W. Pennsylvania Urbana 61801 (217) 265-0963 mstasie@illinois.edu

HOW TO APPLY

1. Update your profile at:

MITEC -> MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL -> ESTUDIANTE INTERESADO -> ACTUALIZA TU PERFIL

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orFahJzO6uM>

It takes 16 working hours to validate it.

2. Once your profile has been validated, you can send your application:

MITEC -> **MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL** -> **ESTUDIANTE SOLICITANTE** -> **REALIZA TU SOLICITUD**

Code: EUA-5EVI-401A

Period: Febrero – Junio 2024 (Preselección)

Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2Hfzir6N5Q>

Key points:

- The preselection programs are not part of the regular application calendar of the study abroad and international exchange programs. Therefore, if this is the research abroad program you are most interested in, **EUA-5EVI-401A** is the only code you must register for on your application. You do not need to include any other code or any other period.
- Shortly after the application is sent, you will receive an e-mail to notify you that you must accept a “pre-selection.” It is important to keep in mind that this is only an automated status of the platform to continue with the next step. It is NOT the official selection of students. The International Programs Office will inform the official selection by e-mail on October 23, 2023.

3. Submit your documents:

MITEC -> **MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL** -> **ESTUDIANTE SOLICITANTE** -> **ENTREGA DE DOCUMENTOS DE ADMISIÓN**

Once you have accepted the pre-selection status on the platform, you must submit the listed documents.

Application deadline: September 13, 2023

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

Submit all documents in **PDF** format:

1. **Motivation letter.** Present a letter addressed to the leading research professor at URBANA-CHAMPAIGN explaining the reasons and interest to participate in the project, and the contributions you might add; 1 page maximum in English.
2. **Curriculum Vitae.** It must be submitted in English (free format).
3. **English language proficiency certificate:** TOEFL iBT 80, TOEFL ITP 550, or IELTS 6.5 (current).
4. **2 letters of recommendation** from your teachers in English.

5. **Evidence of teamwork skills, leadership, and proactivity** (participation in student groups, social activities, representative teams, outstanding work done as a team leading the respective team, etc.) The evidence may be photos that include a brief description and/or a portfolio.
6. **Scanned copy of the passport.** It must be valid for at least 6 months after your return to Mexico.
7. **Project selection.** On this [format](#), the candidates are required to register to the project they are interested in according to their major.

Document submission deadline: September 13, 2023

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline, without exception. Incomplete documents will not be considered to participate in the program. Candidates with incomplete documentation will be disqualified.

SELECTION PROCESS

It is divided into two parts:

1. **Pre-selection by the Tec de Monterrey.** It involves a review of the files, an analysis, and evaluation of the candidates based on the documentation and requirements. Tec de Monterrey will send the pre-selected candidates' files to the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN professors for the next phase.
2. **Selection by the researchers from URBANA-CHAMPAIGN.**
 - a. They will analyze each candidate's file.
 - b. If selected for the interview, an appointment will be arranged with the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN researchers via video link. It is important to consider that the language of the communication appointment with the researchers is in English.
 - c. Report form URBANA-CHAMPAIGN leading researchers to the professor in charge of Tec de Monterrey program on students selected to participate in the respective research project.

Once the selection process concludes, the selected students will receive an e-mail from the International Programs Office on October 23, 2023, with instructions to complete the registration process of URBANA-CHAMPAIGN and Tec de Monterrey.

Please consider that if your selection is not satisfactory, you cannot postulate to another program as the last day to do so is October 12, 2023; besides, you cannot submit two applications on the International Programs platform simultaneously. Therefore, you will have to plan another academic activity for the semester.

TO THE SELECTED STUDENTS

- Be fully aware that, as a selected student, you are the image of the institution, thus in addition to complying with the norms and standards of the respective research center or laboratory, without exception, you will be obliged to always comply with the institutional values and the General

Regulation of Students of Tec de Monterrey, which applies when the students of our institution are abroad.

- The commitment of the selected student to participate in the research project in an active and committed way, with an attitude of learning and contribution always.
- Under no circumstances the selected student will be able to seek additional work to support themselves during the stay. It is important to take this point into account since it is a very serious matter for the immigration authorities of the United States.
- The work schedule will be defined by the mentors of the project in which they will participate and must be fully complied with.
- Due to the nature of the projects and the intellectual property involved, the student must sign a confidentiality agreement.
- The time will be determined by the URBANA-CHAMPAIGN researcher together with the Tec student, as well as any change in dates.
- Students must have sufficient funds to support themselves in URBANA-CHAMPAIGN for the duration of their stay. This call does not include funds for accommodation, food or any other type of expense derived from your research stay in the selected laboratory or center.
- Accepted students are expected to complete and pay for the corresponding visa process including any related fees that URBANA-CHAMPAIGN dictates for reimbursement.

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION OF COURSES

The program has a minimum duration of 18 weeks. Students will be enrolled at Tecnológico de Monterrey in the academic period February-June 2024.

Students of academic plan pre-2019:

The number of units to be accredited will be determined by the Academic Coordinator before the student participates in the research abroad program. The number of units to be enrolled and accredited per semester is:

Minimum: 8 units

Maximum: 32 units

Students of academic plan Tec21:

Students will enroll in 18 credits per semester. Students in conjunction with the Academic Coordinator should evaluate the transfer of the credits to the study plan before the student participates in the research abroad program.

To students of both academic plans:

The academic units (subjects) that will receive credits for the research abroad program must be defined and authorized by the Academic Coordinator. It is the student's responsibility to validate with the Academic Coordinator the availability of the academic units of the study plan to be accredited by the project they will participate in. Once it is determined, students must complete their registration in the International Programs platform:

MITEC -> MI EXPERIENCIA INTERNACIONAL -> ESTUDIANTE SOLICITANTE -> REGISTRA TUS MATERIAS

A professor from Tec de Monterrey will evaluate the student's research abroad and grade the academic performance according to the [policy](#).

TUITION AND OTHER FEES

The tuition fee to be paid will be directly at the corresponding Tecnológico de Monterrey campus. Payment will be made according to the number of units/credits registered in the period of February-June 2024.

Selected students are required to pay the following fees:

- 1,600 MXN - Participation fee; payment may be made in MiTec.
- 260 USD - University visa DS-2019 processing fee (in addition to visa fees paid to US Embassy).
- 1,000 USD - GET services fee.
- 1,620 USD - Campus Undergraduate Fees (w/Health Insurance Waiver). It includes:
 - Access to facilities and services including the McKinley Health Center
 - Public transportation through the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District
 - University library system
 - Campus Wi-Fi and IT networks
 - Campus recreation centers

In addition to the medical insurance a general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 500,000 USD is required

In addition to covid 19 vaccine, the students should provide a certified translation of vaccination records according to the following guidelines: <https://mckinley.illinois.edu/new-students/new-student-faq>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any point not covered in this call will be resolved by the selection committee in conjunction with the proper authority of Tecnológico de Monterrey as the case may be. Please consider that this call is subject to change without notice; this might involve costs, projects, vacancies, dates, or any other. Any problem or doubt regarding the application process should be communicated promptly to the [International Programs Office at your campus](#) ■